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Phineas Wolcott Cook

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FAMILY ORGANIZATION

NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENCY

One full year has rapidly passed since we were asked to serve as your presidency. Much has been accomplished with many things still to be done. Thank you for your support and cooperation. Donations have come from many of you, in the form of money, service and participation in a special fast day concerning Elizabeth Porter's connection to our family.

Bryson Cook has been active in trying to increase participation of the representatives and updating our mailing list. He has also been involved in researching the McCleave family. Bryson has written articles on his findings.

Gary Cook has been involved in a special Cook family History Workshop to verify the sixty - one family group sheets of the P.W. Cook pedigree line. The workshops was well attended, lasting three hours.

The upcoming annual meeting for this organization will be November 6, 1992. All reports have not been received, but will be published in future newsletters. All officers and family representatives are requested to attend. 7:00 at the home of McKay Phippen, 2201 Lincoln Lane, SLC. We welcome any other interested family members.

Because of new time demands, Margaret Taylor has asked to be released as our Secretary/Treasurer. We will miss her. Thank you Margaret for many hours of dedicated service.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT PHINEAS WOLCOTT COOK ?????

The family organization has produced a 42 minute video on the life of Phineas and his four wives. The video contains information from his diary and other sources including an interview with Adelia Cook Covey, Phineas and Johanna's youngest daughter, which provided some interesting information for the conclusion of the video.

We have some very enthusiastic response and have sold approximately 130 of the videos. Many of the recent sales have been to those who are coming back to get additional copies for gifts. One person said "before I saw the video, I was not interested in the family or its history, but now I want to know more and I want to be involved."

The video is not a professional masterpiece, but it is well done and well worth the modest price being charged (\$12.50 including shipping. See the order form for quantity discounts)

ORDER FORM

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Address _____

Quantity of videos _____

Amount enclosed _____

1 for \$12.50; 6 for \$55.00 and
12 for \$100.00

Send check or money order to:
La Mar Day
467 West 2400 South
Bountiful Utah 84010

Ruth P. Malmberg, well qualified, has agreed to fill in as Secretary/Treasurer in the interim of forthcoming elections. Thank you Ruth for your willingness to help.

Communication with the organization can be made through any member of the Presidency.

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THE SEARCH FOR ELIZABETH PORTER NARROWS

After searching periodically for 30 years, we finally discovered enough about Elizabeth Porters life to know where to do detailed local research. The biggest breakthrough came when we found the place of her death this summer. (For those of you who fasted with us, you may also take credit.)

As you may remember, the first evidence we have of her is the birth of Amaas in 1782, in Goshen Connecticut. At that time her husband Daniel was likely still serving in the Revolutionary War. Fourteen years later she was signaled out to receive some of the beloved belongings of her mother-in-law when her probate took place; and in 1809 she was still in Goshen when Daniel died of exposure and injuries sustained in the War.

The good research of others helped us find that she married in 1814 the Reverend Benjamin Beach in the nearby Milton Ct. Church. He died two years later and she married in 1821 Joseph Peters of Warren. They apparently lived there for

several years, just a few miles from Goshen; when in 1825 Joseph completed the sales of all his property holdings and moved to East Bloomfield, Ontario County, New York, where he resided until 1826.

His son Joseph Peters had been one of the original settlers in Pembroke (now Darien), Genesee County, New York and owned a great deal of land there since 1810. The land had opened for settlement later than areas much further west because it belonged to the tract of land included in the Holland Land purchase, formerly belonging to the citizens of the Netherlands. Perhaps Joseph decided to move 20 miles further west to be near his son's family, because in 1826 he moved to Darien and began to buy land, whereas in East Bloomfield he had bought no land.

We are quite certain he and Elizabeth died in Darien because deed records indicate they bought and sold land until 1834. Joseph applied for a pension for his service in the Revolutionary War in 1832 and at the time he was 85 years old and was too old and ill to come to the office to sign the application himself. It seems unlikely that he would move again, so Darien is where we have concentrated our search for their death information. They were present in the office at the time of the sale of a piece of their property in December, 1833, and Phineas Wolcott Cook mentioned in his diary that she died in 1834; but records in New York are sadly incomplete, and so far there is no record of her death which we hope will mention her age or birth so we can pinpoint just which Elizabeth Porter she is.

by Janet Porter PWCFO
Genealogist

FAMILY REUNIONS

I have been asked to write an article about holding successful family reunions. I am surely no expert in this area, but I would like to share with you some of the thoughts, ideas and successes we have had in the Phippen family.

I am a firm believer in the joy and happiness that comes from caring and sharing with one another. The Lord has told us that the family organization is the way for this to be accomplished.

As I read and ponder concerning my bygone relatives, I get excited and feel a closeness to them and a newborn interest in the things they have done and were.

As I become involved with my living family members, I realize that without some kind of organized time and place, I would miss many opportunities for happiness in this life.

We all live in a very busy time. It becomes easy to be so involved in our daily tasks and activities that days become months, months become years and we find that in our once - close family of father and mother, brother and sisters, we do not even recognize our nieces, nephews and their children. How can this happen so quickly?

This summer my brothers and sisters, descendants of Melvin Earl and Edna Laker Cook Phippen, held a reunion. We organized ourselves, selected Bear Lake as the place, 4th of July as our date. (We selected

this date because we felt more people could make themselves available on a holiday.) We planned together for over a year. We selected activities for all age groups. We produced a family video tape and a paperbound book. These items involved all of the families who would be attending and reviewed experiences of a possible 170 descendants of our parents. We had 146 people attend this reunion.

We acted on the suggestion that the family members of each of Melvin and Edna's children come dressed in a tee-shirt of designated color. They took hold of the idea and even produced clever logos representing their particular families. It was fun and helpful to see, by color, who belonged to whom.

In addition to the beach and water activities, we had the video tape on-going so that those who wanted to view it - could. We had copies of the book available. We had a pedigree chart extending in some lines as far back as King Henry I.

We had family members come from Oregon, Arizona and California, just to be together. We ended a day of yummy food and fun with a colossal fireworks display. There was owing and awing and lots of hugs and fond farewell wishes. We felt it was extremely successful and all of us are looking forward to another reunion in 1994. McKay Phippen

MCCLEVE REPORT

This summer we completed compiling a current mailing list for all of the adult descendants of Catherine McCleve. We are in the process of planning a family reunion in August of 1993. At this time the specific date and place have not been determined. We hope to announce the specifics in the Spring Newsletter. For many of the McCleves this will be their first newsletter as we also donated the list to the PWC Family Organization. If you like what you see and would like to support the PWC Family Organization please do so by submitting your dues of \$10.00 to:

PWC Family Organizations
c/o McKay Phippen
2201 Lincoln Lane
Salt Lake City UT 84124

ALL CONTRIBUTIONS ARE TAX
DEDUCTIBLE.

PLEASE DON'T FORGET!!!!

Phineas W. Cook Family
Organization Annual meeting
will be held this year at the
home of McKay Phippen. His
address is:

2201 Lincoln Lane
Salt Lake City UT 84124

It will be held at 7:00 pm on
Friday November 6, 1992.
Directors and officers should
be in attendance and all family
members are invited to attend.



CONGRATULATIONS !!

Our relative Merrill Cook is running on the Independent ticket for Governor of the State of Utah. His slogan is "Look for Cook for Leadership". Merrill has many supporters of his ideas to maintain and strengthen good government in the state of Utah.

THE CHURCHILL CONNECTION

For some time I have wondered how and if we were related to Sir Winston Churchill. This summer I did some research that I thought the members of the family would be interested in.

It is probable that we are related to Winston Churchill through the Josiah Churchill line from Phineas's mother, Irene Churchill descends. But we are definitely related through Winston's American mother, Jennie Jerome.

The English Churchills descend from a Norman associate of William the Conqueror named Roger de Courcil. From this line the seventh Duke of Marlborough, Sir Randolph Henry Churchill descends. He married, Jennie Jerome, daughter of Mr. Leonard Jerome of New York. They are the parents of Winston Churchill.

There is no definite connection to the English Churchills through Josiah. In the Churchill Family in America, the compilers conjecture that Josiah was a descendant of Roger de Courcil through Joseph Churchill of London a probable descendant of William Churchill, a known descendant of Roger and a direct ancestor of Winston. If this connection were ever to be proven it would make Sir Winston Churchill and Phineas Wolcott Cook eighth cousins, six generations removed.

A proven and even closer relationship to Winston exists through the Jerome connection. Phineas's great grandfather, Daniel Cook Sr., married Elizabeth Pond. Her grandmother was Susanna Ball. Susanna was the grand daughter of William Ball, Phineas's fifth great grandfather. William Ball is Winston's sixth great grandfather, as his third great granddaughter, Elizabeth Ball was Jennie Jerome's grandmother. This makes Phineas and Winston seventh cousins. How about that for trivia!!

HOWLAND FAMILY TO ORGANIZE

The Howland family are planning to organize as a sub-organization of the Phineas Wolcott Cook family Organization. The organization meeting is planned for October 24, 1992, 10:00 am at the home of LaMar Day, 467 West 2400 South, Bountiful, Utah 84010, telephone 801-298-1654.

The descendants of Phineas And Ann Eliza Howland Cook are estimated to number more than 6000. Because of the large size of the Howland family, it is impossible for 2 representatives to properly represent their views to the PW Cook Family Organization when there is so little opportunity to contact them individually.

Therefore, we would like to organize the Howland family as a sub-organization of the PW COOK family Organization. We would like to get two representatives from descendants of each of Ann Eliza's children who had issue (7 of them). It will be necessary for each of these families to discuss this, and assure that they will be properly represented at the meeting.

When we meet on October 24, 1992, we would like to discuss the concerns of family members for the PW Cook family Organization and also their desires for Howland family activity, such as:

Preparing a Descending Pedigree Chart on Phineas W. and Ann Eliza Howland Cook.

Increasing family mailing lists.

Promoting genealogical research and search for family histories of Ann Eliza Howland and her ancestors (the PW Cook organization concentrates on PW Cook and his ancestors).

Producing Ann Eliza Howland's journal (typing is almost completed).

We have great potential in the Howlands family and we look forward to meeting with you on October 24, 1992.

LaMar Day and Roka T. Raymond
Howland Family Representatives

FORMER COOK FAMILY ORGANIZATION PRESIDENT PASSES AWAY

ALTON D. COOK

Brigham City - Alton Dudley Cook, 65, died Monday, June 24, 1991, in San Diego, Calif. of heart failure while serving a family history mission for the LDS Church.

He was born in Garden City, Utah, May 18, 1926, a son of Lashbrook Laker and Florence Irene Dudley Cook.

He married Donna Ann Thornock, May 6, 1948, in the Logan LDS Temple. He had served in the US Navy during WWII. He graduated from Utah State University with an engineering degree. Following his graduation, he and his family moved to San Diego and he was employed as a senior flight engineer for General Dynamics/Convair. Later he went to work for Thiokol Corp. as Senior product and Program Manager. His family then moved to Washington D.C. where he worked as a technical consultant for Bellcomm. They later moved back to Brigham City where he worked for Century 21 and then opened up his own Real Estate office. In July of 1981, he accepted a presidential appointment from President Reagan to be a regional director of F.E.M.A. After he completed his presidential appointment, he returned to Brigham City to be with their two children and seven grandchildren.

He was active in the LDS church. He had served as financial clerk, family history consultant, head of emergency preparedness for his ward, home teacher, elder, high priest, stake missionary, and in various other positions.

The following is a biography of Eva Covey Madsen. Thanks to her we have the History of Phineas Wolcott Cook in a published form. The PW Cook family is very grateful for her efforts.

EVA COVEY MADSEN

Eva Covey Madsen was born in Star Valley Wyoming in the community of Afton. She was the daughter of Leslie and Ida Covey. She grew up in Salt Lake City, Utah, living on the Avenues in several different homes and apartments. She attended Wasatch Elementary School, Bryant Junior High School, and East High School. She was very social by Junior High days, and always had a date for the dances. At East High, she helped found the Peppers, which was a Pep Club. Eva was a good student, held Class Offices and belonged to Social Clubs.

After graduation she attended the University of Utah. There she joined the Chi Omegas. After her first year there she went to LDS Business College and then worked at the College for a short time before her marriage.

She married Peter W. Madsen in December 1932 and lived in Salt Lake City on Michigan Avenue until 1940. Their daughter Jody was born there in 1934 and then their son Pete arrived after they moved to Westwood California in 1941. Eva was very busy in Red Cross Sewing Club during World War II and in Wives of Sigma Chi, as well as PTA. Of course, her family always came

first.

During the early days of their marriage they enjoyed skiing, hiking and spending time at the Madsen Cabin on Jackson Lake in the Tetons, and at Evas parents ranch in Cokeville. Eva also loved to knit and do needlepoint.

In 1948 Eva and Pete moved to Pasadena because of Pete's health. They lived on Shadow Grove Road for the next 21 years. Eva and Pete both became active in the Church while living in the East Pasadena Ward. Eva got interested in Genealogy and soon found out what her ancestors already knew that The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints was just that Christ's church here today on the earth. She has been an active member of the church ever since.

Eva was busy in Relief Society in East Pasadena, both as a Counselor and Stake Secretary. She really loved Relief Society. She was also busy in the community in PTA and the Republican Women Club.

Their family raised, in 1969, Eva and Pete moved to their Condo in Arcadia, and became part of the West Arcadia Ward. Again the church was a large part of their social life and many of their friends were Church members. She also belonged to the Daughters OF the Utah Pioneers, and P.E.O. Women Organization.

Eva has put together a number of family personal histories. Among them histories on her mother, Idalia Johanna Cook, (Ida Covey), her grandmother, Johanna Christina Poulson (Johanna Cook), her great grandmother, Almira Mack (Almira Covey), and her

father Leslie Covey. She was currently engaged in her own in depth autobiography. Unfortunately she had only finished her first twenty two years. Her grand daughter, Laura Sullivan, had been putting it on the computer for her.

She also transcribed her grand father, Phineas Wolcott Cooks personal history from long hand to a typed copy. It was a long tedious job and took one whole winter. With the help of Maude Cook Kilburn and her daughter, Joan, it was published and made available to the whole family. And what a gift it has been to us all!!

A copy of the original manuscript is now found in the Huntington Library thanks to Eva.

She kept in touch with many family members. She wrote wonderful letters. What a treat it was for cousins, aunts, uncles etc. to receive one of her long, newsy letters. Eva was an Ambassador of Good Will whether by person or mail. She did much for family solidarity along with helping where she could with the family genealogy.

Evas family was all important to her. Her dear Pete and her children Jody and Pete Jr. By Shadow Grove Road days, the grandchildren started arriving. List now includes 9: Debbie Roberts Donvito, David Roberts, Kathy Roberts Drasso, Chari Roberts Myers, Laura Roberts Sullivan, Todd Madsen, Kerry Madsen, Kelly Madsen Matlock, and Michael Madsen. Jody and Jacks Children have also given her 12 great grand children.

Anyone who knew Eva and Pete knew that's how it always was-- the two of them together.

They cared so deeply for each other and one was always thinking and worrying about the other. Several times they were asked to talk about their "Long time marriage"; it was obvious they really made it work!! They ere an example to all who knew them. For years and years Pete would always give Eva a kiss before he left the house and another as well when he returned. They have been married for 58 years.

1991 was not a good year for Eva, she had a lot of pain in her lower back, and in September things accelerated. All she wanted to do was go to sleep and go home to her Heavenly Father. She had been to the Temple; her life was in order; she wanted to go home quickly. And on September 25, 1991, at 10 PM after three days in the Arcadia Methodist Hospital, she quietly and peacefully went to sleep and awoke on the other side of the veil.

by Jody Roberts.