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**The Autobiography of Melvin A. Cook**

*Volume I - Reflections on Ancestry and Early Life*

Earnest Benson has called *The Autobiography of Melvin A. Cook, Volume I - Reflections on Ancestry and Early Life*, the finest publication of its kind he has ever seen. The book has been so artistically arranged and bound that it won the Sweepstakes Award and two other First Place Awards in Utah Printing Week Competition of 1974.

Volume I - Reflections on Ancestry and Early Life, is a 670 page book with over 350 pages devoted to photographs, maps and sketches of our ancestors which span four generations. Seventy-six pages concern Phineas Wolcott Cook including many early pictures of Salt Lake City illustrating certain periods in his life is now available at a price of $50.00.

This is a limited edition and should be of great interest to members of the family. Dr. Cook has made it available in such a way as to support the financial base of the family organization. All proceeds received from this purchase remain in the Phineas Wolcott Cook Family Organization for use in genealogical research and other worthy endeavors beneficial to the objectives of the organization.

A collection of the poems of Maude O. Cook, have also been given to the family organization. Copies of this volume entitled, *You Leave Us With a Smile*, are also available at $7.50 each. All proceeds for this book also remain in the Phineas Wolcott Cook Family Organization. This is a 120 page hard bound 220 page volume including over a hundred poems previously published in church publications and national poetry magazines.

These books will be a great financial boost to our family organization. We urge you to take advantage of this gift quickly as there are a limited number of books.

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**A Message from your President**

Dear Family Members:

As we near the time of a family reunion, set by the by-laws to be held the second Saturday of each August, it is appropriate to review the progress and goals of our organization.

The Board of Directors have met quarterly throughout the year and have set goals for the organization through the year of 1978. They have directed the officers to complete the staffing of fifteen separate committees, each under the direction of a chairman, each to accomplish specifically assigned tasks. Fully staffed requires eight board members, five officers, fifteen committee chairmen, and at least thirty-four members of the various committees. This adds up to a number in excess of sixty people. It is my pleasure at this time to report that all positions on the board and that all corporation offices are filled. Some of the committees are fully staffed and functioning, some are functioning under acting chairmen, and some committees need more people to help. You will find a letter enclosed with this newsletter from the chairman of the Recruiting Committee asking you to volunteer your help. Also, you will find a letter from the finance committee soliciting your assistance.

In behalf of the organization, I wish to express our deepest sympathy to the family of Rex D. Cook, who passed away in December of 1974. Rex was our vice president in charge of genealogy. We will miss his diligent efforts and contribution to our work. I would like to thank Mabel C. Rex for being willing to complete his unexpired term of office.

We would also like to express appreciation to Vera Hunsaker for her many years of excellent work in the preparation of many newsletters for our organization. Vera is now working in the genealogical research area. Laverna D. Osborne is the present Newsletter Committee Chairman and has the assistance of seven committee members, including reporters from each of the four families.

Some time ago a suggestion was made that we consider regional reunions, possibly one on the West Coast and one on the East Coast. For a large number of our family members, the reunions held in Utah are hundreds of miles from their homes and difficult to attend. McKay Phippen, Chairman of the Reunion Committee, is presently evaluating the regional reunion possibility.

I wish to thank the board and the officers for their support and I wish to congratulate them on their accomplishments this year. I ask their continued efforts toward the accomplishment of the many goals set by the board including a greatly increased effort in the area of genealogical research in the coming year.

Sincerely,

Alton D. Cook
RECRUITING COMMITTEE LETTER

May 17, 1975

Dear Family Members:

You belong to a family organization of over four thousand members scattered throughout the United States.

We have been working to effect an organization that will include all members of this great Phineas Wolcott Cook Family. The first few years have been devoted to organizing, staffing and determining the scope of the work to be accomplished.

We now have a skeleton organization completed, thanks to a number of people who have given unstintingly of their time and talents. Now we need to complete the full organization.

This letter is being sent to each member now listed in hopes that we will be able to find the necessary help to carry on this great work now and in the future.

We need Chairmen, or Chairwomen, for some of the following committees and people to staff them:

- Desending Pedigree
- Ascending Pedigree
- Genealogical Research
- Data Verification
- Family Records & Archives
- Historian
- Members
- Finance
- Newsletter
- Publications
- Book of Anecdotes
- Recruiting
- Public Relations
- Mailing
- Republish the Phineas W. Cook Diary

Anyone who can type, work programs for computers, do research of any kind, proofread, do printing, or use talents in any other needed way and are willing to contribute to the advancement of the organization. WILL YOU PLEASE, UPON RECEIPT OF THIS LETTER, TAKE THE TIME TO STUDY AND WRITE A NOTE TO THIS COMMITTEE, LETTING US KNOW WHAT YOU ARE WILLING TO DO AND WHEN.

The address is: S. Bryson Cook
Recruiting Committee
66 So. Mason Lane
North Salt Lake City, Utah 84054

or call 801-752-1243

We will classify the information and make a card index that will be forwarded to the President. He will then have a list of willing workers to fill the committees.

We urgently request your immediate response.

Sincerely,

S. Bryson Cook
Chairman
Recruiting Committee

FINANCE COMMITTEE LETTER

May 17, 1975

Dear Family Members:

This letter pertains to finance in relation to our great family organization.

As you know, we have received many wonderful printed publications through the devoted efforts of the individuals who are working on the various committees within the organization. We have been drawn more closely together and have met one another on a friendly family basis many times through the past years. We have been highly blessed by the Lord both individually and collectively. I am sure much of this is due to the great heritage which we enjoy.

We are continuing efforts to publish newsletters, books, and results of genealogical research. As these endeavors proceed, you will receive the results. At the present time we have two fantastic books which are designed to help the organization raise money and to give us at the same time choice publications which can be used and enjoyed by all. The funds derived therefrom will be used in behalf of the Phineas Wolcott Cook Family Organization to meet its goals.

Please participate with us in these efforts. For copies send your check today made payable to the Phineas Wolcott Cook Family Organization. Mail the check to:

Dean S. Cook, Chairman
Finance Committee
66 So. Mason Lane
North Salt Lake City, Utah 84054

Sincerely yours,

Chairman, Finance Committee
JOSEPH WOLCOTT COOK  
(1855-1931)

The year of 1855 was harsh as far as the crops in the Utah Territory were concerned. It was a very dry year and between the drought and the grasshoppers, the settler's crops yielded only half a harvest. On April 21 of that year Joseph Wolcott Cook (Wook for short) was born in Salt Lake City. His father was Phineas Wolcott Cook, his mother Catherine McCleve, his father's third wife.

The Cook family lived in Salt Lake until 1857 when they moved south ahead of Johnson's Army. Catherine and her son stayed in Payson. While there she was granted a church divorce from her husband. She stayed with her family, working wherever she could find employment. Later she moved back to Salt Lake City with the family. In 1862 when she married David Dudley Russell she was able to have her young son with her again.

Because the winter of 1864-65 was so severe, in the early spring the Russells, with some other families, started South to settle in Salina. On this trip Wook got his first experience at driving oxen. On the way they passed through the mountains, Teeples took him to Salt Lake City and Wook went to live for a few months with his father. In 1862 when she married David Dudley Russell she was able to have her young son with her again.

The next spring as the men were busy building a fort and sowing crops, the Black Hawks raided Salina. They struck early in the morning as the herders were taking the stock out to graze. The sheepherder and one boy responsible for the cattle were killed. The rest of the family ran for the hills leaving Wook and the girl there. They helped him find a job hiring out for ten cents a day. Wook borrowed money and made the entry. But things were not easy. As soon as they started the ditch, the railroad stopped them. It was several months before they could continue the project. It was a lot of hard work. Besides digging the canal, making a dam and headgates, they had to work their places and build houses and corrals. It was a big help when their brothers Will and Henry joined them.

In the meantime there had occurred two events that had a great effect on his life. He courted and married Elizabeth Neiber in 1867. They moved to the Union Pacific railroad. They married September 23, 1870. They immediately went to Boise, where the case was thrown out of court. He was denied the right to get to his field of labor. But after he left, the tide turned and his brothers sold out to John W. Taylor, an apostle and brother of President Taylor. When this took place Worried, he turned his mind to work for the Taylors. They had decided to build a canal out of Thomas Fork up by Geneva and water the ground where the town was to be. Wook contracted to build it. The Taylors had to get water from the Thomas Fork by one hundred miles of canal, the ground was dry, and the water low, so they got permission to use Raymond Creek which worked fine. They watched until the water was nearly on every forty and could see no reason why it could not flow the rest of the way and fill the contract. As the time was short, Wook and Bishop Larsen hurried to Paris and swore that the water was on the land. It would have been, but as soon as they cut off, someone turned the water off before it got to the last forty.

Wook and the Bishop were both arrested, but were let out of jail on bonds. They immediately went to Salt Lake to see the Taylors who furnished money for witnesses and trial, but when Wook got home to find out because the marshall's were after him also. Wook and Bishop Larsen were acquitted, but were again arrested on the same charge. After a long delay, they had a trial in Boise, where the case was thrown out of court and the title was issued for the land.

In the meantime, Wook had hired his sister Jenny and her husband, Chauncy Donner, to help him. They not only finished the canal and dam, but also built a large sawmill, a flour mill, a grist mill, a saw mill, and a shingle mill. Phineas was a hard worker and taught all his boys the value of hard work.

In the fall of 1875 with the consent and blessing of his father, Wook went to work for himself. At first he worked for his father and in the fall of 1876 he bought forty acres in Meadowville. He decided to leave, but he still owed his father $75.00. The next September he went to Evanston and worked in a saw mill where he made enough money to buy some clothes and other necessities, but not enough to pay off his father. His father, who impressed upon him the importance of paying his bills. He was able to pay his father after working in Blacksmith Fork getting out ties for the Union Pacific Railroad.

A few years later, he heard that Russell had left his mother's children in various places. After talking it over with his father, he decided to go see how the children were getting along. A year later he returned with his brother and both came to the Salt Lake Temple. The Indians were still on the war path. Their raids on surrounding towns resulted in a few deaths and the loss of all the live stock.

The following March, Russell married a young, sixteen year old orphan girl. Wook and the girl did not get along, so it was agreed that he should leave. He started to walk to his Grandmother McCleve's home in Lake. The Apostle found Wolcott and advised his to do as his father requested. At first the boy was undecided; then he received what he considered a direct answer to prayer. His only asset was a cow for which he could find no buyer. He had no money or clothes for the trip. He prayed, asking if it be the will of the Lord that he should go to his father that he would be able to sell his cow. Immediately a buyer came along.

That fall he went north as far as Holden where his sister, Harriet, Teeples lived. He stayed there that winter and went to school. Also working with Harriet's husband in his blacksmith shop, he gained valuable experience. As soon as the cold weather came he turned his mind to work for the Taylors. They had decided to build a canal out of Thomas Fork up by Geneva and water the ground where the Raymond town site was to be. Wook contracted to build it. The Taylors had to get water from the Thomas Fork by one hundred miles of canal, the ground was dry, and the water low, so they got permission to use Raymond Creek which worked fine. They watched until the water was nearly on every forty and could see no reason why it could not flow the rest of the way and fill the contract. As the time was short, Wook and Bishop Larsen hurried to Paris and swore that the water was on the land. It would have been, but as soon as they cut off, someone turned the water off before it got to the last forty.

Before the railroad was built, there had been a road along the route which the railroad followed and bordered on the Cook brother's claim. All the settlers along the river used this road to get to town. In 1890 the railroad fenced their right of way and left no road. Wook led an effort that year for the company provide a place for the road. The road is still used today.
REX DUDLEY COOK
(1920-1974)
by his sister, Mabel Rex.

Rex Dudley Cook was born at Garden City, Rich County, Utah on the 11th day of February, 1920 at 5:00 P.M., the eldest son of Lashbrook Laker and Florence Irene Dudley Cook. He was a strong baby and grew fast.

Just before he was a year old, he had pneumonia and was very, very low. For two weeks or more, he lay unconscious without making a sound. The day he was a year old, he almost died. Aunt Vie Booth, who helped us through this sickness as though Rex were one of her own, told us to give him an alcohol toddy to stimulate his heart. That helped him through this crisis.

At one time Bishop Charles W. Pope knelt down by the little bed with us while he administered to the baby. He pleaded with the Lord to spare the child's life for he said he believed he would grow to be of great usefulness and power in doing the Lord's work. He said, "With the parents he had, I believe he will be an unusual help in performing thy work here upon the earth."

For ten days I had not slept a wink; under ordinary circumstances I would have been in bed with sick headaches, but I was made equal to the burden. One night I had lain down and slept ten or twenty minutes. Aunt Vie Booth and Stella P. Rich were sitting with him when he made a sound. From this time he was better.

Because of his birthday coming in February, he was not six but five and a half years old when his playmates started school in the fall. He started a year later. He caught up with them in a short time anyway. He was always a good reader and speller. When he was in the 7th grade he was second best speller in the county. He always liked history and music.

He was baptized when he was eight years old in the Logan Temple by Henry E. Bowman and confirmed the same day by Harvey Sessions.

He was ordained a Deacon by his father on February 11, 1932. He was ordained a Teacher by Julius Wright on February 17, 1935, and a Priest by his father on April 18, 1937.

He started High School in 1938 and went one year to North Rich and then went three years to Fielding High School at Paris, Idaho. He played in the High School band four years and was president of his class his senior year. He was a good mixer.

He attended the Utah State University during the years of 1938 and 1940. While at the university he met Eleanor Rasmusson, daughter of Niles Gunnar and Lydia Leona West Rasmusson. She was also a student at USU.

On January 20, 1941 Rex left for the Southern States mission. At his farewell before he left, Bishop Spence in his talk, said Rex would realize his responsibility by the spirit of revelation—his eyes would be opened. "He is clean, capable and humble and his heart will be filled with peace. I have no doubt of his ability. He knows the fundamental principles of the gospel. I wish him Godspeed."

When Elder John A. Widse set Rex apart at the Mission Home on January 29, 1941, he said that he would travel in safety and that he would have health and strength. That he would have strength and power to do things that might seem almost superhuman or could be considered great for one as young as he. He would have the opportunity to talk to large crowds and if he would banish fear he would have the chance to explain the truth to many honest souls. If he would live up to the teachings of his youth he would be safe and all would be well with him and his.

Rex and Eleanor were married January 22, 1943 in the Logan Temple by President Joseph Quinney, Jr. They made their first home at Swan Creek at the old Cook homestead near the old homestead. Their family since the spring of 1865 when his second great grandfather, Phineas Wolcott and his wife Ann Eliza settled there. They were members of the Garden City Ward and Rex was appointed Scout Master. He was already an Eagle Scout. During the years he worked in this position he earned the bronze palm in scouting.

While they were at Swan Creek their first four children were born: Kerstin, Merilyn, Rex Warren and Vaughn Rasmussen.

Then in 1959, they moved to Hyrum and bought a home. Rex went back to his old job with the Farm Journal, but by now had quite a system worked out. He had a large territory to cover so he selected a man from each district to work under him. In this way he was on the road only two weeks each month and was home two weeks with his family.

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In 1956, during the Christmas holidays, they moved to Ammon, Idaho where Rex worked for Watkins Products. By mid January he began working as a night clerk at the Idaho Hotel in Idaho Falls, holding down both jobs. Later he went to work for Phillips Petroleum Co. at the site at Arco, Idaho. He kept his job as night clerk also. The change to a better job at the atomic site and was on shift work the year after.

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Kerstin was married her senior year in college to Carlos Byrdell Roundy. They moved to Twin Falls, Idaho where their fifth child, Mont R. was born in 1955. During their stay there, Rex was Superintendent of the YMIA.

Warren and Vaughn became Eagle Scouts. Warren lacked just hours of graduation from college when he was drafted to serve two years in the army at Viet Nam. Both boys filled missions, Warren in South America and Vaughn in New Zealand. Vaughn returned home and married Catharine Carlson. Vaughn holds a Realator's and broker's license. Warren is going to USU at the present time and is getting married in June.

Meryl in is within a short time of getting her Masters Degree in speech. At present she is working in Denver, Colorado.

Mont, Val and Julie Anna have yet to prove their destiny.

Rex truly loved Eleanor. There was a great mutual respect, love and understanding between them and he dearly loved his children.

The last few years, Rex worked in a real estate business along his other job. He was a natural born salesman.

In June, 1963, he was asked to teach the special lessons in the investigators class in Sunday School. Later he was set apart as Sunday School teacher in the teacher trainer department when the new Teacher Development Program was started. He also served on the High Council in the Hyrum Stake.

Rex has spent many years as a Sunday School teacher during his life. He has been an Instructor and ERA representative. He was a High Priest group leader from 1967 to 1969. He was first counselor to Bishop Garth L. Lee. He was released from this position to become Bishop of Hyrum First Ward. He held this position to within a few weeks of his death. At the time of his death, Rex was Troop Committee Chairman of the Ventures and President of the Phineas Wolcott Cook Genealogical Committee.

Within the confines of the gospel Rex found great joy and strength. Two of his great loves were Genealogy and Scouting; in both he became prominent. He was optimistic, patient and had a great sense of humor. He showed deep compassion and wisdom beyond his years. He was an ordi­nate counselor to young people.

I have never known Rex to lose his temper. How many times he has doubled his talents in helping others. To know him is to love him; he was a wonderful person to be with. Rex always did the job right the first time around.

I'm sure if he could speak to you today he would say, "The Gospel is true, attach yourself to it. Be diligent in your genealogical work."

How many times have we heard him say, "If you are not going to do it, who do you think will?"

Sunday, December 15, 1974 after about ten days of terrible pain, his tender and compassionate heart finally gave away. "He was taken away to his greatest home."

Death is only a part of this abundant life. God sent his child here to be tried and tested, to see if they would keep their commit­ments. Rex surely did this. He leaves a legacy of love to his family and to you his many friends.
GRANT OSMOND COOK
(1910-1975)

Dr. Grant Osmond Cook, 65, of Northridge, California passed away on 16 May, 1975. He was born at Bloomington, Idaho to Alonzo Lake and Maude Osmond Cook, both now deceased.

He married Hazel Hartvigsen, daughter of J. F. Hartvigsen and Ellen Amelia Ellertsen then of Downy, Idaho, in the Logon Temple 15 June, 1939. They are the parents of six children.

As a young man Grant served on a L.D.S. Mission in the Eastern States. During this time he was the piano accompanist for a missionary make quartet known as the "Fireside Four" in a series of radio broadcasts. He was also one of the four trumpet players in the first 11 Cumorah Pagent.

He gained his B.A. Degree from the Utah Agricultural College, now Utah State University, in 1944, and his Ph. D. from Columbia University in New York. He was a teacher in Box Elder, Davis, and Weber Counties and at Weber L.D.S. Seminary. For the last twenty-eight years he has taught in the colleges in California. He taught at Fullerton College, was chairman of the music department at Los Angeles State College for five years, and was Professor of Music at the California State College at Northridge at the time of his death.

For many years Grant taught private music lessons along with his busy schedule. He taught and supervised the musical training of his own six children and all of them are skilled soloists. One daughter, Mrs. David Jorgensen (Laurel) played the flute with the Utah Symphony Orchestra for five years. Sharon, a second daughter, was a member of the B.Y.U. Symphony and other special music groups. Mrs. Gerald Pond (Dartene) played the violin with the B.Y.U. Symphony and with a violin ensemble group. Margaret, his 4th daughter, also played the violin. She is also an accomplished artist and returned from an L.D.S. Mission in Australia just three weeks before her father's death. Mrs. Alberto Bori (Deborah) played the flute with the B.Y.U. Orchestra, some chamber groups and a popular performing group there. Grant O. Cook Jr. with the French Horn, his father the flute, his mother the piano, and the girls with their instruments gave many hours of service in the L.D.S. Ward in their locality, for many civic functions, and as a family they performed in a Regional Music Festival. They also played as a group in the Saturday Evening Concert Series in the Los Angeles area.

Grant was an example of great fatherhood. His love and devotion to his family is an inspiration to all and his pride in their accomplishments was a great incentive to his children. He was greatly interested in the scientific accomplishments of his son, Grant O. Jr. who is well on the way to an outstanding career in scientific research.

Grant was always a student. He continued his studies while teaching and earned credits equivalent to a degree in Mathematics and electronics. He was a diligent student of the scriptures and performed many responsibilities in the church. Among other positions he was a Bishop's counselor, High Priest group leader, Organist, Choirister, Sunday School Superintendent, and at the time of his death he was High Priest historical clerk in the Northridge 2nd ward.

Impressive funeral services were held in the Chatsworth Stake Tabernacle, California and at the River's Mortuary in Tremonton. Interment was in the Bothwell Cemetery where a brother, Glenn, and his father and mother are buried.

MARY ANN McELPRANG COOK
(1882-1974)

Mary Ann McElprang Cook

Mary Ann M. Cook Allred of Huntington, Utah died 23 July, 1974 at the age of ninety-two and one half years. She was the wife of the late William Alonzo Cook, son of Phineas H. Cook of Fish Haven, Bear Lake Co, who died 14, December, 1942.

She was born 8 March, 1882 in Bluff, San Juan, Utah to William and Adelia Terry McElprang. Her parents were called with the original company of Pioneers to settle Bluff "Hole in the Rock." After an honorable release her family moved and settled in Huntington, Beaver County, Utah. Her father died when she was just seven years of age, leaving her mother with ten children. Mary Ann attended school to the "8th reader" and graduated. At the young age of thirteen she was employed as a clerk in the Huntington Co-op Store. For the next five years she not only enjoyed the work, but was happy knowing that she was helping to lighten the financial load of her widowed mother.

On the 17 October, 1900, at the age of eighteen years, Mary Ann married William Alonzo Cook in the Manti Temple. His parents, Phineas H. Cook and Elizabeth Hill had moved from Bear Lake to Huntington in 1884. This couple had been reared in the Latter Day Saints families and had a good foundation in gospel teachings, the love of which they carried with them throughout their lives.

Mary Ann was always active in church service. She served in the Stake Primary Presidency for eight years, five of which she served as president. She was actively engaged in Genealogical and Temple work, and served two years as a missionary in the Manti Temple. She was also an active member of the Daughters of Pioneers in Emery County and was a responsible and interested civic worker.


Mary Ann was able to keep her home until she was eighty-seven years of age, when due to ill health she went to the Perron Nursing Home where she remained the last five years of her life.

She is the mother of seven children, three of whom preceded her in death: Verra Elizabeth, William Gus, and Phineas C. Cook. She is survived by the following son and daughters: Omer A. Cook of Orem, Utah. Adelia Ann C. Ungerman, and Zona Pearl C. Day of Salt Lake City and Dixie Cook Olsen of Ebery, Utah. She also has twenty-two living grandchildren, sixty-seven great grandchildren, and three great great grandchildren.

ANN AURELIA SHIMER

Just a short tribute to a very talented little lady. She was about 4'10" and weighed 80 lbs. Her violin (which was so precious to her) was almost as big as she. Many of us knew her as "Aunt Lillie" or just "Lillie". However, she was the daughter of Henry Howland and Jennett Calder Cook, which made her the granddaughter of Phineas Wolfe Cook. She died without children and because of this we were afraid she would soon be forgotten and because of her great talent we feel she should be remembered.

She was a marvelous violinist. Those who heard her knew that she put her heart and soul into that music. No one could play like "Aunt Lillie." She played for K.S.L. radio for many years and at Z.C.M.I. Tea Hour. She taught at the McEneene School of Music and was responsible in the early days of the school for many new students because of all the concerts she gave all over the valley. When the school was closed she had taught there for over 50 years. She has students that play with orchestras all over the country. She played in music for years with her brother Veram, "Bish", and in her early years was accompanied by her sister, Phoebe Irene, on the piano. She played at funerals and weddings all over the valley and her violin and sheet music were her constant companion. We loved her dearly and so today we pay tribute to Ann Aurelia Cook Shimer.
“LASH” L. COOK FAMILY

RANDY COOK REX, son of Mabel and Rex Rex of Georgetown, Idaho was nominated and chosen as “Outstanding Young Man of America” for 1974. His name appears in the 1974 yearbook. He and his wife, Shirley Anderson Rex, also had a 2nd daughter, Sandy Lou, born 21 January, 1975. Randy is a great grandson of Alonso Howland Cook.

A son was born to KIRSTEN COOK ROUNDY and CARLOS ROUNDY in January, 1975. Kirsten is the daughter of Eleanor Cook.

ALVIRIA C. BOOTH RICH FAMILY

KENT and DENISE BOOTH HADDIX had a son born in July 1974. Denise is the daughter of Bryan and Darlene Booth of Pocatello, Idaho.

LESLEY and VIRGINIA BOLTON accompanied the Senior Citizen’s group on a nice trip to Canada this last fall. Virginia is the grand daughter of Alonso Howland Cook.

The VAN NESS and HATTIE BOOTH WALLENTINE family gives us the following interesting items:

REED and his wife, EDITH O’DONEL WALLENTINE, welcomed their first son, Robert Ness Wallentine, on the 21 of April, 1974.

Another son, MAX and his wife, GAY, had a son, Jared, their 9th child, born 21 August, 1974.

Their eldest grand-daughter, SHARI, the daughter of Max and Gay, was married 22 November, 1974 in the Provo Temple to Darrell M. Thurlow.

Two of their Bishop sons, ROBERT and MAX, were released from their assignments as bishops after six and seven years of service.

ALONZO LAKER COOK FAMILY NEWS

MARY is the new daughter born to Garfield and Margo Taylor Cook, 26 September, 1974.

JOSHUA BENJAMIN, son of Krehl Osmond and Mary Gay Newton Cook, born 16 December 1974.


MERI KAYE SANDERS, daughter of Dr. Gill O. and Virginia Cook Sanders, born 5 June, 1975.

VIRGINIA, GARFIELD, KREL, and MERRILL are daughter and sons of Dr. and Mrs. Melvin A. Cook and all live in Salt Lake City.

LYNN COOK WINTERTON, son of Maurine C. Winterton of Salt Lake City, left in January for the language training school in Hawaii and from there to the Taiwan Mission. Soon after his arrival there he miraculously escaped injury when a small truck struck his bicycle and passed over his body.

PHILLIP COOK, son of Vernon O. and Ila Clyde Cook, left in June for the language training school in Hawaii where he will prepare for an L.D.S. Mission to Japan.

SHERMAN ROBINSON and SUSAN WINTERTON ROBINSON have a new daughter, Rebekah, born 26 December, 1974. Susan is the daughter of Maurine C. Winterton.

VIVIANNE SMITH who has been serving in the Texas Mission returned home in October, 1974. On 25 January 1975, she was married to Cridson S. Lewis in the Logan Temple. Two of Vivienne’s sisters, Mrs. Norman Ashton (Meredith) from Guam, and Kathy Phinney from New Hampshire, were able to attend the wedding. The couple are making home in Las Vegas where Cridson is a news writer with a newspaper firm there.

VIVIANNE is the daughter of Grant Glll and Phyllis Cook Smith of Logan, Utah and Cridson is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Melvin W. Lewis of Phoenix, Arizona.

JILL, the second daughter of Richard C. and Kirstin Schoenhals Winterton was born 26 January, 1975. The Wintertons live in Ithaca, New York, where Richard is doing research work in chemistry. He is the son of Maurine L. Winterton.

THE PHIPPEN FAMILY ACTIVITIES

DEVRO SEALY, son of Milton and Shirley Phippen of Salt Lake City, left on March 5 for the language training school at the Brigham Young University and is now serving in the South Argentine Mission.

MCRAE and Joyce Phippen have a new grand-daughter, Kiri Eileen Price, born 11 May, 1975. Kiri Eileen is the daughter of Walter and Paula Phippen Price of Salt Lake City.

A new son was born to JACKIE ANDREWS WOODS and HOWARD WOODS 30 May, 1975. He is named in honor of his father and grandfather, Andrew Howard Woods.


Two daughters of MELVIN and SARAH PHIPPEN have recently married. PAT PHIPPEN married Melvin Eugene Dietz, 1 August, 1974 in the Salt Lake Temple. Dietz is in private law practice in Salt Lake City. BARBARA PHIPPEN married Keith Howard Haines of Toole, Utah at the Manti Temple 14 June 1975. Barbara is a student at Brigham Young University, and Keith is a Political Science major doing post graduate work there.

CYLE JANE DUNFORD is the new daughter of Bradley and Wendy Dunford, born 21 August, 1974 in California. Bradley is the son of Maurine and Bums Dunford.


JUDY and NEAL MAXFIELD welcomed their 2nd daughter, Maren, 21 June 1974.

REGAN ANDREWS was advanced to the office of Teacher in the priesthood 20 April, 1975.

LANCE PHIPPEN, son of McKay and Joyce, also received ordination to the office of Teacher, 27 October, 1974.

BLAIN ANDREWS was released as bishop of the Holladay 17th Ward ordained to the High Council of the Olympus Stake.

McKay PHIPPEN who is serving on the Aaroden Priesthood General Committee of the Church of Latter Day Saints, attended the Aaroden Priesthood and Young Women’s Regional Conference in Peru, South America.

LONI SEALY, just twelve years old has taken prominent parts in two musical productions at the Brigham Young University recently. She performed with solo parts in "Saturday’s Warrior" and in "Music Man". Lon is the daughter of Milton and Shirley Phippen Sealy of American Fork, Utah.

PHINEAS H. COOK FAMILY

CHRISTOPHER JOHN AVERY, son of John Orval and Betty Rae Bird Avery, born 4 July, 1974. Betty Rae is a great great granddaughter of Phineas H. Cook and her parents are Alvin and Shirley Bird.

MACHELLE ANN BIRD, daughter of Kim S. and Cynthia Haderlie Bird, born 26 June, 1974. Kim is a son of Alvin and Shirley Bird.


KRISTEN KIM, daughter of Don W. and Sue Cook, born 25 February 1975. Don is another son of Omer and Eva Cook of Orem, Utah.

Greggrey William, son of William Keith and Sue Ann Cook, born April 1975. William K. is the son of William Preston and Myrtle Call.

Boyd J. Neilson, son of John and Marjory Ungerman Neilson, and Ellen Brookbank were married 26 April, 1975 in the Manti Temple. Boyd is a great, great grandson of Phineas H. and Elizabeth Hill Cook.

Michael Wayne, son of Wayne and Darlene Olsen Sweary, born 10 April 1975. Darlene is the daughter of Earl R. and Dixie Lela Cook Olsen.
HARRIET BETSY COOK TEEPLES FAMILY

MELVYN DAVEY OWENS, son of Marian William and Edith May Conish Owens passed away April 6, 1974. He was sixty-two years old.

JANET JOHNNY SHULTZ, daughter of Val and Linda Lou Owens Shultz was born June 7, 1973. Linda Lou Owens is the daughter of Kenneth Clyde and Emma Lofquist Owens.

JULIE LAVINA OSMUNDS, daughter of Douglas and Jan Martin Owens was born January 29, 1974. Douglas Owens is the son of Kenneth Clyde and Emma Lofquist Owens.

CHRISTOPHER JOHN HARKS, son of Milton and Kathleen Kennedy Harks was born March 21, 1975. Kathleen Kennedy Harks is the daughter of W. R. Kennedy and Doris Mildred Owens.


KRISTINE JENSEN, daughter of Nelda and Charles Jensen, married Richard Jones 20 April, 1974. They reside in Portland, Oregon.

BRUCE CALDER JENSEN, the third son of Nelda and Charles Jensen is serving on an L.D.S. Mission in the Central England Mission. His father, Charles W. Jensen, is the Bishop of the Eleventh Ward in Idaho.

CARL COOK FAMILY

REBECCA LYN HOLM, daughter of Robert and Jolinda Fluckiger Holm was born December 16, 1973.

JOLINDA FLUCKIGER HOLM and her husband Robert Holm moved from Florida to Prescott, Arizona in December, 1973 where Robert is working for a small CPA firm.

WILLIAM COOK FAMILY

DARRELL RICHARD STACEY and Loretta Rowley were married in the Manti temple August 15, 1974. Darrell is the son of William C. and Velma Dickson Stacey.

YVONNE STACEY, daughter of William C. and Velma Dickson Stacey received a mission call to the Germany-Frankfurt mission. She left May 10, 1975.

AMY PORTER, daughter of Stanley J. and Sheila Sims Porter was born August 17, 1974.

DARRELL RICHARD STACEY, son of William C. and Velma Dickson Stacey will receive his Bachelor of Science Degree from BYU this spring.

MICHEL CRAWLEY AND LINDA GAY NELSON CRAWLEY were blessed with the arrival of a baby boy April 14, 1975. Linda Gay is the daughter of Robert and Maxine Dickson Nelson.

HENRY HOWLAND COOK FAMILY

Kevin Clain Barker was born to Janet and Pablo Barker, May 3, 1974. He was 11 months old when his father was taken suddenly with a heart attack on the 18th of April, 1975. Janet Erikson Barker has been left widowed at age 31. She has one other child, Heidi Lee Barker, age 2-1/2 years old. Janet is the daughter of Clain C. and Vernetta M. Erikson. Vernetta is a grand-daughter of Henry Howland Cook.

Glen Lavar McMillan, son of Ruby and Lavar Cook McMillan, recently returned from the Mission Field in Germany. He has been accepted as a student at the University of Pacific Dental School in San Francisco. They will leave Salt Lake to be in San Francisco by July 8, 1975. He will be there 3 years. In the meantime, his wife, Jeannine, will be a nurse in one of the larger medical centers near the university. We are proud of Glen and Jeannine.

Bryce Richard McMillan, son of Ruby and Lavar Cook McMillan, has been called to serve in the Belgium Brussels Mission. He left May 3, 1975 for two months of language training at the B.Y.U.


Stacy Ann McMillan, daughter of Nelda and Newel Cook McMillan was married to Randy Wayne West in the Salt Lake Temple, June 7, 1974.

Teresa Gay McMillan, daughter of Nelda and Newel Cook McMillan was married to Larry Earnest Gould in her parents home in Ogden, Utah in January 1975.

Newel Dee McMillan, son of Nelda and Newel Cook McMillan was called on a Stake mission in Roy Stake.

Annette Peart, daughter of Lana Jo Longhurst and Gordon Ray Peart, was born January 25, 1974 in Evanston, Wyoming. Lana Jo's father, Clyde Longhurst, was a grandson of Henry Howland Cook.

Sandra Lynne and Kimberly Jo Bruce were baptized 29 March, 1975.

Thomas Elden Bruce was ordained a deacon 13 April, 1975. Daughter Johnie Lalita, was born October 19, 1974 at Roosevelt. They are all children of Robert and Carol Bruce. Robert's mother is Betsy Longhurst Bruce, granddaughter of Henry Howland Cook.

Homer David and Judy Bruce Morris and Glen W. and Jan Bruce Morris both had babies in 1973. They are also the daughters of Betsy Longhurst Bruce.

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Kent Hoffman, son of Mildred Mae Longhurst and Harold Hoffman, was made an eagle scout February 15, 1974. He also received his Duty to God Award, October 27, 1974. He was ordained a priest 18 August, 1974 and his brother, Neil, was ordained a teacher February 2, 1975.

A baby boy was born to Loren Tingey Duke and his wife May 4, 1974.

Lorin graduated from Russian Language School S.P.C. 4 Paraside, Monterey, California April 24, 1975 and is going to San Antonio, Texas for further study.


Tye Carter Tingey, son of Grant Cook and Lola Tingey, graduated from high school May 30, 1975. Susan Tingey married Seth R. Winterton in the Salt Lake Temple and they have a son, Cody Tingey Winterton, born September 1975. Susan is the daughter of Grant and Lola Tingey and Grant is the grandson of Henry Howland Cook.

Evan Lee Perry and Kyle K. Perry, grandchildren of Dora Longhurst and Chester Perry, have recently been made Eagle Scouts. Dora is still another granddaughter of Henry Howland Cook.

Kenneth and Marilyn Perry were married in Provo after he converted her to the church during his mission in the Pacific Southwest. They have three children. Ken is the son of Dora Longhurst and Chester Perry.

Brian John Tingey was born the first part of December, 1974 to Blaine Corr and Barbara Tingey. Blaine is the son of William Cook Tingey, who is a grandson of Henry Howland Cook.

Robert Tingey Bruckner, son of Gennett and Al Bruckner, is going to dental school in Washington D.C. While he is there he is a guard at the L.D.S. Temple.
### Family Group Record

**HUSBAND**
- **Name:** Samuel HOWLAND
- **Birth:** 20 Feb 1704
- **Death:** 8 Apr 1757
- **Place:** Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts

**WIFE**
- **Name:** Sarah SOUL
- **Birth:** 8 Nov 1703
- **Death:** 4 Jun 1751
- **Place:** Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts

**Children**
- **M Nicholas HOWLAND**
  - **Birth:** 1 Jan 1724/5
  - **Place:** Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts
- **M Samuel HOWLAND**
  - **Birth:** 12 Mar 1727
  - **Place:** Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts
- **F Hannah HOWLAND**
  - **Birth:** 27 Feb 1728/9
  - **Place:** Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts
- **F Sarah HOWLAND**
  - **Birth:** 31 Aug 1731
  - **Place:** Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts
- **F Allis HOWLAND**
  - **Birth:** 6 Dec 1733
  - **Place:** Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts
- **F Mary HOWLAND**
  - **Birth:** 14 Dec 1736
  - **Place:** Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts
- **M William HOWLAND**
  - **Birth:** 24 Oct 1738
  - **Place:** Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts
- **F Elizabeth HOWLAND**
  - **Birth:** 2 Apr 1741
  - **Place:** Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts

**Sources of Information**
- **(C)** Howland Pam. of America, by Franklin Howland GS 929.273-804
- **(D)** TIB and GS #178098 Le Seulings (Bapt and End. Film 142)
- **(E)** Research by Donald L. Jacobus, A.L. Cook, Pearl Day, and others

### Other Marriages
- **#2 Samuel mt (f) Esther PALMER**

**WIFE**
- **Name:** Sarah SOUL
- **Birth:** 8 Nov 1703
- **Death:** 4 Jun 1751
- **Place:** Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts

**Children**
- **M Silas HOWLAND**
  - **Birth:** 8 Aug 1749
  - **Place:** Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts
- **F Daniel HOWLAND**
  - **Birth:** 4 Jun 1751
  - **Place:** Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts
- **M Reuben HOWLAND**
  - **Birth:** 18 Nov 1754
  - **Place:** Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts
- **M Daniel HOWLAND**
  - **Birth:** 2 Mar 1757
  - **Place:** Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts
- **M Wason (Weston) HOWLAND**
  - **Birth:** 23 Mar 1759
  - **Place:** Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts

**Sources of Information**
- **(D)** TIB and Salt Lake and Logan Temple (Filmed records)

**Notes:**
- **Necessary Explanations:** Some dates are not found on the Logan Temple or Salt Lake Temple records. These dates give this date. They are being resubmitted in case of error.
HUSBAND  Knowlton HOWLAND  
Born  1 Aug 1772  
Place  Scituate, Providence, Rhode Island  

WIFE  Anna POWELL  
Born  13 Jul 1775  
Place  Northcastle, Westchester, New York  

SOURCES OF INFORMATION  
(A) Diary of Phineas Wolcott Cook  
(B) Research by Alonzo Laker in New York State  
(C) TIB records  
(D) Census Records GS #58084 pt. 8  
(E) Bapt. Rec. GS #177844, 177845, 177993, 177994  

OTHER MARRIAGES  
(1) Sarah WRIGHT  
(2) Sarah SAWYER  

OTHER NECESSARY EXPLANATIONS  
Proved family for 2nd wife, Anna Vena, can be obtained by writing the Phineas Wolcott Cook Family Organization.
JOSEPH WOLCOTT COOK FAMILY

ANN BRICKNARK, daughter of Helen Cook McCallister, returned from the Milan Mission in Italy January, 1975.


Florence Shroyer, wife of Elden W. Cook of Montpelier, Idaho passed away 24 October, 1974 of a heart attack. (The publications committee regrets that we learned of this death too late to include proper treatment of this item. It will be included in the next newsletter.)

Twin boys were born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thomas March 1, 1974. Mrs. Thomas (Boride) is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Cook of Blackfoot, Idaho.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Bryan J. Evans of Pella Church, Virginia March 8, 1974. Bryan is the son of Zelda Cook Evans and a grandson of Elden W. Cook.


J'Lene Lawrence, daughter of Weston and Lila Stickel Lawrence, married Dennis Cook in the Salt Lake Temple June 1974.

Elizabeth "Libby" Cook Hayward of Provo was chosen as the Mother of the Year from Utah County for 1975.
WEBER FAMILY

MONDELL and BEHN CARON WEPPE, are accompanying the "Young Ambassador's" from the Brigham Young University on a fifty-one day tour of the eastern seaboard. This group is performing from Quebec to Tampa, Florida. One stop was a special program at the Washington L.D.S. Temple. Mondell is driving their bus.

MONDELL's son, MICHAEL, is a practicing dentist in Rock Springs, Wyoming.

ANNALISA, is the new daughter of Karl and Suzanne Erickson Weber, born 11 September, 1974 in Salt Lake City. Karl is another son of Mondell and Beth Weber.

The EUGENE C. and DELCIA TUELLER WEBER family are enjoying their fourteen lovely grandchildren. They spent part of the month in January in Arizona and are now looking forward to the coming marriage on August 3th of their grandson, Gregg Huffaker, who will graduate from the University of California at Santa Barbara in California.

EUGENE continues to work hard at his lumber and hardware business in Milvale although his son, Eldon, has taken over the management. This son, Eldon and his wife, Alice McFarland Weber, have welcomed their fifth child, Justin. He was born 27 June, 1974.

DELCIA says, "Our daughters are happily married. Ranae is the wife of Terry Cressman. She is the daughter of Bryan and Ruby Weber. They have welcomed their first great grandchild. Ranae says, "Our daughters are happily married. Ranae is the wife of Terry Cressman. She is the daughter of Bryan and Ruby Weber. They have welcomed their first great grandchild."

BRYAN and RUBY WALL WEBER family news:

MICHELLE RAE BROWN is the new daughter of Kim and Sheri Lynn Puhl Brown, born 7 May 1975. Sheri Lynn is the daughter of Kay Puhl of Paonia, Washington and the grand daughter of Bryan and Ruby Weber of Magna, Utah. Michelle Rae is their first great grandchild.

JUANETA Puhl and CRAIG CANNON were married 13 December, 1974. Juaneta is the daughter of Kay Puhl and grand-daughter of Bryan and Ruby Weber. They are making their home in Washington.

LUCAS DONALDSON, born 12 September, is the son of LuWana Weber and Paul Donaldson and a grandson of Bryan and Ruby. Paul received his Ph.D. from the School of Mines at Golden, Colorado.

JOSEPH WOLCOTT COOK (Continued)

In 1902, Wook was made superintendent of the Raymond Ward Sunday School. Raymond was about ten miles from his home. In the winter they often had to break roads through the snow. When the river was high, he would ride to the river on a saddle horse, cross the river, swimming the horse behind, saddle up on the other side, and ride on to Raymond. He continued in this position until he was called to preside over the Cokeville Branch. The trip to Cokeville was even worse because they had to be made in the evening. After the meeting he would have to come home in the dark. Of course, he had no lights and several times he ran off the road, but he always escaped having a serious accident.

At first a school was held at the ranch in Border, but in 1904 Wook moved his wife and family to Raymond to be near a school. Eliza was too lonesome there, so the next year they moved to Paris. In 1896 they purchased a lot and built a home in Paris where they spent their winters from then on. In 1907 Wook was called to serve in the Central States Mission. He leased his ranch to his brother Kib and left right after New Year's in 1908. Eliza had five children at this time.

During his absence she took in boarders to help the family budget, but most of the money came from the ranch. He returned Christmas Eve, 1909, after being gone two years.

Soon after his return he began talking about a telephone line to Montpelier. After unsuccessfully trying to get Cokeville to join with the ranchers in the project, he and seven others built a line from G. H. Hall's ranch through Raymond and Pegram to Montpelier. They incorporated under the name of Raymond Telephone Company. It was organized in 1910 and lasted until 1960 when it was taken over by the Bell Telephone Company.

Also after he returned home he invested in cattle until he was running about three hundred head. He acquired a permit to run them on the Caribou National Forest. When the Elk Valley Association was organized, he was elected president and held that position for many years. He was always working to improve living conditions and agriculture in the valley. He never lost his interest in roads and was one of the first to advocate hard surfaced roads in the county. Keeping up his study of road improvements and needs, he helped Pegram get a road.

In 1926 he leased his ranch to his brother Kib, and he retired to his home in Paris where he helped his son-in-law Ezra Stucki with his cattle and ranch.

In Paris, he was called to the High Council of the Bear Lake Stake where he served for many years. He supported his three sons on missions, Eldon and Bryson in Australia and Merrill in the German-Austrian Mission.

Wook continued his active life until February, 1931, when he became ill with pneumonia. He died in Paris, February 25, 1931. His funeral was held in the Bear Lake Stake Tabernacle and he was buried in the Paris Cemetery.

Joseph Wolcott Cook and Eliza Snow Bryson Cook were the parents of Eldon Wolcott, Erma, Alvin Bryson, Samuel Bryson, Zelda, Elisabeth, Merrill Eugene, and Helen.

FAMILY NEWS ITEMS REQUESTED

If your family is not represented in the NEWSLETTER, you have not sent us the details of your activities. We are interested in achievements, appointments, awards, marriages, births, deaths, missions, service and all other items that should be recorded for our posterity.