Documentation for Elizabeth Pond

Elizabeth Pond is the daughter of Samuel Pond Jr. and Abigail Goodrich. She was born about 1721, probably at Branford, New Haven, Connecticut where her siblings were born. She died at Goshen, Litchfield, Connecticut where her will was proved February 3, 1796.

BIRTH

Although there are vital records for her siblings in Branford, CT, there has been nothing found for her. She is claimed to be the last child in the family of Samuel Pond Jr. and Abigail Goodrich in numerous sources, but without a birth record there is no evidence.

HER NAME

The first reference with her name is her marriage record. There she is known as "Elizabeth Pond." (*Families of Ancient New Haven*, by D L. Jacobus, 1923, Family History Library book 974.68 D2j, Vol. 1, page 440. Ref. is *Wallingford Vital Records*. Also in *Cheshire Connecticut Vital Records*, 1694-1840, Family History Library book 974.67 H2b, p. 547)

Her maiden name is given in church records. (Congregational Church Records of Goshen Connecticut, First Church of Christ 1791-1855, Family History Library film 4427: "Elizabeth (Pond) Cook, Widow of Daniel Cook; church member, Sept. 7, 1791, 1:244."

GOSHEN RECORDS

"Widow of Daniel Cook" and "the wife of Amasa Cook" appear on a list of members made in 1791 by Rev. Asael Hooker as members of the First Congregational Church. ("History of Goshen," by Rev. A.G.Hibbard, 1897, p. 102. Online on FamilySearch.org at https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE95814)

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PROBATE

Probate Files Collection, early to 1880, Connecticut State Library (Hartford, Connecticut), Litchfield District, Probate Packets, 1743-1880, Family History Library film 1022333.

Litchfield Probate #1600

A document signed by Elizabeth Pond Cook (her mark X) that she would be the legal guardian to Daniel Cook "a Minor of about 16 years." Signed Jan. 15, 1778, "in the 2nd year of the Independency of the American States."

Litchfield Probate #1628

A document signed by Elizabeth Pond Cook (her mark X)that she would be the legal guardian to Moses Cook, age 11. Signed with her mark Jan 2, 1778.

Litchfield Probate #1604

Elizabeth Cook Probate

Will of Elizabeth Pond Cook, 1796. Will dated Dec. 15, 1795. "Elizabth Cook," Will proved and accepted Feb 3, 1796

Her sons are named:

Amasa
Philip
Daniel
Moses

Daughters are named

Lois Gaylord
Lydia Bartholomew

To each of her two daughters she left one-half of all her moveable estate and to her four sons, she left tracts of land and her rights in property.

Only one Daughter-in-law named although she had three others

Elizabeth Cook, wife of Daniel was named

"I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth Cook my son Daniel Cook's wife, her heirs and assigns my side sadel and my gold beads and silk cloak." (This formerly was thought to be a sachel, (satchel) but is unquestionably a "d" rather than a "ch"). Whereas some have thought this to be a small and uncomplimentary gesture, I believe it to be the opposite. No other daughter-in-law was even mentioned. Considering the value of her husband's estate, in which few articles of clothes were valued of great cost, it seems to me that gold beads, a silk cloak and a side saddle would be a gesture of affection to her daughter-in-law Elizabeth. I believe she loved Elizabeth and made sure there was something of value left to her.

This document Elizabeth (Pond) Cook signed herself. However, she appeared to copy the signature made by the writer because it is a close duplicate in writing style, and she left the "be" out of her own name, so she likely wasn't accustomed to writing it. (She had signed with an X 7 years earlier on probate records.)

MARRIAGE

Married Daniel Cook, son of Joseph and Abigail (Goodrich) Cook. He was born 19 August 1720 at Wallingford, New Haven, Connecticut and died in 1778 at Goshen, Litchfield, Connecticut.

MARRIAGE DOCUMENTATION

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Also in Cheshire Connecticut Vital Records, 1694-1840 (Family History Library book 974.67 H2b, p. 547) "Daniel Cook married Elizabeth Pond Feb. 6, 1745-6." Cheshire was then a few miles outside Wallingford where he was born.