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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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There is a lot of activity in the P.W. Cook Family Organization at this time, and we are enthused. Our initial pages of our web-site are up, and there will be additions to it on a regular basis. The descending pedigree chart is about ready for printing and mailing to those who have ordered copies. Janet Porter's documented history of P.W. Cook (this is a new publication) is ready to mail to those who desire to order a copy.

We are in a transition from all distributions being in hard copy and mailed to members to posting some of them on the web-site for you to download and print, as desired. For those who do not use a computer or E-mail, we will continue to send hard copies of printed material. A committee of dedicated experts is very busy expanding the web-site. Please see the detailed article about the web-site in this newsletter.

The updated descending pedigree chart will be ready for shipping by December 1. The cost is $45 ($36 for those who have paid their annual dues). We will also make the DPC available on a CD for $10 ($8 if dues are paid). We encourage members to order the DPC in hard copy or CD, or both. It will be very helpful and interesting as you trace your family

lines back to P. W. Cook and use it for genealogical purposes. Please see the additional information in this newsletter.

Janet Porter, our Genealogist, has completed a 465 page documented (very readable) history of Phineas Wolcott Cook containing many photographs. The price is $37.50 per copy ($30 for those who have paid their dues.. This publication should be a must order for every family in the organization, a valuable keepsake to hand down from generation to generation. This would be a nice Christmas gift for someone in your family. Please see additional information in this newsletter.

Much effort has gone into making the above mentioned publications and web-site available. We encourage you to support the P. W. Cook Family Organization by ordering these publications. I promise you will receive much value for the money.

Guy. Cook, President

PHINEAS AND IRENE CHURCHILL COOK FAMILY

Cook Family Volunteer Research Project

Before the year 2000 we knew almost nothing about the Phineas and Irene Cook family. As a result of the Volunteer Research Project we now know considerably more about the family.

Their children were born in Goshen, Connecticut where in 1810 the oldest child Betsy died at age two and one-half. The family lost their farm and home and moved to Richland, Michigan when Phineas was about eighteen. In Richland, Phineas married, joined the L.D.S. Church, and emigrated. His parents are buried there in the Prairie Home Cemetery.

The oldest son was Daniel, born 20 Nov. 1808. He married Helen King in 1830 in Goshen where two children were born. In the 1850 census their names were listed as Mary and Maria, 18 and 16 years old. Maria didn't live out the year because on July 28 she was buried. At that time the family lived in Hastings, Barry County, Michigan. Helen was listed as "Elin;" and both she and Daniel were 41 years old.

Subsequent census records show the family made their permanent home in Hastings, a few miles north of Richland, MI. In 1860 Daniel was a Justice of the Peace and in 1870 operated his own saw mill. By then his real estate was valued at $7,000 and personal estate at $1,000. On Nov. 20, 1867 when he was 59 years old, Daniel signed his last will and testament. He lived another eleven years because on March 26, 1877 his probate hearing was held.

Apparently Helen died before Daniel. Death records are hard to find in Pioneer times, but Louisa Jane Burrows was listed in the 1870 census as his adopted daughter, 20 years old, and the only other person in the household. Louisa was also named executrix. She was to receive all his goods if she cared for Daniel to the end of his life.

Eliza was born 7 Jul 1811. She and her husband Salmon Hall joined the church before Phineas and Ann Eliza. She emigrated without Salmon and died 19 Dec. 1889 in Garden City, Rich, Utah. Their interesting story will be the subject of an article another time.

Darius Burgess, b. about 1814, was the forth child of Phineas and Irene. As a teen he worked for the Litchfield Inquirer, cultivating a lifetime interest in the printing and newspaper business. In 1837 he spent a year in Washington D.C. working for the National Intelligencer, sharpening his skills by writing and spending time in the Senate gallery listening to the great statesmen of his day. After making two trips to Michigan, he brought home a wife and took a job in Kalamazoo at a printing office. In 1842 he bought the Niles Republican Newspaper and hauled a hand-press from Kalamazoo to Niles on an ox cart. There he made his home where he and his wife Jane Wadhams had three and possibly four children, three sons and a daughter. Three of the children are named in the census; a fourth was named in his obituary.

Jane died at age 71 in 1889 in Niles. Darius lived another twelve years and died May 24, 1901. He was one of the most respected citizens of the town.

Mary Ann, born 15 July 1816, was 22 years old when she moved with the family to Michigan. For three years she wondered if there might be a single man in frontier Michigan who would notice her. Then her brother Phineas Wolcott went to work for Phillip Leonard in Yankee Springs, just north of Richland in Barry County. Phineas put a roof on Phillip's house and told him about his sister Mary Ann back in Richland.

Promising to introduce Phillip to his sister, Phineas went home to find Phillip had introduced himself. In three weeks, on August 25, 1841, Mary Ann was married.

In the 1850 census Phillip and Mary Ann had three children: Melina age 5, George age 3 and Harriet age 1. They still lived in Yankee Springs and Phillip was a prosperous inn keeper. Mary Ann's comfortable future seemed assured. However, she apparently became ill shortly afterward and had to go home to be cared for by her mother. She died in Richland and was buried there beside her father in the Prairie Home Cemetery on May 3, 1854, leaving three small children.

Phineas Wolcott, born 28 Aug. 1819, was the sixth child and youngest son in the family.

Harriet, born 11 May 1823, was the youngest child. We know only that she married Gaius Fuller and died in 1906. **Further research needs to be done on this family.**

NEW PUBLICATIONS
DESCENDING PEDIGREE CHART BOOK

We apologize for the delay in delivering the Descending Pedigree Chart Books to those who have ordered them. We found some incompatibility transferring files between the PAF Companion program and other programs we desired to use for layout of the book. In checking with the PAF programmer, we were told that what we were trying to do could not be done. Fortunately, we have some family members that don't like to be told that it can't be done. Shane Peterson and Brent Hale got their heads together and have accomplished the impossible and we will be ready to print by December 1.

About the Book

We will have the book available in a printed copy or on a CD. It will contain the following:

- Descending Pedigree Chart containing 13,745 names from the Howland, McCleve and Poulson Families
- 3,845 marriages
- Fully indexed alphabetical cross reference

- Brief Histories of Phineas and his four wives
- Approx. 200 pictures of individuals from the 1st three generations
- 6-Generation Ascending Pedigree Charts
- Approx. 165 sheets (approx. 435 pages printed double page, double sided)
- Divided into five sections for Phineas and his four wives.
- Plastic Covers - Plastic Spiral Binding to allow pages to lay flat for copying or for easy use.
- Descending Pedigree Chart Book - Price $46.00 postage paid
- Special - 20% discount for dues paying member = $36.00 Postage paid
- Descending Pedigree Chart Book - Available on CD for $10.00 postage paid
- Special - 20% discount for dues paying member = $8.00 Postage paid

NEW PUBLICATION

TRIUMPH OF TESTIMONY

The Life of Phineas Wolcott Cook

If you have read "The Life and History of Phineas Wolcott Cook," sometimes known as the "Diary of PWC," you realize most of it was written as a memoir after he arrived in Utah. Perhaps one winter when he had a little extra time he realized his common life was caught up in an uncommon destiny which should one day be recorded for posterity. Fortunately the early part of his life was written in great detail, giving us a wonderful account of his childhood, youth and early married life, his family and genealogy, and the only known record of his grandmother Elizabeth Porter's life.

As is true of many personal episodes, chronology is often incorrect. Incidents are cited which need historical context to be fully understood. Individuals and events are named, but without historical and biographical background, there is little understanding of the true significance of what really happened. For example, many of us know Phineas and Ann Eliza lost two children in Winter Quarters. Few of us understand the circumstances which added to the trauma of those events or the effect of those deaths on the commitment of the parents

to the cause in which they were engaged. Without such knowledge, the loss of those children remain isolated incidents without significance.

For these and many more reasons, I spent ten years researching the history and geography of the three states in which Phineas lived from birth to his departure from Winter Quarters. I studied the lives of those with whom he lived and worked and the great and small achievements in which they were engaged. I traced the early struggles of the Church as they entwined themselves into the lives of the Cook family. The book is carefully documented with extensive footnotes at the end of each chapter so the reader will know where each idea originated. In the book there are about 30 photographs of the towns in which they lived, their homes, and the family members.

As I wrote, I often felt impressed to include incidents and feelings to which Phineas may have only hinted in the memoir. The title "Triumph of Testimony" was a result of such inspiration. As I wrote of the supreme effort to overcome opposition in Winter Quarters, I was impressed with the thought that their spiritual survival was indeed a "triumph of testimony." There was no other possible title after that. I concluded that if Phineas wanted this book written, he would have given it such a title himself.

In the end, testimony and integrity carried the early pioneers through life's struggles. The same testimony and integrity are necessary for us. For that reason alone, this story should be told.

About the Book

A Documented History of Phineas Wolcott Cook by Janet Porter

- 465 pages with a hard bound cover 6" X 9"
- Fully documented after each chapter
- Easy reading
- About 20 pictures
- Price - $37.50 - Postage Paid.
- Special - 20% discount for dues paying member = $30.00 Postage paid.

COOK FAMILY WEBSITE ARRIVES

By Daniel T. Ditto

The Cook Family Organization has a new website!! Thanks to the hard work of many family members, we have begun work on a family website. Come visit us at: the new site: http://www.cookfamily.org. We are confident that the website will enable us to accomplish many aspects of our mission. It will enable us to (1) better communicate with family members, (2) improve access to family research, (3) enable family members to pay dues over the internet, (4) order family materials, (5) look at family pedigree and group sheets, (6) set up their own e-mail addresses, (7) give all family members access to family histories, pictures, etc., (8) act as a bulletin board for family information, and a number of other possibilities. Pictured above is a page similar to the first page of the website. As the website is developed, you will be able to go to your family genealogy, by selecting and "clicking" on the picture of the wife that you are descended from. Other features of the website will include a list of family officers, information about the family organization, an electronic newsletter, significant research information including projects that are currently being worked on, unresolved research issues and resources, family histories and pictures, and information about joining the family organization. This effort is proceeding with the approval of the Board and the family officers. If anyone is interested in helping with the website - or if you have experience with websites, please email Daniel Ditto at: DanDitto@cookfamily.org. In addition, if you want to visit the website and leave your suggestions and/or recommendations you can do so by visiting the "guest book" and adding your comments. You may also sign up to be notified any time there is a major enhancement to the website. Do it today and stay abreast of what is happening with the family organization! We have put together a "web team" of talented individuals who are making substantial commitments of time and resources to make this effort successful. We especially want to thank Randy Cook who has donated a server to host the website, and Robert Thomas who has donated a great deal of time to develop the site, as well as Robert Brueckner who has helped to move this process along. We commend Guy Cook, LaMar Day and the other family officers for their foresight and vision.

EFFA GENETT COOK LONGHURST

A Short Biography - Roka Tingey Raymond

Effa Genett Cook was born 15 October, 1885 at Garden City, Rich, Utah, in a little four room house on the East side of the highway from Grandma Cook's home (Ann Eliza Cook - at Swan Creek). She was the second child and first girl born to Henry Howland and Genett Calder Cook.

In 1892 her family moved to Woodruff, Rich, Utah when Effa was six and half years old. They moved with teams and wagons. She said she would never forget the move because she loved Garden City and didn't want to leave.. Her father had gone into the store business with Uncle Dave Cook and was to take over the old red store.

When she was seven years old she started school in the old adobe school house. Later the new school house was built and she went there until she finished the eighth grade. That was as far as they could go.

Effa was always homesick to go back to her home town. The first visit was one she would never forget. In August her Mother Genett took the three girls and went to Garden City to visit her relatives. While there Rowena, Lillie and Effa came down with diphtheria. Effa had it very bad and the membrane in her nose dropped down hanging out of her nostrils. The Doctor said she could not live. Genett sent word to her husband, Henry who was in Woodruff, that Effa was very ill He immediately went to Garden City to help care for her. Her Mother was so very tired that Henry finally coaxed her to lay down. Effa motioned for a drink of milk. They had been using carbolic acid which goes white in water and looks like milk. Henry, thinking he was picking up milk gave her a swallow of the carbolic acid.

Immediately she started coughing and strangling. Henry made ash poultices and put on her and also gave her a blessing. During the blessing her, her Mother saw the membranes loosen and move back up in her nose. Her Mother said that the blessing was what saved her life. She began to get better immediately and was healed. Effa was only seven years old at the time, but she remembered it all of her life and often bore testimony to the power of administration many times in her life. Her brother Willie also caught the diphtheria from a Fisher boy. Willie was just about over it when he got membranes croup and passed away at twelve years old. Then their mother Genett got diphtheria. After

she got better they had to burn everything they had, even the family bible. They moved in a little lean-too on the South side of the Red Store.

Her parents had a lot of difficulties so Effa, being the oldest now, had to go to work in the store. She was very small so her Father made her a stool she stood on as she waited on the people and wrote the bills as every one was trusted and given credit. At this time they moved into the Peter Cornia home next to the school house. Then her father bought the home of John Smith who moved to Randolph. It was just east across the street from the old red store. This was their home for the rest of their lives.

Her Mother was a very good homemaker and cook and taught these skills ot Effa. She also learned to wash clothes on the board, boiling them until they become white and then ironing them beautifully.

Her father's health was not very good. The Doctor suggested he go down south for a while. He went to Mexico and stayed with his sister Phoebe Allred. This left Effa and her mother to care for the business. Effa would go to the store each morning, make fires, sweep floors and dust before she could go to school. She had a bicycle which she enjoyed riding from her home to the store and school. One day there were three strangers hanging around town, coming into the store off and on all day looking at boots. That night someone broke into the store and took money and supplies. It was a clear cold night and someone heard the horses traveling through town. When the break in was discovered the news traveled fast. The sheriff formed a posse and started following their trail until they caught them in Cumberland, Wyoming. They brought them back to Woodruff to be identified. Effa being real observing of people, their shoes and clothing identified them by their boot size and the kind they wore. They were the men who had been in the store earlier.

Effa loved to dance and would go to dances even after working hard all day in the store. She came from a family that loved music and each one played the piano or violin. Effa played the piano and organ. She also had a beautiful alto voice and sang in the choir most of her life. She still loved to go to Garden City and swim in Bear Lake with her cousins in the summer and ice skate in the winter when the lake was frozen. At night they would go to dances.

When their grandmother, Flora Ann Simmons Calder, died, she and her cousin Edith Pope helped do the dishes. They wanted a keep-sake of

their grandmother's so they each took a small plate out of the house and hid them in the raspberry bushes until they went home. She always cherished and protected that dish.

Effa had five brothers, William, Lorin, Thomas, Irwin and Veraun and four sisters Ann Aurelia (Lilly), Rowena, Phoebe Irene, Amanda Laveda. The Cook family were well thought of and Henry was known to have the gift of healing power and was often called upon for blessing the sick and to help others in need.

Effa was married to Albert Longhurst Wednesday, 14 November, 1906 in the Logan Temple by Thomas Morgan. They had planned to stay a few days in Logan but heavy snow clouds came up so they started home on November 15. They were coming up the canyon when they discovered Effa had lost her hat and fur neck piece which had been hanging in a sack in the top of the buggy. Albert unhitched the horses, got on old Deck, and went back. He looked every where but could not find them. It was snowing so hard before they got on top of the mountain that the snow was pushing in front of the axle. By this time it was already dark, cold, and still snowing. They could not see anything, so they just let the horses take them to the Cook ranch. They were so thankful when they saw the lights at Uncle Daves. They stayed there until Sunday and arrived in Woodruff Sunday evening.

After Mutual they were surprised by friends with a "shivaree" party and on November 21 they were given a dinner at the old red store by Effa's Father and Mother. That evening they gave them a dance with music by the Walton boys. Everyone was invited and they received many gifts including two beautiful gold tea sets. Her mother made pies for the dessert for over a hundred people who came to wish them well.

Albert was offered a job on the Ballis Ranch above Evanston, Wyoming. Effa was to do the cooking and was paid 30 cents a meal. This sounded pretty good so they accepted the offer. They bought a White House cook book and Effa learned to be a real good cook. The railroad ran through the property and the bums riding the trains would get off and come to the house wanting something to eat. She would fix them food but made them chop wood before she would give it to them.

In October 1908, Effa's father bought a fish farm in Murray, Utah. They went to work for him. She said the house was so dirty it took her three months to get to the floor. Albert was getting rheumatism in his legs so

bad by being in the water so much that they moved back to Woodruff In February 1912.

They leased a place north of town and also bought a meadow from Uncle Charles Dean. Albert also worked with his father helping on his place. In 1914 they bought a piece of land just south of his father's home and built a four room log home with lath and plaster. She was so happy to have a home of her own. By this time they were expecting their fourth child. In 1917 Albert's father formed a company with his boys. They bought the Neville place which was a larger home and closer to town. Effa hated to leave her new little home, but after many tears and disappointments she gave in and they moved to the larger home.

Effa was always interested in keeping records of her family. She did a lot of genealogy and family histories. She was secretary for family reunions, had many secretary callings in the church, played the music and taught classes.

By this time they had five children, the last being born in 1918. They thought they were done with their family but on June 17, 1925 a lovely baby boy was born. Effa got uremia poisoning and became very ill. The Doctor didn't think she could live, but through her faith and administration she was permitted to live. Then she got phlebitis in her legs. She couldn't get around on crutches very well so she would put the bad leg on a little armless rocking chair and would pull it around with her. She wore the rocker completely out.

They named their new baby boy Earl Henry. He had such a special spirit and every time they would look at him he would smile. Then he became ill with kidney trouble. He didn't get any better and developed a high temperature of 107 at one time so the doctor called it spinal meningitis. When they held him the back of his head would burn their arms. At 4:00 a.m. 28 January 1926 he passed away. This was very hard on Effa with her being so ill and at the same time she had received word that her sister Phoebe had passed away the day before.

In the spring of 1926 Albert filed on the homestead up in Home Canyon 47 miles from Woodruff. In 1927 they loaded tents, bedding and supplies in a wagon and Albert and the children lived there in the summer time. Later they built a cabin, where Phoebe's children spent many summers with them at the homestead. Albert bought sheep and would go in the sheep camp and herd them though the summer. By this time they had

been blessed with two more girls, eight children in all. They were Leland, Edna, Clyde (Joe), Dora, Betsy, Earl (deceased), Edith, Nilda Mae.

Between 1929 and 1940 there was a terrible depression and drought. The water wells all dried up and they had to haul water from town in ten gallon cans. Effa could always get a good deal with peddlers so they could have fruit for the winter. She always had sugar and flour and never went hungry. In 1940 they had to sell the sheep. They never raised a crop of hay while they had sheep. In 1943 they sold the homestead and forest rights to William Cox and Fred Stacey.

Effa's father passed away in 1933 and her mother was not very well. Effa's mother lived in her home a lot of the time so Effa could care for her until she passed away in 1945.

In 1942 they moved to Provo, Utah where Albert worked at Geneva Steel Plant until the spring when they moved back to Woodruff.

Effa had poor health. She suffered from bad head aches, would even pass out from them. She had high blood pressure and bad legs, gall stones, infection in her body that caused sores to break out on her legs and back. The Doctor could not heal them until they removed her tonsils in later years.

Effa was always so good to every one. On Saturdays she would bake cakes, pies, cinnamon rolls and the most luscious bread and send the children around to the elderly and the sick with the food she had baked.. She loved to cook and had jam and cream to add to these things if you wanted it. The family would always have their friends come and every one would gather around the piano and play the roller piano and sing and sing. You could never go to her house and leave until you had something good to eat.

Effa had a stroke in September 1962 which affected her right side and her speech. She was never well after that and would have little strokes all the time. In January Albert took her to Provo to the hospital where the Doctor said she had a blood clot on the brain. She had diabetes and kept on having small strokes. She developed dropsy and her legs got so big they looked like they would burst. Then she got pneumonia and her lungs filled and she really suffered the last ten days of her life. She passed away 14 March 1963 at 77 years of age. Effa and Albert had been

married 56 years. She was buried in the Wodruff City cemetery March 16, 1963.