

Phineas Wolcott Cook

Family Organization

Cook Family Newsletter ~ Aug 2023

The Cook Family is Celebrating Phineas' Birthday!





In honor of Phineas Wolcott Cook's birth on Aug 28, 1819, the Family Organization is sponsoring a TAKE-A-COOK-TO-THE-TEMPLE month during the ENTIRE month of August! You and your family are invited to participate!

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- *Plan to attend the temple sometime in August!*
- *Go for your own ordinances.*
- *Go in proxy for another.*
- *Do baptisms, endowments, sealings ~ anything!*
- *Visit the temple grounds or visitors center.*

HELP A COOK ANCESTOR:

- *Join the "Cook Family Org" Temple Group on FamilySearch to find more Cook family members who need ordinances done for them. (See info on Family Groups below.)*

- *Contact Wendy Bentley, Family Organization Board Member if you would like more Cook names, or to help with our looooooong list of Cook names that need a teeny bit of easy FamilySearch documenting to secure them a place in our Cook Family Group of names to be taken to the temple: 801-505-1469, wendywbentley@gmail.com*

SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCES:

- *Share pictures of your temple visits on our social media pages: (1) Facebook[1] and Phineas Wolcott Cook (@cookfamilyorg) • Instagram photos and videos[2]*

- *On FamilySearch you can read about the person whose name you have: On their "Person" page, you can click on the "About" tab to get a "Brief Life History" of your person (see below)*

- *On Facebook or Instagram, feel free to comment on the ordinances you did and anything you learned about the Cook ancestors who benefited from your service.*

[1] https://www.facebook.com/cookfamilyorg
[2] https://www.instagram.com/cookfamilyorg/

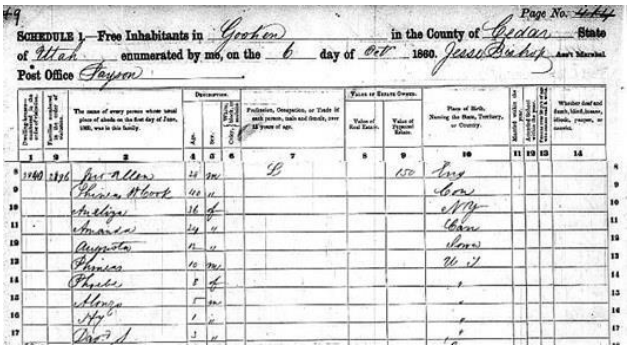
The Goshen Chronicles: Coming to an End



We have enjoyed 18 chronicles detailing Phineas and his families' lives in Goshen, UT over the past many years thanks to our dedicated researcher and family genealogist Janet Porter. Chronicle 18 (see below) is the last one about Goshen. But if you missed some earlier episodes, don't fret! The Phineas Wolcott Cook Family Organization is publishing a short volume all about the Goshen years. Look for this new publication in the coming months.



Goshen, Utah Chronicle #18: A Move to Lone Tree Ranch



SCHEDULE 1.—Free Inhabitants in Goshen in the County of Cedar State of Utah enumerated by me, on the 6 day of Oct 1860. Jesse Bishop Asst Marshal. Post Office Payson

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1 - The Cook family in the household of Jonathan Allen, 1860 Goshen Census

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Six weeks after calling his four counselors and having the Goshen Ward sustain them, Phineas W. Cook was released as Bishop of Goshen. On February 15, 1860, William Price of Salt Lake City was called as the new bishop. The Cook family continued living there while Phineas made plans for the future. After living in what came to be known as Sandtown for a year, Goshen was relocated to a less sandy and windy location in 1860. Son Alonzo wrote that his family moved to Lower Goshen and experienced the "alkali flats of Goshen."

As they sought to avoid the wind and sand of Sandtown in 1859, the Goshen settlers somehow neglected to notice what the pioneers called "saleratus," or alkali soil at the new townsite. There was a reason there were no trees but only sagebrush growing at this location. The soil was Lake Bonneville clay, hard and firm when dry, but plastic and sticky when it rained. It became obvious

gardens would never grow here. It took the town of Goshen nine years to muster the courage to move again and rebuild.

After Phineas was released as Bishop in 1860, the Goshen Journal ends. But he copied his letters and financial accounts to the end of his life, and his children told the rest of his story in their journals. Ward membership records show the Cooks were still part of the Goshen Ward for the next three years. However, Phineas began to devise a way to make a living caring for the domestic animals of others and began to look for property where his venture wouldn't interfere with the herds in town.

The Cook family was in the town of Lower Goshen for the 1860 Census. Phineas age 40, Ann Eliza age 36, and Amanda age 24, are living in the same household. Ann Eliza's five children are there, ages 12 to 1; and Amanda's son David Savage Cook is age 3. Because they were living in the household of a single man, Jonathan Allen from England, they were probably already working toward a new place to live and didn't build their own house.

By 1861 Phineas was advertising in the Deseret News for his new business: stock management. For the next three years he and his children managed sheep, cattle and oxen for nearby farmers. We know they had moved to Lone Tree Ranch next to the mountains on the desert west of Utah Lake by April of 1861 because he recorded Martha's birth and death at Lone Tree Ranch 24 April 1861. It is likely he spent 1860 building house, barns and fence enclosures for the animals he was being hired to manage and the family moved there the summer or fall of 1860. Because their names continue to appear on ward records and tax records for Goshen, they continued to be a part of Goshen Ward.

From November 1860 to May 1863 Phineas kept careful accounts, noting physical details and brand or marking of the animals he cared for. In the 1861 property valuation schedule for Goshen, Phineas W. Cook is listed with land worth $120, and house valued at $60. The value of his cattle is $205 and his hogs $80. His wheat valuation was $450, showing he was successful at farming in Goshen, and he is the only one in town listed with a stove, valued at $40. The total value of all his property was $1,153. After years of famine and hardship, their move to Goshen Valley had been in his family's best interest.

Phineas' son Carl later explained what he knew about the Lone Tree Ranch: "Here he built a stockade composed of sheds, corrals, etc., of heavy cedar posts set together, a sort of shelter against Indians as well as from wind or storm. He had a considerable lot of hay in stacks, which he had cut on the nearby natural meadows, and enough livestock to feed it to."



FamilySearch Family Groups

FamilySearch provides Family Groups for two main purposes:

- *to facilitate communications on genealogical research for groups with a particular focus.*
- *to facilitates sharing of LDS temple ordinance work within the group.*

In a group, any member can contribute names to the group or perform ordinances for any name in the group temple list. To join the Cook family group, click on the "Temple" tab, then "Family Groups," and search for "Cook Family Org"

Both adults and youth can contribute names and take names from the Family Group.

If you want to know more about these groups, contact Brent Hale at 972-922-8111, brentwhale@gmail.com[3]

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FamilySearch Family Ordinance (FOR) Cards

FamilySearch recently stopped printing the user's name and address on the Family Name Cards for temple work. Instead, the card now includes the user's Profile Name. Your Profile Name is found in FamilySearch under "Settings," then "Profile," then "Name."

The profile name can be updated to be more practical and useful, if desired. If you have questions on how to make this change or would like help updating to a more readable profile name, give me (Brent Hale) a call or send a text to 972-922-8111.



Our next Cook Family gathering will be held on:

Thursday, Sept 28, 2023 ~ 7pm

1298 N. 400 W. Centerville, UT

Light Refreshments will be served.

"Miracles in the Cook Family"

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Publications of the Phineas Wolcott Cook Family Organization



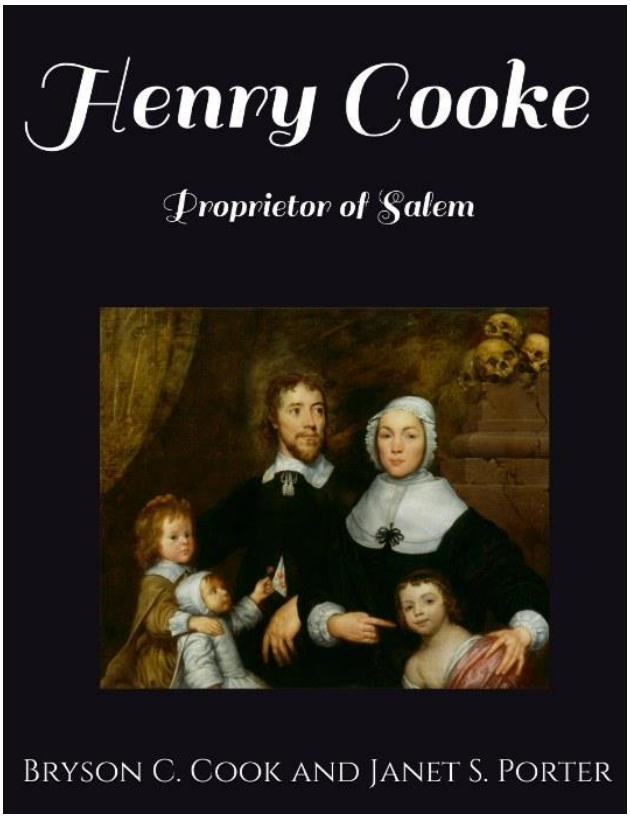
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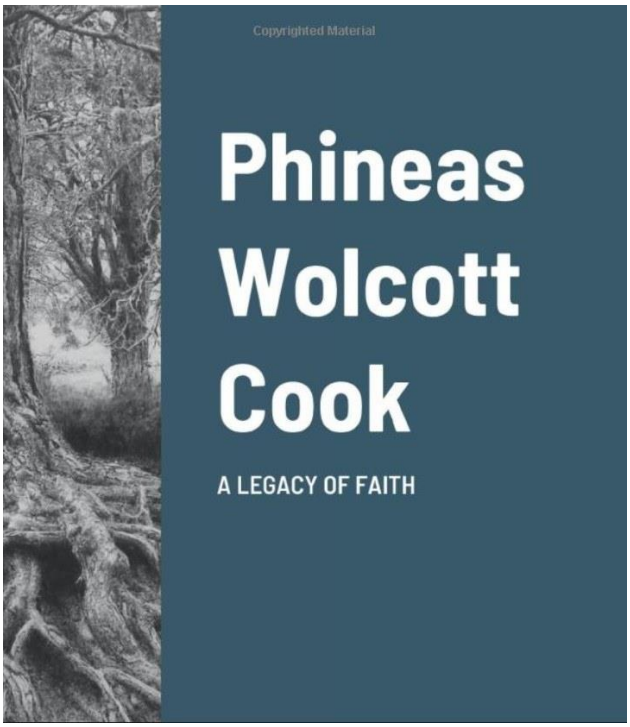
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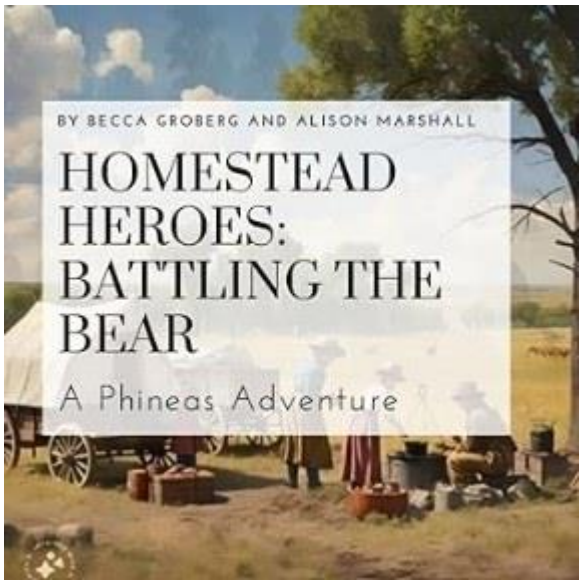
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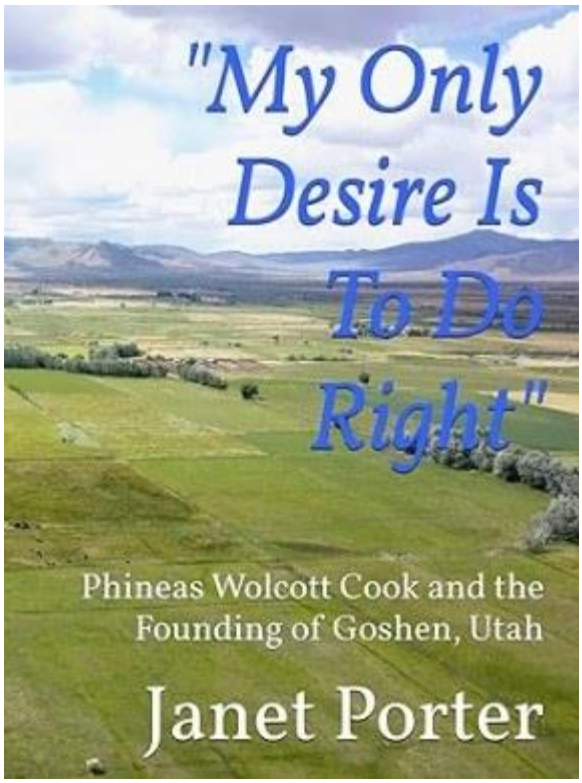
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