# Cook Family Newsletter

President's Report, July 2025:

So many exciting things are going on in the Cook Family Organization! Our DNA project has yielded some fantastic new results – see our article about that!

We published a volume of Ann Eliza's Journals from 1894-1896, the end of her life. This touching volume touches on the entire cast of Phineas' family members in a few short pages.

Research continues on our family members Henry Cooke who came to the Colonies from England, Daniel Cook Jr. who fought in the American Revolution, and his father Daniel Cook Sr.

Our Cook family temple work has never been busier. We have opened a second Cook Family Group in FamilySearch since only 100 participants are allowed in each group.

Check these groups for Cook names to take to the temple! Join the group here: https://www.familysearch.org/groups/family?groupId=9MMQ-DBG&inviteId=MMM4-HL5

Our next gathering will be VIRTUAL! Gather your family around you in your comfortable family room for an evening of Cook Family History on Sunday evening, Aug. 17 at 5pm (mountain time). See our YouTube channel for the link. Cook YouTube Channel[1] We will hear from Bryson Cook who visited Goshen, Connecticut and has researched the exact locations our ancestors lived in there. He has new documentation about Daniel Cook Jr.'s service in the Revolutionary War and Daniel Cook Sr.'s live as well.

Those who put together the Journal of Ann Eliza will talk to us about getting to know Ann Eliza who lived in Garden City at this time of her life.

And we will have a VIRTUAL service opportunity available to all to help add Cook names to the FamilySearch Family Tree. Get your laptops and smart phones ready for a

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fun way to engage family members of all ages in family history!

Don't forget: WE NEED YOU! We're looking for volunteers in these areas:

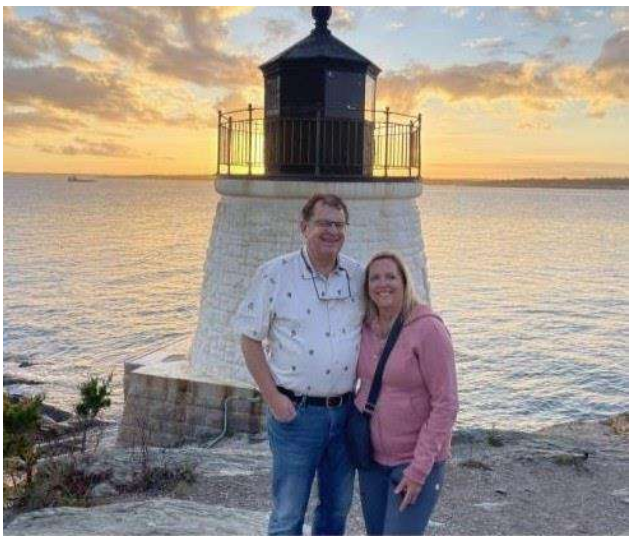
- Genealogist
- Family Tree Supervisor
- Research helpers
- Add Cook names to our temple Family Group
- Help plan future gatherings
- Attend book clubs via zoom

Please contact us if you're interested in helping out! Any little bit of time you can give is needed! Email us at cookfamilynewsletter@gmail.com[2]

Watch our Facebook and Instagram sites for notification! Find us @cookfamilyorg on both platforms. "Like" and "Follow" us to stay informed!

Marcia Marshall

PWC Board President



*1 - Catharine Rasband has served as board Secretary for decades. She says, "I joined the organization in about 2000. I met Paul Porter (previously in charge of the finances in the organization) who was in my new ward. He and his wife, Dixie, came over for a visit and we got talking about family history. I mentioned that my 2nd great grandfather had founded Goshen, Utah. His*

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*response, 'Are you a Cook?' When Sharon Marcyes left on her mission, the organization needed a new secretary, and he asked me if I could do it.I have a wonderful husband, 8 children (all married) and 25 grandchildren. I love the water; quilting, reading, and being with my family. I teach Institute for the Pathways program of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day-Saints and am the Gospel Doctrine instructor in my ward.*



*2 - Marcia Marshall has been serving as board president for 2 years. She lives in Troy, Michigan where she is a professional ASL interpreter and has taught early-morning seminary in her ward for 12 years. She has 8 children who also get roped into Cook Family projects! Her main goals in the organization are to disseminate all the research and work that has been, and continues to be done, on the Cook family in easy and fun ways, arranging publication of books and papers that have been written by board members, creating videos about Cook ancestors, and helping Becca and Alison create children's books to get our youngest descendants interested in the Cook family.*



*3 - Glen McMillan serves as the Cook Family Org. Treasurer and is also in charge of our book sales. He keeps our books — both financial and literal books! — in tip top shape! Glen lives in Layton, Utah and has 5 children and 25 grandchildren. He has been involved with the Cook board since 1985.*



*4 - Becca Groberg lives in Centerville, Utah and serves as our Publication Chair. She is the granddaughter of Grant Gill and Phyllis Cook Smith and daughter of Geoff and Peggy Smith. Through them she gained a wonderful family tree full of amazing people and stories. She was lucky enough to study Family History and Genealogy at BYU and work for FamilySearch. She said, "Learning about the past has been such and rich way to find joy in the present and prepare for the future. I am excited about passing these stories on to my 4 kids so they know the shoulders of whom they stand."*

*During her time with the Cook Family Organization, Becca has contributed to the publishing projects. She is particularly interested in developing children's books that preserve and share family stories, and has produced Homestead Heroes: Battling the Bear, with more titles in progress. She also helped with the publication of Ann Eliza Howland Cook's Journal. "That was especially touching as it was a privilege to read her words and help share her voice with others."*

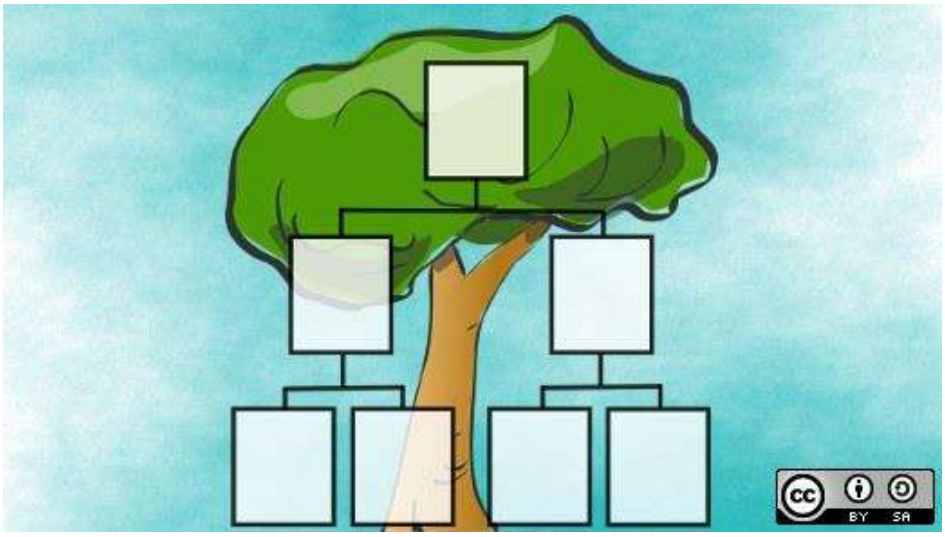


*5 - Wendy Whiting Bentley serves as the Organization's Temple Word co-chair. She was born in Minneapolis and has also lived in Uruguay, Argentina, Mexico and is now in Salt Lake City. She is a great-granddaughter of Phineas through his 4th wife, Johanna. She graduated from BYU and is the mother of 8 children. She served missions for 11 years with her husband in South American. She loves family history work and she and family Genealogist Janet Porter used to meet weekly at the Family History Library in Salt Lake to do Cook research. She is interested in doing research on the original Cook who came to American — Henry Cook — and his wife Judith Birdsall's life trying to continue their lines back into England. She also works with Brent Hale on getting Cook family names into the temple group for family members to take to the temple. She would love some help with this fun work!* **Message us if you'd like to help with name preparation.** *She and Brent have a huge Cook list to work on!*



*6 - Janet Porter is currently the Cook Family Genealogist. She says, "I grew up in Woodruff, Utah and Salt Lake City, always with an interest in ancestors, but little opportunity. After college, marriage and ten children, family relocations to New York, Colorado, and Louisiana, we moved back to New York where we lived just a few miles across the Hudson River from Goshen, Connecticut. Unfortunately, I didn't know anything about Phineas W. Cook, so I missed the significance of his place of birth. We later moved to Utah, but having five teenagers crowded out any hope of family history.*

## Private Trees Allowed on Family Search



For years, individuals and organizations have uploaded trees they have personally compiled to a space on FamilySearch called Genealogies. These trees are searchable, but they cannot be edited—not even by the person or organization that shared them.

Now FamilySearch has announced a new initiative they are tentatively calling "CET Trees" (though they are expecting to re-name that and are open to suggestions!). These collaborative trees will be each be "owned" by just one person or organization who can upload, build, and

modify these trees. The Cook Family Organization is planning to create our own CET (or whatever it's called!) tree to house our genealogy data gathered by our Family Genealogists who have meticulously documented our genealogy. This tree will be available for all to see and research. These new CET trees will not replace the FamilySearch Family Tree which is open for all to add to and modify.

According to FamilySearch, these CET trees are expected to include the following key elements:

- All users can see deceased persons, but only the owner and invited researchers can edit the tree data.
- Tree owners can invite other trusted individuals to join and help build their tree, manage tree access, and continue research should the owner pass on.
- Record hints are displayed on ancestors from the billions of historical documents on FamilySearch.
- The user interface will match the Family Tree interface.
- Trees can be created directly from, and sync to, leading 3rd party genealogy products or by uploading a GEDCOM file.

We will let you know once these CET trees are up and running on FamilySearch and when our Cook Family Tree is available. We are looking for interested family members who would want to be on our admin committee to oversee this new tree. If you are interested, please email us at cookfamilynewsletter@gmail.com[3].

## Cook Family Books[4]

Henry Cooke: https://www.amazon.com/Henry-Cooke-Proprietor-Bryson-Cook/dp/B0BVD2SF7Z/ref=sr_1_1

Legacy of Faith: https://www.amazon.com/Phineas-Wolcott-Cook-Legacy-Faith/dp/B09YT2HFYX/ref=pd_bxgy_thbs_d_sccl_1/145-6090062-0450019

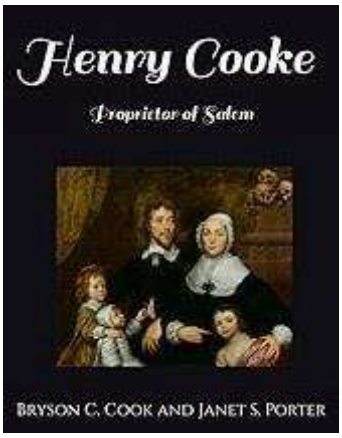
Goshen Book: https://www.amazon.com/My-Only-Desire-Do-Right/dp/B0D4M9SSQ1/ref=sr_1_1

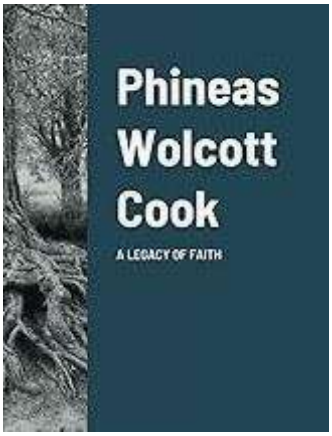
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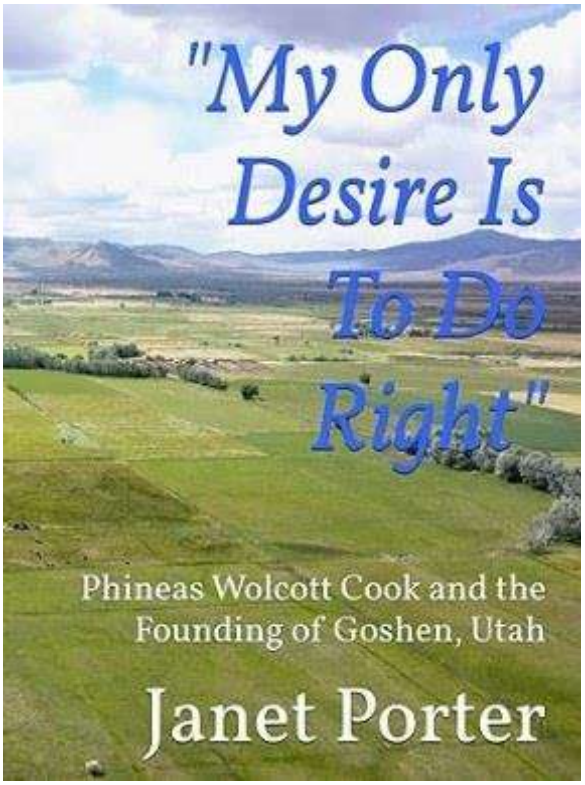
[4] https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0DW4JGBR8/ref=sr_1_1?crid=2N8EEMM9F8ZVO&dib=eyJ2IjoiMSJ9.bMiSDq8GWgbXRonRxFicJyNVpbvWRNiOEtO6HvMImudxH6bWcFBXI7DLMpAPXMgUvBAzX7KfVGYLd_qepVHvrg.UMUhefiJlghUdPWqC6x8LDqcw7qT7mV3B9naGiysadM&dib_tag=se&keywords=phineas+wolcott+cook&qid=1738803701&sprefix=phineas+wolcott+cook%2Caps%2C216&sr=8-1

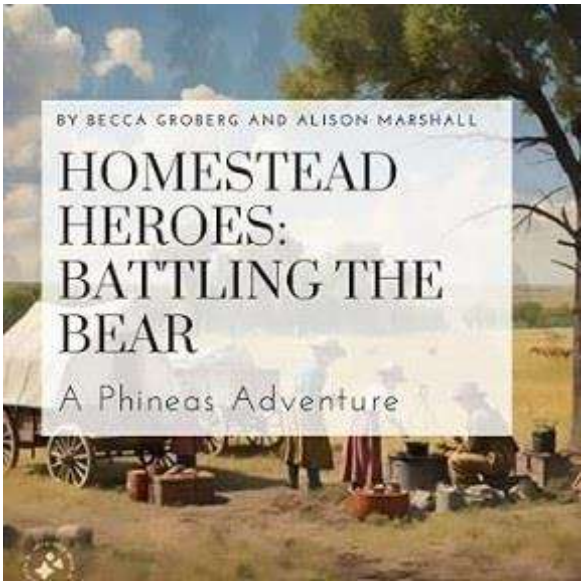
Battling the Bear (children's book): https://www.amazon.com/Homestead-Heroes-Battling-Phineas-Adventure/dp/B0D9QMD3TB/ref=sr_1_1

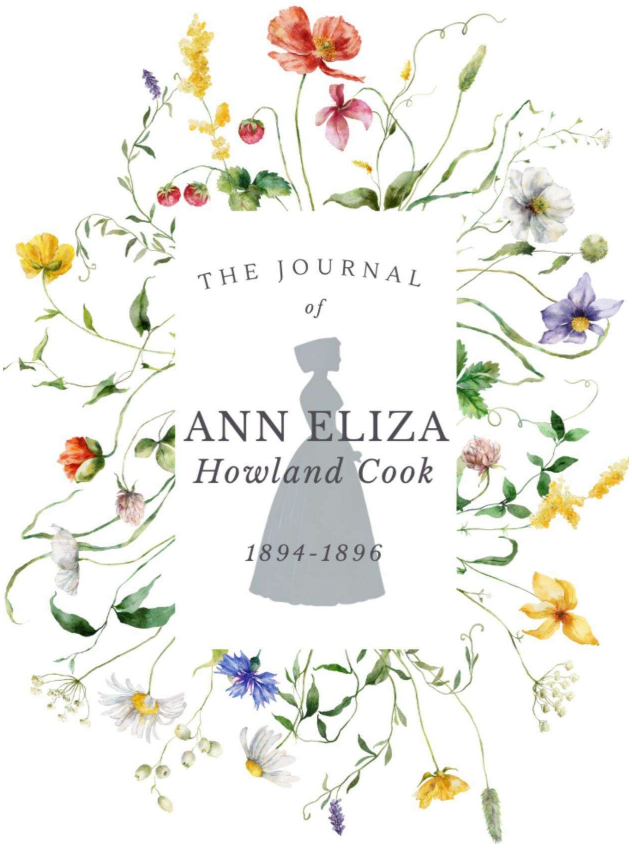
Ann Eliza: https://www.amazon.com/Journal-Ann-Eliza-1894-1896/dp/B0DQ14R26Z/ref=sr_1_1




"My Only Desire Is To Do Right"
Phineas Wolcott Cook and the Founding of Goshen, Utah
Janet Porter


BY BECCA GROBERG AND ALISON MARSHALL
HOMESTEAD HEROES: BATTLING THE BEAR
A Phineas Adventure




## Cook Y-DNA Research Project – Major Update

One of the primary objectives of the ***Henry Cook (d. 1661) Y-DNA Research Project*** has been to uncover credible evidence of his parentage. He is our Cook(e) ancestor who came to the Colonies from England, but we don't know where he came from or who his parents were. Dave Cook has headed up the coordination of this project. We are excited to share a recent breakthrough that brings us significantly closer to our goal.

A few weeks ago, Sherri Stolfi (administrator of Adam Cook's DNA profile) and Dave received groundbreaking data regarding the migration path of our Cook lineage. This information was provided by **Geoff Grant**, a prominent researcher in the **R-U106 Haplogroup Project** at FamilyTreeDNA. This group is dedicated to refining the broad European haplogroup **R-M269** using the advanced **Big Y-700** test, which enables the identification of highly specific subclades.

*Dave Cook has headed up the coordination of this project.*

Through this analysis, our (Dave and Adam's) haplogroup has been identified as **R-FTA79899**—a key development in tracing our deeper European ancestry with greater precision.

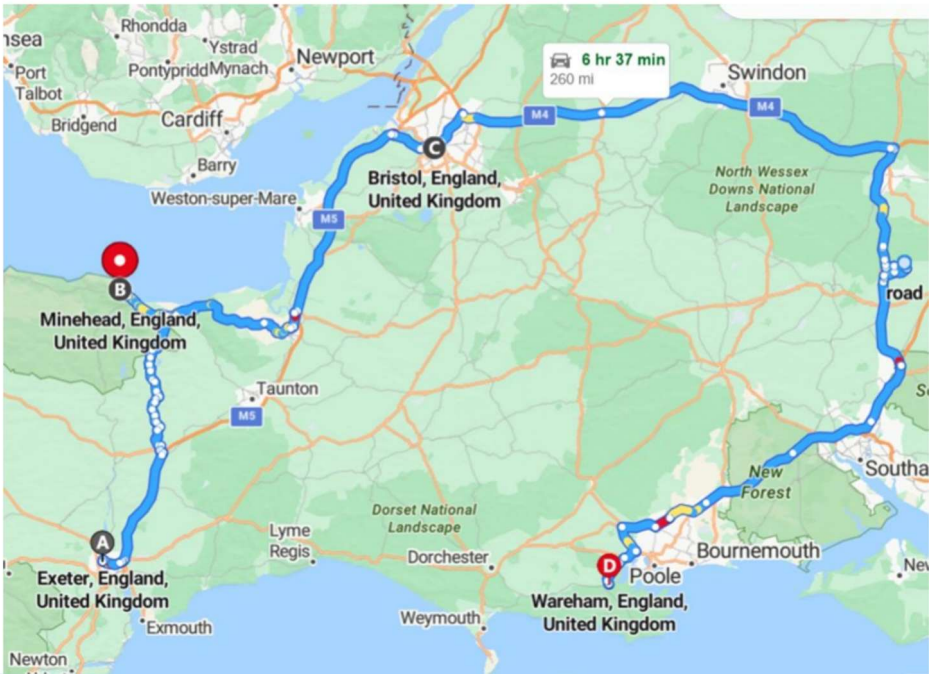
**Bryson Cook**, a family genealogist and former board member of the *Phineas Walcott Cook Family Organization* is also a genetic match within our project and has researched and published about Henry Cook(e[5]). He responded to this recent news with great enthusiasm. He believes Geoff's findings could reduce the pool of potential candidates for Henry Cook's parentage from over 100 down to as few as **three to five possibilities**. Geoff Grant recommends looking exclusively in an area of a square with the 4 points being Minehead, Somerset; Exeter, Devonshire; Wareham, Dorsetshire; and Bristol. (Note the maps below)

The summary points of Bryson's research point to the following Henry Cook(e) possibilities. The highlighted ones are in the location that this **new discovery** highlights:

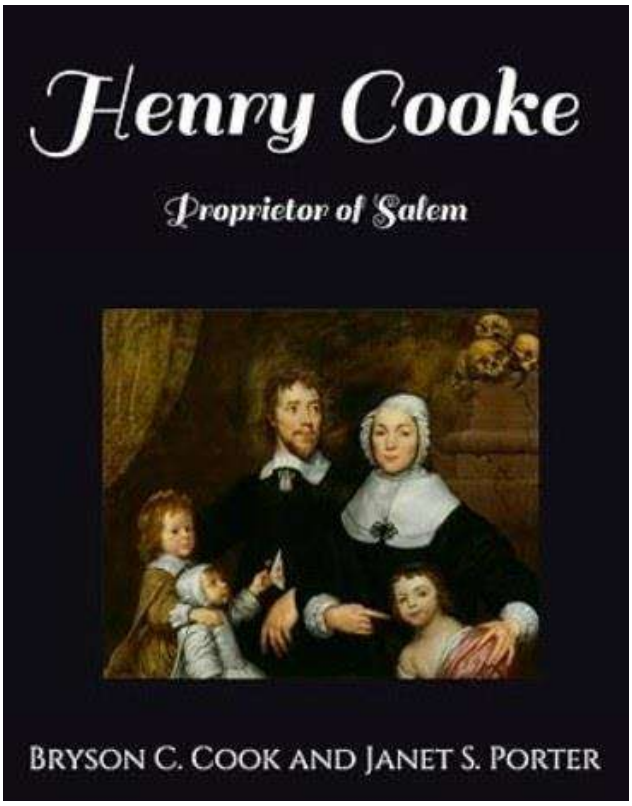
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| Henry Cooke | 5 Feb 1608 | Horsley | Gloucestershire | England | John Cooke | |
| Henry Cooke | 4 Mar 1609 | West Farleigh | Kent | England | Henry Cooke | |
| Henry Cooke | 18 Jun 1609 | Winwick | Lancashire | England | Henry Cooke | |
| Henry Cooke | 21 Mar 1611 | Melton Mowbray | Leicestershire | England | | Katherine |
| Henry Cook | 23 Nov 1607 | Norwich | Norfolk | England | John Cook | |
| Henry Cooke | 9 Aug 1607 | Pilton | Somerset | England | Richard Cooke | |
| Henry Cooke | 24 Apr 1608 | Worth | Sussex | England | John Cooke | Alice |
| Henry Cooke | 29 Aug 1608 | Salisbury | Wiltshire | England | John Cooke | |
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**Click here to find Bryson Cook's book about our Henry Cooke on Amazon: (paperback $6.32, Kindle $1.99):**[6]




*7 - https://www.amazon.com/Henry-Cooke-Proprietor-Bryson-Cook/dp/B0BVD2SF7Z/ref=sr_1_1*

## Book Club Meeting

From Anne Starita

Are you interested in history, adventure, and discovering the stories of our pioneer ancestors? We're excited to invite you to our Phineas Walcott Cook Book Club!

In this book club, we'll be reading and discussing the journal of a pioneer ancestor, exploring their journey and the challenges they faced. Whether you're a history enthusiast or just looking for a fun, thoughtful way to connect, this club is for YOU!

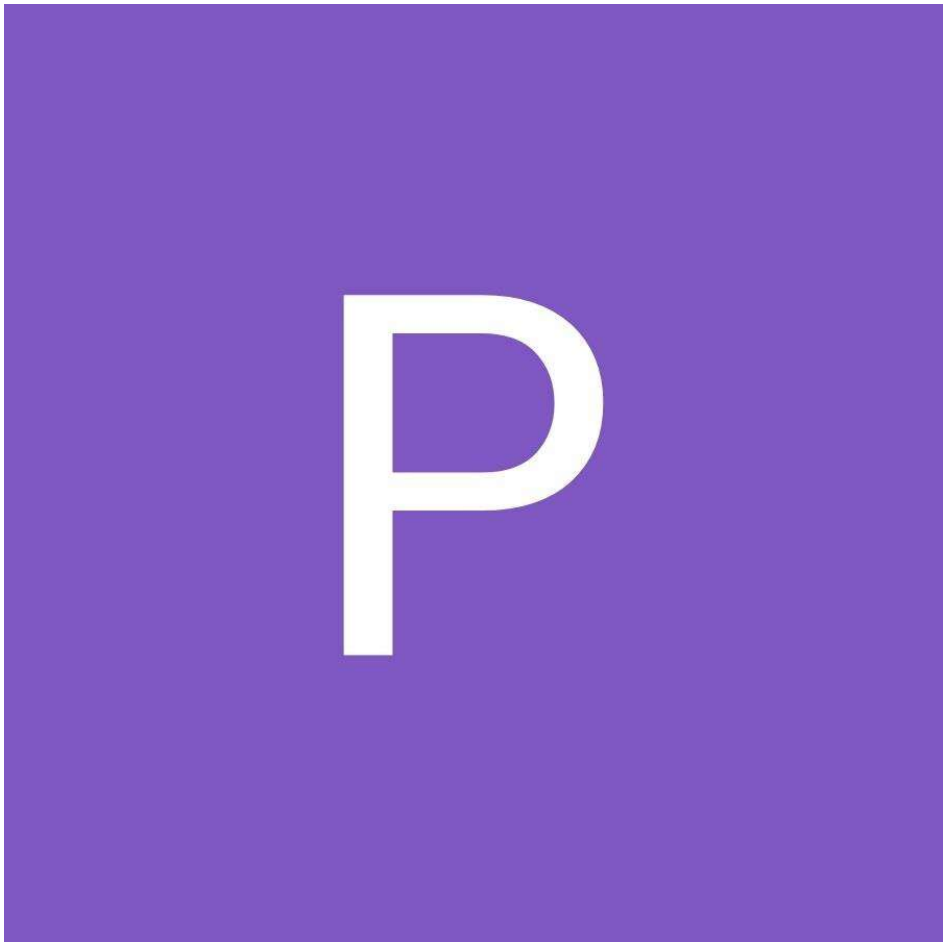
You don't need to have read previous chapters to join – each meeting is a fresh start, and all are welcome! It's the perfect opportunity to meet new people, share insights, and enjoy a lively discussion, all from the comfort of your home via Zoom. The book is also available digitally for free on our website.

[6] https://www.amazon.com/Henry-Cooke-Proprietor-Bryson-Cook/dp/B0BVD2SF7Z/ref=sr_1_1

Feel free to invite your friends, family, or anyone who loves a good story! The more, the merrier.

We can't wait to have you join us for our next session. Let's connect, learn, and journey together!

Our next meeting will be **March 1, 10 am mountain time via zoom**, and we'll be discussing pages 159-176 of the Legacy of Faith book about Goshen, Utah. The zoom address is always the same and if you want the zoom link, email us at cookfamilynewsletter@gmail.com[7] Also, here is the link to read the book for free from our website: Phineas Wolcott Cook 1819-1900[8]




*8 - **We Have a YouTube Channel!***

We hope to hold more Cook Family Gatherings at locations important to Phineas' life and our shared history. If you would like to help us plan future gatherings, contact us! (cookfamilynewsletter@gmail.com[9])

[7] mailto:cookfamilynewsletter@gmail.com
[8] http://www.cookfamily.org/histories/documents/PhineasWolcottCook_1819-1900/
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See videos of each of the talks, songs, "driving tour of Goshen" and more on our YouTube channel:  Phineas Wolcott Cook Organization 2024 gathering in Goshen, UT - YouTube[10]

[10] https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLMwTZ_DW__UYya5CTMJH7NnpDqUOnEU-z

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Phineas Wolcott Cook
Family Organization

# COOK O'RAMA
# SUNDAY
# AUG 17, 2025
# 5PM (MOUNTAIN TIME)

***VIA OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL!***

**Gather to honor our ancestor Phineas Wolcott Cook!**

Our family gathering this year will be **VIRTUAL**. Enjoy it from the comfort of your own home. Gather the family to enjoy family history together!

Find the link on our YouTube channel:
http://youtube.com/@CookFamilyOrg

**For more information contact us!**
**CookFamilyNewsletter@gmail.com**

**Invite your family to gather and learn about COOK FAMILY HISTORY!**

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**Presentations include:**

## Bryson Cook
in Goshen, Connecticut
**NEW INFORMATION**
about the location, family, and military service of
**Captain Daniel Cook Jr. in the Revolutionary war.**

## New Book:
**The Journal of Ann Eliza Howland Cook**
Hear from those who put this volume together and their experiences learning about Ann Eliza.

## Service Project:
We will demonstrate a virtual service project that your family can take part in — all online!

**Help add COOK names to the FamilySearch FamilyTree.**

We also have our past reunion talks, book club recordings, and videos about Phineas on our channel! https://www.youtube.com/@Cookfamilyorg

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Our next Cook Family Gathering will be **VIRTUAL**! Plan on joining us via zoom on ***Sunday, August 17 at 5:00 p.m.***. We will have guest speaker Bryson Cook talk to us about our Revolutionary War ancestor, Captain Daniel Cook and his home in Goshen, Connecticut.

We will also hear from the three ladies who recently published Ann Eliza Howland Cook's diary — Marcia Marshall, our PWC board president, Becca Groberg, our PWC Publications Chair, and Alison Marshall. They will share their experiences working on Ann Eliza's diary.

Tune in to learn about these 2 fabulous ancestors! Watch for more information about times and zoom links.

We plan another IN PERSON gathering for **summer 2026**! Stay tuned for the exciting details.