

The Henry Freeman Cook Family Organizational Meeting
Family History Library, Room #218, August 10, 2006, 6 PM

Attendance: Ronald Cook, Alonzo Cook, Julie Wood, Diane Backman, Kris Robertson, Paul Henke, Jay B Karren, Eileen Harrison.

➤ **July 2006 Reunion critique!**

Everyone at the meeting, as well as many who have commented to us directly or through emails said how much they appreciate that the reunion was held. We did adopt the idea of holding another reunion in 2010 and again in 2015.

➤ **Organization Name**

The new name is: **The Cook•Strobridge•Rocker Family Association**

➤ **Executive committee**

We elected the following officers: Ronald Sheldon Cook President, Alonzo Dean Cook Vice-President, Paul S. Henke Treasurer, and left open the secretary position.

We charged Alonzo with opening a bank account to deposit the money we received at the reunion, which is \$1, 779.00. The authorized signers are Ronald, Alonzo and Paul. We also agreed that reimbursement for expenses will require the approval of two officers, then the check may be written to them. The major expenses needing to be reimbursed are to John McKinney for the registration name tags and expenses; and to Alonzo for the web site, magnets and photos of the reunion. If there are other expenses, please email your request with a scanned copy of the receipts to Ronald or Alonzo.

We did not set out a meeting schedule for the executive committee.

➤ **Family representatives**

We discussed how we can strengthen this organization, that is secure a representative for each of the fifteen children who have posterity, keep them actively involved and contributing.

John McKinney was appointed to head this effort.

➤ **Family History and Genealogy Research Committee**

We did not set out a meeting schedule for this committee, nor appoint officers, but we did discuss at some length the need for ongoing research, as well as some way to organize it to be more effective. We did not divine what is that way. We did speak about those who “signed-up” at the reunion, especially those who live away from Utah. We are certain we

can find the way for them to help us. All of this will be the major topic for the next meeting.

➤ **Next Meeting**

At 6 PM on Thursday, October 5, 2006, Room #218, Family History Library, address 35 N. West Temple, Salt Lake City, UT 84150.

NOTE: This meeting is rescheduled for 6 PM on Thursday, October 12, 2006, and will be in the computer lab room on the 1st floor of the library. This room is straight in from the main entrance on the west wall. (The library was completely booked on October 5th by groups from BYU and Family History Center directors training)

Our intent is to regularly hold the meeting on the first Thursday of the month..

➤ **Web Site**

There is a need to provide training on how to use it, how it functions, how it protects information on the living, and how to post new information or how to correct information that is already there.

➤ **Our Mission Statement**

We did not discuss this, but the following statement was on the agenda and could be turned into a mission statement for the family.

Upon holding a very successful family reunion held on July 15, 2006 in Cedar Fort, Utah, and where Richard E. Cook (our designated family patriarch) challenged the family to formally organize to carry out a mission of gathering, proving, and making accessible family genealogical information, personal histories of family members and ancestors, and all related family information; and further to archive and make accessible this family information to all related family members (beginning with our common ancestor Henry Freeman Cook), we do hereby assemble to effect a formal family organization that will endure for many generations, to institute an organization with officers and budgets, to appoint committees with heads of committee to carry out assigned missions, and to establish a calendar of meetings and reunions that will be known to all family members and will encourage member participation and involvement.

Sincerely, Alonzo Cook