

# COOK STROBRIDGE ROCKER ASSOCIATION

September 13, 2007 - BUSINESS MEETING

## AGENDA & REPORT

Welcome:

Opening Prayer:

John McKinney

Business:

### 1. **ourcookfamily.org** **Alonzo Cook**

The web site is viable and feel it is safe. However, hackers always finds ways to outsmart us.

I think the greatest use has been those who are looking for some information, either genealogy, or possibly photos or histories. I have not idea if anyone is using it to produce ordinance cards for Temple work.

I have a backlog of items which need to be added. I am not being flooded with information to be added, However at present I am in deep water.

Issues Whioch Concern Me:

- LDS Church developing a granddaddy web site:
  - Are we ahead of the curve, only slightly:
  - We we move our data to their site and abandon ours?
  - Are we making a jajor contribution by “gathering” now, and being ready for the LDS site?
- Is our web site too difficult to understand and use?
  - Should we schedule classes to teach using it?
  - Should we schedule classes to teach adminisration (add, change, delete)?
  - Should we delay until the LDS site is in place (hey will have church wide training)?
  - Where should we hold the classes?
- Is our web site useful to people who want to do Temple work?
  - Can we ever h ope that someone else’s date file is the accurate one?
  - If we want to do Temple work, would they look to the web site first?
  - If Temple Ordinances are completed, would they post that to the web sits?

Suggestions:

- Possibly set up training classes at SL Family History Library and at BYU - Those interested should let us know what they need and where the best place for training would be
- Add "Teaser" Box to create interest
- Add "Tip of the Day" to teach how to us the site
- Get Business cards to hand out inviting individuals to visit the site.

**2. Financial Report Paul Henke**

Total Deposits	\$ 8,009.00	
• Reunion Deposits		\$ 1,789.00
• Research Donations Deposits	\$ 6,220.00	
Total Expenditures	\$ 1,148.43	
Account Balance		\$ 6,860.57

- It was decided that reunion and research monies will be kept and accounted for separately.

**3. Raising Money Ronald S. Cook & Group**

Money raised as of today (9/13/2007) \$6,120.00

This money, except for \$100.00, has all come from the William Cook Family.

Breakdown of contributions is as follows:

	Contributions:	Average Donations
<b>Julia Rocker Family</b>		<b>( \$ 100.00)</b>
	1 for \$100.00	\$100.00
<b>William Cook Family</b>		<b>(\$5,920.00)</b>
<b>BA Cook Family</b>	<b>\$5,445.00</b>	
Sons, Daughters & Spouses: 8 for	\$1600.00	\$200.00
Grandchildren: 21 for	\$3325.00	\$161.2
		5
Great Grandchildren 5 for	\$520.00	\$104.0
		0
<b>Other William Cook Families</b>		<b>( \$ 575.00)</b>
	6 for \$575.00	\$ 95.83

Money raising focus has been with the Barnes Alma Cook family. Three letters have been sent out to members of the family. The first was an invitation to attend a summer reunion. The "We Need Your Help" letter (See Below) was sent with that invitation. This letter was also sent with the June 13<sup>th</sup> letter and the August 11<sup>th</sup> letters (see below) sent to those members of the family who had not yet contributed. On August 2, 2007 I sent out the "Cook Strobridge Rocker Family Members" letter to the other members of the William Cook family. A copy of the "We Need You Help" letter was also sent with this letter.

Each of these mailing resulted in some contributions. However none resulted in the flood of donations I hoped would come. I think this demonstrates that we can raise the money we need however it will require, sometimes several contacts.

We need someone in every family willing to personal invited members of their family to participate in this effort. I am more than willing to help if you will contact me. I share below with you the letter I have used. If they can help you use them.

#### **4. Choosing Professional Researchers to help us.**

Kris Robertson, Ronald S Cook, Paul Henke, and John McKinney were asked to chair a committee to choose the professional researchers to be hired by the family. All recommendations for considering professional researchers should be sent to one of these committee members.

**Note to all Family Members:** Please, if you have suggestions of individuals who should be considered for being hired by our family to help with our research, please send information to us as to how they can be contacted.

The Family History Library suggested two "Professional Researcher" web sites for us to consider. They are: International Commission for the Accreditation of Professional Genealogists (ICAPGen) at [www.icapgen.org](http://www.icapgen.org), and the Board for Certification of Genologists at [www.begcertification.org](http://www.begcertification.org). We invite you to review possible considerations from these and other web sites and present your suggestions.

The Professional Researcher committee will meet and be prepared to make recommendations to the full Family Research committee at the next Association meeting.

#### **5. Other**

- **Next Association meeting** will be help at 7:00 pm Thursday January 10, 2008 at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. Please plan to attend.

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June 13, 2007

Dear Barnes Alma Cook Family Member:

It was a great family meeting and reunion June 9, 2007. Your suggestions for helping raise the \$25,00.00 we are trying to raise demonstrated your feelings for the task, and for the need to allow all members of the family to feel a part of the effort and the satisfaction of the success. Implementing your suggestions will enhance and quicken our effort to raise the money we need.

Your suggestions will allow all members of the family to contribute, to help raise the money, to feel a part of the research efforts, and to share in the success of our efforts. Thank you.

If you have already contributed to the Cook-Strobridge-Rocker research fund our whole family thanks you. If you haven't made a contribution may we personally invite you to do so. We suggest you make at least a \$100.00 contribution, much, much more if you can. If \$100.00 would be too hard, we invite you to contribute whatever you can. Send your contributions to Paul Henke, (the Cook-Strobridge-Rocker Association treasurer) at 2071 S HWY #40, Heber City, UT 84032.

We invite you, within the next week, to personally contact each of your children and your brothers and sisters, and invite them to make a contribution to the "Research Fund." Invite those twenty (20) years and older to contribute at least \$100.00 or more if they can, less if \$100.00 would be too hard. We invite you to ask each of them to contact their children and their brothers and Sisters and personally invite them to contribute to the "Fund," and to contact their children and brothers and sisters and talk with them about making a contribution to the "Fund." We also invite you to share this program for raising the \$25,000.00 we need, with individuals from other families who are descendants of Henry Freeman Cook, Sophronia Strobridge and Julia Rocker. This could help to expedite what we are trying to do. Sending or giving each of those you talk to a copy of this letter and the "Report" letter dated May 25, 2007, might help each to understand more about what the "Association" is doing and how each family member can help.

I was told once that an invitation or request to everyone was an invitation or request to noone. I pray this will not be the case with this program. As we all do a little, the job of raising the \$25,000.00 we need will be easy. By doing it the way suggested every person will be invited by several to contribute and to help. I personally make myself available to answer any question anyone might have. You can contact me as outlined below.

Our whole family thanks you in advance for your contributions and your efforts, and for helping our family lead the way in raising the \$25,000.00 we need. Thank you very, very much.

Sincerely,

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Ronald S. Cook

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August 11, 2007

Ronald:

I am writing to personally invite you to contribute towards our family research fund.

For over sixty-five (65) years the best researchers in our family, including Uncle Marion, my father's cousins Fon Cook and Frances Hardy, Grandpa Barnes Cook's cousins Gertrude Jackson and Margaret Hughes, and two who are working hard today, Kris Robertson, and Paul

Henke and many others, have spent thousands of hours and in some cases thousands of dollars trying to find the parents of William, Abiel and Job Cook, the grandparents of Henry Freeman Cook. We have again decided to seek the help of the best professional researcher available to help in this research effort. The only way we can do this is if you will help us financially. We hope your contribution could be at least \$100.00, much more if possible. However, we will be happy to accept what ever you can send. We would appreciate your contribution being made as soon as possible so we will know by October 1<sup>st</sup> how much money we have to work with.

If you have questions about what we are doing please come to one of our research meetings or call me. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

I know that Grandpa and Grandma (Barnes and Alice) Cook approve of what we are doing. If they were here they would personally invite you to contribute to our family research efforts. For them and for our whole family, I thank you for your help.

Your cousin,

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August 2, 2007

Cook Strobridge Rocker Family Members:

For over sixty-five (65) years the best researchers in our family have spent thousands of hours and in some cases hundreds of dollars, trying to find the parents of William, Abiel and Job Cook, the grandparents of Henry Freeman Cook. The Cook Strobridge Rocker Research Committee has decided, and the Association has agreed, to once again seek the help of professional researchers. We are serious about this effort to the tune of at least \$25,000.00. We plan to hire the best.

The only way we can hire the best researchers available is for you to help us by making a financial contribution to the Association Research Fund. We hope your contribution could be at least \$100.00 or more. Much, much more if possible. However, we will accept whatever you can help us with.

Donations should be sent to: Cook Strobridge Rocker Research Fund, % Paul Henke, 2071 S HWY 40, Heber City, UT 84032. We would appreciate your contributions being made as soon as possible so we will know by October 1, 2007 how much money we have to work with.

If you have any question about what we are doing please come to one of our research meetings or call me. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

I know that Henry Freeman, Sophronia, and Julia approve of what we are doing. If they were here they would personally invite you to contribute financially to our family research efforts. For them, and for our whole family, I thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

Ronald S. Cook, President  
Cook Strobridge Rocker Association

**COPY AND SHARE THIS LETTER WITH OTHER COOK STROBRIDGE AND ROCKER FAMILY MEMBERS**