

# COOK STROBRIDGE ROCKER ASSOCIATION MEETING

April 3, 2008

## REPORT

Please share this "Report" with your parents, brothers, sisters, children and other members of "the family" who do not have e-mail or who might not be on our e-mail list. Thank you.

### **WELCOME:**

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm by Ronald S. Cook. Thanked those in attendance. Only two indicated they could not be to the meeting. Two others reported they had questions as to whether or not they could attend. Special welcome to Ken Krull's parents, Kenneth and Sherry Krull, from Olympia, Washington.

ATTENDING: Jay B. Karren, Lorna Karren, Ilene and Max Harrison, Ken Krull III, Kenneth Krull II, Sherry Krull, Alonzo Cook, Ronald S. Cook, Bronwyn Hughes, Donald S. Cook, David Zolman, Kris Robertson, Paul Henke, Harold and Marie Hyman

### **OPENING PRAYER:**

Lorna Karren

Lorna is the daughter of Jay B. and Sally Karren of Smithfield. She will graduate from Utah State University in a few weeks. She has signed a contract to start teaching; I think she told me 4<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall, there in Smithfield. In the mean time she is going to Africa to spend a month this summer working in an orphanage. God bless you, Lorna.

### **AGENDA ITEMS:**

#### 1 **5:00 MEETING** — "Family Search" Ken Krull

The new "Family Search" program will be introduced to the Utah area in a few months. This program attempts to put together into one program all the data the church now has in at least five different data bases. It shows a lot of duplication in efforts. It will require a lot of time to manually combine records. The one thing that is already clear from other areas is that We DO NOT want to send GEDCOM full of information to correct errors we observe. Doing so will just add to the problems. We will need to correct those errors one individual at a time.

#### 2 **ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL REPORT:** Paul Henke

• Reunion Fund Donations	\$ 1,799.00	
• Reunion Expenditures	764.55	
• Reunion Fund Balance		\$1,034.45
• Research Fund Donations	\$17,561.00	
• Research Expenditures	2,385.22	
• Research Fund Balance		\$15,175.78

- Bank balance as of 4/3/2008 \$16,210.23

It was unanimously agreed that the following payment would be made from the research funds:

- \$200.00 to Price and Associates to complete payment for work already completed.
- \$155.40 to Paul Henke for "US Deluxe Membership" with Ancestry.com.
- \$2,000.00 to Price and Associates to continue research on the Cook Line.
- \$3,000.00 to David Zolman to continue research on the Chapman Line.

3 **ourcookfamily.org** Alonzo Cook

New information is being added to the website regularly. It is being visited regularly. Records indicate 1,183 hits in January; 1,266 hits in February; 1,789 hits in March; and 165 hits so far in April. Hard hits (those where time is spent looking at the site) were: January - 538, February - 667, March - 912, and April - 113. These hits are coming from all over the earth including all over the USA, Canada, Germany, England, South Korea, Estonia and many other counties out of the United States.

Based upon information we now have, our website will be a great compliment to the new "Family Search" program. We are still looking for many more pictures, histories and other family history information to be added. Please check the website and make sure all of your family information is included.

4 **RESEARCH REPORTS:**

I quote below one paragraph from each of the two reports we received. The full reports can be viewed on our family website ([ourcookfamily.org](http://ourcookfamily.org)). Documentation supporting the report can be obtained from me, Ronald S. Cook. Contact me at [ronaldscook@hotmail.com](mailto:ronaldscook@hotmail.com).

We were excited about the finding of both research projects. Both answered questions we have had for many years. New areas of research were identified with each. Both projects showed great promise. It was unanimously agreed that both projects should be continued.

- **William Cook Question:** (Price and Associates) Ronald S. Cook  
 "Research on William Cook, father of Henry Freeman Cook, has verified that he was not the son of William Cook and Ann Morgan of Beverly, Essex County, Massachusetts. More information has been developed on his brother Abiel Cook, and a tentative connection to the Shaker communities at Hancock, Massachusetts and New Lebanon, New York has been discovered." Price and Associates.

4/4/2008 - I contacted Price and Associates today and told them of our decision to have them continue helping us with our research efforts on the Cook Line. They will have a report for our next Association meeting July 10, 2008.  
 Ronald S. Cook

- **Amasa Chapman Question:**

David Zolman

“It was thus concluded with confidence that the ancestral Amasa Chapman was not a son of Amaziah Chapman with either his first wife, Esther Williams, or his second wife, Mary Lummis. This conclusion was based upon the combined evidence searched, which included the civil vital records of Pomfret, the records of the First Trinitarian Church of Brooklyn, and the estate files of Amaziah and Mary Chapman, none of which identified anyone named Amasa Chapman.”  
David Zolman.

4/3/2008 - I talked with David Zolman tonight and told him of our decision to have him continue helping us with our research efforts on the Chapman Line. He will have a report for our next Association meeting, July 10, 2008

5 **COOK STROBRIDGE ROCKER REUNION**

Harold and Marie Hymas

The next Cook Strobridge Rocker Reunion will be held July 17, 2010. Marie Hyman presented ideas for having a reunion with camping, games and recreational activities along Family History activities. The reunion could be for two or three days. Base could be in Heber City, using their church and the new Church Girls' Camp. Research helps, temple activities and a Cedar Fort experience could all be included

Maries Hyman has agreed to chair the committee for planing and conducting the reunion. However, she needs a lot of help. It was agreed that at least one individual from each family (Children and Henry Freeman, Sophronia and Julia) should be identified to serve on her committee.

ACTION ITEM: Those interested in serving on the committee please contact Marie Hymas at [hvmchymas@yahoo.com](mailto:hvmchymas@yahoo.com), Alonzo Cook at [alonzocook@gmail.com](mailto:alonzocook@gmail.com) or Ronald S. Cook at [ronaldscook@hotmail.com](mailto:ronaldscook@hotmail.com) as soon as possible. We need to have this committee together and functioning by our next committee meeting July 10, 2008.

6 **FUND RAISING**

Ronald S. Cook

A little more than \$2,000.00 has been donated to the Family Research Fund since our last meeting January 10, 2008. \$2,000.00 is committed. That puts us only \$6,000.00 from our goal of \$25,000.00. Our family is to be complimented for these efforts. However, we are not yet done. We still have many family members who have not been given the opportunity to contribute. Our efforts to develop a better E-mail list will give many more the opportunity to participate in the great research effort. I am confident that we will raise far more than \$25,000.00 by the end of this year.

7 **THE INTERNET AND E-MAIL**

Ronald S. Cook

Two of the main reasons for the development of the Internet and E-mail were to enhance and strengthen communication within the family and to share family history information. We have decided that it is time for our Association to start using the Internet and E-mail for the very purposes for which it was created. Doing so will enhance communication within and strengthen the Cook Strobridge Rocker family.

We want to report monthly to the family our research successes and failures, what

is new on [ourcookfamily.org](http://ourcookfamily.org), Association fund raising results and how those funds are being spent, planning for our July 17, 2010, Cook Strobridge Rocker reunion, etc. This will all be done by E-mail. This will require help from a lot of people.

**ACTION ITEM:** We need help from every person in the Cook Strobridge Rocker family who reads this E-mail. Please send us right now the E-mail addresses of your parents, brothers, sisters, children and other family members you know who have not receive this E-mail. Ask them to do the same things.

We would like to send this report of our April 3, 2008 Association meeting to at least 1,000 family members instead of the 150 or so we have E-mail addresses for. Help us by sending us all the family E-mail addresses you have access to.

Send these E-mail addresses to Alonzo Cook at [alonzocook@gmail.com](mailto:alonzocook@gmail.com) or Ronald S. Cook at [ronaldscook@hotmail.com](mailto:ronaldscook@hotmail.com). Thank you.

8 **DNA AND FAMILY RESEARCH**

Jay B. Karren

Jay B. Karren had a DNA test with the Sorenson Molecular Genealogical Foundation. He is very excited about the results. He has been able to identify other individuals he is related to. His enthusiasm for this new technology encourages all of us to consider DNA as another way to do Family Research.

9 **NEXT COOK STROBRIDGE ROCKER ASSOCIATION MEETING**

The next Cook Strobridge Rocker Association meeting will be held Thursday, July 10, 2008 at 6:00 in the Salt Lake Family History Library. All are invited and encouraged to attend.

Closing Prayer

Harold Hymas