

WE HAVE AN OLYMPIAN IN THE FAMILY

From the *LDS Church News* we read:

Olympics draw LDS athletes Church members qualify for national teams

“... Among other members who have qualified for U.S. Olympic teams are... Lindsey Anderson in Steeplechase, ...

“Anderson won the silver medal in the trials for the U.S. Olympic team at Eugene, Ore. The former Weber State University athlete from Morgan, Utah, will be the first track and field athlete from the school to compete in the Olympics. She earned All-American honors twice while competing in college.”

Lindsey Anderson is the wife of Mark Anderson, son of Barbara Smith and the late Gerald Anderson of Morgan, Utah. Barbara is the daughter of Mabel Cook and A Ralph Smith of American Fork, Utah. Mabel is the daughter of Barnes Alma and Alice Adeline Southam of Cedar Fort, Utah. Barnes Alma is the son of William and Rebecca Rodeback Cook of Cedar Fort, Utah. William is the son of Henry Freeman and Sophronia Strobridge Cook of Cedar Fort, Utah.

Barbara (mother-in-law of Lindsey), Mark, (Lindsey’s husband), and Lindsey’s parents will all be going to the Olympics with Lindsey. We wish them all well.

God bless Lindsey. God bless her family. God bless this great Cook family. God Bless American and all other nations from which our family came and are now living and working.
Ronald S. Cook

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HELP!!! HELP!!! HELP!!! HELP!!!!

- Please make paper copies of this report and give them to those members of your family who do not have e-mail or who have e-mail and did not receive it from us because we do not have their e-mail address.
- Please take the time right now, to send us the e-mail addresses of your parents, brothers, sisters, children, grandchildren, and other family members. Send us what you have now. Then take time to obtain others and send them to us. We need your help.

E-mail addresses for the Julia Rocker family should be sent to Alonzo Cook at: alonzocook@gmail.com.

E-mail addresses for the Sophronia Strobridge family should be sent to Ronald S. Cook at: ronaldscook@hotmail.com.

THIS IS A WAY YOU CAN HELP

COOK STROBRIDGE ROCKER ASSOCIATION MEETING

JULY 10, 2008

AGENDA – REPORT

WELCOME:

Those attending included: Ronald S. Cook, Alonzo Cook, Browyn Hughes, Paul Henke, Jay B. Karren, Marie C. Hyman, David Zolman and Larry Piatt

Because of library needs our meeting was transferred from rooms 134-136 on the main floor to the classroom in B2 of the Family History Library (2nd basement level - classroom on the west side of the floor. The room was more than adequate. However, we have learned that at least one couple could not find the room and left the library without participating in our meeting. Max and Ilene Harrison, we apologize. Next time we will make sure you can find us.

OPENING PRAYER:

Jay B. Karren

AGENDA:

- | 1. | Association Financial Report: | Deposits | Expenditures | Balance |
|----|--------------------------------|--|--------------|-------------|
| | • Reunion Fund | | | \$ 1,034.45 |
| | • Research Fund | \$ 1,476.80 | \$ 5,155.40 | 11,000.38 |
| | • Present Bank Balance | | | \$12,034.38 |
| | • Fund Raising | | | |
| | | The total that has been donated to our research fund is: | | \$19,037.80 |
| | • Payment of Association Bills | | | |
| | | No bills were noted. | | |

2. Religious Family History Corporation (RFH Copr)

Questions have arisen regarding the deductibility on taxes of funds donated to the Cook Strobbridge Rocker Association. Because of this we have talked again with Richard Price of Price and Associates who provided us with the "Certification of Religious Purposes" form for our donations that most of you have signed and sent to Ronald S. Cook, and with Douglas W. Weaver the Trustee, of the Religious Family History Corporation. We have learned that there is a question about whether or not donations to the Association can be deducted on our taxes. As interpreted by Mr. Prince and Mr. Weaver, for monies donated for family research to be tax deductible they need to be donated to a federally approved non-profit corporation like the Religious Family History Corporation then paid to the researcher.

We are a non-profit Association. However we are not a corporation and we have not been officially federally approved.

The question as to whether we could have family members donate to a federally approved corporation and then have that corporation send the money to the Cook Storbbridge Rocker

Association to hold in our account until needed could not be answered. Since the July 10, 2008 Association meeting, Mr. Weaver of the Religious Family History Corporation has said that monies donated to a corporation like the one for which he is trustee could only be paid directly to a researcher by that corporation in order to be tax deductible. They could not be sent to our Association and be held in our bank account until they were needed. However, they could be held in his, or the federally approved corporation's account until needed. They would not have to be sent immediately to the researcher for the donor to be able to deduct the donation on his/her taxes.

It was also determined that Ronald Cook would contact his brother, Sherwood Cook, who is a securities attorney practicing in Nevada, to see if it would be practical for the Association to become a federally approved non-profit corporation. Since the meeting that contact has been made. Three questions were answered: Is it practical? What will it cost our association? How long will it take?

IS IT PRACTICAL? – Yes and should be perused. It can benefit not only the Cook family but many other families within the Cook Strobridge Rocker Association who would like to raise money to do family research within their own family.

WHAT WILL IT COST OUR ASSOCIATION? – Sherwood is willing to give his time. However we would be responsible for the fees required to register the corporation with “the state” and to file the papers with the IRS. That would be approximately \$1,000.00.

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE? – Filing the necessary corporation papers with the state can be done as soon as they are drawn up and approved by the Association. However it will probable take 3 or 4 months to fill out the questioner and do everything required by the IRS before the papers could be sent to the IRS. Then it will take 6 to 8 months for the IRS to review and approve them. Once the papers are filed with the IRS we can legally start accepting donations that will be tax deductible. However, if the IRS finds against us those donations will not be tax deductible.

Sherwood will start the process immediately. As an executive committed (Ronald S. Cook, President; Alonzo Cook, Vice President; Browyn Hughes, Secretary and Paul Henke, Treasurer) we will review the details of the requirements and decide the direction to take. We will keep the family informed.

3. ourcookfamily.org

The site continues to have a lot of visitors from all around the world. Alonzo is working on an “update” that will make it possible for us to use the website to e-mail family members.

There is still a lot of family information that could be added to the website. Everyone needs to review their family information on the website. Corrections should be made and missing information should be added. There are still a lot of ancestors listed without a personal history. For this website to be “all that it can be” we all need to be involved. We all need to make sure our family information is added, correct and complete.

4. Research Reports:

- Chapman Research

Mr. Larry Piatt, who is working with David Zolman in doing the Chapman research, was present at the meeting and give the Chapman research report. He

has not yet found the parents of Amassa Chapman. However, he is finding new information about the Chapman family. He has reviewed several land purchases and sales involving Amassa Chapman as well as 1790 through 1820 federal census. He indicated that tax lists and vital records need to be reviewed very carefully again and that the “Edward R. Knurow” Collection in the Pittsfield, Massachusetts Atheneum could provide valuable information. (See our ourcookfamily.org for a more detailed Chapman Research Report.)

- Cook Research

The “Cook Research Report” previously sent out to all committee members was discussed. It was noted that even though the stated objective of finding the parents of William, Abiel and Job Cook has not been realized, the researcher, Mr. Gordon Remington, is searching records not previously researched by others. Members felt that Mr. Remington is probably finding information about “family” members that will help us in finding William, Abiel and Job’s parents. (See ourcookfamily.org for a more detailed Cook Research Report)

- Authorization to continue research:

It was approved to have Mr. Remington and Mr Piatt continue their research for the family. \$2,500.00 was authorized to be given to each. Ronald Cook is to contact David Zolman and Richard Price to inform them of the committee’s authorization. However the checks will not be sent for a couple of weeks. We need to review with counsel as to whether to continue paying as we have in the past or to send our donations through the Religious Family History Corporation.

5. Cook Strobridge Rocker Reunion

The following have agreed to chair and work on the committee for our July 17, 2010 Cook Strobridge Rocker Reunion:

Chairpersons:

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Marie Hymas indicated that now she has a committee to work with they will start immediately making plans for the July 10, 2010 reunion. They will be prepared to make a report at our next association meeting.

In the meantime we need more individuals to serve on this committee. If you have the slightest desire please offer yourself to help. Or, help us find others who would be willing to serve. We now have less than two years to organize and advertise this reunion. The clock is ticking. We need your help now. Thank you.

6. E-mail Addresses:

Using E-mail is quicker and cheaper. Because of that, e-mail is going to be our method of contacting and reporting to our family. Our push for the next few months will be gathering E-mail addresses for members of the family. For now, descendants of Julia Rocker should send their E-mail addresses to Alonzo Cook at alonzocook@gmail.com. Descendants of Sophronia Strobridge should send their E-mail Addresses to Ronald S. Cook at ronaldscook@hotmail.com. Eventually, as reported earlier, all e-mail addresses will become a part of our website and will be used by the website to report to the family.

Help us to know how each individual (family) fits into the Henry Freeman Cook Family. Next to each name write the parents name, grandparents name and great grandparents name in the Cook line. We will take it from there. We are listing e-mail addresses by family so they can be used by each family individually if needed.

Please! please! please! help us gather e-mail addresses. To serve our family's needs we should have over a thousand e-mail addresses. We have less than three hundred. Please send us the e-mail addresses of your parents, brothers, sisters, children, grandchildren and any other member of the family you can find. Don't just assume we have the addresses. Send them. If we already have them, great. If we don't we will add them to our list.

Not everyone can or does family research to help the family. However, everyone can help the family by getting e-mail addresses and send them to us. Thank you.

7. Next Association Meeting:

It was decided that our next Association meeting will be held October 9, 2008 at 6:00 pm in the Salt Lake Family History Library. We will notify you as to the exact room location.

CLOSING PRAYER:

Bronwyn Hughes