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## COOK STROBRIDGE ROCKER ASSOCIATION MEETING

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October 9, 2008

### AGENDA and REPORT

WELCOME: Ronald S. Cook

OPENING PRAYER: David Zollman

REPORT: The Cook Strobridge Rocker Association was registered with the State of Utah as a non-profit association on September 25, 2008. Directors and incorporators were Richard E. Cook, Ronald S. Cook and Alonzo Cook. Registered office and agent is Alonzo D. Cook at 123 Second Ave. Apt. 1113, Salt Lake City, Utah 84103.

Per previous Association meetings, Association officers include Richard E. Cook, Chairman of the Board; Ronald S. Cook, President; Alonzo Cook, Vice President; Bronwyn Hughes, Secretary; Paul Henke, Treasurer, Kris Robertson, Research Specialist; and Marie Cook Hymas, July 17, 2010 Association Reunion Chairperson. When the "Board" is officially organized January 8, 2009, new officers will be elected.

Our next action is to adopt Association Bylaws and to make our application with the IRS for non-profit status so individuals who make donations to the Association can legally write off the contributions on their income taxes. The adoption of the "Bylaws" will be the second item on our agenda today. Making application with the IRS will be completed before our January 8, 2009 yearly Association Meeting.

This Association can be a help to every individual family within the association. It can help with individual family research, fund-raising, projects, etc. For example, what we do within the Association can be a catalyst and a help with individual family research. The Association and individual families can work together in raising tax exempt funds to help with family research and family projects. There are no limits to what this Association can do in achieving Association goals and helping individual families within the Association. (Ronald S. Cook)

ATTENDEES AT THIS MEETING: Richard E. Cook, Mary N. Cook, Ronald S. Cook, Alonzo D. Cook, Paul Henke, Ken Krull, Marie Hymas, Harold Hymas, Jay B. Karren, Ilene Harrison, David Zollman, Larry Piatt, Bronwyn Hughes

AGENDA:

1. Items to be added to the agenda: None were added by those present.
2. Association Bylaws: Comments, Questions - Adoption. (See Copy of BYLAWS as adopted attached)
  - One individual for the descendants of each of the children of Sophornia Strobridge and Julia Rocker who had issue, is to recommend to serve on the Association Board. Board Members will be appointed at our January 8, 2009 Yearly Association Meeting. Recommendations can be made by any individual or family within the Association and should be forwarded to Ronald S. Cook, ([ronaldscook@hotmail.com](mailto:ronaldscook@hotmail.com)) or Alonzo Cook ([alonzocook@gmail.com](mailto:alonzocook@gmail.com)).
  - All Family members should share goals and project ideas for the Association to be considered at the January 8, 2009 Association Meeting.
  - A motion to change the Bylaws was made by Alonzo Cook, seconded by Bronwyn Hughes and passed unanimously. The change approved was to allow spouses to be members of the association in addition to the direct line descendants already specified to be members.
  - With the change approved stated in the preceding, the Bylaws were approved unanimously after a motion to pass them by Paul Henke which was seconded by Jay Karren.
  - Service projects were suggested to be a part of the mission of the association, such as, providing a cemetery map in Cedar Fort locating the graves of specific people buried there.
3. Research Reports:
  - Chapman Research Report by Larry Piatt, questions and comments: (See "Research Report" attached).
    - New Chapment individuals, Ebenezer Chapman Junr. And Hanes Chapman, in the Poll Tax and Valuation of 1783 for Hancock, Massachusetts.
    - Examined Revolutionary Pension of Alcowt Chapman.
    - Found additional information if the Berkshire County Court of Common Pleas on Ebenezer Chapman, Amasa Chapman, and Alcowt Chapman.
    - Learned of an Amasa Chapman who was a post rider.
    - Compiled a list of early Chapman immigrants to the colonies of Massachusetts and Connecticut prior to 1700.
    - Updated timeline of Amasa Chapman, Sr.
    - Found probable information on Hiram Chapman, son of Amasa , Sr., who deserted his wife in Massachusetts and moved to Virginia  
Further research is recommended on Amasa Chapman and his relatives and

associates with the goal of extending his ancestry. The new clues should be followed to increase the possibilities of determining Amasa's parentage.

- Cook Research Report, questions and comments:  
Research on the Cook family of Berkshire County, Massachusetts has uncovered more about the Abiel Cook of Stephentown, Rensselaer County, New York who lived there in the late 1700's. It is now believed that he is the same Abiel Cook who lived at Hancock Berkshire County, Massachusetts. His parents and ancestry have been identified. Whether not he was the father of the ancestors William Cook is still a matter of conjecture, but there is evidence to that effect." (See Cook Research Report Attached.)

4. Financial Report by Paul Henke:

- Reunion Fund: \$1,034.45 remaining
- Research Fund: \$7,650.38 remaining
- Authorization of payment of Association bills: (No bills to be paid.)
- Authorization for payments for continued research were approved as follows:
  - Price and Associates - Cook Research \$3,000.00
  - David Zolman - Chapman Research \$1,500.00
- Ronald S. Cook will find out if the two above funds (Reunion and Research) need to be separated in the bank account for any reason.

Note: Now that we are a registered Non-profit Corporation we can legally receive contributions to the Association that are tax deductible. However, if the IRS does not grant us 501(c)(3) status, donations will have to be funneled through another 501(c)(3) corporation to receive "right-off" approval.

Please don't hesitate to make additional contributions. As you can see above, we are almost out of "Research Funds." We need your help. We are excited about what our researchers are finding. We pray that we will be able to continue receiving their help. Thank you.

5. ourcookfamily.org: Alonzo Cook.

- We have a new "Home Page" that seems to be a lot more user friendly.
- "Hackers" have caused some problems. However, no family information has been lost.
- Links to association minutes and research reports will be added to this site.
- There is still a lot of missing family information. Family information, Personal Histories, obituaries, pictures, etc. If your family information is still missing please help us by adding it. Thank you,

6. July 16 and 17, 2010, Cook Strobridge Rocker Reunion Report by Marie Hymas:

The first reunion planning meeting was held with 6 people in attendance and committee chair assignments have been made in part (Lorraine as secretary-treasurer, Alonzo Cook as Program Director, two sisters for advertising the reunion). The plan is to hold the reunion at the

Heber Valley Camp with other nearby facilities (possibly the new high school and/or the ward house including the pavillion nearby) as necessary. The reunion would start with a welcome with speakers and include mini-classes (on Family History), tours of Cedar Fort historical sites, tour of BYU Family History Library, Temple Trip(s) (Ronald S. Cook suggested having a Cook family session) and Tours, display area with family pictures and family histories to exchange, followed by Post-Convention Reunion Tidbits.

Marie Hymas requested that each attendee at the meeting send her our personal desires for the reunion to her by email to [hvmchymas@gmail.com](mailto:hvmchymas@gmail.com)

7. Next Association Meeting to be held Thursday, January 8, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. Items to be considered:
  - Appointment of Association Board.
  - Goals and plans for the Association, including [ourcookfamily.org](http://ourcookfamily.org), Association Reunions, Fund Raising, Projects to Consider, etc.
  
8. Goals to accomplish before our July 8, 2009 Association Meeting.
  - Identify at least one individual from the descendants each of the children of Sophronia Strobridge and Julia Rucker who had issue, to serve on the Association Board.
  - At least 1500 E-mail Addresses:
    - 1,000 from the Strobridge Families (At least 80 from each family).
    - 500 for the Rucker Family (At least 80 from each family).
  
9. Additional Agenda Items:
  - Since additional funds will be needed to continue family research, a reminder should be sent out to send contributions before the end of this December, so that donors can take tax deductions for 2008.
  - Ronald S. Cook will file the papers with the IRS in the next week for the association to become a non-profit organization.

CLOSING PRAYER: Jay Karren

Special Note: Since our October 9, 2008 Association Meeting, Sister Mary Cook, wife of Richard Cook, has obtained for us the use of two major camp sits at the Heber Valley Camp for use during our July 17, 2008 reunion. Additional information will be forthcoming.

Minutes of October 9, 2008 Cook Storbridge Rucker Association meeting were prepared by Bronwyn Hughes. They were sent out to all Association Meeting attendees for review, correction and additions. Some additions were made by Ronald S. Cook. No other comments were received. Minutes are being sent to all family member we have e-mail addresses for. Ronald S. Cook, President.