

A SHORT BIOGRAPHY OF THE LIFE OF
PHINEAS WOOLCOT COOK

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Phineas Woolcot Cook, Born August 28, 1819, Goshen, Litchfield Co., Conn. Baptized September 14, 1845, by Edward Webb. Son of Phineas Cook and Irene Churchill. He first heard the Gospel in 1844 and came to Winter Quarters in 1845. He then came to Utah in Brigham Young's Company in 1847.

He being a carpenter and having a builders mind was sent by Brigham Young to various part of the desolated country to build homes. He worked on the first mill in Utah in 1849-50. He, in company with Ben Black and others, built the first rock house and grist mill in Mantí. This mill was burned later by the Indians in 1853.

In 1853 he worked on the Lion and Bee Hive houses in Salt Lake City, Utah. He made many of the first pieces of furniture from Utah Pine. In connection with Brigham Young and Izac Morley, carpenters, made a bureau, wich is now in the museum.

He moved to Payson in 1855. Built an Indian Farm house. Founded a city west of Payson in 1857, giving it the name of his birth place Goshen. Was Bishop there three years.

He went to Bear Lake in 1863. Made the hand mill to grind wheat. Built a grist-mill in 1865. Later a saw mill, then a shingle mill and a wool cording machine. The exposures, hardships, sacrifices and privations that go along with the accomplishments above mentioned are too numerous to be told. Suffice to say he was a real builder and manufactorer.

He move to Logan, labored in the Temple there for his Father's family for a while.

He Married: 1. Anna Eliza Howland, January 1, 1840.
2. Amanda P. Savage of Canada
3. Katherine McCleane, December 1853.

He was the father of 16 sons and 12 daughter all member of the Church. He was a Farmer, stockraiser, was kind and benevolent, and ready to share to those in need.

The last few years of his life he spent in Afton Wyoming. He died July 24, 1900, at the age of 81 years and a faithful Latterday Saint, and a true father.

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