

ABIAL COOK

(1740 - 11 September 1807)

**Son of Job Cook and Ann Bennett
Father of William Cook
Grandfather of Henry Freeman Cook**

(Henry Freeman, William, **Abial**, Job, Thomas, John, John, Thomas, Thomas)

**IF WILLIAM COOK AND ANN MORGAN ARE NOT THE PARENTS OF WILLIAM,
JOB AND ABIEL COOK, WHO ARE?**

COOK FAMILY ORGANIZATION

PROJECT SUMMARY

[CookCook2008october/0807]

6 November 2008

OBJECTIVES

- Identify the parentage and ancestry of William Cook of Berkshire County, Massachusetts.

RESULTS

Research on the ancestry of William Cook (1780 - 1840) of Hancock, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, has come to the conclusion that he and his brothers Abiel and Job were probably the sons of Abiel Cook of Tiverton, Rhode island; Hancock Massachusetts, and Stephentown, New York. The case is circumstantial, but based on compelling evidence.

- Abiel Cook of Stephentown, Rensselaer County, New York; Hancock, Berkshire County, Massachusetts; and Tiverton, Newport County, Rhode Island, was married to Susanna Cole, daughter of William Cole and Elizabeth Luther.
- William Cole died at Hancock, Massachusetts in 1804. William Cook was married to Lucy Chapman at Hancock just a year later.
- William Cole was listed in Shaker death records, implying he was a Shaker, at least later in life.
- William Cole's daughter Sebia married Perez Wheaton, brother of the Shaker Noah Wheaton who mistreated Betty Cook, daughter of Abiel Cook, at Hancock in 1784/1785.
- The young man for whom Betty Cook had feelings deemed improper by the Shakers was the son of Noah Wheaton. While there was no real blood relationship between Elizabeth Cook and Noah Wheaton, his son might be considered a sort of cousin to her and thus her feelings towards him may have been construed as more improper.

The fact that Abiel Cook had a son named after himself (Abiel) and a son named after his father (Job) and that he had three daughters named after his wife Susannah, his mother (Ann) and mother-in-law (Elizabeth/Betty) makes it logical that he would also have a son named after his father-in-law - William Cole - and it is proposed that This is William Cook, born 6 September 1780.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- If anything remains to be done before accepting this connection, it is to try and identify Job Cook, the son of Abiel Cook who was supposed to have died at sea. There are, however, few resources to check in this regard.
- For the time being, Abiel Cook and Susanna Cole are being listed as the probable parents of William Cook, and their parents are also being listed to illustrate the naming pattern mentioned above. Once this connection has been accepted, both the Cook and the Cole lines can be traced back in existing genealogies. The Cook line behind Abiel Cook as presented in by Jane Fletcher Fiske's *Thomas Cooke of Rhode Island* should be considered reliable, leaving the ancestries of the wives in each generation to be traced.

(Cook Family Organization Research Report, Gordon Remington (Price & Associates), Salt Lake City, Utah, 6 November 2008 - See the full report at ourcookfamily.org)

* * * * *

(The following was taken from the book *Thomas Cooke of Rhode Island*, Compiled and published by Jane Fletcher Fiske, Boxford, Massachusetts, 1987, Volume One, pages 261-262. The names and information about Abial and Susannah's sons Abial, Job and William has been added based upon Gordon Remington research listed above).

ABIAL COOK, son of Job Cook and his first wife, Ann Bennett, was born about 1740 at Tiverton, which until 1747 was in Massachusetts, and died 11 September 1807, probably at Hoosick, N.Y. (Date from Rev. Pension File W18949).

He married first, intentions at Dartmouth 2 August 1766, **SUSANNAH COLE** of Freetown, who died sometime after 13 December 1773. He married, second, at Hoosick (later Stephentown), N.Y., 23 January 1785, **ANNA LEE**, who was probably the daughter of Josephus and Anna (Tallman) Lee, born ca. 1759, died after 1844. (See Coventry, R.I. VR (Vital Records) for earlier clues to this Lee family.)

He evidently attempted to settle in Warren, R.I., for a town council entry there dated 13 December 1773 records the warning out of Abial Cook, his wife Susannah and their children Ann, Betty and Susannah (Calef Papers, RIHS). The 1774 census lists him in Tiverton, with apparently only one daughter then living in the household.

Abial Cook served in the Revolution. He enlisted at Tiverton 29 November 1775 in Capt.

Christopher Manchester's company, Col. Richmond's regiment, and later was a private in the regiment commanded by Col. John Topham. He was listed as "sick in hospital" from June 1778 to 20 February 1779 (Revolutionary Service Index, RIA).

He was evidently a tailor, as his father had been. Joseph Lee of Berlin, Rensselaer County, N.Y., stated under oath in 1844 that he had been present at the marriage of his sister Anna to Abial Cook, that Abial "was a tailor by trade, about 5 feet, 7 or 8 inches high with dark hair and eyes and about 45 years of age at the time of his marriage" (Rev. Pension File).

Abiele [sic] ("thus [as it appears in the original]) Cook on 30 June 1791 was given a lease on a farm of 62.9 acres in Rensselaerwyck. A "durable lease" on the same property was granted to Stennet [sic] Crandall on 27 April 1801. (Abstracts of Van Rensselaer Leases, N.Y. State Library). Daniel Cook was assigned 43 acres, probably part of the same, in 1820 by Stephen M. Crandall (See below).

The 1800 census of New York indicates that Abial and Anna were living at Stephentown, N.Y., with all the children of this marriage at home. The 1810 census list Widow Cook with three sons in the correct age group, but only one daughter at home.

In 1844, Anna Cook, widow of Abial Cook, then living at Castle, Wyoming County, N.Y., filed application for a pension based on his Revolutionary War Services. Included in the filing is a statement by the widow, aged 85 years, and one by her brother Joseph Lee, along with a list of her children made about 1814. She was granted a pension of \$64.10 per year (Rev. Pension File W18949).

Children:

(by first wife, Susannah Cole: names from Warren Town Council record):

ANN, b. perhaps ca. (about) 1768.

BETTY, b. perhaps ca. 1770.

SUSANNAH, b. perhaps ca. 1772.

ABIAL (Abiel or Byle)*, b.. about 1775, m. Lois Chapman, d 9 Sep 1835.

William's brother Abiel married Lucy Chapman Cook's sister Lois. They lived most of their married life in Pinfield, Monroe County, New York. Pinfield is where their seven children (Emmeline [Rundel], Hiram, Mary Ann [Willard], Eliza [Mcomber], Eunice [Crippen], Alfred B. and Alonzo) were born. Abiel died 9 September 1835 in Carlton, Orleans, New York. Lois died in October of 1836, a little over one year after Abiel.

As an interesting side note, Pinfield is where Amassa Cook, Henry Freeman Cook's oldest brother was found. Most family researchers had felt that Amassa Cook must have died young because he could not be found anywhere other William Cook family members were. When we found Abiel and his family in Pinfield we also found Amassa and his family with his wife Laura and his children Hezekiah, Emily, Jane, Charles Edward, Eliza, Esther, William and Florence Sebia..

JOB*, b. abt 1777. (Went to sea and wasn't heard of again).

WILLIAM*, b. 6 Sep 1780, m Lucy Chapman, d. 4 Nov 1840.

William and Lucy's oldest son, Amassa, was born in Warren on 16 April 1807, which indicates that they must have been

living in Warren at the time. The land in Warren was all sold on 20 January 1810. They must have moved to Homer, Cortland, New York, before the sale of their land because William and Lucy's second son, Edwin A. Cook, was born in Homer 10 February 1809. Henry and all of his other brothers and sisters were born in Homer: William, 25 January 1811; Henrietta, 31 March 1813; Anne E., 17 April 1818; Benjamin Franklin, 25 February 1821 and Harriett, 7 August 1824.

* (Abial, Job and William information added)

(by second wife, Anna Lee; information from pension file):

PHILEMON L., son of Abial Cook and his second wife, Anna Lee, was born 21 January 1786 at Stephentown, N.Y. and died after February 1863 when he was of Genesee Falls, N. Y.

He married m. Hannah ----, who was born ca. 1791 in New York State and died after February 1863.

Philemon L. Cook joined the Seventh day Baptist Church at Berlin, Renesselaer County, N.Y. in 1812 (church records at Berkshire Athenaeum).

The 1830 Census lists him in Leicester, Livingston County, N.Y. He was not found on the 1850 census, but on 15 November 1850 Philemon L. Cook and wife Hannah of Castle, Wyoming County, N.Y. sold to Darius Chase of Castile 51 acres there. A month later they bought 105 acres in Genesee Falls from John S. Chase and wife Lavinia. On 27 February 1863, then of Genesee Falls, they sold this land to Edward H. Letchworth of buffalo, N.Y. (Information supplied by Wyoming County Historian).

No further land evidence and no probate records were found in Wyoming County for Philemon or Hannah.

Children, (from 1860 census; probably others):

ABIAL L. (probable), b. 1821; m. at Castile, N.Y., 23 Oct. 1849, Amy M. Chace, 22. (Tree Talks, Dec. 1967, ref. VR Wyoming Co. Court House). He bought 50 acres in Castile from Phendlon B. Homan and wife Sally Ann 20 April 1846; on 29 Dec. 1848 he sold 10 acres there to Sally Ann Homan. Later, with wife Amy M., he bought and sold land in Castile and then Attica, where they were living in 1869.

JOSEPH P., b. ca. 1824; a farmer, at home 1860.

DANIEL D., b. ca. 1831; m. Martha Tallant.

JOHN W., b. prob. 17 June 1834 at Perry Center, N.Y.; m. Mariette Cook. His birthdate is from a Day Book kept by two physicians at Perry Center, quoted in Tree Talks 4:4, referring to attendance at the birth of a boy

to P.L. Cook on that date; this is consistent with other information. Mariette was the daughter of Edwin E. and Almira Cook of Cortland Col, N.Y. In 1860 they were living with his parents in Genesee Falls, N.Y. According to a biographical notice in Wyoming County History, p. 68, John W. Cook was an agent in Castile, N.Y. for the Empire Oil Co. of Buffalo and had three children. (*Thomas Cooke of Rhode Island*, Compiled and published by Jane Fletcher Fiske, Boxford, Massachusetts, 1987, Volume One, pages 406-407.)

JOSEPH, b. 27 May 1789. He joined the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Berlin, N.Y. in 1811 with sister Patty [Martha] (MS Church Records, Berkshire Athenaeum, Pittsfield, Mass.).

DANIEL, b. 14 July 1791. He joined the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Berlin, N.Y. in 1808, and was probably the Daniel Cook whose marriage to Honor Ellet (?ca 1822 or earlier), appears on an undated list of marriages performed by Elder William Satterlee of Little Hoosac, N.Y., Seventh Day Baptist minister (Typescript, NEHGS and Berkshire Athenaeum). On 30 June 1820 Daniel Cook received a lease on 43 acres in East Manor on assignment from Stephen M. Crandall, and on 11 March 1822 deeded land in Berlin (probably the same) to William C. Barber (Abstracts of Van Rensselaer Leases, N.Y. State Library).

MARTHA, b. 22 June 1793; as Patty Cook, she joined the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Berlin, N.Y. in 1811 (MS church Records, Berkshire Athenaeum).

SALLY ANN, b. 13 April 1792.

(*Thomas Cooke of Rhode Island*, Compiled and published by Jane Fletcher Fiske, Boxford, Massachusetts, 1987, Volume One, pages 261-262)

Abstracts of Revolutionary War Pension Files

COOK

Abiel, Anna, W18949, RI Line, Wid appl 29 Mar 1844 Woming City NY Aged 85 a res of Castle NY, sol & wid m 23 Jan 1785 at Hoosick (now Stephentown) in Rensseler Cty NY, sol d 11 Sep 1807, sol lived at Tiverton RI at enl, wid's bro Joseph C. Lee of Berlin in Rensseler Cty NY made aff-dt 3 Aug 1844 aged 82, sol had also lived in Newport RI, children shown were; Philemon b 21 Jan 1786, Joseph b 27 May 1789, Daniel b 14 Jul 1791, Martha b 22 Jun 1793 & Sally Ann b 13 Apr 1798. (*Abstracts of Revolutionary War Pension Files*, Page 742)