

JOB COOK

(11 December 1716 - January 1755)

Son of Thomas Cook and Lydia Taylor Father of Abial Cook G Grandfather of Henry Freeman Cook

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

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130. **JOB COOK**, son of Thomas Cook [51] and his wife Lydia Taylor, was born 11 December 1716 at Tiverton, which until 1747 was in Massachusetts, and died there in January 1775 or shortly before. He was a tailor.

He married first, **ANN BENNETT**, probably about 1739. She was the daughter of Robert and Amy (Manchester) Bennett and sister of Mary Bennett, who married Job's brother Joseph Cook. She was living in October 1746 when she was named in the will of her father, but had died by 1755.

Job married, second, at Little Compton 30 September 1755, **KEZIA GRINNEL**, who was born 18 January 1730, daughter of George and March (Stanford) Grinnell, and died probably about 1763.

He married, third, 21 October 1764, **ELIZABETH SISSON** of Portsmouth, whose identity has not been learned. She was probably a widow at the time of her marriage to Job, for her father-in-law in the codicil to his will mentioned household goods which she had brought with her. She was living in October 1776 and may have remarried about that time, when she asked to be discharged from administering Job's estate.

On 30 January 1775 Job's father Thomas Cook added a codicil to his will, stating that his son Job was now deceased and that the legacy intended for him should go to "my grandson Daniel Cook son of my said son Job deceased ... Daniel paying all his father's just and lawful debts that shall be over and above what his son Job's last wife Elizabeth Cook brought to him ... which I desire may be returned for her own use forever ... Daniel paying to my said son Job's widow Elizabeth also the sum of twenty-two pounds ten shillings ... to his brothers and sisters the several sums of money hereinafter mentioned ... to Abial Cook thirty pounds, to Elizabeth Woodman wife of Richard Woodman forty five pounds, to Job Cook six pounds, to Rhoda Cook six pounds, to Marcy Cook six pounds, to Timothy Cook six pounds, and to Ellis Cook six pounds ... who are my grandchildren and the children of my said son Job deceased" (Tiverton Probate 4:274-5).

An inventory of Job Cook's personal estate was taken 7 February 1775 by George Cook and Joseph Almy and recorded with the notation that the estate had been shown them by Elizabeth Cook, administrator. On 7 October 1776 when Elizabeth jCook, late wife of Job Cook, asked to be discharged from the administration, Job's brother Joseph Cook was appointed to take charge of goods set off for Elizabeth, and another brother, Jeremiah Cook, was appointed

administrator of the estate. The list of claims against it was recorded 7 April 1777, totalling (totaling) £149:15:1, about £2 more than the value; each claim was figured and paid in proportion. Something remained unsettled on 6 July 1795 when Jeremiah Cook was again named administrator of the estate of Job Cook late of Tiverton, deceased, “which had been unadministered by Elizabeth Cook of Tiverton” (ibid., 3: 207,208,253;5:35).

Children: (as named in codicil to grandfather’s will):

(By first wife, Ann Bennett):

- +336 i **ABIAL**, CA. 1740; M. (1) Susannah Cole, (2) Anna Lee.
- +337 ii **ELIZABETH**, b. ca. 1743; m. Richard Woodman.
- +338 iii **JOB**, b. 6 July 1747; m. Freelove Gubbins.
- 339 iv **DANIEL**, b. perhaps ca. 1752, d. after 1780. He served in the Continental Army during the Revolution and is listed in the 1777 military census as an enlisted soldier. He was probably the Daniel Cook in Capt. Christopher Manchester’s Company, Col. Smith’s Regiment, enlisted 7 Jan. 1777 for 15 months; he signed receipts for his wages at Bristol 25 Aug. 1777, at Poppersquash 31 Dec. 1777 and again at Bristol 31 March 1778, and on 11 April 1779 he signed a receipt for articles consigned to Major Manchester (R.I. Archives, MS Records on Revolutionary solders).
On 1 March 1779 Joseph Cook of Dartmouth, as executor of the estate fo Thomas Cook, yeoman, late of Tiverton, sold to Daniel Cook of Tiverton for 400 Spanish Milled Dollars ten acres next to land of Jeremiah Cook, this being the southerly part of Thomas Cook’s homestead farm. Nine months later, on 1 January 1780 Daniel Cook sold to John Cook of Tiverton land in Puncatest, “part of grandfather Thomas’ homestead farm that I bought of Uncle Joseph Cook of Dartmouth”, for 1800 Sanish Milled Dollars. On 3 January 17800, called a yeoman, of Tiverton, he sold another piece of land to Gideon Almy (Tiverton Deeds 3:16, 24). No further record of him has been found.

- +340 v **RHODA**, b. perhaps ca. 1754; m. Edward Taber.

(By second wife, Kezia Grinnell)

- 341 vi **MERCY**, b. ca. 1756, d. probably Dec. 1815 at Fairhaven, Mass. (New Bedford Mercury obit. 5 Jan. 1816); m. Amos Eldridge 19 April 1787 at New Bedford (int. 21 Feb. 1787 Dartmouth). Both were of New Bedfored (which was established 23 Feb. 1787 from the easterly part of Dartmouth). Amos was son of Salathiel and Rebecca (Wood) Eldridge, b. 13 Nov. 1759, d. Aug. 1807. According to the will of Mercy’s brother Ellis Cook, dated 1831, they had children living at that time.
- +342 vii **TIMOTHY**, b. ca. 1758; probably m. -----.

+343 viii **ELLIS**, b. ca. 1760; n. (1) Mary Winter, (2) Elizabeth Earl.