

Fairfield County Genealogy Society

Research Library Research Request Cover Sheet #2

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- **Ask others for Ideas**
 - Check with Pelham
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From: Stephan Wallace [mailto:wallace.stephan@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, August 13, 2018 1:02 PM
To: fairfieldgenealogy@truvista.net
Subject: member's query

I'm looking for information on the family and ancestors of **Thomas Ira Cook**, who was born in Fairfield District, South Carolina, sometime between 1791 and 1794 (based on information in the federal census records). He is listed in the 1820 and 1830 census records for Fairfield District, South Carolina as Thomas I. Cook, although later transcriptions wrote the middle initial as J rather than I.

Thomas and his brother **Burrell B. Cook** signed a petition dated October 24, 1824 seeking incorporation and financial aid on behalf of the Fairfield Broad River Academy (Fitz Hugh McMaster, *History of Fairfield County, South Carolina*, p. 64). The legislature granted the request for incorporation and the act names both Cook brothers among the initial Trustees of the Fairfield Broad River Academy (David J. McCord (ed.), *The Statutes at Large of South Carolina*, Volume 8. Acts Relating to Corporations, p. 336).

Sometime after 1830, Thomas Cook moved to Troup County, Georgia, where he is listed in the 1840 census as a resident of District 655 (LaGrange). Thomas I. Cook also is listed as Troup County Inferior Court Judge for the period 1837-1841 (Georgia Genealogy-HISTORY OF THE COURTS OF TROUP COUNTY GEORGIA, <https://georgiagenealogy.org/troup/courts.htm>). I have been unable to find any information on Thomas Cook after 1841, including his date and place of death.

According to John Bennett Boddie's *Southside Virginia Families*, Vol. I, Thomas Ira Cook was the son of **Burwell "Burrell" Cook**, who came to Fairfield District with his father **John Cook(e)** from Brunswick County, Virginia. Boddie also claims that Thomas' mother was Mary Pope, daughter of Solomon Pope of Edgefield County, South Carolina. However, another source states that Solomon Pope's daughter Mary was the wife of Nathan Cook (George Leland Summer, *Newberry County, South Carolina: Historical and Genealogical Annals, 1950*, p. 265) so I'm not sure which is correct. Thomas' father Burrell Cook died in Fairfield District, South Carolina sometime between 1800 and 1803. After his death, Thomas and his brother Burrell B. Cook appeared in court 16 November 1803 and voluntarily chose their uncles **Nathaniel Cook** and **George McCrellis** as guardians.

Thomas Ira Cook married **Harriett Rabb**, daughter of **Robert Rabb** and **Nancy Ann (Woodward) Rabb** of Fairview District, South Carolina. I have been unable to find birth or death dates for Harriett Rabb. She and Thomas witnessed the will of her father Robert Rabb, which was proved 13 February 1816 (the transcription lists the names as Thomas J. Cook and Marriet Cook, but the original is clearly signed Harriett).

Thomas and Harriett (Rabb) Cook had at least three children:

- **Burrell B. Cook**, b. about 1828 in Fairfield District, South Carolina, d. unknown. He appears in the 1850 Federal Census for Troup County, Georgia as an overseer on the estate of Mrs. Nancy Swanner and her sons Nathan and James Swanner. In 1857, he was named as one of 12 firefighters chartered by the General Assembly of Georgia for LaGrange and organized under the name "The Diligent Firemen" (LaGrange, Troup County Georgia History, https://georgiagenealogy.org/troup/lagrange_history.htm). He enlisted as 3rd Sergeant in Company B, Georgia 4th Infantry Regiment in April 1861 and was mustered out in July 1862 (Ancestry - U.S., Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles, 1861-1865).
- **Mary Cook**, b. 6 February 1829 in Fairfield District, South Carolina, d. 10 March 1868 in Perry County, Alabama. Married Stanhope Lamar Wallace 12 December 1848 in Perry County, Alabama. Their children were named Burrell M, Margaret Caroline, Harriet Rabb, and George.
- **Harriett Cook**, b. abt 1835 in either South Carolina or Georgia, d. 23 November 1896 in Perry County, Alabama. Married 1. John Lee 5 March 1855 in Perry County, Alabama. 2. John Harris Johnson 25 March 1875 in Perry County, Alabama.

Thomas' daughters Mary and Harriett Cook moved from LaGrange, Georgia to Perry County, Alabama sometime in the 1840s, possibly with their mother, whose sister **Martha (Rabb) Goree**, wife of James Lyles Goree of Newberry District, South Carolina, had moved to Perry County with her husband sometime before 1820. The Gorees' daughter, Mary Ann Goree, married Andrew

Genealogy Resource Library

From: Genealogy Resource Library [fairfieldgenealogy@truvista.net]
Sent: Monday, August 20, 2018 2:33 PM
To: 'Stephan Wallace'
Subject: RE: member's query status

Hello Stephan,

Your request is #1 of 31 total remaining request and is currently being worked on as time permits. Check with us on your status and update us on any progress on your end.

Thanks for your patience with us. We have been working as time permits on request. Walk-in's have priority for assistance with research.

FYI:

This past month: Walk-in 104 visitors, .64 Fairfield County, 27 In-state and 13 Out-of-State; 38 closed research request, 31 Walk-in's needing assistance, 6 Members email request, and 1 non-member request.

For our records would you please share any information you have updated on your family lines. The information will be filed and made available in our family files. This will aide to expedite future request for research and assist walk-in researchers.

Thanks for your support!

Eddie

Eddie Killian
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Barry Moore, who later became the 16th Governor of Alabama. James L. Goree owned property in west Perry County adjacent to lands owned by the Wallace and Lee families.

Information I am seeking:

1. Information about Thomas Ira Cook, his brother Burrell B. Cook, and their parents and grandparents in Fairfield County.
2. Information about Thomas' wife Harriett Rabb, in particular her birth and death dates and her father Robert Rabb's parents.
3. Information about Thomas and Burrell's court-appointed guardians Nathaniel Cook and George McCrellis.
4. The identities of the N. Cook, T. Cook, and R. Rabb who appear on the 1820 map of Fairfield District surveyed by John Allen Tharp and published in Mills Atlas 1825 (the Cooks are in the southwest near present-day Jenkinsville, between the Broad and Little Rivers; R. Rabb also is in the southwest, but closer to the center of the District, between Mill Creek and Morris' Creek).

I would greatly appreciate any information you may have on file and hope that some of the information I have provided on this family may be useful to others.

best regards,

Stephan Wallace

JOHN COOK - 1730 - 1799 - S1120H
MARTHA COOK 1/17/1734 - 1796 W/O JOHN - S1120H } MOVED WHEN LAKE BUILT
BURREL COOKE 1760 - 1800 - S1120H
B. B. COOK - 11/15/1794 - 3/20/1872 - COOK #1
FANNIE H. COOK 7/19/1826 - 8/1895 - COOK #1
J. K. COOK 11/3/1828 - 10/8/1897 - COOK #1
JAMES ALSTON COOK 6/3/1835 - 8/29/1862 - COOK #1
MARTHA P. HUTCHERSON COOK 5/6/1824 - 1/17/1892 W/O J. K. COOK #1
MARY H. COOK d 5/20/1883 @ 83 y 3 m - W/O BURREL - COOK #1
SEVERAL IN COOK #2 - NO DATES
WILLIAM THOS. COOK 10/12/1820 @ 11 m 19 d - COOK #3 S/O BURREL B. & MARY HONORIA COOK
MARY COOK - N.D - COOK #2
M. H. COOK - N.D - " "
NANCY COOK - " " "
S. E. COOK " " "
SARAH R. COOK " " "
SUSANNAH E. COOK " " "
SUSANNAH COOK " " "
THOMAS H. COOK " " "
WILLIAM THOS COOK OCT 19, 1820 @ 11 m 19 d S/O BURREL B & MARY HONORIA COOK
PHILLIP DRAYTON COOK 1800 - 1872 - BETHEL METHODIST

Genealogy Resource Library

From: Genealogy Resource Library [fairfieldgenealogy@truvista.net]
Sent: Wednesday, September 05, 2018 2:05 PM
To: 'Stephan Wallace'
Subject: RE: query results

Hello Stephan,

Question # 1

See the info below on what we found about Thomas and Burrell's parents.

Question # 2

We have not been able to find Harriet's birth and death date, one source says that she was born about 1790.

Possible parents for Robert are: based on Equity Court Records: in Bill 1826 # 3: a William Rabb had died, his wife was Elizabeth and it lists the following sons-Robert, Alexander and Charles.

Question # 3

From the info found in the family files, it appears that Nathaniel Cook and George McCrellis were their uncles. Burrell's sister Elizabeth married George.

Question # 4

This would only be a guess, N. Cook is probably Nathaniel Cook, T. Cook would be Thomas and I did not come across a Cook with the first name that states with a R.

This is some info from the family files:

This is from a copy of a family bible:

Burrell Brown Cook married Mary Honoria Kirkland in October 1818.

Burrell B. Cook was born on November 15, 1794, son of John Cook and Mary Pope, she was the daughter of Soloman Pope.

Mary Honoria Cook was born February 24, 1800, she was the daughter of William Kirkland and Lucretia Pearson.

William Thomas Cook was born on October 24, 1819, son of Burrell Brown and Mary Honoria Cook.

John Wylie Cook was born on October 3, 1821 and died in 1894, son of Burrell and Mary Honoria Cook.

Mary Elizabeth Cook was born on February 4 and died October 1824, daughter of Burrell and Mary Honoria Cook.

Frances Harriett Cook was born on July 19, 1826, daughter of Burrell and Mary Honoria Cook.

Joseph Kirkland Cook was born on November 3, 1828, son of Burrell and Mary Honoria Cook.

Nathan Milton Cook was born on September 13, 1830, son of Burrell and Mary Honoria Cook.

Martha Kirkland Cook was born on December 12, 1832, daughter of Burrell and Mary Honoria Cook.

James Alston Cook was born on June 3, 1835, son of Burrell and Mary Honoria Cook.

Rebecca Susanah Cook was born on August 11, 1838, daughter of Burrell and Mary Honoria Cook.

Emma Honoria Cook was born on June 7, 1842, daughter of Burrell and Mary Honoria Cook.

Emma Honoria Cook Kirkland died on August 3, 1916, buried beside her husband J. Murray Kirkland in the Monticello Methodist Church.

William Thomas Cook died on October 12, 1820

James Alston Cook died on October 5, 1862 in Virginia from wounds received at the Battle of Manassas.

Burrell B. Cook died on March 29, 1872.

M. Honoria Cook died on May 20, 1883

F. H. Cook died on August 2, 1895.

In the family files found some research papers that has the following, is written on Family Group Sheets, cannot verify.

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Capt. John Cook was born in Virginia, son of Henry and Elizabeth Cook.
His first wife was Mary Brown and his second wife was Martha Pearson.

They had the following children:

Nathaniel – born in 1760 and died in 1848-married (1) Susannah E. Pope (2) Christina Chappell

Elizabeth who married George McCrelles

Mary who married Thomas Hutchinson

Burrell who married Mary Pope

A daughter who married a Grendist

A daughter who married a Bellamy

A daughter who married John Harbert

A daughter who married a Battle

John

Henry

Isaac

Phillip

Burrell Cook, married Mary Pope

Children:

Burrell Brown Cook, married Mary Honoria Kirkland

Thomas Ira Cook

Nathan P. Cook

Here is a list of the location of where some early Cooks are buried.

Buried in Shiloh Methodist Church in Jenkinsville – these graves were moved there when Lake Monticello was constructed.

John Cook – 1730-1700-South Carolina, Captain, Lt. Col. Goodwyn's Bn., Rev. War

Martha Cook – November 7, 1754-1796-wife of Capt. John Cook

Burrell Cooke – 1760-1800-South Carolina, Pvt., Ross' Regt., Rev. War

Cook #1 Cemetery

B. B. Cook – November 15, 1794-March 29, 1872

Fannie H. Cook – July 19, 1826-August 1895

J. K. Cook – November 3, 1828-October 8, 1897

Jas. Alston Cook – June 3, 1935 at 27 years, 4 months and 2 days-died of wounds received at the Battle of Manassas, Va.

Martha P. Hutcherson Cook – May 6, 1824-January 17, 1892-wife of J. K. Cook

Mary H. Cook – died May 20, 1883 at 83 years and 3 months-wife of Burrell B. Cook

Cook #2 Cemetery-none of the stones have dates on them.

Mary Cook

N. H. Cook

Nancy Cook

S. E. Cook

Sarah R. Cook

Susannah E, Cook

Susannah Cook

Ths. H. Cook

Cook # 3 Cemetery – only a single grave

William Thos. Cook – died October 12, 1820 at 11 months and 19 days-son of Burrell B. and Mary Honoria Cook

Bethel Methodist Church

Phillip D. Cook – 1800-1872-1st Sgt. Cav. Bn., Holcombe's S. C. Legion, CSA

Emma M, Cook – September 2, 1845-January 13, 1913

Infant Son – June 12, 1880-June 14, 1880-son of W. A. & E. M. Cook

James L. Cook – February 5, 1875-February 8, 1875-son of W. A. & E. M. Cook

John M. R. Cook – April 6, 1876-July 8, 1876-son of W. A. & E. M. Cook

Nathan R. Cook – July 22, 1877-May 23, 1906-husband of Mary A. Cook

William A. Cook – August 22, 1849-April 24, 1910

Here is some info found in Equity Court Records:

Emma M. Cook married Capt. John M. Kirkland on November 25, 1868, she was the youngest daughter of B. B. Cook – in December 9, 1868 issue of the paper.

In Equity Court Record Bill 1848 #15 – Esther Cook was the wife of Nathan M. Cook, he died on June 7. 1847, and was the mother of M. H., Julia and Henry Cook.

In Equity Court Records, Petition 1853 #1 – J. Lawrence Cook, died in February 1852, married Rebecca Ashford, she died in November 1852. They were the parents of Susannah E. Cook-born about 1846, Martha M. Cook-born about 1848 and William A. Cook-born about 1850.

In Equity Court Record Bill 1827 #6 and Bill 1850 #9 – Jemima A. Williamson Cook, she was the daughter of Roland & Ailcey Williamson, she married Philip Cook, and was the mother of Lucy A. Cook, Susanna P. Cook and Sally Cook.

In Equity Court Record Petitions 1822 #1, 1822 #9 and 1823 #5 – John P. Cook, married Mary Willingham Cook who died in July 1821, father of John W. Cook.

In Equity Court Record Petition 1856 #6 – John P. Cook married Sarah S. Owens, the widow of Jesse Owens who died in July 1850.

From his obit - John R. Cook died on October 18, 1885 in Marshallville, Ga. at the age of 65, he married Mrs. Harmon in 1847, she died in 1851, he then married Mrs. Sarah S. Owens, the daughter of Osmund Woodward. From Equity Court Record Bill 1857 #21 – he married Sarah on December 18, 1854 who was the widow of Jesse T. Owens.

In Equity Court Record Bill 1855 #3 – Martha Matilda Cook was the daughter of James Lawrence and Rebecca Ashford Cook and granddaughter of Nathan Cook who died on August 7, 1854, she was the sister of Susannah E. Cook and William A. Cook and the niece of Joel W. Ashford.

In Equity Court Record Bill 1845 #30 – Mary Kennedy Cook was the daughter of William & Polly Kennedy and married Thomas Cook.

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Jon Davis

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