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History of Belle Rive and Dahlgren, Illinois And Surrounding Territory

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Lenna Smith and Mrs. Ed Page Reporting.....

The immigrant ancestors of Theophilus Cook settled in Virginia Colony in the early years of its settlement. The exact date of arrival is not known, but court records show that William Cook, great grandfather of Theophilus, bought eight hundred acres of land in what is now Southampton County, Virginia, in 1667. After a time, about 1770, the family moved to what became Fairfield County, South Carolina, where Theophilus was born on February 22, 1788.

After the Revolutionary War (in which his father, John, served in the Second Regiment, South Carolina Infantry), members of the Cook, Caldwell and other families moved to Tennessee, where Theophilus Cook married on October 24, 1811. His bride was the former Elizabeth Caldwell, who had been born in Newberry County, South Carolina.

Theophilus served in the War of 1812 under General Jackson, and his military record shows two periods of service in this conflict.

He served the company commanded by Captain George Smith in a regiment of mounted volunteers in General Coffee's Brigade against the Creek Indians, volunteering in Sumner County, Tennessee in either September or October 1813. The reason the dates are indefinite is that the record was made from memory almost forty years after the actual periods of service, as the War Department did not keep service records as they did in later periods, and therefore the Theophilus Cook record was made by affidavits made out by himself and by men who knew him. He was honorably discharged from this period of service at Ditto's Landing on the Tennessee River about the last of December, 1813.

Theophilus Cook also served in the company commanded by Captain Robert Moore in the First Regiment of Mounted Volunteers commanded by Colonel Thomas Williamson. He volunteered in Sumner County, Tennessee, in September, 1814 and was honorably discharged at Nashville, Tennessee about May 1, 1815.

Theophilus Cook was already a father at the time of his service for his country, as Sarah had been born July 28, 1812 and Feriba, another daughter, was born in January 30, 1814. On February 1, 1816, he became the father of his first son, Josiah Brown Cook.

In the winter of 1816-1817, the family moved to Jefferson County, Illinois, settling in Moores Prairie Township near where Belle Point School house now stands.

Following is a complete list of the children of Theophilus and Elizabeth Caldwell Cook:

Sarah, born July 28, 1812, who married John Jenkins; Feriba, born January 30, 1814, who married Willis B. Holder;

Josiah Brown, born February 1, 1816, who died February 17, 1845;

Mary, born June 1, 1817, who married John A. Calvert;

Robert Perry, born January 31, 1819, who first married Harriett J. Morgan and later married Sarah Sturman;

Daniel D., born October 11, 1820, who married Nancy Parent;

Johnathan S., born February 12, 1822, who married Susan Blake; Matilda, born April 3, 1824, who married Richard Kinison on July 1, 1847 (he lived in Kentucky until he was fifteen years old; then he came to Illinois and lived in the vicinity of Belle Rive the rest of his life.

He farmed for a living and was a great hunter. They raised their family on a farm southeast of Belle Rive, and were the great grandparents of Mrs. Ed Page; William C., born October 3, 1825, who died December 2, 1847; Elvina, born August 16, 1827, who died February 17, 1845 (the same day that her brother Josiah died); and Margaret J., born April 21, 1830, who married Thomas Shipley.

Theophilus and Elizabeth Cook had two sons who died in the Mexican War, but the records does not indicate which two they were.

Theophilus Cook was a lay preacher (Methodist exhorter), and was highly respected by all who knew him. He died on June 15, 1858. The Cooks are buried in New Hope Cemetery, a short distance south of Belle Rive, Illinois.

Author: GeorgeFarris50The first paragraph and the first section of the second paragraph are incorrect. That was based on speculation by the authors that they later realized was wrong. Lenna Smith's nephew was in possession of her research notes after she died. He gave copies of parts of them to Sue Regier back in the early 1990s. Before Lenna died she had marked all of that part about Capt. John Cook as incorrect - and indicated that she had no idea who was the father of Theophilus and Robert. Even a cursory look at the history of John Cook should be enough to show that he wasn't the father.

The rest of the writeup appears to be accurate - though incomplete. It doesn't include the three youngest children: William Caldwell Cook (who died in Mexico during the Mexican War); Elvina (who married John S. Blake); and Margaret Jane (who married Thomas Shipley). There were additional marriages for Robert Perry Cook (Alvira Chandler) and for Fereba (Levi Sharp). I also have marriage and death dates for most of them.

Note that Fereba, Mary Brown, Daniel Decatur, Matilda, and Margaret Jane all lived beyond the 1880 census. They all listed their father's birthplace as Georgia in that census. And, as I recall, two of Robert's children also lived past 1880 and listed their father's birthplace as Georgia. Plus Theophilus listed his birthplace as Georgia in the 1850 census.

Author: GeorgeFarris50No, to Edward Phillips of Jackson County, Georgia. (This ancestry is not proven).



For more about tracking all of these families in Georgia, Tennessee, and Illinois, see "The Robertsons Have Arrived" by Howard Rober(t)son and Glen Christman - descendants of Lucinda through Joshua Roberson - half brother of Robert and Theophilus Cook.


Author: GeorgeFarris50Sorry. I didn't see the three youngest children in that write-up since they were separated from the list of the others.

In case you don't have this: Elizabeth Ann Caldwell Cook died 26 March 1857. (Her sister Margaret was married to Joshua Roberson, half-brother of Theophilus.) The New hope Cemetery photo of the tombstone of Theophilus (spelled Theopilus on the stone) shows a fragment of Margaret's tombstone with only the death date. They were obviously matching headstones (from the decoration and style). All I found of her stone in ~1991 was that one fragment. The cemetery had been vandalized and there were large piles of pieces of broken stones in several places. A part of Elvina Cook Blake's stone is to the left of Theophilus's stone.


Author: GeorgeFarris50The two sons of Theophilus Cook and Louisa Jane Campbell are listed in the 1860 census in Hancock County as James R. age 10 and John B. age 8. After Theophilus died at the Cahaba Alabama prison camp on 31 Jan 1865 Louisa remarried to David Ayers in 1870 in Hancock County. In 1870 their family included Benjamin Cook age 7 and James R. Cook age 20. In 1880, Louisa Ayers was listed with one son, Franklin Cook (probably Benjamin Franklin Cook).

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Theophilus Cook
1788 - 1858

Other families

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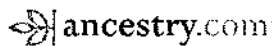
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Nieman Family Tree



Theophilus Cook

Birth 22 Feb 1788 in Fairfield, South Carolina, United States

Death 15 Jun 1858 in Jefferson, Illinois, United States

Timeline

- 1788 Birth**
22 Feb Fairfield, South Carolina, United States
Birthplace listed as Georgia in 1850 census. Also, five of the children of Theophilus and one child of his brother Robert lived beyond the 1880 census (when parents' birthplaces were first listed) - and all six listed the father's birthplace as Georgia.
- 1811 Marriage to Elizabeth Ann Caldwell**
24 Oct Sumner, Tennessee, United States
Age: 23 Parents of 11 children.
- 1830 Residence**
Age: 42 Jefferson, Illinois, United States
- 1840 Residence**
Age: 52 Jefferson, Illinois, United States
- 1849 Date**
20 Oct Illinois, USA
Age: 61
- 1850 Residence**
Age: 62 District 10, Jefferson, Illinois
Age: 52
- 1858 Death**
15 Jun Jefferson, Illinois, United States
Age: 70 Age at Death: 70
- Burial**
Belle Rive, Jefferson County, Illinois, USA

Family Members

Parents

No Father

No Mother

Spouse & Children ▾

Elizabeth Ann Caldwell
1793 - 1857

Sarah Cook
1812 - 1845

Feriba Cook
1814 - 1887

Josiah Brown Cook
1816 - 1845

Livina Statha Cook
1816 - 1852

Mary Brown Cook
1817 - 1880

Robert Perry Cook
1819 - 1865

Mary Caldwell
1819 -

Daniel Decatur Cook
1820 - 1905

Rolling G Cook
1820 - 1873

Jane Caldwell
1821 -

Johnithan Scott Cook
1822 - 1849

Theophilus Cook
1823 -

Matilda Cook
1824 - 1903

William Caldwell Cook
1825 - 1847

Elvina Cook
1827 - 1880

Elvina E COOK
1827 - 1860

Robert C Cook
1829 -



Margaret Jane Cook
1830 – 1885

Source Information

<D> 1830 United States Federal Census

1 citation provides evidence for Name, Residence

<D> 1840 United States Federal Census

1 citation provides evidence for Name, Residence

<D> 1850 United States Federal Census

1 citation provides evidence for Name, Birth,
Residence

<D> Ancestry Family Trees

This citation provides evidence for Theophilus Cook

<D> Illinois, Public Land Purchase Records, 1813-1909

1 citation provides evidence for Name, Custom Event


<D> U.S. and International Marriage Records, 1560-1900

1 citation provides evidence for Name

<D> Web: Illinois, Find A Grave Index, 1809-2012

1 citation provides evidence for Name, Death, Birth,
Burial

Lynke43 added this to Nieman Family Tree

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
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1788 - 1858

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
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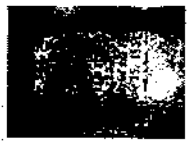
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Death 15 Jun 1858 in , Jefferson, Illinois, USA

Timeline

1788
22 Feb
Fairfield, South Carolina, USA

1811
24 Oct
Age: 23
Marriage to Elizabeth Caldwell
, Sumner, Tennessee, USA
Y;Y;Y

1830
Age: 42
Residence
Jefferson, Illinois, United States

1840
Age: 52
Residence
Jefferson, Illinois, United States

1850
Age: 62
Residence
District 10, Jefferson, Illinois

Family Members

Parents



John Cook
1740 – 1797



Martha Pearson
1754 – 1796

Spouse & Children ▾



Elizabeth Caldwell
1793 – 1858



Matilda Cook
1824 – 1903

Source Information


→ 1830 United States Federal Census
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1858
 15 Jun
 Age: 70

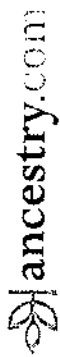
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<D> Illinois, Public Land Purchase Records, 1813-1909
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Ancestors & Descendants of Denver Leo Glenn Sr



John Cook

Birth 1740 in Brunswick, Virginia, USA
Death 1797 in Broad River, Cooks Ferry, South Carolina, USA

Timeline

1740 Birth
Brunswick, Virginia, USA

1797 Death
Age: 57
Broad River, Cooks Ferry, South Carolina, USA

Marriage to Martha Pearson
Y;Y;Y

Family Members

Parents



Henry Cooke
1690 – 1772



Mary Clarke
1692 – 1786

Spouse & Children ▾



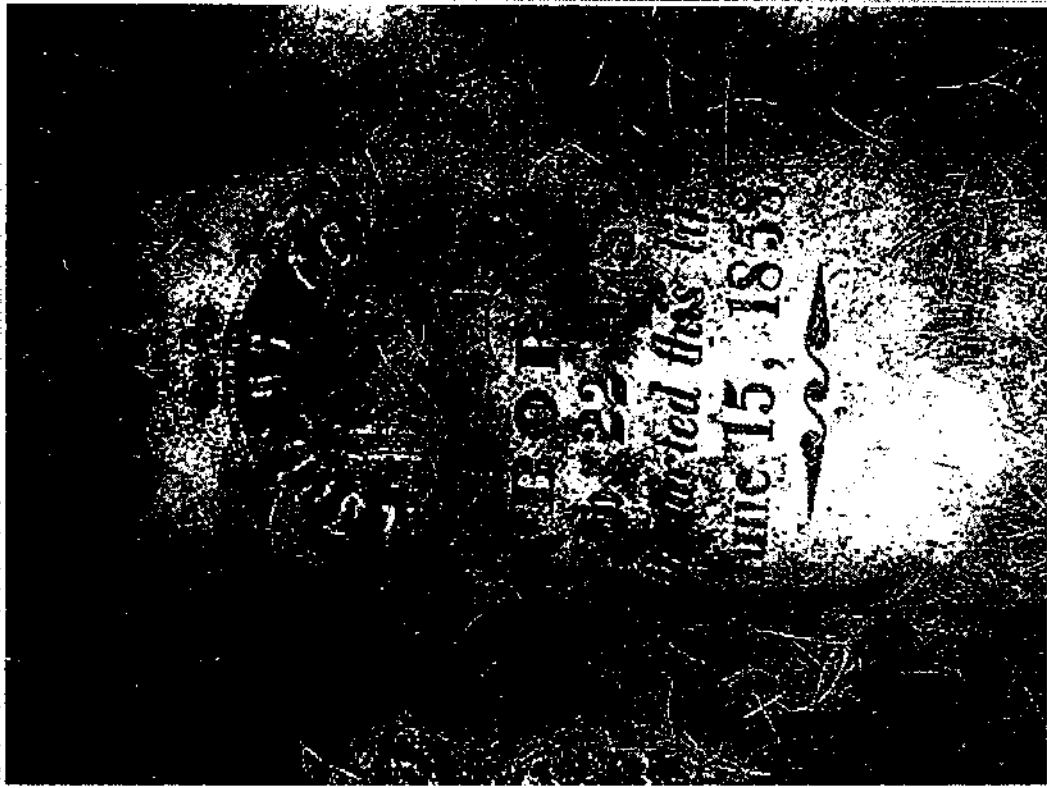
Martha Pearson
1754 – 1796



Theophilus Cook
1788 – 1858

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01 Feb 2007 Headstone

Headstone Details

Cemetery name

Name on headstone Theophilis Cook

Birth 1788 - Georgia

Death 1858 - Jefferson County, IL