

The Family of Andrew and Martha (Hayth) Cook.

The Cook Family lived in the Mecca-Montezuma area in Wabash Township, Parke County, Indiana.

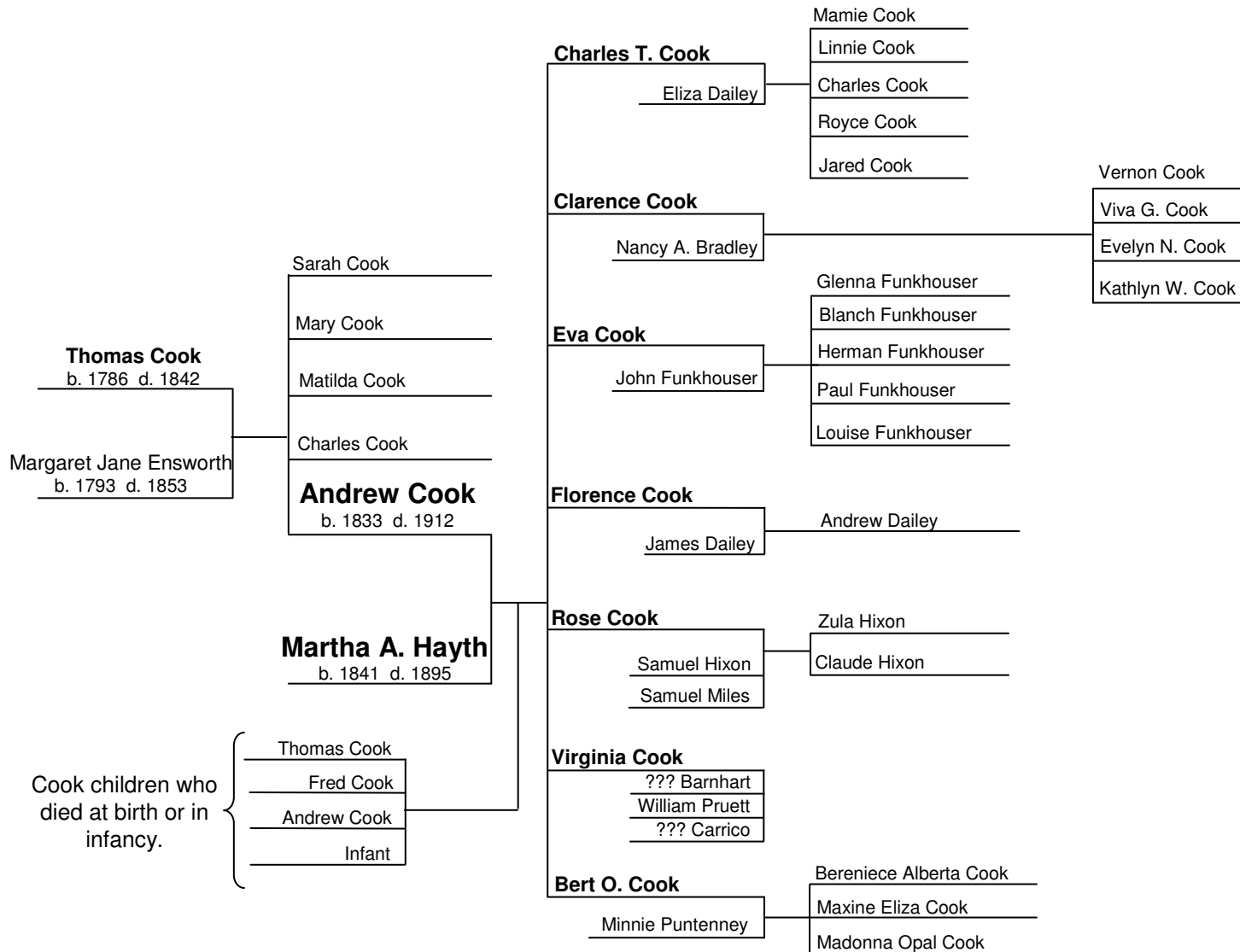


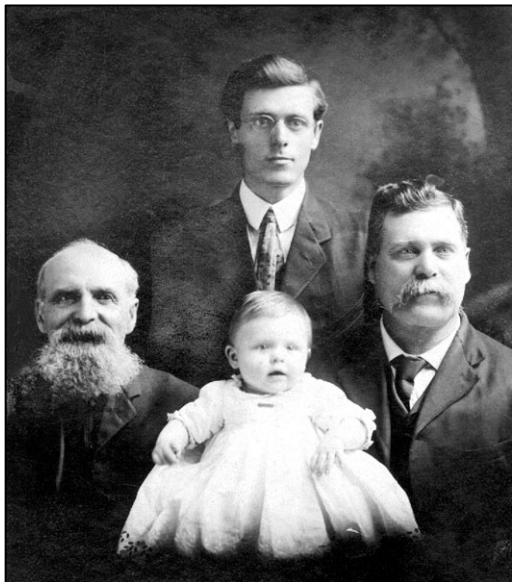
L to R. Back row: Bert Cook; Florence (Cook) Dailey; Charles Cook; Rose (Cook) Hixon, Miles; Clarence Cook.
Front row: Eva (Cook) Funkhouser; Andrew Cook; Martha (Hayth) Cook; Virginia (Cook) Barnhart, Pruett, Carrico.

c. 1893.

Descendants of Andrew and Martha (Hayth) Cook

Wabash Township, Parke County, Indiana

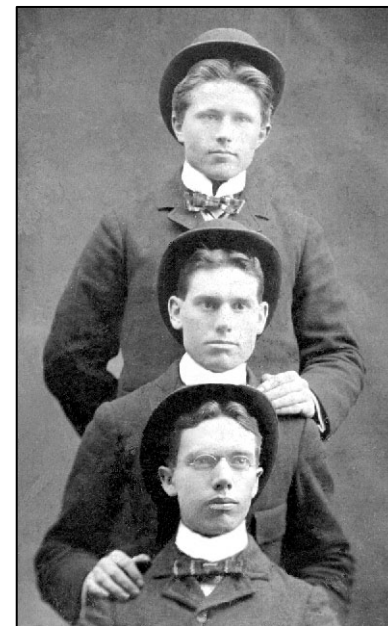




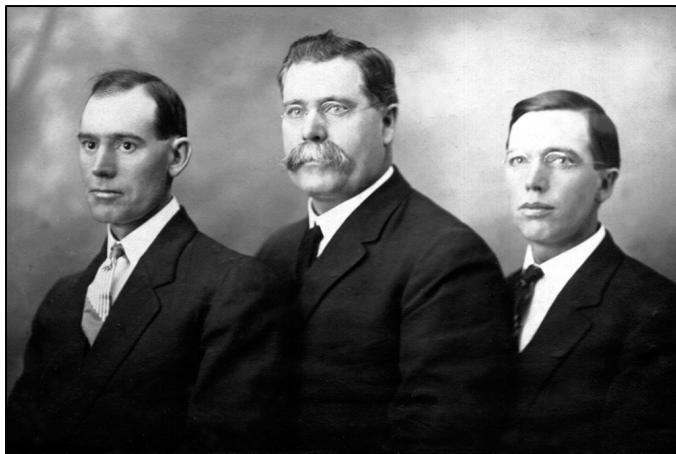
Four generations of Cooks. Andrew (left). Andrew's son, Charles (right). Charles son, Oral (standing). Oral's baby son, name unknown. c. 1900. (#69)



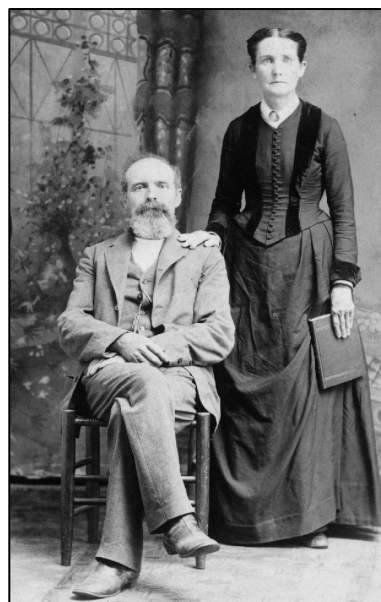
The Andrew Cook family home. c. 1930. (#11)



Bert Cook (bottom), Clarence Cook and Wallace Laverty. c. 1895. (#11a)



The Cook Brothers. From L: Clarence, Charles and Bert. c. 1913. (#1)



Andrew and Martha Hayth Cook. c. 1889 (#6)



The Cook sisters. From L: Jennie Carrico, Rose Miles, Florence Dailey. Eva Funkhouser (standing center). c. 1900. (#91)

Andrew Cook Biography

ANDREW COOK, a representative citizen and extensive farmer of Parke County, resides on Section 31, Wabash Township. He has served his friends and fellow-citizens as Constable, and in the spring of 1890 was elected trustee for a four-year term. He is a strong supporter of the Republican party, active and interested in the work of the same.

Mr. Cook was born in the northern part of Wabash Township, Parke County, Ind., January 7, 1833, and is a son of Thomas and Jane (Ensworth) Cook. The former was born in Maryland, in which state his father's death occurred. With his mother and her family he came to Circleville, Ohio, and later to Indiana. He was one of several boys: Jesse and Henry died in Ohio; the others were William, Mark and Eleven, who was so named because he was the eleventh child in the family.

With his brother Mark, our subject's father served in the War of 1812 and was present at Hull's surrender. He was a farmer by occupation, and in 1821 came to Vigo County, Ind., with a team and wagon. Leaving his family, he made a trip to St. Louis on horseback to collect a debt, and on his return raised a crop on Harrison Prairie. The following year he entered eighty acres of land and purchased a like amount on Section 6, Wabash Township, where he resided until he was called to his final rest in 1841, aged fifty-eight years. His widow survived him twelve years, dying in August, 1853. Politically he was a Whig, and was liberal in his support of the Presbyterian Church, of which his wife was a member.

The mother of Andrew Cook was born in Circleville, Ohio, being the daughter of Andrew and Margaret Ainsworth, who were of German origin. The latter's people were killed by the Indians. Mr. Cook is one of a family of six children, the others being: Matilda, wife of John Phillips of Edgar County, Ill.; Margaret, deceased; Mary, wife of Lazeras Shirk of this county; Sarah J., deceased, and Charles. Mr. Cook's educational advantages were limited, being those of the primitive log school-house. In 1852, with four others, he left home in April, driving a team, his destination being California.

He crossed the Missouri river May 22, and landed in California August 19. He spent six years in the Golden State, the first year engaging in ditching and working in a sawmill, after which he turned his attention to mining. He made some money during this time, and when he arrived home, having returned by way of the Isthmus of Panama, he found he had some \$2,200.

In the spring of 1859 Mr. Cook purchased a tract of one hundred and sixty acres in Edgar County, Ill., where he resided until December, 1863, when he sold out and returned to Parke County, Ind. Here he rented land for about three years, in 1866 purchasing one hundred acres on Section 31, where he has resided up to the present time. Year by year, as his financial resources permitted, he added to his farm until he is now the owner of four hundred and eighteen acres.

On December, 1858, Andrew Cook and Martha Hayth were united in the bonds of matrimony. The lady was born in Wabash Township, Ind., September, 1841, being a daughter of Thomas and Saluda A. (Camper) Hayth, who came from Virginia about the year 1830, the former being a farmer by profession. Eleven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Cook: Thomas, who died at the age of two months; Charles T. ; Eva, wife of John Funkhauser; Rosa, wife of Samuel Miles; Florence, wife of James Dailey; Fred, who died at the age of eighteen months; Jennie; Andrew, who died in infancy; Clarence; Bertie, and an infant who died unnamed. Our subject and wife are active in the work of the Methodist Episcopal Church, honored and respected by all who know them.-

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Cook Reunion 1910 at Collett Park in Terre Haute, IN.



L to R - (Seated): Maxine Cook on Andrew Dailey's lap; Bert Cook; Sam Miles; Charles Cook; Andrew Cook; Bereniece (Cook) Richardson (standing in center); Clarence Cook holding Viva Cook; Clarence Harrison; Willis Pruitt; Paul Funkhouser; James Dailey; Charles Cook Jr.

(Standing): Minnie (Puntenney) Cook holding Madonna (Cook) Lewman; Eva (Cook) Funkhouser, Rose (Cook) Hixon Miles; Jennie (Cook) Barnhart, Pruett, Carrico; Florence (Cook) Dailey; Eliza (Dailey) Cook; Nancy (Bradley) Cook; Zula (Hixon) Harrison; Lenn(a) Cook; Mayme Cook; Martha Cook (grand daughter of Charles Cook; Louise (Funkhouser) Hill. (#126)

Cook Reunion 1912 at the Cook Home



L to R -Top row: Nancy Cook; Sam Miles; Minnie (Puntenney) Cook; Wesley Royce; Mayme (Cook) Royce; Eliza Cook; Lenna Cook; Claude Hixon; Willis Pruett.

Middle Row: Clarence Cook; Rose (Cook) Hixon, Miles; Eva (Cook) Funkhouser; Charles Cook; Florence (Cook) Dailey; Jennie (Cook) Pruett, Carrico; Bert Cook.

Front row: Viva (Cook) Smith, Love; Rexford Miles; Louise (Funkhouser) Hill; Charles Cook Jr.; Maxine (Cook) Murphy, Bereniece (Cook) Richardson; Madonna (Cook) Lewman.

Cook Reunion. c. 1914. (#105)



Row 1 (front-children) L to R:

1. ?
2. ?
3. Maxine Cook
4. Madonna Cook
5. ?
6. ?

Row 2:

1. ?
2. Rose (Cook) Hixon Miles
3. ?
4. ?
5. Clarence Cook ?
6. Bert Cook
7. Charles T. Cook
8. ?
9. ?
10. ?
11. ?

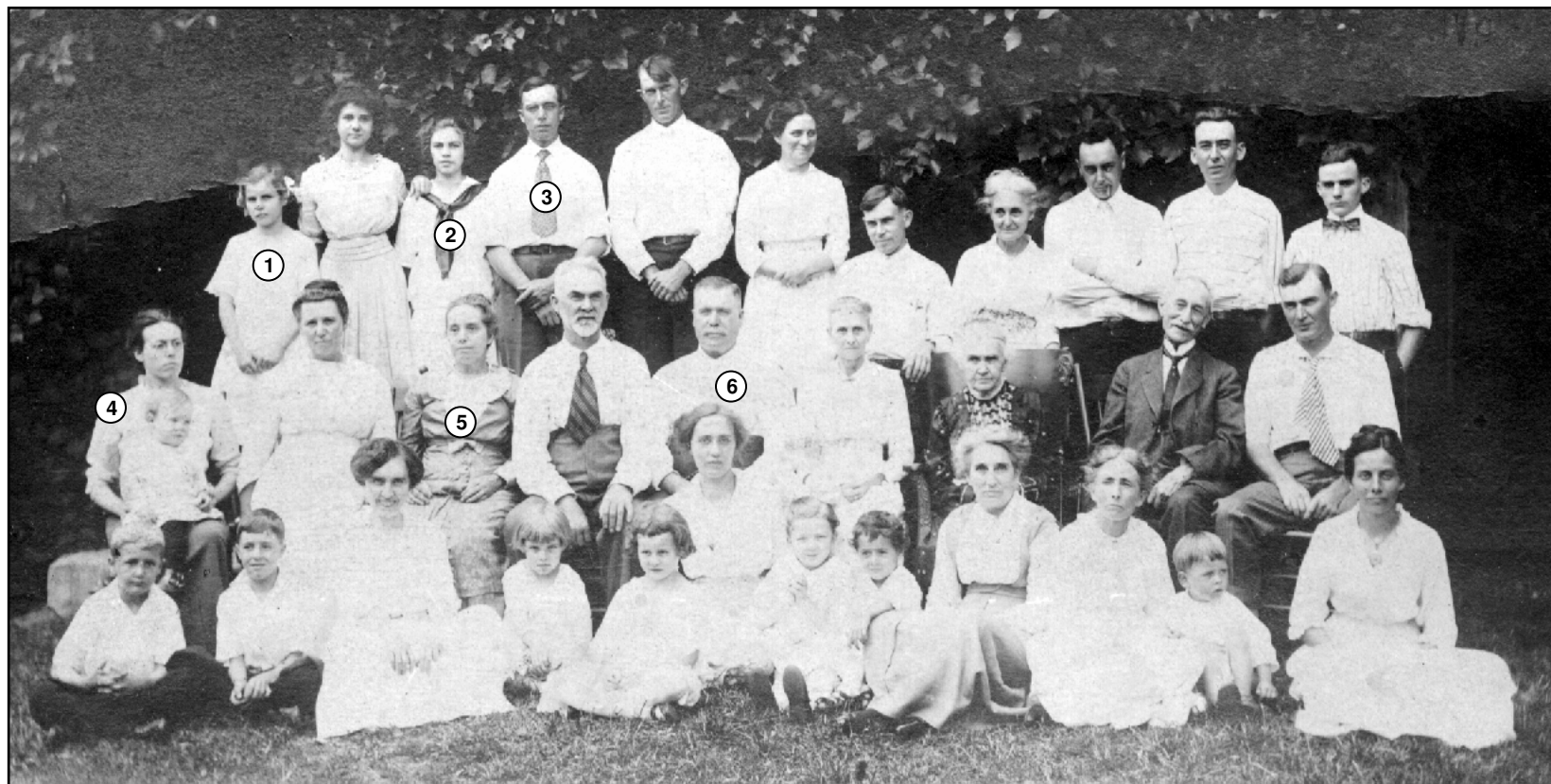
Row 3:

1. Clarence Cook ?
2. Viva (baby held_
3. ?
4. Sam Miles
5. ?
6. Mammie or Linnie Cook
7. ?
8. Eliza
9. ?
10. ?
11. Minnie (Puntenney) Cook
12. ?
13. ?
14. ?
15. ?

Row 4:

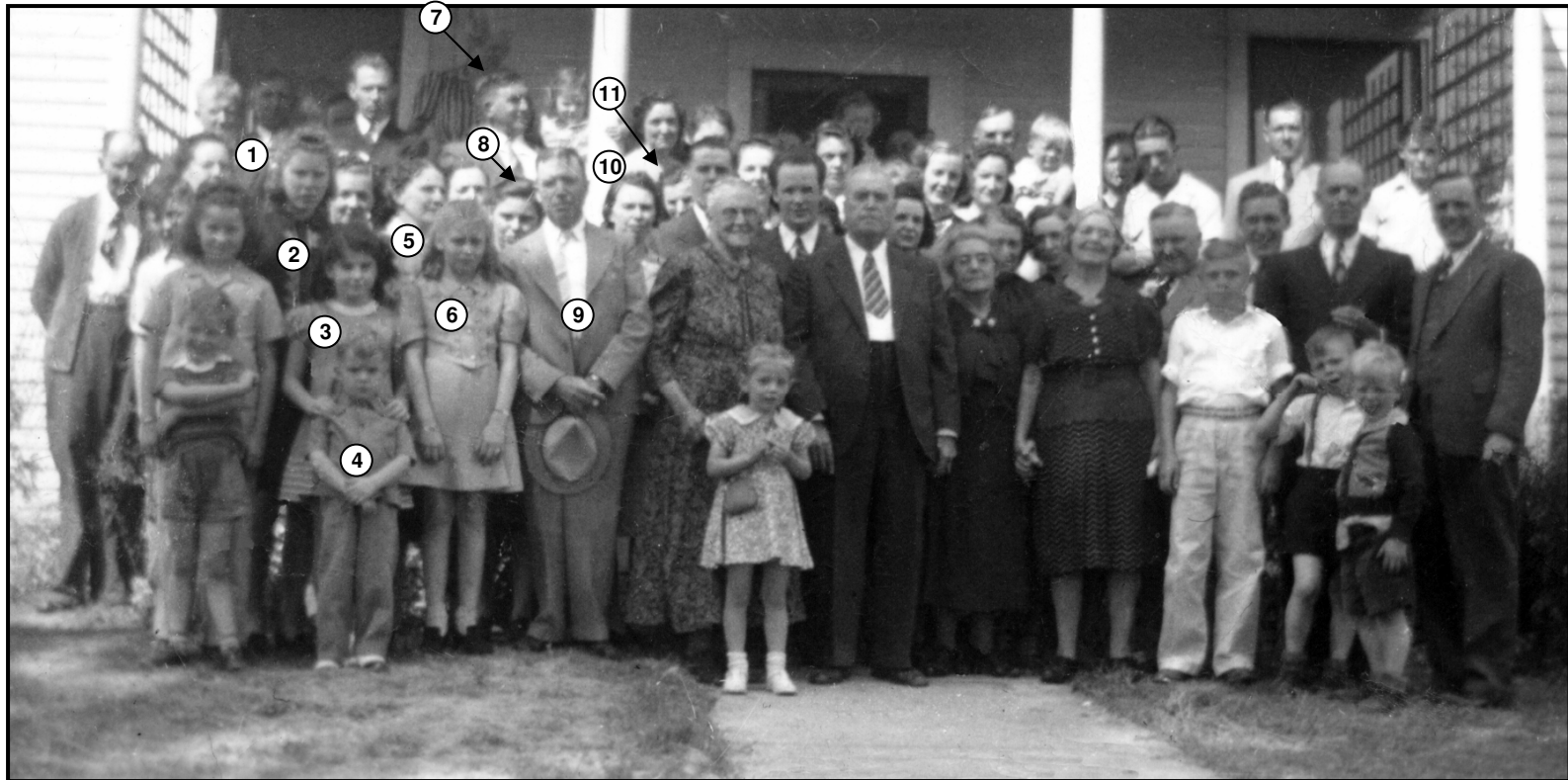
1. ?
2. ?
3. Wes Royce
4. Baby
5. ?
6. Mayme C. Royce
7. ?
8. ?
9. ?
10. Bereniece Cook
11. ?
12. ?
13. ?
14. ?
15. ?
16. ?
17. ?

Cook Reunion. c. 1914. (#105)



- 1 – Maxine Cook
- 2 – Bereniece Cook
- 3 – Bert Cook
- 4 – Eva (Cook) Funkhouser
- 5 – Rose (Cook) Hixon, Miles
- 6 – Charles T. Cook

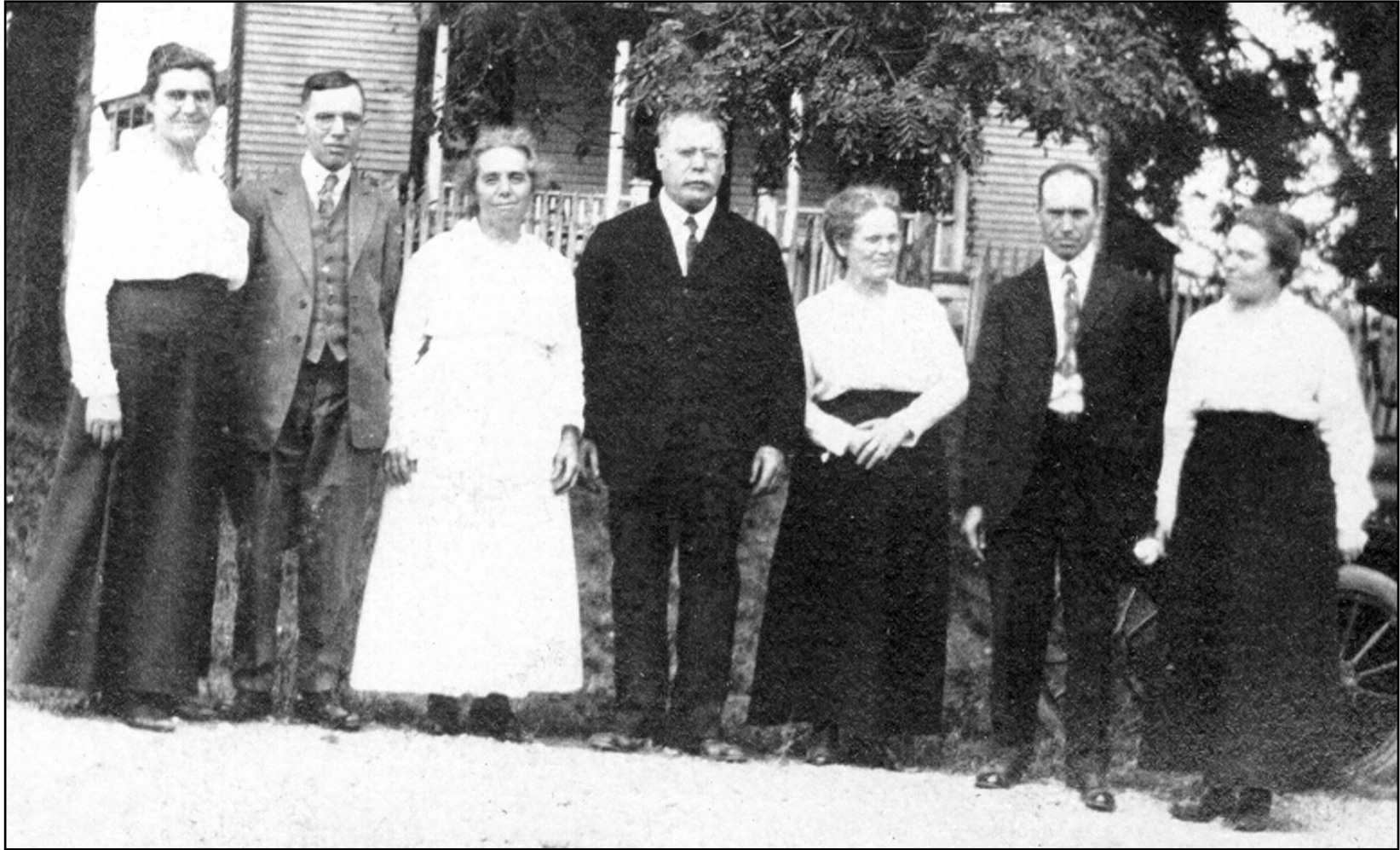
Cook Reunion at Cook Home. c. 1940



1 – Walter (Tip) Murphy
2 – Sharon Richardson
3 – Rosemary Murphy
4 – Lary Lewman
5 – Minnine (Puntenney) Cook
6 – Marka Richardson
7 – George Richardson

8 – Madonna (Cook) Lewman
9 – Bert Cook
10 – Bereniece (Cook) Richardson
11 – Maxine (Cook) Murphy

Children of Andrew and Martha (Hayth) Cook.



L to R: Florence (Cook) Dailey; Bert Cook; Rose (Cook) Hixon, Miles; Charles T. Cook , Eva (Cook Funkhouser; Clarence Cook; and Virginia (Cook) Barnhart, Pruitt; Carico.

Children of Andrew and Martha (Hayth) Cook.



L to R: Eva (Cook) Funkhouser; Clarence Cook; Florence (Cook) Dailey; Charles Cook, Rose (Cook) Hixon, Miles; Bert Cook; and Virginia (Cook) Barnhart, Pruitt, Carrico. c. 1940.

Andrew Cook Obituary

Andrew Cook.

On January, 1833, in the home of Thomas and Jane Ensworth Cook, occurred the birth of a son Andrew. This Indiana home was located in Wabash township, Parke county. Here in this home, with brothers and sisters, he grew to a noble young manhood. An elder brother, Mark, with the father, served in the war 1812.

At the age of 25 years., on December 23, 1858, he was united in marriage with Martha A. Hayth. Eleven children came to this home — Thomas Edgar Cook deceased, Charles Thomas Cook of Clinton, Mrs. John Funkhouser of Hymera, Mrs. Sam Miles of Mecca, Mrs. James Dailey of Riley, Mrs. Willis Pruett of Terre Haute, Clarence Cook and Bert Cook of Mecca, Freddy Walter, James Andrew, and Cecil Evert, deceased. Seven children survive and are called to suffer this great loss. Their grief has been made less bitter by a life nobly spent with that spirit that makes our heroes. Looking back over this life, what a rich heritage for the sons, and daughters. With the highest eulogy said of anyone may be said of him, "He was noble." There is no word respecting character and esteem which is so all embracing, and it truly applies to the life of Andrew Cook. His consciousness of the needs of others was so acute that an appeal for assistance was almost answered before presented. His nobility of feeling involved sympathy with all that is true and good. He neglected not little kindnesses nor the doing of good in what seemed small and insignificant.

For his noble soul nothing was too great. That nobility of character, exemplified by the worlds' Redeemer, was a pattern after which Mr. Cook moulded his own character. He united with the Bethel M. E. church in the year 1888, during the pastorate of Rev. Harvey Grimes, his wife having been a church member since early childhood.

In 1852 Mr. Cook went to California where he was engaged one year in lumbering and five years in mining gold. Accumulating a small fortune, he then came by way of the Isthmus of Panama, to Illinois, living there three years. Returning to his native state in 1861, he settled in 1866 on the farm where he lived at the time of his decease, a resident of 46 years.

Mr. Cook's opportunities for education were limited, his early school-days being spent in the rudely built log school house. However, this was not to mar the usefulness of the manly youth who faced the future with true courage, for overriding all these disadvantages, he kept himself well informed and proved himself capable of social and public services. He served one term of five years as trustee of Wabash township.

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Mr. Cook won the respect of all who knew him. He was not only a father to his own children, but many a friendless child felt the touch of his fatherly affection and care. Besides the seven children who survive, there are 18 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Thus on March 4, 1912, after 79 years, the evening hour came, the day's work finished, and the great ledger account of a noble life was closed. His rest will be sweet, the evening hour undisturbed.

Funeral services were conducted at Bethel M. E. church by Rev. Hubert Webster of Greencastle, after which the remains were laid to rest in the Montezuma cemetery.