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Tracing family history in construction over two and a half centuries, Charles W. Cook has successfully combined a career furthering the family construction business with an avocation in communications, media, and teaching.

Charlie is president of R. S. Cook and Associates, Inc., in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Their primary work has been commercial and industrial renovations and additions. They have also been involved in historical restoration. The company received the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers Commendation Award for their remarkable relocation of the Gruber Wagon Works, one of the few remaining examples of 18<sup>th</sup> century industry.

In 2005, Charlie was elected to the Consulting Constructors Council of America, limited to 95 members nationwide. An active member of the Construction Education Committee of the Associated General Contractors of America, Charlie is currently serving as chairman of the Continuing Education subcommittee. He also serves as Education Committee chairman of the Philadelphia Builders' Chapter and on the chapter's board of directors. Charlie is a past president of the Carpenters' Company, the oldest extant trade guild in America. The Carpenters' Company built Carpenters' Hall, site of the first Continental Congress and several other historic events in our nation's early years.

Charlie's credits in communication and media include publications in scholastic journals and award winning stage, video, and multi-media productions, including a recent nomination for an Emmy Award for cultural achievement. He has presented leadership, time management, communication, team building and motivation seminars for several corporations and AGC chapters and served as a media consultant for Philadelphia area political campaigns. He received his B.A., *cum laude*, from Cornell University, his Masters from Temple, and his Ph.D. from New York University. He also serves as a Member of the American Arbitration Association's Panel of Arbitrators.

He resides in West Chester, Pennsylvania, with his wife, Nancy, and their son, Stanley, and daughter, Melissa.