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Tracing family history in construction over two and a half centuries, Charles W. Cook has successfully combined a career in 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 19th century industrial assembly line production.

In 2005 Charlie was elected to the Consulting Constructors Council of America. He also serves as Education Committee chairman and on the board of directors of the General Building Contractors Association, receiving in 2015 the Distinguished Director Award. He is a past president of the Carpenters' Company, the oldest extant trade guild in America.

In 2014 his text book, *Successful Contract Administration*, was published by Routledge, Taylor Francis. Additional credits in communication and media include publications in scholastic journals and award winning stage, video, and multi-media productions, including a nomination for an Emmy Award for cultural achievement. He has presented leadership, time management, communication, teambuilding and motivation seminars for several corporations and AGC chapters, and has also served as a media consultant for Philadelphia area political campaigns. He received his B. A., *cum laude*, from Cornell University, his Masters from Temple University, 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.