

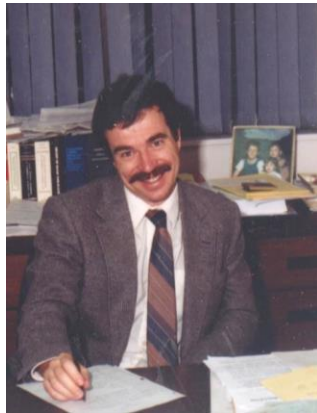
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### Jeff Cook Retires from Somerset Trust Company

**Somerset, PA (July 1, 2021)** – After 36 years of service, T. Jeff Cook, President of [Somerset Trust Company](http://www.somersettrust.com), has officially retired. When Jeff joined the bank as Attorney and General Counsel in 1985, Somerset Trust Company had three locations, held just over \$100 million in assets and employed 76 people. Today, the community bank which remains independent, has over 40 locations, holds more than \$1.7 billion in assets and over 475 employees.



Jeff worked alongside his brothers, G. Henry Cook and Andy Cook, as part of the fifth generation of the Scull/Cook family who founded the bank in 1889 and have led the bank ever since. After spending seven years in private law practice, Jeff began his career with the bank and has served in various capacities primarily focused on lending and in-house legal affairs, ultimately being named President in 2019.

Somerset Trust Company has a long history of working with organizations throughout the communities it serves to provide leadership and opportunities for all community members. Jeff certainly led by example on this front, holding posts with the Somerset Area School Board, Somerset County Habitat for Humanity, Somerset County Bar Association, Children’s Aid Society, and St. Paul’s United Church of Christ. After relocating to Ligonier, PA, his commitment to community continued as he served as President of the Ligonier Country Market and as a board member for Fort Ligonier.

Jeff is famous for telling people that at Somerset Trust, “we are marathoners not sprinters, we are in it for the long haul.” He certainly exemplifies the dedication and loyalty that stand as cornerstones of the organization and have led to the growth and success the business has seen over the years. “I am very proud of what the fifth generation was able to accomplish,” Jeff said. “I also have great confidence in the sixth generation and am excited to see what they will do.”

Jeff’s three children all hold leadership positions at Somerset Trust Company. Tyson Cook, Jeff’s oldest son, who is succeeding him in overseeing commercial lending activity, said of his father’s retirement, “There are big shoes to fill. Our dad and our uncles set a high bar when it comes to growing the bank, and it’s an honor to have the opportunity to follow their lead.” Allison (Cook) Hoffman oversees the Marketing area, and Sean Cook, current CEO of Somerset Trust Company and Jeff’s son, will be assuming the additional role of President, effective July 1, 2021. Jeff Cook will remain on the Board of Directors.

### **About Somerset Trust Company**

With a long history as a community bank, Somerset Trust Company is headquartered in Somerset, Pennsylvania, and represents a network of over 40 branches throughout Somerset, Cambria, Fayette, Westmoreland, and Bedford Counties in Pennsylvania, and Garrett and Allegany counties in Maryland. The bank has been independent and locally managed since its establishment in 1889, and is one of the last locally owned banks in the region. Today, Somerset Trust holds over \$1.7 billion in assets and employs over 475 employees. In addition to consumer and commercial lending and deposit products, our bank offers Trust and Investment Management services, an extensive ATM network including fee free use of Sheetz ATMs, and award winning online and mobile banking for consumers and businesses. Somerset Trust is committed to providing excellent service and competitive products, as well as maintaining a high profile in the growth and economic development of the markets it serves.