

THE ECHO
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President's message

This 2020 has been quite a year! We have had to make so many changes and adjustments due to the virus pandemic. I know I've had to spend a lot of time re-planning and changing events. One we always look forward to is our Hamman Family Reunion every two years, but this year we had to cancel it. We will just skip to our 2022 reunion in Alabama. We are thinking Alabama because we believe a new Phillip Hamman historical marker will be ready for placement there.

My thanks to many of you for your contributions to our association. Notable ones for many years that are still actively contributing are Jim Rose, Connie Thompson, Doris Rose, and Kaye Lanier. This issue of the Echo has an article "A Day into the Past" shared by Carolyn Kimmer about her Hammond ancestors.

I wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas season with good health.

--Gary Hamman

Phillip Hamman DAR Marker Ceremony

We are excited to let all Hamman family members know of an upcoming DAR marker ceremony for Phillip Hamman. Through the efforts of Martha Stanley and the Phillip Hamman Chapter of the DAR, a marker will be placed at the gravesite of Phillip Hamman at the Valley Head Cemetery, Valley Head AL. The bronze DAR marker will be placed next to the current headstone at the cemetery. A ceremony is planned for 2 PM Sunday, December 6, 2020. The ceremony, including a color guard, will include comments by Martha and her grandson Matt.

After the ceremony, there will be a tea at nearby Winston House. Many thanks to Martha for her work in getting things done to get this tribute to Phillip Hamman completed and ready to place at the cemetery. Martha is a descendant of Phillip Hamman through William Cook Hamman. Thanks Martha!



The Phillip Hamman Chapter,

National Society Daughters of the American Revolution,

Cordially invites you to attend a Grave Marking Ceremony

of Revolutionary War Soldier

PHILLIP HAMMAN

1750-1832

Valley Head Cemetery

Sunday, December 6, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

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Directions to Valley Head Cemetery on back

Phillip Hamman Chapter of DAR

In 1978 a chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution formed a new chapter, the Phillip Hamman Chapter of the DAR. Founding members included many direct descendants of Phillip Hamman, including Martha Stanley. Organizing members said they wanted to fulfill a dream of forming a DAR chapter to honor Phillip Hamman. Since that time, the Phillip Hamman Chapter has provided many services for the community. The initial Phillip Hamman historical marker placed near Phillip's farm near Fackler, AL, was provided through the Phillip Hamman Chapter of the DAR working with original members of the Phillip Hamman family organization.



The chapter has sponsored many projects to help the community, including a program for recognizing graduating seniors in Dekalb Co. with a Good Citizen Contest. The chapter has also recognized ROTC students with a Daughters of the American Revolution Junior ROTC medal.

In May 2019, Ft. Payne AL high school student Jade Robinson was awarded this DAR Junior ROTC medal. Martha Stanley is standing to the right of Jade in this picture.

Hamman Reunion for 2020 Postponed

As you are aware, the Phillip Hamman Family reunion that was scheduled for Aug 2020 in Little Rock Arkansas was cancelled due to the Covid 19 pandemic. The family organization remains intact and active. The next reunion will take place in the summer of 2022. We anticipate having a new historical marker about Phillip Hamman ready for placement in Jackson Co. AL. We plan on having that marker placed near the farm and homestead of Phillip and Christina Hamman in Fackler, AL. The reunion is still a ways off, but we anticipate having the reunion in that area, possibly Ft. Payne. More on these plans later.

Passing of JW Thompson



With much sadness we need to let the Hamman family members know of the passing of John William Thompson, husband of Connie Thompson. JW passed away at his home in Bells, TX on July 27, 2020. Connie has served as our Hamman family Secretary for many years. Our prayers, thoughts, and sympathies are with Connie during this time of her loss.

Facebook page for Phillip Hamman

Many of you are viewing and contributing to the Facebook page, "[Hamman/ Hammond/Hammond & Relatives](#)". Thanks to Ben S. Hammonds who set up this Facebook page several years ago. It has been a great way to contribute Hamman info, as well as ask others for help with family research.

Fort Donnally



Ben S. Hammonds shared this Youtube video about Fort Donnally, WV. Many of us have heard this story before. In May 1778 Phillip Hamman and John Pryor rode to warn the settlers in the area of an impending Indian attack. They arrived at Ft. Donnally in time to allow settlers to assemble into the fort prior to the attack. This video reviews the events here.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XnEkWOYGT1g&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR0ZdTwaZe-B6NemLWFk2l1Dwcb7qBrTO6MhGhTe9MScJvPKn-LT3D_qXjM

Ben noted another Youtube video about the **Battle of Point Pleasant**.

Phillip Hamman fought at the Battle of Point Pleasant in

1774. His name is found on a plaque located today at Pt. Pleasant WV. The following video gives a summary of that battle

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gGQGb_0pjbk

Achievement in Spite of Disability

Kaye Lanier shared this story about her great-niece: "Kaylee Ragon is my great-niece. She is the 6th great-granddaughter of Mary Hamman and James P. Cope. She was born with cataracts and had eye surgery when she was just a tiny baby. She eventually lost one of her eyes and has a glass eye and has very limited sight in her other eye. However, this little "dynamite" has never used her disability as a "crutch". Instead, she takes on every challenge with courage with a smile. Below is biography of her life as a student at the Oklahoma School for the Blind. Today, she is checking into her college dorm and beginning the next chapter of her life."



SENIOR RECOGNITION-KAYLEE RAGON

We will be recognizing an OSB Senior every day. We invite teachers, parents, and friends to leave comments of encouragement for the senior being

recognized.

Kaylee Ragon is the great granddaughter of Dorothy and Larry Crow. Kaylee's hometown is Tecumseh, Oklahoma. Kaylee has attended OSB for 7 years and was a member of the Jazz Band, cheerleading, track, FCCLA, DECA, yearbook, Academic Team, Creek County Literacy Bee and wrestled her senior year.

Kaylee demonstrated leadership by holding several offices during high school: Student Council President 10th grade, Jr/Sr Class Vice President 11th grade and Jr/Sr Class President 12th grade. Kaylee participated in Oklahoma Close up 11th and 12th grade years, Space Camp 11th grade and National Close Up 12th grade. Kaylee also participated in an internship during her senior year at the Muskogee Early Childhood Center.

Kaylee plans to attend the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma to study Deaf Education and Speech-Language Pathology.

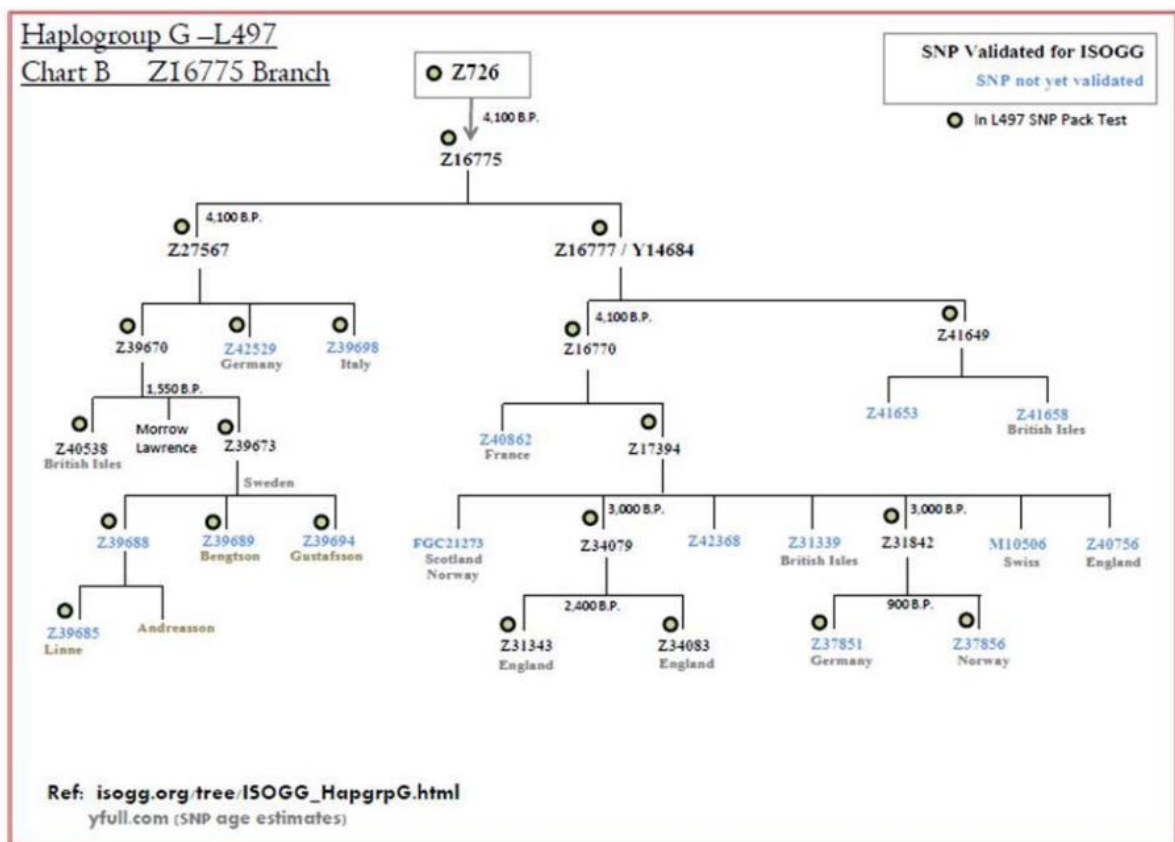
Awards and honors that Kaylee has earned during high school include 2020 Class Valedictorian, participating at the state level for FCCLA Children’s Literate Star Events in 9th grade and winning the event in the 10th grade. She was part of the winning team at the Creek County Literacy Bee. She was DRS 2016 “Student of the Year.”

From Brian Hamman

Brian is a Hamman cousin related to a common ancestor of Phillip Hamman. Brian is a descendant of Henry Hamman, b. 1765? PA. Henry may have been a brother, nephew, or cousin to Phillip Hamman, as Y DNA markers for Brian and our Phillip Hamman male relatives are a match! So we are indeed cousins.

Brian has had DNA testing done on multiple Hamman families, and he had assembled a remarkable collection of YDNA comparisons. See his website at http://brian-hamman.com/Hamman_Y_chromosomeResults.htm. Brian has done additional research on the early origins of various DNA Haplogroups (or groupings of similar Y-DNA, likely coming from a common ancestor). Here is a recent Facebook post from Brian about his further DNA research (Facebook link: [Brian Hamman](#))

“Here is the descent from the first G-Z16775+ man down to our Hamman line that is G-Z37851. I spearheaded discovery of the exact SNP-by-SNP order of mutations from Z16775 (4500 years ago)



Brian Hamman’s chart of Haplogroup of Phillip Hamman Ancestors

down to Z17394 (3000 years ago). This first Z17394+ man was likely a man of power, probably some sort of King who lived along the Rhine River in southwest Germany or northern Switzerland. As you can see from the chart below, we already discovered at least 7 different branches immediately under this Z17394 and I suspect that number will increase as more people are tested. These different branches span from the top of the Rhine River in Switzerland all the way down to where it empties out in the Netherlands, and then up to Norway and the British Isles. We follow the Z31842 branch under Z17394, but there is a big gap between the first man in the Z31842 branch who lived nearly 3000 years ago and at least 4 different surname lines who converge at one man who was living around 1000 years ago. Most likely there was one prominent man living around 1000 years ago who is the common patrilineal ancestor of the following 4 surname lines: 1) Hamman: tracing back to at least 1700s of southwest Germany); 2) Wolf: tracing back to the early 1700s along the Rhine River of sw Germany; 3) Paffendorf: tracing back to the 1300s of Koblenz, Germany, along the Rhine River; 4) Abrahamsen: tracing back to the 1600s on the south coast of Norway....”

A Day into the Past

We received some information from Carolyn Reiser Kimmer about her Hamman ancestors. She contributed some information about Lillian Dovey Bailey Hammond, who married William Arthur Hammond, a descendant of William Cook Hamman and Burlington Green Hamman. Lillian was buried in Woodland Memorial Cemetery in Woodland, GA. In the picture of her headstone are 2 great-great-grandchildren, Chris and Stephanie Kimmer.



The following notes were contributed by Carolyn R. Kimmer:

A Day into the Past

It was a sunny, hot Sunday morning on September 23, 2018, and we had just finished breakfast at a well-known restaurant in Sandy Springs, Georgia where our daughter Donna lives. My husband and I were up there visiting her for the weekend, and we decided to drive down the road, (I-85) to a small sleepy little town below Pine Mountain called Woodland, Georgia.

The object of the trip was to show Donna where her maternal great grandmother is buried. I personally have only visited her grave once, several years ago, so finding it was not going to be easy for us. I did not even know the name of the cemetery where she lies. As we came into Woodland, we spotted a gas/convenience store with a young gentleman pumping gas into his truck. We asked him about an older cemetery, and he told us how to get there. ‘Leave the store on the left side, go over the railroad tracks and turn right at the first intersection and follow it to the entrance of Woodland Memorial Cemetery.’ We parked and as we exited the car, a train whistle sounded as a train came around a curve. We walked through the gate and there she was. I immediately saw her grave marker on the left side. Her slab ledger was simple and blackened with age, but the writing was still plain to read.

Lillian Hammond, born Nov. 30, 1884 and died March 7, 1914.

A mere 29 years old. Such a short life for someone so young. She was married and had four little children, all approximately two years apart. Claude Nelson was the eldest, my mother was her second child and first daughter Clyde Inez. Her third child, Carolyn was and the last was William Alfred.

My mother was six years old at the time of her mother's death, and she had a fifth baby, stillborn. It is buried beside her with a simple marker, "Hammond infant".

There is only one picture of Lillian that I have a copy of, a family portrait. She was a pretty young lady, thin with delicate features. That may be due to her Irish heritage. My mother recalled some family stories that she shared with me as a child, telling about her family life and a few things that she remembered. The family had lived in or close to Valley Head, AL where my grandfather, William Arthur Hammond and my grandmother, Lillian Dovie Bailey Hammond were married. Eventually they moved down to Woodland, Georgia, where my grandfather was the 'depot agent' for the railroad there.

My youngest uncle, Bill, at about age two or so was found about a half-mile from the house and a few feet from an open well after a horrible storm came through Woodland. It must have been a tornado. Mother said that they had a storm cellar but not all of them made it to safety inside.

After my grandfather's death, my mother had to grow up fast, taking care of her younger siblings. She recalled grandfather hiring a housekeeper to cook and clean house for them, but most of the work was put on my mother's shoulders. Within a year, grandfather had married his current housekeeper, and they started another family, having four children (two boys and two girls). After leaving Woodland, the family moved to Grantville. At a later time they moved to Lone Oak, Georgia. My grandfather was still with the railroad at the time he retired.

I missed my grandmother, even though I have never met her. There is a sadness about this that I sometimes reflect on, wishing that my mother and her siblings could have grown up knowing their dear mother that left them so soon in life. Rest in peace dear mother that left them so soon in life. Rest in peace, Lillian Bailey Hammond, you're not forgotten.

---Carolyn R. Kimmer---

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Esther Harlan Wells posting on Facebook in July 2020

I have had several serious falls this year. The first one I took a chunk out of my left leg. Doctor said to sit with my leg up except to go to the bathroom, she didn't tell me I should exercise my legs. My legs kept getting weaker and I was having trouble walking. Consequently another fall hurting my left knee. I kept trying to walk until eventually the third fall twisting my right ankle and I could not bear weight. So off I go to the ER where the doc wrapped it without anything between my skin and the wrap. Since I couldn't walk they sent me off to a rehab facility. This all started March 10 so I am now home since yesterday June 30th. So that is my long story. Just sitting here and the more I am up the worse my legs are getting.

Hamman descendants-- deaths

It is with sadness that we note the following Hamman family members who have passed on.

Wanda Jean MASON St. John, born February 1, 1936 to W.A. and Rosie (Lorentz) Mason in Decatur, Texas, died June 8, 2020, in Bridgeport, CA. She is a descendant of Phillip & Christina through John-1 b1781 VA, Mary Hamman/ons & William Lumpkins, Margaret Lumpkins & John Pruett, Nancy IDA Pruett & I.W. KAY [aka Charles Whitmore Mason b1856], Wilbur Alvin Mason [aka W.A.] & Rosie Lorentz. She was a 1st cousin of Doris Rose.