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Phillip Hamman Family Association Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

2016 Hamman Family Reunion

Yes, it is still a few months away, but the planning has indeed begun. Jim Rose, Vondell Plunkett and I have done most of the planning so far. If you have ideas of what to do please let us know. The 2016 Hamman Reunion will be in West Chattanooga, Tennessee, beginning on Thursday, August 4, with activities through Sunday morning, August 7. We will be staying at the very nice Country Inn & Suites located near I-24 in west Chattanooga. **Will you be with us at this special event?** I would appreciate a response from you to let me know the likelihood you will attend and which nights you would be staying in the hotel. Also, the number of people that will attend the Saturday night banquet. I know this is early, but the info will help us plan what and when to do things. Thursday will be an arrival day, but we will do some touristy things in Chattanooga like ride the Incline Railway up Lookout Mountain, visit Ruby Falls and see the Chattanooga Choo Choo Train. On Friday we will visit some family sites in Alabama within 50 miles of the hotel. Read some information about that on the next page. Saturday will be for presentations and the evening banquet.

We have contracted with the hotel for a group rate on a block of rooms from Tuesday night through Sunday night. Each one is to make his or her own hotel reservation before July 3. The nightly room rates for a queen or king room are \$99 for Tuesday through Thursday and Sunday nights and \$109 for Friday and Saturday nights. There are taxes of 17.25% to be added. When making reservations be sure and tell them you are with the Hamman Family Reunion to get these rates. Here's the hotel information for making reservations:

Be sure to mention you are with the Hamman Family Reunion group.

Country Inn & Suites by Carlson (I-24 West)
3725 Modern Industries Parkway
Chattanooga, TN 37419
Tel 423 825-6100 Reservations 800 830-5222
<http://www.countryinns.com/>

Although there is an airport at Chattanooga, it doesn't have non-stop flights to very many cities. It is about a two hour drive from Atlanta, Nashville and Huntsville.

Now it's your turn to respond! To help us with planning, I would appreciate knowing if you plan to attend, which nights you will have a room, and how many plan to come to the banquet. Email me at ghamman@aol.com.

Thanks and I hope you will join us in Chattanooga.

Best regards,
Gary Hamman
Phillip Hamman Family Association

Don't miss the 2016 Phillip Hamman Family Reunion in Chattanooga TN, Thursday August 4 through Sunday August 7. As has been mentioned, we will be staying at the Country Inn and Suites, 3725 Modern Industries Pkwy, Chattanooga TN Phone 423-825-6100.

This reunion will be a special time to see the **final homestead** of Phillip and Christina Hamman in Fackler, AL. The picture in 1998 shows the chimney of the original home still standing. We also will have the opportunity to see **Hamman headstones** at the final resting place for Phillip and Christina at the Valley Head Cemetery.

A good article on Phillip Hamman has been posted on a Wikipedia site. You might go there to get a good review of Phillip Hamman history: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Phillip_Hamman. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me, Jim Rose at jimandnancyrose@gmail.com or Gary Hamman ghamman@aol.com



We just launched the Hamman website.
PhillipHammanfamily.org. Please come and visit the site.

Reunion Tentative Schedule:

Thursday: Tourist things, e.g., Inclined Railway with visit to park at the top, Ruby Falls, and possibly Rock City. Also consider downtown tour, Aquarium, Choo Choo at the hotel.

Friday: Visit family sites in Alabama, e.g., Fackler, White Hall, Valley Head, Ft Payne Library. This will probably take from 10 AM to 4 PM or later to cover. Friday evening we could plan another activity if desired.

Saturday: Meetings in late morning & afternoon until we need to vacate the meeting room to set up for the dinner. Meet at 6:00 for dinner and follow with program, election, select next reunion site, auction, etc.

BIRTH

ZoeJean Alice James, born March 1, Gainesville, TX to Matt and Stormy (Cope) James, granddaughter of EJ Cope, great-granddaughter of John and Carolyn Cope, gg-granddaughter of the late Elwood and Bessie Cope. Elwood was the gg-grandson of James P. Cope and Mary Polly Hamman.

Hamman's 1830 toast.

On Saturday, July 3, 1830, the fifty-fifth anniversary of American independence was celebrated at Bellefonte, Jackson County, Alabama, at which among other participants were several Revolutionary patriots. After the reading of the Declaration of Independence by Henry F. Scruggs and the delivery of an oration by Hon. Samuel Moore, the company sat down to a plentiful dinner. After this many patriotic toasts were drunk. Only one, and that because of the historic fact it evoked, is here reproduced:

"By L. James, Esq. 'Capt. Phil Hamman: The Savior of Greenbrier-tho' his history is but little known, his intrepidity and patriotism are not less worthy of our commendation.'

"After the drinking of this toast, the old soldier rose and said: He thanked the gentlemen for introducing his name on an occasion where he had already been too much honored. Tho' his history was not much known, he could not object to have the transactions of his life divulged to the world. For nine years he had been in the wars of his country-during a greater part of which he had been engaged in the most dangerous parts of Indian service. He had suffered much; on one occasion he had been stripped by savage rapacity of every vestige of property he possessed, even the clothing of himself and family-one of his children fell a victim to their cruelty. But not to dwell on the dangers he had endured, he would merely speak of the occasion so kindly alluded to in the toast. When stationed at Fort Randolph, at the mouth of the Big Kanawha, nine hundred Indians set off in a body to make an unexpected attack on the inhabitants of Greenbrier, Virginia. Two men were dispatched to apprise the people in that quarter of their approaching danger. In three days they returned, wounded, and in despair; others were sought for who would carry the express; none were found willing to engage in so dangerous and hopeless an undertaking when he and one John Pryor (who was afterwards killed by the Indians) painted and dressed in Indian garb set off, and in forty-eight hours traveled one hundred and sixty miles through the wilderness; they overtook the Indians within twelve miles of the white settlements, passed through their camps, and gave timely warning to the people of their impending danger.-Such preparations were made for security and defense as the occasion permitted. About daylight a violent attack was made on Fort Donley; the conflict was desperate-the door of the Fort was broken open-he stood in it, and resisted the enemy-'till it could be shut and fastened. The foe were repelled with great loss, and the country saved from savage barbarity. He said that although he was old and poor, and had not received the compensation promised him by his country, yet he thanked God he was in peace and safety, and could live 'without the aid of public or private charity.' He then offered the following sentiment: " 'OUR RULERS: May they be just men, fearing God, and hating covetousness.' " -Southern Advocate, Huntsville, July 10, 1830. In 1972 The Phillip Hamman Family Association moved the Phillip & Christina Hamman grave to Valley Head, DeKalb County, Alabama

Burial: August 04, 1832, on farm near Fackler, Jackson County, Alabama

Deaths

Henry Lee Hammonds: January 24, 1942, Simms, Bowie County, Texas - February 4, 2015 Texarkana, Texas, George Post Hammond, James Emery Hammonds, Phillip Hamman, Jr., Phillip Hamman

George Junior Hammond: March 16, 1937, Simms, Bowie County, Texas – January 15, 2016, Simms, Bowie County, Texas, George Post Hammond, James Emery Hammonds, Phillip Hamman, Jr., Phillip Hamman

Stella Bessie Cope: October 8, 1919, Macomb, Pottawatomie County, Oklahoma – January 22, 2016 Shawnee, Pottawatomie County, Oklahoma. Wife of Elwood Thomas Cope, Lewis Shelby Cope, Alfred Buckner Cope, William Jackson Cope, Sr., Mary Polly Hamman, Phillip Hamman.

Joe Dale Hamman – February 23, 1942 Stafford, Kansas – February 11, 2016 Duncan, Stephens County, Oklahoma, Odis Hue “Ted” Hamman, Jessie Montgomery Hamman, John Van Hamman, William Cook Hamman, Phillip Hamman, Sr.

Sarah Jane “Janie” Hammond Love: July 30, 1944, Memphis, Shelby County, Texas - April 22, 2016, Kansas City, Missouri, William Cook Hamman, James Felix Hamman, Dr. Charles Morgan Hammond, Charles Robert Hammond.

Nancy Lovett Langston: November 29, 1929, Dexter, Chaves County, New Mexico - May 10, 2016 Roswell, Chaves County, New Mexico. Myron Felton Lovett, Rhonda Evelyn Hammons, James Charles Hammons, Andrew Jackson Hamman, John Hamman, Phillip Hamman.



Sarah Jane “Janie” Hammond Love:
July 30, 1944 — April 22, 2016



Former language arts teacher Randall Jennings is honored at Wayne Ruble Middle School in Fontana with a tree dedication and plaque ceremony. Colleagues and students who knew Mr. Jennings, took time to remember him during Wednesday morning’s ceremony on May 28, 2014. Jennings worked at the middle school from 2006 to 2013. He passed away last year,

Randal Bruce Jennings: February 29, 1948 – March 11, 2013 Fontana, San Bernardino County, California. Death date Correction.



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