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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings from Phoenix! Has it been three months already since our reunion? I think all of us that attended the reunion had a really good time due to the efforts of many, especially Jim Rose and his family and the Plunkett's. Jim wrote a summary of our significant events at the reunion that you can read in this Newsletter. I counted 49 at the banquet, and the total number attending the reunion was about 55. A new item at this reunion was blue tee shirts with "2016 Phillip Hamman Family Reunion Chattanooga TN" printed on them. Jim had them made and sold them to us at the reunion as a donation – great idea!

At our business meeting we elected officers to serve for the next four years. They are President Gary Hamman, Vice President Gerry McClintock, and Secretary-Treasurer Connie Thompson. Jim Rose is still the immediate past president and continues to be a huge help in leading our Association. Doris Rose is a past president and does genealogy research and updates. She provides lots of information to any that inquire. We give her the title Genealogy Research but she does much more than that.

The site for our 2018 Reunion was selected at our business meeting as Tyler, Texas. Tyler is about midway between Dallas and Shreveport near I-20. Several Texans at the Reunion said they are willing to help with it. We plan on it being the usual first week-end of August with the banquet on Saturday evening, August 4.

Jim Rose has been investigating different genealogical programs we might use to keep our family information now that Family Treemaker seems to be ending and Ancestry.com is so expensive. Jim made a presentation about it at the Reunion, and later in this Newsletter there is an article about it.

The DAR sign for Phillip Hamman that used to exist was badly damaged and removed a number of years ago. We need to take action to have a new one made or decide not to do it. Read the article about that later in this Newsletter. What are your thoughts? I'm willing to donate for it. Are you?

Best regards,

Gary Hamman

Notes from Phillip Hamman Family Reunion, August 2016 Chattanooga

Phillip Hamman descendants had a delightful reunion in Chattanooga, TN August 4 thru August 7, 2016. The reunion was hosted by Vondell and Glenda Plunkett and held at the Country Inn and Suites. We had a total of 55 people attend at least part of the reunion, and without exception everyone said the reunion was a huge success.



Those in attendance included: Descendants of (numbers from ordered list of Phillip's children)

Mary Polly Hamman (4)—sisters Kaye Lanier (Tishomingo) and Myra Sweaney (and daughter Michelle Edwards) (Tecumseh) from Oklahoma, Linda Oliver from Boca Raton FL;

Elizabeth Hamman (6)—Jim and Nancy Rose from Woodland Hills, UT and daughters Tina Wadley (with Chris and Josie) from Lebanon, MO and Tracey Jolley (children Joseph, William and Gracelyn) from Florence, AZ, Mike and Carol Radcliff from Plano, TX;

William Hamman (9)-- Joan and Jim Ballard (and g-dau Elizabeth) from Birmingham AL, Nancy and Ben Cooper from Stigler, Oklahoma, Barbara Davis from Aurora, Colorado and sister Roberta Powell from Oroville CA, Trent and Karen Hammond from Tecumseh, Oklahoma, Vondell and Glenda Plunkett from Lookout Mt. GA, Diana Taliercio from The Villages, FL, Bill and Nancy Welch from Birmingham, AL, and Martha and Herbert Stanley from Ft. Payne AL (Martha has the distinction of being one of the early original members of the Hamman Family Organization);

Jesse Hamman (10) -- Gary and Linda Butler from Lincoln, CA, Gary Hamman and Lori Cripps from Scottsdale, AZ, Alexa Heck from Dallas TX;

Phillip Hamman Jr (12)—Ann Carpenter from Sour Lake, TX and sister Ruth Young from Kountze TX, and Ruth's daughter and son-in-law Tiffany and Brian Davidson from Baytown, TX, T Gerald and Donna McClintock from Michie, TN, and William and Carolyn Jett from Bremen, AL

This year we had official "Hamman reunion T shirts." Jim Rose brought T-shirts designed by his daughter-in-law, Becky Rose. The T-shirts gave us a "blue identity" and gave us a souvenir to take home.

Tour of Hamman sites

One of the highlights of this year's reunion was the opportunity to visit special places from Phillip Hamman's history. On Friday August 5, a large group traveled to Fackler AL. Near Fackler, Phillip and Christina Hamman had farmland between 1823 and 1842. Phillip founded the Friendship Church 1827. The group visited the Friendship Church in Fackler.



The group traveled to the area of the Hamman farmland. The land is now located inside the Martin – Skyline Wildlife Management Area (Previously site of the Jacobs' Farm, also known as the Samuel Key Reservation). The group tromped through the weeds and cornfields in the area of Phillip Hamman's homestead. But we were unable to find the remnant of the chimney



to his home that was present at previous visits to the site. A picture of the chimney in 1972 included in Clay Connor's papers. Ralph Hamman and Jim Rose visited the site in 1998 and the chimney was mostly intact. At the reunion at Huntsville, AL in 2004, family members visited the site and the chimney was still visible, but appeared to be falling down. In the spring of 2016, Gerald McClintock visited the site and could only locate a pile of stones.

A stop in Ft. Payne allowed a visit to the DeKalb County Public Library. Located in a section of the library is the Phillip Hamman collection—a collection of genealogies, articles, papers, and pictures. There was not enough time to go through the 4 file cabinets of material—something left for our next trip.

The final stops were cemeteries at Valley Head and Whitehall. The cemetery at Valley Head is where the tombstones for Phillip and Christina Hamman are. See the article later in this newsletter "The Story of the Phillip Hamman DAR Historical Marker" for more information. We also stopped at the nearby Whitehall Cemetery, where many of the family of William Cook Hamman are buried.

Presentations at the Reunion

President Gary Hamman welcomed everyone to the reunion. He gave an update about Family Treemaker (it has been phased out). We discussed other options to keep track of our family tree information.

Gerald McClintock gave a presentation about his research about Fort Donnally.

Jim Rose presented a summary of the life of Phillip Hamman, with pictures from previous reunions of those places he lived.

Jim Rose gave a presentation about how the presence of certain western trails influenced the migration of early settlers as well as Hamman and Cook families

Jim Rose also gave a presentation about using a Collaboration feature on Ancestral Quest so all Hamman family members can work on the same large Hamman pedigree. The Ancestral Quest data base could serve as a place to keep old and newly added data. See the article later in this newsletter for more information: "Preserving our Hamman records and genealogies."

Reunion presentations and banquet

A tradition at Hamman reunions is the Saturday evening banquet. The banquet at the Chattanooga was great—good food and good company. The auction this year



was a great success. Among the items auctioned were: “Phillp Hamman Man of Valor” books, a book of Ralph Hamman poems, a scrapbook from the OKC reunion done by Lori Cripps, two quilts with pictures from pervious Hamman reunions on them made by Jim Rose, a hand carved cane made by the father or Ruth Young and Ann Carpenter, an accent Lamp, a lead crystal



vase and several “fish callers”. The auction produced over \$1000 to help with expenses of the reunion. We received several generous donations, including an “anonymous” donation of \$1000. T-shirts gave us another \$345. The proceeds from the reunion allowed the Hamman Family Organization to get over \$3000 to help with expenses over the next 2 years.

Preserving our Hamman records and genealogies

How do I add my information to the Hamman family records?

With the disappearance of the Family Treemaker website, we all discussed options for preserving and adding to our Phillip Hamman family tree. It was noted that many of us have our own Phillip Hamman genealogy data, but if one person updates information, it is difficult for anyone else to get access. Doris Rose has been a major genealogy contributor. Her Hamman database has over 29,000 names in it. With Doris’ approval, we decided to use an online resource called “collaboration”. We decided to utilize the resources of Ancestral Quest as a place for Hamman descendants to enter their information.

Ancestral Quest is a full function genealogy program that will keep your family tree, pictures and stories. It allows us to put a full copy of the Hamman genealogy on the AQ company server. Anyone who has been given permission by the administrator (Jim Rose) can view the program or make additions or corrections. There is a basic version of Ancestral Quest which is free. With the free version you may view the Hamman tree, but you may not make any corrections.

At present, we have only a few Hamman family members signed up to get access to this family tree. Doris Rose is currently working on the Collaboration Copy of the Hamman file, making some corrections to dates and names. We really would like have as many people as possible participate—and add their own family names to the tree. The tree accepts information for all family members, living or dead. No one else has access to this family file information except those of our family who have been given permission.

To participate, go to AncestralQuest.com and form an account. To obtain a free account, you still need to get a user name and password. Send the user name only to Jim Rose to jimandnancyrose@gmail.com. Jim will then grant you access to the Hamman file. He will also send you an invitation to purchase the full version of Ancestral Quest (normally \$29.95, but with the invitation you will get \$5 off). If you wish to use the free version, you will still need to send Jim your user name. The \$24.99 fee is the purchase price for the program—there is no additional year fee. That’s a pretty good price for the features you get. If you do purchase the program, we suggest you view the tutorials that are offered. It is quite user friendly.

Once permission is granted, the collaboration feature will work. Go to the Ancestral Quest program, find the "Collaboration" tab at the top of the field. You should then see the file "Hammdoris2.ac". This then gives you access to the full Hamman file from the companies server, and you "check out the file", then check it back in again.

This provided a great way for all of us to work on the same large family tree—anyone (in our group) can make changes, anyone can view the family tree information. This sure beats trying to download 29,000 names with dates on your own computer by hand!

Clay Connor Book

Kaye Lanier brought her copy of a bound book of the documents initially assembled by Clay Connor Jr. in 1980 and bound by Doris Rose, including "The Life and Times of Phillip Hamman", Kay volunteered to arrange for further copies to be made to those interested. The papers include over 200 pages of documents collected by Mr. Connor. We appreciate Kay's willingness to make this book available to those who expressed an interest.

Henry Clay Connor Jr. (1918-1983) was one of the early Phillip Hamman descendants who took a serious interest in searching for details about Phillip Hamman. After reading Ralph Hammond's book, "Phillip Hamman, Man of Valor," Clay wanted to assemble all the records Ralph had used in writing his book. He wanted to "uncover more about the man and his personality." Clay wrote, "The search for Family History is in part the search for one's own identity."

Clay is a descendent of Basil Hall and Sallie Hamman, grandson of Richard Connor and Sarah Ann Hanks. The story of his own life is remarkable. In 1956, Clay appeared on the TV show "This is Your Life" with Ralph Edwards. During WWII, Major Connor was in the Philippines at the time of Japanese takeover. He escaped the Bataan Death March and organized Guerrilla Resistance against the Japanese. For 34 months, while listed as missing in action, he sought help among the local native tribes in the Zambales Mountains and led a formidable guerrilla force in Central Luzon.

His book remains a great resource to document the life of Phillip Hamman. We are grateful for Hamman kin such a Clay Connor and Ralph Hamman who collected and wrote about our ancestor.

NOTE BY KAYE LANIER TO MY HAMMAN COUSINS: At the Hamman Reunion in Chattanooga, I was the only person there who had a copy of PHILLIP HAMMAN - The Life and Times of Phillip Hamman, compiled by Henry Clay Conner, Jr in 1982. Several people wanted to get a copy, so I agreed to take my copy to my local Staples and get it copied. I am very happy to inform you that 35 new copies of this amazing book are now in the hands of our Hamman family cousins. I mailed copies to persons in 15 different states - from the east coast to the west coast. The new copies were sent to Connecticut, Florida, Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky, Missouri, Arkansas, Indiana, Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado, Utah, California and Alaska. Thank you everyone for the wonderful response. Every serious Hamman Family Genealogist needs this book to fully document the life of our truly heroic ancestor - Phillip Hamman.

Family News

Logan Hammonds is up for the Readers Choice Award. His story is already top 5 and getting published later this year. Shadows of the Past by Logan Hammonds.

The Story of the Phillip Hamman DAR Historical Marker

In September 1971, a DAR historical marker honoring Phillip Hamman was unveiled and placed on County Road 42 between Fackler and Cairnes/Karns AL. A sizeable group of people, many from out of town and out of state came to a ceremony in honor of Phillip Hamman. The marker was placed about a mile south of the homestead and burial sites of Phillip and Christina Hamman. The marker celebrated “Phillip Hamman, The Savior of Greenbrier”

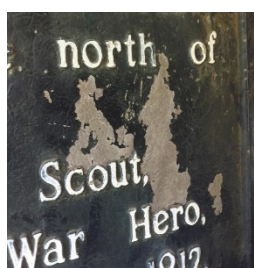
A year later, in September of 1972 a group of Phillip Hamman descendants gathered in Ft. Payne, AL for the first Phillip Hamman Reunion. They gathered to commemorate the 200th anniversary of Phillip Hamman’s landing in America (1772-1992) (under the mistaken belief that Phillip had come from Europe on the Ship Crawford in 1772). Later research showed that the Phillip Hamman on the Ship Crawford was not “our Phillip”, but rather a different person who settled in Pennsylvania. (We still are not certain of the Phillip’s arrival date in America).

The purpose of the reunion was to acknowledge the re-interment of Phillip and Christina and unveil new tombstones placed at the Valley Head cemetery. Hamman descendants felt that they had located the original site of Phillip and Christina’s graves on land near their home on their Jackson County farm. The remains were exhumed, placed in caskets, and then reburied in the Valley Head Cemetery. New tombstones were placed. These tombstones for Phillip and Christina were visited by Hamman descendants at the recent Chattanooga Hamman Reunion.



The Hamman historical marker remained on that county road in Jackson County though the late 1990s. Then it “disappeared”. In an attempt to find out the story of the marker, Jim Rose did a bit of detective work at the last Hamman reunion in Chattanooga. Jim contacted the Alabama Department of Archives and History, and was put in touch with a Scottsboro attorney, Will Parks. Mr. Parks related the story of the Phillip Hamman marker.

The marker was present in 1998 when Ralph Hammond and Jim Rose had their picture taken with it (above). Sometime before 2000, the marker was vandalized. It was found in the middle of the road by a local resident. It had several bullet holes and other damage. The resident contacted attorney John Graham of Scottsboro (later to become Judge Graham). Mr. Graham, an active member of the local historical society and took possession of the marker. He was able to contact Ralph Hammond to determine what was to be done with the marker. Ralph noted that the DAR did not want to put the marker back up, as it was now incorrect. The graves of Phillip and Christina Hamman were no longer



on the farm near Fackler, but were now at the Valley Head Cemetery. When Ralph saw the damage done to the marker, he told Mr. Graham to “keep it or do whatever he wanted.” When Mr. Graham became Judge Graham, he gave the Hamman marker to another local attorney, Will Parks. Mr. Parks now has the marker at his home.



Mr. Parks said that local residents would like to see an updated marker for the Karns/Fackler community. Mr. Parks pledged \$200 towards a new marker if the family wishes to get a new marker fabricated. He also noted the Karns resident Porky Holder is willing to allow the marker to be put up on his private land, to help protect it from future vandalism.

So the decision to replace the Phillip Hamman roadside marker would come back to the family organization. Funds would have to come from family or community contributions to replace the Hamman marker. Cost estimates are unclear, but a similar Alabama State Historical marker would cost \$3500-\$4000. ? Is there any interest for such a project?

Births

ZoeJean Alice James was born March 1, 2016 in Gainsville, TX to Stormy Cope James and Matt James of Gainsville, TX. ZoeJean is the granddaughter of E. J. Cope of Yukon, OK, and is the first great-grandchild of John Cope (son of Elwood Thomas Cope and Stella Bessie Clement Cope and ggg-grandson of Mary Polly Hamman and James P. Cope) and Carolyn Clark Cope of Meeker, OK.

Gisele Mondary was born June 29, 2016, to Janae and Shelby Mondary. Janae was the daughter of Clinton's daughter, Phyllis.

Jeni Artemis Cope was born October 11, 2016 in Oklahoma City, OK to Jonas Paul Cope and Miyoung Yang Cope of Yukon, OK. The proud grandparents are John Cope (son of Elwood Thomas Cope and Stella Bessie Clement Cope and ggg-grandson of Mary Polly Hamman and James P. Cope) and Carolyn Clark Cope of Meeker, OK

Marriages

Steven Masters married Heather Buck July 16, 2016, in Bartlesville, OK. Steven is the son of Vera Cope Masters and Rick Masters and grandson of Elwood Thomas Cope (gg-grandson of Mary Polly Hamman and James P. Cope) and Stella Bessie Clement Cope. Steven is pastor of Bethel Baptist Church in Oklahoma City, OK

Deaths

Gary Franklin Lancaster: Birth, February 19, 1937 Corinth, Mississippi - September 5, 2014 Memphis, Tennessee. George F. Lancaster, Robert Cates Lancaster, Martha Paralee Hamman, Phillip Hamman, Jr., Phillip Hamman

Gladys McClintock Ragan: Birth, March 11, 1923 Pocahontas, Tennessee – Death, January 7, 2016 Walnut, Tennessee. James William McClintock, Artimicia Hamman, George W. Hamman, Phillip Hamman, Jr., Phillip Hamman, Sr.

Stella Bessie Cope: Birth, August 10, 1918, Macomb, Oklahoma - Death January 22, 2016 Shawnee, Oklahoma. Wife of Elwood Thomas Cope, Lewis Shelby Cope, Alfred Buckner Cope, William Jackson Cope, Mary Polly Hamman, Phillip Hamman, Sr.

Sara Jane Hammond Love: Birth, July 30, 1944, Memphis, Tennessee – Death, April 22, 2016, Kansas City, Missouri. Charles Robert Hammond, Charles Morgan Hammond, James Felix Hamman, William Cook Hamman, Phillip Hamman, Sr.

Effie Mae Lamberth McClintock: Birth, December 24, 1916 Corinth, Mississippi – Death, July 31, 2016 Corinth, Mississippi. Wife of Thomas R. McClintock, Artimicia Hamman, George W. Hamman, Phillip Hamman, Jr., Phillip Hamman, Sr.

Velda Vivian Brown Sanders: Birth, April 8, 1930, Roby, Fisher County, Texas - Death October 14, 2016, Payette, Idaho. Alma Kaye Mason, Nancy Ida Pruet, Margret Lumpkins, Mary "Polly" Hammons, John Hamman, Phillip Hamman, Sr...



Church started by Phillip Hamman



Friendship Church Sign



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Christina Cook Hamman