

**THE ECHO**  
**Phillip Hamman Family Association Newsletter**  
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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Greetings! In this issue of the Echo you will find information about our upcoming Phillip Hamman Family Reunion, August 2 – 5 (Thursday – Sunday), in Tyler, TX. William Phillip Hamman, grandson of Phillip and Christina, settled in the Tyler area. I found about a dozen grave markers of his family in about 45 minutes in the Jamestown Cemetery when I visited there in December. I talked to Robert Hamman Thompson (grandson of William Phillip Hamman) and he said there are also a lot of our family ancestors buried in the Lindale Cemetery. He grew up in Lindale and can tell us about the family in the area. We will plan a visit during our reunion so you can also see the gravesites. Since there have been lots of people of the Hamman family that made their homes in the area, we will likely hear about them at this reunion. If you have information to share let Jim Rose or me know as we would be glad to have you present it at the reunion.

This issue has an article prepared by Jim Rose about William Phillip Hamman who lived near Jamestown, founding Spring Lake Ranch in 1870. The Texas Senate passed a resolution in 1999 commending current owners Jack and Frances Hamman Stiles for their efforts to preserve the state's natural resources and to protect the environment and the beauty of the land. The resolution is at the end of Jim's article.

After the William Phillip Hamman article is information about the reunion and the hotel. Lori and I stayed one night at the hotel in December. We selected it over some others because of its great accommodations and reasonable price.

I'm still working on getting as many of you as possible on an email distribution list for the Echo and any other news we need to get to you. If you are receiving a US Mail copy of the Echo but wouldn't mind receiving an electronic copy of the Echo instead, let me know and send me your email address.

Best regards,

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## William Phillip Hamman

William joined the Confederate Army and was part of the 32 Mississippi Infantry Co. A the Tishomingo Avengers. He was captured later and imprisoned in the POW prison in Indianapolis, Indiana. There he met his wife, as he was allowed to run errands for the prison staff. His wife Ellen R. Hudson was the daughter of a Union Officer. William may have killed a Derryberry in Mississippi, before moving to Texas. This was revenge for killing his brother J.C. Hamman. William never admitted to the killing, but said the last time he saw Derryberry he was lying between his plow handles. William settled in the Northwest corner of Smith County, Texas along Village Creek. His family still owns this land to this day. The state of Texas gave a historical land marker to the family since William P. Hamman founded his ranch over 100 years ago. In 1999 the Texas Senate passed the following resolution and presented it to current land owners Jack L. and Frances Hamman Stiles:

### SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 116

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas takes great pleasure in commending Frances Hamman Stiles and Jack L. Stiles, current owners of Spring Lake Ranch in Smith County, Texas; and

WHEREAS, At a Texas Family Land Heritage ceremony on January 22, 1999, the Texas Department of Agriculture honored the Hamman family, its descendants, and Spring Lake Ranch, which was founded on November 12, 1870, by William Phillip Hamman; and

WHEREAS, The ceremony was a tribute to those Texans whose farms and ranches have remained in their families for the last 100 years; and

WHEREAS, Respected leaders in the community, members of the Hamman family have made significant contributions to agriculture in the State of Texas by practicing and promoting the most advanced methods of soil and water conservation; and

WHEREAS, A distinguished and hardworking family, they have set an outstanding example for other Texans to follow and have played a major role in the betterment of its nearby communities and Smith County; and

WHEREAS, The members of the family have received well-deserved acclaim for their continued efforts to preserve the state's natural resources and to protect the environment and the beauty of the land; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 76th Legislature, hereby extend congratulations to Mr. Jack L. Stiles and Mrs. Frances Hamman Stiles for their notable recognition by the Texas Department of Agriculture; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for Mr. and Mrs. Stiles as an expression of the high regard of the Texas Senate.

## Phillip Hamman Family Reunion 2018

Save the dates **Thursday Aug 2 thru Sunday Aug 5 in Tyler, Texas.** The reunion will be at the **Residence Inn by Marriott**---350 W. Heritage Dr., Tyler TX 75713, tel **903 787-5899**. We have reserved a block of rooms for the Hamman group, available for Wed. Aug 1 thru Mon Aug 6. Room rate is \$109 for a king studio (king bed and sofa sleeper) and will accommodate up to 4 persons. Rooms have a "fully equipped kitchen with refrigerator and stovetop." This is a great rate but rooms must be booked by 7/13/18 to get this price.



The hotel has a nice meeting room to handle our group meetings. Hotel rates include a full American hot buffet breakfast. The hotel also has a nice indoor pool. There is an onsite lounge for light entrees and beverages. It should be a great place to hold the reunion. If you want to see more information and photos of the hotel, visit their website:  
<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/tyrtr-residence-inn-tyler/>.

You may book rooms by using our link: **[Book your group rate for Phillip Hamman Family Reunion](#)**

If you make reservations by other means, e.g., telephone, be sure to tell the hotel you are with the **Phillip Hamman Family Reunion** so you get the group rate and the Association gets credit for your booking. If we have enough booking nights, the hotel will not charge us for using their meeting room. If you have any problem with reservations, give Gary Hamman a call or email.

Plan on coming to this reunion. If you've never come before, this is the time to come and meet your Hamman cousins. If you have come before, we will be excited to see you again; come and renew friendships and acquaintances.

Although plans for the places we will visit have not been finalized, activities will include a trip to view Hamman historical sites in the area. Jamestown (northwest of Tyler) and Lindale are locations where several descendants of Phillip Hamman Jr settled. We plan on visiting the cemeteries at Jamestown and Lindale. Our visit will likely be on Friday, August 3. We will also visit other sites in Tyler.

On Saturday we usually have some fun presentations regarding Hamman family history. We encourage any family members with talents to step up and prepare to entertain the family. We will have our Hamman banquet on Saturday night at the Residence Inn. We will have our traditional auction. Prepare now to bring things we can auction off to offset expenses in running the family organization.

Our **auctions** at our reunions are really a lot of fun and provide the funds to run the Hamman family organization until the next reunion. These donations are really appreciated. Things that have been donated for auction in the past include: quilts, (fantastic quilts by Doris Cook, Hamman picture quilts by Jim Rose), Hamman picture pillows, photo albums (by Lori Cripps). We've had food items donated, homemade items. And, of course, other donations to the family organization area also accepted.



Vondell with the fish callers he bought at the auction during our last reunion. Maybe at this reunion he will tell us how well they worked!





**T-Shirts.** Last reunion in Chattanooga, TN, we had T-shirts with a Hamman design. We would like to do shirts again. If you are planning on coming and would like a shirt, we need to know your size. We can do regular T-shirts like we did in 2016, or we can see if we can get pocket T's or other polo shirts if there is interest. Plain T-shirts would be available for a \$15 donation to the family organization. Other shirt options might be a bit more. This is the logo we used in 2016. Since we did blue shirts last time, how about yellow T-shirts this time? If you have an opinion, please let Jim Rose know your wishes. ([jimandnancyrose@gmail.com](mailto:jimandnancyrose@gmail.com)).

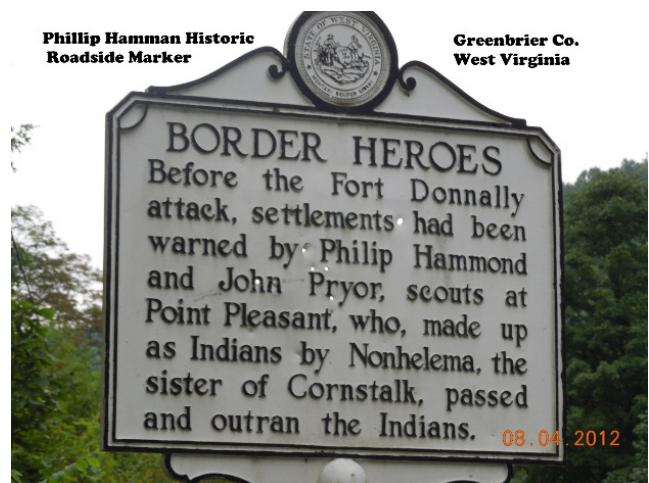
### Meeting time

Prepare now to tell us about your Hamman family stories! We need people to prepare to give some information, 10 to 45 minutes. We have taken time at our reunions to tell stories of our heritage and past history. We have reviewed our connections with Phillip Hamman and reminded ourselves of our place in our family tree. We usually have family members report. We have had stories of Phillip Hamman retold. We have presented new information from DNA information about Hammans. We have had historical presentations. We have been told of Hamman connections to the areas we are visiting. Prepare something to tell us!

### Past Reunions



We have had Hamman reunions across the entire country. Not every location has Hamman history, but every location has had great things to see and do. We've been to Lewisburg, WV (2012) and visited Cook's Mill and Phillip Hamman roadside signs.



We've been to Fort Worth, TX (2002) and visited the Stockyards. We've been to Oklahoma City (2014) and visited Toby Keith's restaurant. We've been to Seattle (1996) and had our banquet in the Space Needle. We've been to Chattanooga, TN (2016) and visited the Hamman homestead in Fackler, AL and the cemetery where Phillip and Christina are buried in Valley Head, AL. We've been in Lexington, KY (2008) and visited Phillip Hamman's homestead in Montgomery County. If you've missed these, start now to attend the Hamman Reunions!



Montgomery County Courthouse,  
2008 Reunion in Lexington, KY



Ft. Worth Stockyards at  
2002 Reunion in Dallas, TX



1996 Reunion in Seattle, WA

Lunch in the Space Needle (Seattle)  
Previous Association presidents in the photo  
are Ralph Hammond to the right of the flowers  
and Larry Hamman to the left of them.

With all the fun places we've been for Hamman  
reunions, we want to make sure you don't miss  
the reunion in Tyler, Texas!!!  
Come and suggest a place for 2020!

**Make your reservations with the hotel:**

**Residence Inn, Tyler, TX**

**Telephone: 903 787-5899**

**Tell them you are with the "Phillip Hamman Family Reunion."**

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