

THE ECHO
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President's Message

Greetings from the Arizona desert! Jim Rose has been investigating hotels for our next reunion in addition to putting this Echo Newsletter together. He has also prepared and submitted info for our new Hamman marker in the Fackler area. Many, many thanks, Jim, for all your contributions. You can read the details about these items in this newsletter. Many others of you are making contributions to our family association, too, and we appreciate it. It's not going to be easy to have a better reunion than we did in Tyler, Tx, in 2018, but we are going to try. Please let us know of activities you would like to have at our northeast Alabama 2022 Reunion. Stay well and keep safe! --Gary Hamman

Hamman Reunion

As you may be aware, the Phillip Hamman Family reunion that was scheduled for Aug 2020 in Little Rock Arkansas was cancelled due to the Covid 19 pandemic. We are planning the next reunion for July/August

Hamman Reunion July 2022

Come help us celebrate 50 years since the beginning of the Phillip Hamman Family Organization!

Don't miss this Golden Anniversary celebration!

Dates: Wed July 23 to Sunday July 31, 2022

Where: Scottsboro, Alabama, Comfort Inn and Suites

What do we have planned to do?

Dedicate a new roadside historical marker to Phillip Hamman—We plan on having a new marker ready and placed near Phillip and Christina Hamman's homestead in Fackler, AL

Visit the site of the Hamman farm and homestead site near Fackler

Visit gravesites of Phillip and Christina in Valley Head, AL

Visit the Phillip Hamman History and Genealogy collection at the DeKalb County Library in Ft. Payne and take time to dig through the documents there.

Phillip Hamman Historical Marker Update

The application for the new Phillip Hamman roadside marker has been submitted to the Alabama Historical Association. Once their committee approves the marker, we can start fabrication. The marker will cost about \$3000. Many of you have expressed interest in contributing for the cost of this marker. We are now ready to accept donations for this purpose. Checks should be made out to the

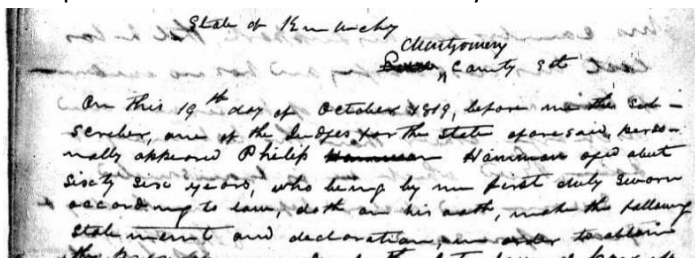
Phillip Hamman Family Organization, with a notation that funds are for the historical marker. Please send donations to Connie Thompson, PO Box 383, Bells, TX 75415. If we receive more donations than are required for the historical marker, we will use the funds for the needs of the Hamman Family Organization. That is mostly costs to print and send out the ECHO.

In spite of losing her husband, JW Thompson, one year ago, Connie continues to act as our Hamman organization secretary. She continues to get our ECHO newsletters ready for mailing: addressing, folding, stuffing, sealing, and affixing stamps. We certainly appreciate her service to the family in this matter. Our sympathies and thoughts continue to go out to Connie, and any others who have lost loved ones recently.

When was Phillip Hamman born?

For years many of us assumed that Phillip Hamman was born in “around 1750.” Ralph Hammond in the introduction to his book “Phillip Hamman—Man of Valor” says that Phillip was born in 1750 in the Palatinate. (Ralph also says that Phillip came to the US in 1772 on the Ship Crawford, which we now know was not the case). I was reviewing the wording for the new Hamman roadside marker (which will be dedicated at the next Hamman reunion) and asked for input. The old marker used the 1750 birthdate.

Cousin Doris Rose questioned the 1750 birthdate, and Brian Hamman provided documentation that Phillip’s actual birthdate was more likely 1753. Brian referred me to the Revolutionary War Pension



application of Phillip Hamman. The collection of documents included a statement Phillip gave on 19 Oct 1819. “Philip Hamman” appeared before a judge to give a statement about his service in the War. The document states, “appeared

Philip Hamman aged about 66 years.” (Found in “US Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant application file 1800-1900”, located at Ancestry.com, image 796)

This document would indicate that Phillip himself believed he was born in about 1753! We still do not know where Phillip was born. Current feelings are that he was not born in Germany, but more likely born in America, possibly New Jersey or Maryland.

Jim Rose

“Old” Phillip Hamman Documents Revisited

The records regarding Phillip Hamman’s (listed as Philip Hammon or Hammond) Revolutionary War Pension application consist of a group of documents submitted between 1819 and 1856, although there are some letters from 1937 in his file.

Here is one location of the file at Ancestry.com at the following link:

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1995/images/MIUSA1775D_135755-00795?usePUB=true&_phsrc=Gfs592&_phstart=successSource&usePUBJs=true&pld=25529

The documents include images 793 through 854, over 60 pages.

Several Hamman family members say they have had copies of this packet for years. This last month was the first time I have ever viewed these documents. These are some of the things I discovered.

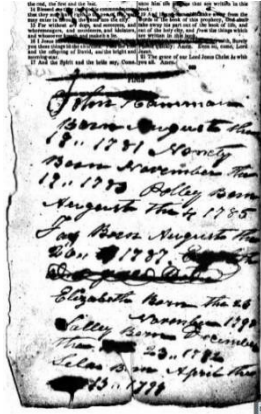


Figure 1 Hamman Bible John through Sela

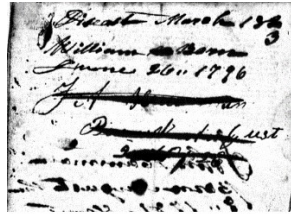


Figure 2 Hamman Bible p. 2 William

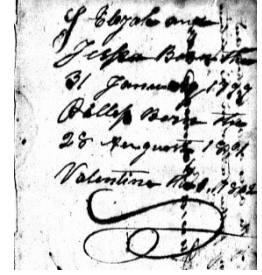
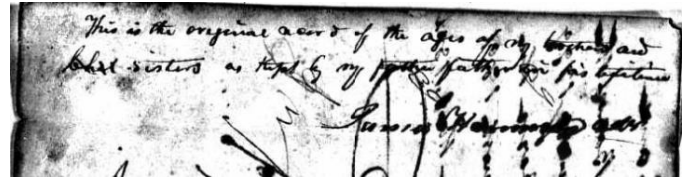


Figure 3 Hamman Bible p.3 Elijah through Valentine

This note by James Hammon says that the names and ages of the children were written in the Bible by Phillip Hamman himself. "This is the original record of the ages of my brothers and sisters as kept by my father in his lifetime. James Hammon, Adr."



- 1) Phillip's name is written multiple ways—Philip Hamman, Hammon, Hammond. Philip is always spelled with one L and one P. When Philip gives his own statement in 1818, his name is spelled Philip Hamman. So now should we be spelling Phillip Hamman's name Philip Hamman?
- 2) Many of the documents in his pension application were filed in 1856 by his son James Hammon, years after the deaths of Philip and Christina. It appears that James was trying to get benefits that were owed to his mother, Christina, but never paid to her. Phillip never received any pension or land bounty, and James also was trying to get any benefits that were due to Phillip. James says the benefits would be split among the living children of Christina and Phillip (the ones he knew of anyway, since he left off Elizabeth and Valentine, who had moved to Missouri)
- 3) James Hammon says that his father moved to Jackson Co., Alabama in 1820. James moved with his father to Alabama, but James says "he became sickly" and moved back to Kentucky after a short time.

Other notes about Phillip Hamman's pension

It's interesting to review the pension application files of Phillip Hamman. Why did he wait until 1819 to apply? Before the Pension Act of 1818, only disabled Vets of the Revolutionary War received pensions. This law in 1818 allowed other soldiers to apply, if they had served until the end of the war, and if they "demonstrated they were in need." Phillip's papers were filed in October 1819.

In his statement and in statements of friends, Phillip was said to be "in reduced circumstances and in need..." Phillip's attempts to get a pension or Land Bounty award were hampered by the fact that he did not have a copy of his discharge papers. Unfortunately, there were a lot of fraudulent attempts to get pensions from the war, so a lot of documentation was required. The pension laws were amended in 1820, 1822, 1828, 1932, and in 1836, widows were allowed to apply. Phillip and Christina unfortunately had no marriage certificate, so the process was delayed. By the time Christina died in 1842, they had received no pension funds. Son James Hammon then took over the attempt to collect back owed pension money.

Collecting pension money was a difficult process. You could not apply by mail. There was no central collection of information (no computer data bank) to use to verify personal information. Phillip (and later James) had to generate multiple documents attesting to the fact that he was the same Phillip Hamman who had served in the war (that he was Phillip Hammon, or Hammond as military records had listed him). Persons had to often travel long distances to appear before a government agent. Often an agent, or “attorney in fact”, would be appointed to travel these distances and present papers to the government agent. James Hammon indeed appointed William Fulkerson to act with power of attorney. He may have been involved with this from 1832 to 1856! This process took years to grind through the government system. And it is unclear if James was successful or not in getting the back pension money!

Covid Impact

It’s hard to believe that at this time last year, we were all learning to cope with the Covid-19 pandemic. We had to cancel our Hamman reunion that was planned for Little Rock, Arkansas. We had to deal with family and friends becoming ill, losing loved ones to this menace, losing jobs, and having school schedules changed. Over the last year and a half, it’s likely most of us have been impacted by the pandemic. Fortunately, Covid-19 numbers have improved over the last few months. We send our sympathies to those who have lost loved ones and our prayers to those still recovering. We hope and pray that this disease will continue to disappear. We pray that all family members will experience full recovery and have good health during the coming year.

Those Who Have Passed On

We remember and honor those Hamman family relatives who are no longer with us.



Charles Henry Cope of Winchester, KY passed away on Jan 24, 2021 at age 93. Charlie was born December 21, 1927 in Frenchburg, KY to Henry Allen Cope and Eunice Gose Cope. He is survived by his wife, Wilma. He served his country in WWII as a supply Sergeant in the Phillipines from 1946-1948. Charles is a descendant of James Cope and Mary “Polly” Hamman

Many of the following obituary notes were sent to us by Jane Newton, longtime Hamman family contributor and past editor of the ECHO. We are saddened to hear of the passing of Jane’s husband, Michael.

Michael Louis Newton, husband of Edna Jane Jones Newton (Jane), past ECHO editor, died on Dec. 8, 2020, age 48, from Covid-19. Michael was born on Mar 14, 1962 in Houston, Harris Co., Texas. He was the son of George Everett Newton and Theresa Marie Sellers. Mike and Jane were married on August 7, 1982 in Simms, Bowie Co., Texas. He was buried in Old Union Cemetery in Simms, Texas. His wife Jane is a descendant of James Henry Hammond and Lenora Gause.



Billy Morris Hammond, born 22 Sept 1934 in Simms, Bowie Co., Texas, died on 2 Dec 2020, age 86, in Texarkana, Bowie Co., Texas. He was the son of George Post Hammonds and Mollie Jane Ratley. He



was a descendant of James Henry Hammond and Lenora Gause. Billie was married to Jane Isabelle Fleming on October 2, 1953. He is buried in the Red Lick Cemetery in Red Lick, Bowie Co., Texas.

Patricia Ann Hammond Marbut died on December 5, 2020, age 77, in New Boston, Bowie Co., Texas. She was the daughter of Winfred Washington Hammond and Ovie Olene Cowley. Patricia was born on Sept. 22, 1943 in New Boston, Bowie Co., Texas. She married John Daniel Marbut on Jan. 28, 1961 in New Boston. She was buried in Chapelwood Memorial Gardens, Nash, Bowie Co., Texas. She is a descendant of James Henry Hammond and Lenora Gause.



Gary Don Earnest passed away on December 20, 2020, age 65, in Louisiana. He was a resident of Abbeyville, Louisiana. He was born on Feb. 14, 1955 in Knoxville, Knox Co. Tennessee. He is survived by his wife, Charlotte Lynn Crawford. He married Charlotte on July 12, 1976 in Simms, Bowie Co., Texas. He was the son of Cullen Kenneth "Sonny" Earnest and Geryldine Smith. Gary is a descendant of James Henry Hammond and Lenora Gause.

Paula Louise Akins Chapman passed away Dec. 23, 2020 in Carrollton, TX at age 73. Paula was born Nov. 2, 1947 in Duncan, Oklahoma. She was the daughter of LV Akins and Bervena Woodson Akins. She was married to Crawford "Sonny" Chapman. Paula was a descendant of James Cope and Mary "Polly" Hamman.



Other Hamman News

Difficult Illness

We are saddened to hear that Edward Martin, son of Beverly Jay Martin and Ernest Martin, is having significant health problems. He has been diagnosed with cancer, involving kidneys, brain, spine, and lungs. Our latest update was in June 2021 came from Beverly. The prayers of the Hamman family are with Edward.

Virtual Cemetery

Rob Walker, one of our Hamman cousins, has set up a virtual cemetery on Find A Grave. This cemetery commemorates 9 WWII airmen who died on 29 Jan 1942 while on a bombing raid over Borneo. One of the 9 men included was CPL Cecil Richard Hamman (3 Feb 1920—29 Jan 1942). Cecil was a descendant of Jesse Franklin Hamman and Jane Travis. Rob and Cecil are both descendants of Elijah A Hamman, grandson of Jesse. Rob has had a longtime interest in Hamman genealogy and history and has contributed much information over the years. Thanks to Rob, this memorial to the crew of Flight B-17E #41-2476 has been set up. Here's the link to the site:



https://www.findagrave.com/virtual-cemetery/1389936?fbclid=IwAR0fkZaWhaFizKml4NntZRUVe29kp0S8iaCBtwB7_mAV7432PdmAvVU2vQ8&page=1#sr=56786910

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Pension Application for Abraham Hamman

Abraham Hamman was born in 1753 or 1754 in New Jersey and died in March 1844 in Vermillion Co. Indiana. Abraham is likely a cousin to Phillip Hamman. DNA from male descendants of Abraham Hamman are a match to YDNA from Phillip Hamman (b. 1753) , Henry Hamman (b. 1765, PA?), Jacob Hamman (b.1755, VA). These 4 are cousins, or possibly brothers. Abraham and Jacob are felt to be sons of Johannes Hamman (b. 1720's, Germany). Exact relationship is unclear; however they are all related to one single male ancestor.

We don't know where Phillip Hamman was born, but we do know where Abraham Hamman was born. Abraham fought in the American Revolutionary War. In his pension application in 1832, he tells where he lived prior to moving to Indiana.

Abraham says he was born in New Jersey "in 1753 or 1754". He recalls seeing his father's Bible which was written in German. Abraham moved to Virginia and in Apr 1780, enlisted in the Revolutionary War while a resident of Rockingham Co., VA. He recounted much of his experience during the war. After the war, he moved with other family members to Wilkes Co. Georgia. There he married Charity Hammock. In 1812 he moved to Franklin Co, Indiana Territory, then in 1828 to Holt Twp, Vermillion Co., Indiana. Link to Abraham Hamman's pension application:

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1995/images/MIUSA1775D_135755-00204?pld=26236

Abraham's parents were Johannes (John) Hamman or Haman and "Eve". Brian Hamman's information on John Hamman from his Y-DNA website is as follows:

Johannes "John" Haman/Hamann/Hamman Sr. , born ~1720s in Germany or Alsace, first found in 1749 at the Zion Lutheran Church in Oldwick, Hunterdon Co., NJ. Based on deeds records, he likely was married to "Eve". He signs his last name "Haman" in NJ. Based on deeds, he likely moved to Woodsboro, Frederick Co., MD, where he and his family (name mostly spelled "Hamann") show up in the St. Peter's Lutheran Church records from late 1760s until around 1780, when they move to Rockingham Co., VA (name spelled Hamann and Hamman). Moves to Wilkes Co., GA, in around 1784. He shows up in Wilkes County tax records (mostly as John Hamman/Hammond Sr.) until 1793 when he presumably died.

This information is of value—we know that Abraham has the same Y DNA as Phillip Hamman. It is quite likely that Abraham and Phillip had the same grandfather. Tracing where Johannes Hamman moved may give us hints where Phillip lived before he appears in Greenbrier Co. Virginia in October 1772. Phillip likely has connections back to New Jersey. He may have been born there. Phillip may possibly have passed through Frederick Co. Maryland and Rockingham Co. Virginia with his Hamman cousins.

Lighten U Up

Here are some variations of Murphy's Law (If anything can go wrong, it will):

Herblock's Law: If it's good, they'll stop making it.

Billings's Law: Live within your income, even if you have to borrow to do so.

Kettering's Law: If you want to kill a good idea, get a committee working on it.

Sattinger's Law: It works better if you plug it in.

First Law of Expert Advice: Don't ask the barber whether you need a haircut.

Cole's Law: Thinly sliced cabbage.