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## President’s Message

### Hamman Reunion Scottsboro Alabama

We held a successful Hamman reunion July 28 through July 31. The reunion was held at the Comfort Inn and Suites in Scottsboro. There were 35 Hamman relatives that attended the reunion. Here are some highlights of the reunion—



**Historical Marker Dedication:** On Sat July 30, we visited the site of the Phillip Hamman Roadside Marker in Fackler, AL. A roadside marker was originally placed along Co. Highway 42 in 1972 by Hamman descendants. The marker was vandalized about 2000. Through efforts of current Hamman family members, a new marker was fabricated and placed in late April 2022. About 30 Hamman family members were present on Saturday, July 30 for a brief ceremony. Gerald McClintock gave a summary of the story of Phillip Hamman. Jim Rose then dedicated the marker.

**Library service project:** On Thurs July 28 about 15 of us visited the DeKalb Co. Public Library in Ft. Payne, AL and spent 4 hrs in the Phillip Hamman special collection area. We went through material that has been donated to the collection, organized much of the material, placed similar items in file folders and

labeled the drawers. The library collection includes copies of previous ECHO issues, copies of family group sheets for most of the Hamman descendants, and copies of other materials written and collected by Hamman descendants. This will make it easier in the future for people to find items in the Hamman collection

**Cemetery and library visits:** On Friday July 29, we returned to the DeKalb Library spent several hours actually reading through materials in the Phillip Hamman collection. We had a copy machine available, and family members were able to read and copy items of interest.

**Valley Head visit:** In Valley Head, AL, we took a tour of the Winston Place Bed and Breakfast. This home was built before the Civil war. It was previously owned by a Hamman descendant but has been resold and is being run as a Bed and Breakfast. Nearby, we visited the site of the Cherokee Council Tree. At this site, Cherokee Indian Sequoyah taught his newly invented written alphabet for the Cherokee language. That afternoon, we visited the graves of Phillip and Christina at the Valley Head, AL cemetery. At the White-Hall cemetery nearby, we visited the graves of William Cook Hamman and Burlington Green Hamman and other Hamman families.



**Hamman reunion presentations:** We spent the afternoon Saturday July 30 with introductions and presentations. We introduced those who attended the reunion. We asked those in attendance to tell us which child of Phillip and Christina Hamman they came from.

These are the children of Phillip and Christina. The number corresponds to their branch.

- 1) John 2) infant 3) Nancy 4) Mary Polly 5) James 6) Elizabeth 7) Sallie 8) Celia 9) William 10) Jesse
- 11) Elijah 12) Phillip Jr 13) Valentine

Joshua Eadie of Satellite Beach, FL--#5

Gary Hamman and Lori Cripps of Scottsdale, AZ --#10

Brian Fikejs of Phoenix, AZ (stepson of Gary)--#10

Jack Hammond of Ardmore, TX --#9

Shane and Bradlee Hammond of Pottsboro, TX (grandsons of Jack) --#9

Trent and Karen Hammond of Tecumseh, OK--#9

Bill and Carolyn Jett of Bremen AL--#4

Gerald and Donna McClintock of Michie, TN--#12

Sandi and Stewart Postle of Dayton, OH--#4

Vondell and Glenda Plunkett of Lookout Mt., GA--#9

Jeff and Jenny Plunkett of Lookout Mt., GA--#9

Jenni and Carlis Knight of Ider, AL--#9

Jim and Nancy Rose of Santaquin, UT--#6

BrookLynne, Lucia, and Flora Rose of Lebanon, MO--#6 (grandchildren of Jim and Nancy)

Tina Wadley of Lebanon, MO--#6 (daughter of Jim and Nancy)

James Rose and sons Benson and Nathan of Lawrenceville, GA--#6 (nephew of Jim and Nancy)

Gary and Glenda Vigen of Grand Prairie, TX--#4

### **Afternoon presentations**

Jim Rose gave a slide presentation about "Phillip Hamman Land", reviewing the places Phillip Hamman lived during his lifetime

Jim gave a second presentation about "Phillip Hamman and the Indians", reviewing the interactions Phillip had with Indians.

Gary Hamman gave a slide presentation recognizing previous leaders of the Hamman Family Association.

### **Auction**

At this reunion, we opted to do a silent auction, where items for auction were displayed all afternoon. Written bids for the items were then given, with bids closing at 7PM. Some of the items that were auctioned this year included:

An heirloom original quilt (Missouri Star pattern) on which names of the first generation of Hamman's were embroidered. This quilt was made and donated by Theresa Meyer.

A block quilt including pictures of Hamman historical sites made and donated by Jim Rose

Mouse pads and jigsaw puzzles with a picture of the Hamman group at the Tyler, TX reunion donated by Lori Cripps

An "Ohio basket" with assorted items and gift card donated by Sandi Postle

A plaque with Phillip Hamman famous quote, a photo album donated by Trent Hammond

An enlargement of the Hamman family group at the Tyler, TX reunion donated by Gary Hammond

A bound volume of prior issues of the ECHO donated by Doris Rose

The auction was a great success. We raised \$483

### **Dinner Banquet**

All those in attendance enjoyed a southern BBQ dinner of pulled pork, pulled chicken, BBQ beans, salads. A great assortment of desserts was provided by Jenni Knight.

### **Hamman Association business meeting**

Family organization leaders discussed the future of the Hamman family organization: Issues of concern—aging of leadership, diminishing reunion participation, fewer areas for new research, financial viability of family association, need to use social media and online resources, accessibility of Hamman Genealogy.

**Leadership** - We recognized Gary Hamman for his leadership of the Hamman Association, serving as president since 2013. We discussed options for leadership change. No other volunteers or nominations were presented.

Gary agreed to continue in his current position for now.

Jim Rose agreed to continue to be edit the ECHO

Glenda Vigen agreed to assist with the ECHO

Joshua Edie agreed to be a genealogy research contributor

Christina Wadley agreed to serve as a social media facilitator

**Future Hamman reunions**-- We discussed options for changing the frequency of Hamman reunions to every 4 yrs, or every 3 yrs, or leave things with reunions every 2 yrs. The consensus of the group was to **leave the reunions at every 2 yrs.**

**Site of next reunion** -- Location of next reunion was discussed. The two main places that were mentioned were Lewisburg, WV (site of Cook's Mill, Cooks Fort, Ft. Donnally) or Springfield, MO (with the understanding that the reunion would include time to visit Branson, MO shows). The group in attendance leaned more toward Springfield. No decision was made regarding the location of the next reunion, summer of 2024.

**Management of Hamman family genealogy data base.** The family discussed options for management of the genealogy data for the Phillip Hamman Association. The current descendants of Phillip Hamman number over 23,000. Doris Rose has been one of the main contributors to keep that data base up to date. The family file has been accessible on Ancestral Quest. Family members have found this file difficult to use and to access. We discussed this problem and decided the following:

- 1) We will continue to have the **Ancestral Quest** Hamman file available. It is saved on the AQ main server. If anyone has Ancestral Quest and wishes to use the collaboration feature of AQ, the name of the file is "Phillip and Christina Cook Hamman 22". Contact Jim Rose, administrator of that file, [jimandnancyrose@gmail.com](mailto:jimandnancyrose@gmail.com) to get access. You must download the AQ file on your computer (either the free version, or the purchased version) and request to be a user or editor of this file)
- 2) We have also created a file on **Ancestry.com**. The name of the file is "Phillip and Christina Cook Hamman 22". This is a private family tree. To be invited to get access, email [jimandnancyrose@gmail.com](mailto:jimandnancyrose@gmail.com) to view or edit this file on Ancestry.com.

- 3) If you have any other genealogy program (Family Tree Maker, Roots Magic, etc.) and **would like to have a Gedcom file of this same Hamman Family Tree** information, just email Jim Rose and he can send you a Gedcom file and you can create your own Hamman file for your program

One of the problems we have faced is keeping our **Hamman genealogy file up to date**. We lack a lot of information about Hamman descendants who are currently living. We try our best to keep private any genealogy information which includes information about living individuals, so that is why invitations are needed to get access to these files. But we also really need to keep updated information about living Hamman descendants.

**Update information for our family tree**

Many of our Family Tree lines lack information about the latest Hamman descendants. If you are not sure if we have your information correctly entered, you could just send us the latest data:

Please send us:

Your family information—Names, date of birth, place of birth, spouse names, children names with information, grandchildren names with information

Information can be sent to Jim Rose at jimandnancyrose@gmail.com

**Hamman Family Association Finances**

Here is the current state of finances for the Hamman family and expenses from the Scottsboro reunion:

Hamman checking balance July 2022 before the Scottsboro reunion:	\$1474.13
Checking balance Sept 2022 after the Scottsboro reunion:	\$1532.13

Hamman Association expenses:

Phillip Hamman historical marker fabrication--	\$2300.00
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Scottsboro reunion expenses

Banquet catering—KC BBQ	\$ 613.00
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Hotel meeting room charge	<u>\$ 450.00</u>
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Expenses incurred	\$3363.00
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Money generated at the reunion

Payments for dinner	\$610.00
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Money from auction	\$483.00
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Copies and sales of books	\$135.00
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Money donated to the Assoc. for marker and for general funds	<u>\$2200.00</u>
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Total	\$3428.00
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We had great participation and generous donations at the reunion. We were able to pay for the meeting room and banquet hall rental expenses, as well as pay for the Hamman historical marker! Thank you!

The money we have in the Hamman checking account is used mainly for expenses related to mailing out the ECHO. Many people have the ECHO emailed to them, but many still wish to get a printed copy in the mail. We currently are spending about \$300 each time an issue of the ECHO is mailed out. We depend on donations from family members to do this.

**If you did not get a chance to contribute** for the Phillip Hamman historical marker or for the operation of the Hamman Family Association, please consider doing so now. Please send any contributions to the “Phillip Hamman Family Association” to our secretary, Connie Thompson, 311 Blackmon Trail, Bells, TX 75444.

## Past Hamman Organization Leaders

At the reunion in Scottsboro, we took time to recognize those who have been instrumental in making the Phillip Hamman Family Association work. We could not list everyone who has helped over the years, but the following individuals were highlighted:



Ralph Hammond (1916-2010) Ralph was one of the organizers and original leaders of the Hamman family organization. He authored "Phillip Hamman—Man of Valor" and served a major contributor to the ECHO for 30 years. Ralph had been a journalist/war correspondent during WWII and has authored more than 2 dozen books. He was the Poet Laureate of Alabama 1991-1995.



Larry Hamman (1917-2004) was also one of the early leaders of the Hamman family. Before many of the fancy genealogy programs were available, Larry developed an indexing system for the Hamman genealogy. He printed these records out in 10 volumes of 3 ring binders (copies are in the Ft. Payne public library Hamman collection).



Doris Rose (1928- ) has been a major source of genealogy information for the family for over 40 yrs. She has served as President, Historical Secretary, Echo editor.

Clay Connor Jr (1918-1983) Clay joined the family organization in the late 1970's and did quite a bit of research. He wrote "The Life and Times of Phillip Hamman," which included several hundred pages of Hamman historical documents. Clay was famous in his own right during WWII, hiding out from the Japanese for 34 months on the Philippine Island of Luzon.



Martha Stanley (1937- ) has been involved in the Hamman Family Association since the beginning. In 1978 she helped organize the Phillip Hamman Chapter of the DAR in Ft. Payne, AL. Marth was instrumental in arranging the Phillip Hamman Collection at the DeKalb County Library in Ft. Payne, AL. The library maintains a permanent collection of Hamman materials.



Vondell (1938- ) and Glenda (1941- ) Plunkett. They have been active in the Hamman family organization for many years, having attended most of the reunions over the years. Vondell served as President 1986-1990. Vondell remains our designated family comedian.

Connie Thompson (1960- ) has served as the secretary for 2004. She manages sending the ECHO to those who are on



the Hamman organization since the mailing list.



Gary Hamman (1941- ) has served as our Hamman family organization president since 2013. He continues to be a major support for the family and manages the ECHO email roster.

Jim Rose (1947- ) has served as editor of the ECHO and past president of the organization. Jim has helped organize several of the recent Hamman



Hamman family reunions.



Gerald McClintock (1943- ) current VP

We have had many other Hamman family members who have served in the past. Some of the others include:

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| Charles Hamman (1921-2001) President 1982                | Charles Brinkley (1926-2012) VP 1998-2004 |
| Jane Russell (1922-1999) Secretary 1982-1996             | Jim Strohmeier, president 1986            |
| Janes Jones Newton (1965- ) editor of the Echo 2004-2010 |   |
| Lanita Wacker (1941- ) President 1996                    |   |
| Rosalind Lacy MacLennan (1937- ) Echo editor 1990-1996   |   |

### Phillip Hamman and the Indians

Confrontations with Indians were a part of life in early America. Phillip Hamman and his close relatives had interactions with Indians on numerous occasions.

- 1) Battle of Point Pleasant Oct 10, 1774
- 2) Rescue of Ft. Donnally May 1778
- 3) Baughman’s Defeat Oct 1882
- 4) Estill’s Defeat Mar 22, 1782
- 5) Hamman led posse along Slate Creek 1796
- 6) Indians in Jackson Co., AL

#### Event 1: Battle of Point Pleasant October 1774

In the 1870’s, the British began a campaign against the Indians on the western borders of Virginia. These were called the **Dunmore Wars**.

The Indians, led by Chief Cornstalk, attacked Ft. Randolph at Pt. Pleasant, killing 75 soldiers and wounding 140. The Shawnee also had numerous losses. The skirmish was judged a draw.

The Virginia soldiers were led by Captain Andrew Lewis. **Phillip Hamman** was one of those enlisted to fight at the **Battle of Point Pleasant**. Phillip Hamman was recognized for his participation in this battle.

#### Event 2: Battle at Fort Donnally May 1778

After Chief Cornstalk was killed by a soldier at Ft. Randolph in 1778, about 200 Indians began the trek to Ft. Donnally, 160 miles away to attack settlers.

**Phillip Hamman** and John Pryor volunteered to warn the settlers. Nonhelema, sister of Cornstalk, was friendly to the soldiers and the settlers. She made the two up to look like Indians.

Hamman and Pryor were able to overtake the Indians, pass by unnoticed, and warn the fort. Four of the settlers were killed before reinforcements came from Lewisburg to aid in their rescue.

For his efforts in warning Fort Donnally, Hamman was called **“The Savior of Greenbrier.”**

#### Event 3: Baughman’s Defeat—Oct 1872

**Phillip Hamman** and Henry Baughman were leading a group of family members to a spot along the Dix River near Stanford, KY. South of Crab Orchard, KY the group was attacked by Indians. Christina Cook was shot in the head with an arrow. Her 7-day old infant son was killed. Several in the party were killed. Christina escaped in her long underwear and was found wounded. It was said that she kept her head covered with a scarf the rest of her life.

Among those killed were: Hamman's unnamed son; Christina's aunt Margarethe Baughman Ferrill and her husband, Jonathan Ferrill; two of Christina's uncles, Jacob Baughman and Hans Henrich Baughman. Christina's maternal grandmother, Margaretha Schwizier Baughman (December 25, 1698 – October 17, 1782) was killed during the attack.

#### Event 4: Battle of Little Mountain—Estill’s Defeat

Although this battle did not involve Phillip Hamman, it affected his family and friends.

In March 1782, Wyandot Indians killed 2 settlers at Strode's Station, KY. James Estill recruited 25 locals to pursue to Indians. The Indians were met near present day Mt. Sterling, KY

At Little Mountain, James Estill was killed. Adam Caperton was killed. (Phillip Hamman had fought at Point Pleasant with Hugh and Adam Caperton, and knew them well. When Phillip bought property in Kentucky, one of his first properties was bought with Hugh Caperton as co-owner).

Another person who was wounded at Estill's Defeat was David Cook, brother to Christina Hamman. David was wounded in the shoulder. He survived by hiding under the branches of a fallen tree. He treated the wound by pushing a silk handkerchief completely through the wound and pulling it back and forth. He did this for several months until the wound healed. This story was retold to us by Charles Hackley, on the site of Cook land in Lincoln County, KY.

Of note is that this battle occurred months before the Indian attack at Crab Orchard. When Phillip arrived in Kentucky with his family, Christina's brother, David Cook, was nursing wounds from an Indian attack also.

#### **Event # 5: Phillip Hamman as Head of a Posse Montgomery Co, KY 1796**

In the spring of 1796, land of Sam Gibson, a neighbor of Hamman's, was raided by Indians and 12 horses were stolen. Phillip organized a group of about a dozen men to search the area. At one point Phillip left by himself to look for deer for meat. He came upon an Indian and was about to shoot him. As Phillip brought his rifle up; the Indian dropped what he was carrying and ran back into the brush. Hamman found a knapsack, with several items: dried jerky, some bear oil, some rope and an old blanket.

This was one of the last encounters with Indians in this area. It may speak to Hamman's character, that he did not shoot the Indian needlessly.

#### **Event #6 Hamman and Indians in Jackson Co. AL**

We do not know of any specific interactions Phillip may have had with Indians in Alabama. We do know that his land was next to or overlapped the Samuel Keyes and William Keyes Reservations in the area. (These two were Cherokees).

Three Keys brothers, Samuel Jr, Isaac, and William, sons of an English trader, Samuel Keys Sr., each married women who were half Cherokee. The three sons married sisters, last name Riley. In the Indian matriarchial kinship system, children born to an Indian mother were considered born into the mother's family or clan. The Keys brothers were considered Indians and retained land according to the Indian treaties.

As per the treaty of 1817, Samuel Keys retained 640 acres near Big Coon Valley. William Keys retained 640 acres south of Samuel Keys. These lands were adjacent to Hamman land.

According to a deposition by William Rorex to Charles L Roach in 1837, Samuel Keys was "continually threatened by the settlers" until he moved to the Cherokee land on the south side of the Tennessee River. Rorex and Roach were neighbors to Hamman. Although Phillip died in 1832, Christina remained in her home near Fackler until 1841.

After "encouragement" to move on, most of the Keys family moved to Cherokee land on Sand Mountain. Eventually they removed to Indian land in Arkansas and Oklahoma.

We do not know if Phillip Hamman interacted with the Keys family. We assume he did. We might guess that Phillip did not have warm feelings towards the Indians. We will likely never know.

#### **Phillip Hamman land near Fackler**

After the dedication of the historical marker, family members drove to the Middleton-Hayes Cemetery north of the Roaches Cove Baptist Church. Here we viewed a portion of the property originally owned by Phillip Hamman. Recent research into the land patents applied for by Phillip Hamman and heirs between 1831 and 1845 identified 5 parcels of land.

When Phillip Hamman moved to Jackson County, the land had not yet been surveyed. It wasn't until 1831 when Hamman tried to get land patents for the land he had possessed. He died in 1832 and his son James pursued the effort to get these patents.

Most of the original land records were destroyed when a fire burned the Bellefonte Courthouse in 1844. Other records were burned when the Union Army used the building during the Civil War.



We have these 5 records of his land

**Phillip Hamman historical marker, Fackler, AL**

One of the reasons the recent Hamman reunion was held in Scottsboro, AL was to recognize and dedicate the “new” historical marker recognizing Phillip and Christina Hamman.

On Saturday, July 30, 2022, members of the Phillip Hamman family gathered along County Highway 42 in Fackler, AL to dedicate the replacement roadside historical marker recognizing Phillip and Christina Hamman.

Gerald McClintock retold a brief history of Phillip Hamman Jim Rose then offered a dedication prayer. His prayer included:

“We are grateful for these pioneers, Phillip and Christina. We are grateful for the courage and faith they demonstrated in coming to this place. We are grateful for their examples of endurance and hard work.”

“We dedicate this marker to the memory of Phillip and Christina, as well to the memory of all our ancestors who preceded us”

“As we remember them, help us remember we are who we are because of ancestors such and Phillip and Christina Hamman”

As descendants of Phillip and Christina Hamman we hope that by keeping the Phillip Hamman Family Association going, we may foster friendship, educate our family members, and remember our noble ancestors.

**“Phillip Hamman—Man of Valor”**

We have come across a dozen copies of Ralph Hammond’s book, “Phillip Hamman—Man of Valor”. His book, published in 1976, has been a classic resource of information about Phillip Hamman. The book has been out of print for many years.

If you would like to buy one of these books, please let me, Jim Rose, know. For a donation of \$35 to the Phillip Hamman Family Association (\$25 for the book, \$10 for shipping), I will send you a book with the “Correction Addendum.”

At the time the book was written, it was thought that Phillip Hamman came to America in 1772 on the ship Crawford. This has been proven incorrect. There was indeed a Phillip Hamman aboard that ship, but he settled in Northhampton Co., PA. YDNA evidence from his descendants has shown that the Northhampton Phillip Hamman is not related to our Greenbrier Phillip Hamman.

If you already have a copy of Ralph’s book and would like a copy of the “Correction Addendum”, please let me know.

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