

**THE ECHO**  
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**President's Message**

We've endured lots of changes these last two years! I know I've had to spend a lot of time re-planning and changing events. One event we always look forward to is our Hamman Family Reunion every two years, but this year it will have been four years since our last one. It sure will be good to get together again, this time near Fackler in northeast Alabama. Jim Rose has done the research and planning for this as you will read below.

So far I have avoided getting Covid, flu, colds, etc. I hope my good fortune continues. Although I'm retired, I've been working at a small nearby computer systems company that needed help with some units they are building where about half of the system is a radar. Radar and microwave stuff is not their forte so I've been working there the last few months. That work should finish in April.

My thanks to many of you for your contributions to our association. Notable ones for many years that are still actively contributing are Jim Rose, Connie Thompson, Doris Rose, and Kaye Lanier.

I hope you have had a happy beginning to this new year 2022 and are in good health.

--Gary Hamman

**2022 Hamman Reunion**

As you know, we had to cancel the 2020 Hamman Reunion due to Covid. We hoped that by waiting 2 years to reschedule, the Covid-19 crisis would be over. That remains to be seen.

We are however planning to proceed with the Phillip Hamman Organization reunion for 2022, pending any major Covid related problems.

Our planned reunion:

**Thurs July 24 through Sunday July 31, 2022**

**Scottsboro, Alabama**

**Comfort Inn and Suites, 25775 John T. Reid Pkwy, Scottsboro, AL 35768**

**Phone: 256-259-8700**

Keep this date and phone number---Make sure you don't miss the 2022 Phillip Hamman reunion. Plan now to attend. We will be in the center of Phillip Hamman country.

We have a block of rooms reserved for the Phillip Hamman group. We also have a group rate locked in for the room rates.

Our plans include:

Visiting the **Phillip and Christina farm and homestead** near Fackler, AL

Visiting **gravesites of Phillip and Christina Hamman** in Valley Head, AL

**Dedicating the Phillip Hamman roadside marker** in Fackler, AL

Visiting the **Phillip Hamman History and Genealogy Collection** in Ft. Payne, AL

Spending time together for presenting and discussing interesting items of Hamman history

Enjoying our traditional Saturday night banquet as Hamman relatives

Celebrating 50 years since the beginning of the Phillip Hamman Family Organization

Come join us to visit with you Hamman cousins! See you there!

### **Scottsboro, Alabama**

We chose to have the **Hamman reunion in Scottsboro** this year for a number of reasons. Scottsboro, the county seat of Jackson Co., is located in an area central to several Phillip Hamman landmarks.

It is 13 miles from Fackler, AL where the final **homestead of Phillip and Christina** was located. This is where the Phillip Hamman **historical marker** will be located and where we will go to dedicate this marker.

Scottsboro is 30 miles from Valley Head, AL, where the final **burial site and headstones for Phillip and Christina** are located.

Scottsboro is also 30 miles from Ft. Payne where the **Phillip Hamman Library Collection** is found in the DeKalb County Public Library.

Scottsboro is located 45 miles from Huntsville, AL, and 55 miles from Chattanooga, TN. A flight to either of these cities gets one reasonably close to our reunion site.

Scottsboro is also where we were able to find a hotel suitable to handle the needs of our reunion. The Comfort Inn and Suites had facilities to handle our needs for the reunion. The rate we were able to lock in gives us a fair discount off the nightly rates.

Scottsboro area also offers some places of interest.

The **Unclaimed Baggage Center**, the nation's only outlet for unclaimed and lost baggage, is located in Scottsboro. Buy a new suitcase and fill it with interesting lost items for sale. Or you may wish to visit **Sauta Cave National Wildlife Refuge** and plan to watch the bat flight out of the cave.

Or you may wish to visit the local Boys Museum or the Heritage Center. Or just come and hang out with your Hamman cousins!

### **Hamman Homestead**

The Phillip and Christina Hamman homestead was located near Fackler, Jackson Co., Alabama. The land Phillip owned is now part of the James Martin-Skyline Reserve (Prior Samuel Key Reservation). Our plan is to visit the area of the reservation where Phillip and Christina built their home.

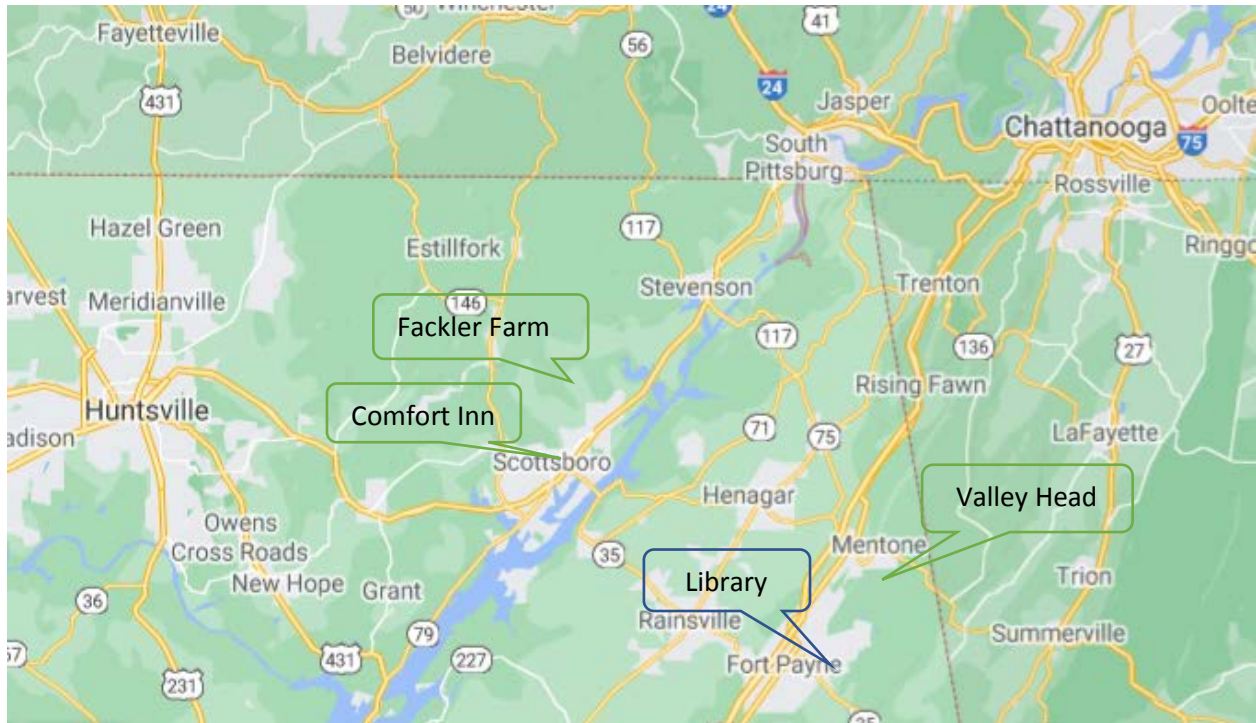
### **Hamman Roadside Marker**

A new roadside marker recognizing Phillip as a hero in saving Ft. Donnally and Phillip and Christina as pioneers in the settlement of this area of Alabama is being fabricated! The original marker, placed along

Jackson Co. Highway 42 in 1971, was damaged and vandalized just after the year 2000. The family had plans for several years to replace this marker. Our plan is to place the new marker along Highway 42 near where the original was located. We plan on dedicating this new marker during our reunion in July.

### **Ft Payne Library**

A section of the County Library in Ft. Payne, AL, is designated for records of Phillip Hamman and his descendants. During our reunion in Chattanooga, TN, in 2016, our family group visited the library in Ft. Payne. We spent several hours there and could have spent another day or two there. We are planning on setting aside time during our upcoming reunion in Scottsboro to spend a day at this library.



### **Phillip Hamman Roadside Historical Marker**

The application for the Phillip Hamman historical marker has been approved and fabrication has begun to make the marker. The Alabama Historical Association is overseeing the marker. Cost of the marker is \$2300.

#### **Contributions now being accepted for the Phillip Hamman Historical roadside marker**

Many of you expressed interest in contributing money for the cost of the marker.

Check donations should be made out to the Phillip Hamman Family Organization and should be sent to Connie Thompson, 311 Blackmon Trail, Bells, TX 75414. Now is the time to make your donation! If we receive donations in excess of the cost of the marker, these funds will be used to fund the yearly expenses of the Hamman Family Organization. (Mailings, etc).

The arrangements for this marker have taken several years to complete. We are excited to finally move forward and obtain the marker and have it placed in Fackler, AL. We have obtained

permission from a local landowner, Emmett Holder, to place the marker on his property, near the side of County Highway 42 in Fackler. We are hoping that by placing the marker on private property, rather than on the county highway easement, that the likelihood of vandalism to the sign will be reduced. The sign will be placed along Highway 42, near the land previously farmed by Phillip and Christina Hamman.

The wording for the new marker was determined after consultation with the board of the Alabama Historical Association members of the Board for the Hamman family organization.

Wording of the new Phillip Hamman marker:

[JR1]PHILLIP HAMMAN  
SOLDIER AND EARLY ALABAMA SETTLER  
(1753-1832)

Of German ancestry, Phillip Hamman was a Colonial-era scout and a Revolutionary War soldier hailed as the "Savior of Greenbrier" for his 1778 efforts to defend Ft. Donnally in present day West Virginia. In 1780, he married Christina Cook (1763-1842). After nearly 40 years in Kentucky, they became early settlers of Jackson County in the 1820s, farming a large tract of land one mile north of this site. In 1827, Phillip Hamman helped organize the Friendship Church at Fackler and was ordained as its pastor. In 1972, the remains of Phillip and Christina Hamman were removed from family land and reinterred at Valley Head Cemetery.

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## Hamman Family Members We Have Lost



**John Holbrook** of Blanchester, OH, passed away 4 November 2021. John was born 6 October 1951. He was married to Betty Jean Holbrook for 50 years. He was the Pastor of the Blanchester Community Baptist Church. John is a descendent of Mary Polly Hamman and James Cope.

### Doris Laverne Hammond Jones Obituary

**Doris Jones** of Simms, TX, passed away on 1 November 2021 at 76 yrs of age. Doris was born 19 April 1945 in Simms, TX. She was the mother of Jane Newton. She was the daughter of Post and Molly Hammond and was a descendant of Phillip Hamman, Jr.



## Please Update Email and Home Address

We need your help to update our Hamman address list! After each issue of the ECHO is sent out, many of those by regular US Mail, we receive returned envelopes with no forwarding address. Likewise when the newsletter is sent by email, we have some that are not deliverable due to email changes. If you have moved, changed email addresses, please let our secretary, Connie Thompson, or our President, Gary Hamman, know so we can update our mailing lists. If you have family members who would like to receive the ECHO, please provide us with their email and physical address. Thank you

## Email change

Doris Rose, one of our long-time Hamman family leaders, past President and past editor to our ECHO, remains a main source of family information. Doris recently has had to change her email address. She can be reached at [Jack\\_Doris\\_Rose@yahoo.com](mailto:Jack_Doris_Rose@yahoo.com)

## Guide to Phillip Hamman Descendants

Sometimes as we view the descendants of Phillip Hamman, it is hard to keep straight how we are related. Phillip and Christina had 13 children. At past reunions, we have used a number to note which of the 13 children we come from. Our numbering is as follows: 1) John Hamman 2) Infant Hamman 3) Nancy Hamman 4) Mary Polly Hamman Cope 5) James Hamman 6) Elizabeth Hamman Lacy 7) Sarah "Sally" Hamman Hall 8) Celia Hamman 9) William Cook Hamman 10) Jesse Franklin Hamman 11) Elijah Hamman 12) Phillip Hamman, Jr. 13) Valentine Hamman

Our family genealogy file for Phillip Hamman has just over 23, 000 direct descendants. That's a lot of cousins to sort through. Here is a summary of some of our Hamman cousins.

- 1) **John Hamman** (1781-1854) and Margaret **Evans** stayed in Kentucky when Phillip Hamman moved to Alabama. Descendants of John are our **Clemons, Prater, Pruett, and Lumpkins, Birdzell, Fugate, Franklin** family members. Doris **Brown Rose**, who has been involved with organization leadership and Hamman research from the beginning of the family organization, comes from this line. Our genealogy shows over 6,200 individuals descended from John Hamman
- 2) Infant Hamman (1782-1782) probable male, no descendants
- 3) Nancy Hamman (1783-bef 1854) We have no information about Nancy or any possible descendants
- 4) **Mary Polly Hamman** (1785-1872) married James **Cope**. They settled in Kentucky. Some moved on to Oklahoma. Their descendants include **Cope, Back, Cooper**. Reunion participants from this line have included Linda Kaye **Lanier**, Paula **Chapman**, Jim **Strohmeier**, Lanita **Wacker, Sweaney, Vigen**. Our records list over 6,300 descendants from Mary Polly and James Cope.
- 5) **James Hamman** (1787-1870) and Susan Evans remained in Kentucky. Their descendants include **Walker, Wills, Rob Walker**, and Ben Hammond, frequent contributors to the Hamman website. They are descendants of James. Our genealogy shows over 1500 descendants of James Hamman.
- 6) **Elizabeth "Betsy" Hamman** (1790-1879) married Levi **Lacy**. They moved with Phillip and Christina to Alabama, then on to Missouri. Descendants of Elizabeth include **Lacy** and **Burk**. Carol Lacy **Radcliff**, Jim **Rose**, Norma **Rose**, Rosalind **MacLennan**, Melinda **Dickinson**. Our records show about 360 descendants from Betsy Hamman.

- 7) **Sarah “Sally” Hamman** (1792-1856?) married Basil **Hall**. Halls stayed mostly in Kentucky. Descendants include **Hall, Hanks, Morton, Conner**. Clay **Conner**, early contributor to the Hamman family organization, came through this line. Our genealogy shows about 900 descendants from Sarah and Basil Hall.
- 8) Celia Hamman (1794-1823) No descendants have been identified for Celia
- 9) **William Cook Hamman** (1796-1870) married Sarah **Hanks** and had 6 children. Then later he married Elinore **Rowe** and had 8 children. William Cook Hamman settled in Valley Head, Alabama. Some of his descendants moved on to Texas/Oklahoma. Descendants through Sarah Hanks include: Ralph **Hammond**, Glenda Hammons **Plunkett**, Nancy **Cooper**. Descendants of Elinore Rowe include the Jett line, Alexa **Jett**, Martha Hamman **Stanley**, and Trent “Buddy” **Hammond**. Hamman records show about 2000 descendants from William and Sarah Hanks Hamman, and about 550 descendants from William and Elinore Rowe Hamman.
- 10) **Jesse Franklin Hamman** (1799-1871) married Jane **Travis**. He moved to Prairie County, Arkansas with his family. Descendants of Jessie Franklin include Larry **Hamman** and Gary **Hamman**, Gary **Butler**, Rob **Walker**, Alexa **Heck**. Our genealogy shows about 1000 descendants of Jesse Franklin Hamman and Jane Travis Hamman.
- 11) **Elijah Hamman** (1799-1860) married Mary Ann Walker. Elijah moved to Tennessee. Surnames for his descendants include **Matthews** and **Jacoway**. We are not aware of living descendants of Elijah being involved with the Hamman family organization. Our records show about 480 descendants from Elijah Hamman.
- 12) **Phillip Hamman, Jr.** (1801-1971) married Mary Ann **Lewallen**. Phillip moved with his family to Alcorn Co., Mississippi. His descendants include Charles **Brinkley**, Jane **Newton**, Fran **Stiles**, TG **McClintock**, Ann **Carpenter**, Karen **Allen**, Ruth **Young**, Connie **Thompson**, Robert Hamman **Thompson**. We have over 3,900 descendants listed for Phillip Jr and Mary Jane Hamman.
- 13) **Valentine C. Hamman** (1802-1862) married Mary Ann **Alexander** and moved to Hickory Co. Missouri. His descendants include the **Proctor** surname. His descendants have not been involved with the Phillip Hamman organization recently. Our records show about 75 descendants for Valentine and Mary Ann Alexander.

The “Hamman” name has changed to other forms over the years—Hamman, Hammon, Hammons, Hammond. Phillip Hamman descendants are scattered over the entire US.

## Prater Notes

We received this item from Karla Dixen Vigen. Karla is a descendant of Archibald Prater and Letitia “Tissie” Christina Hamman Prater. Letitia Christina Hamman was the 5<sup>th</sup> child of John Hamman and Margaret Evans Hamman. Archibald and Christina were married in Morgan Co., KY on November 19, 1829. They had 12 children, all born in White Oak, Morgan, Kentucky. After the Civil War, probably in early 1867, they moved to Kansas and settled near Salina, Kansas. Christina died 11 November 1872 in Salina, Kansas, and is buried in the Gypsum Hill Cemetery, Salina, KS. Archibald died 17 June 1872 while out riding and herding cattle. From an article published in the Salina Herald, 24 June 1876: “His pony was seen going about riderless. After a search was made, he was found lying on the prairie, dead.” It is supposed he died suddenly of heart disease or some other natural cause, there being no evidence of

violence or even accident. He was found near the Saline River in Ottawa Co near the border of Saline Co., Kansas. He was also buried in the Gypsum Hill Cemetery, Salina, KS.

The picture of Archibald's tombstone at Gypsum Hill Cemetery, with descendants standing nearby: L to R, Tye Prater, 7<sup>th</sup> generation of Archibald, grandson of Robert Prater, Sr.; Frederick D. Prater, Jr., 6<sup>th</sup> generation of Archibald, grandson of Ben Prater; Robert Prater, Sr., 5<sup>th</sup> generation of Archibald, son of Cecil Prater; Ben Prater, 4<sup>th</sup> generation of Archibald, son of Clifton C. Prater.



Additional Prater history about Robert Frank Prater was also sent by Carla Vigen. Robert Frank Prater was the 3<sup>rd</sup> son of Archibald and Christina Leticia Prater. He was born 22 Feb 1847 in West Liberty, Morgan Co (later Magoffin County) Kentucky. Robert Frank enlisted in the Union Army at age 18 on 25 Aug 1863 at Grayson, Kentucky. During his military service, his last name was also listed as Prator and Praytor. He served in Company "K" Fortieth, Kentucky Volunteer Mounted Infantry, US Army. He was in the Battle of Bull Run and the Battle of Antietam. Between 1870 and 1880 he moved from Saline Co. KS to Ottawa Co. KS. In July of 1892, he filed for an invalid pension, stating he had rheumatism and a kidney affliction. Pension records state he had 2 strokes of palsy, May 1922 and Nov 1923. He died 16 Feb 1932 and is buried in the Ottawa Union Cemetery, Ottawa, Kansas. The picture is of Robert Frank Prater (1847-1932) and his wife Bertha Ann Hudson

### Timeless Humor? Note from Nov 2021, End of daylight Savings





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# Ancestral Mathematics

In order to be born, you needed:

2 parents

4 grandparents

8 great-grandparents

16 second great-grandparents

32 third great-grandparents

64 fourth great-grandparents

128 fifth great-grandparents

256 sixth great-grandparents

512 seventh great-grandparents

1,024 eighth great-grandparents

2,048 ninth great-grandparents

For you to be born today from 12 previous generations, you needed a total of 4,094 ancestors over the last 400 years.

Think for a moment - How many struggles? How many battles? How many difficulties? How much sadness? How much happiness? How many love stories? How many expressions of hope for the future? - did your ancestors have to undergo for you to exist in this present moment...