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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We are now nearing the close of 2011. This time of year we celebrate Thanksgiving. Each of us in the Hamman family has much to be thankful for. We are grateful for hardy and courageous ancestors who endured hardships as pioneers to build this nation. Without them, we literally would not be here. We thank those who had the foresight and inspiration to found the Phillip Hamman Family Organization, and we miss those who have passed on . We thank those who continue to help the Phillip Hamman Family Organization to function. Thanks to those who have served as past officers, editors, those who organized and participated in previous reunions, and those who contribute to the Echo and the website. We thank those who contribute news, photos and comments to the Hamman website as well as those who visit the website.

We welcome new Hamman descendants and hope they will join with us in the Phillip Hamman Family organization.

Brian Hamman has continued to work with the Hamman Y DNA project, to identify potential places in Germany where our Hamman ancestors came from. We are grateful for his efforts in this work and hope to soon identify Phillip Hamman's hometown in Germany.

It is time to prepare for our next Hamman family reunion. We are set to meet in Lewisburg, West Virginia, Wed Aug 1st thru Sun Aug 5th 2012. We are making arrangements to stay at the Quality Inn (formerly Brier Inn) in Lewisburg. We have negotiated a group rate and are making arrangements to secure meeting rooms and banquet facilities there. [Quality Inn, Lewisburg, 540 N. Jefferson St., Lewisburg, WV 24901 phone 304-645-7722] We've negotiated room rate of \$79 + tax. (We will not be staying at the famous "Greenbrier Inn" in White Sulphur Springs, where room rates are \$360 - \$550 per night, although we might visit) So we think our room rates are quite a bargain, for the area.

In 2009 Nancy and I visited many of the Hamman and Cook sites in the area of Lewisburg. Visiting there brought us a special feeling and a special spirit. We hope as many Hamman descendants a possible will take this opportunity to be with us next August. We are excited to return and hope to have a large number of "cousins" there to share this experience.

This will be a one-of-a-kind reunion. This is where Phillip Hamman and Christina Cook started their family. This is where Phillip made his courageous run to warn soldiers at Fort Donnally of the impending attack from Indians in 1778. This is where Phillip became known as the "Savior of Greenbrier County". This is where our other ancestors, Valentine Cook, Susanna, Henry and Jacob Baughman settled and where their lives intersected. We will visit the site of Ft. Donnally and view the roadside plaque honoring Phillip Hamman. We will visit the restored Cook's Mill near Greenville where the Cooks and the Hammans settled.

We hope you will make your plans early to be with us in Lewisburg. The manager of the hotel says that August is their high season and the hotel is generally fully booked. If you wait until the last minute, you may find it difficult to book a room. We realize many of us do not know what will be happening next August, but we hope you will commit to be with us in "Greenbrier County" for this special event. The specifics of our plans for those days will be sent out later. To help us get a better idea of our plans (number of rooms to reserve, size of conference rooms to book, etc.) it would be really helpful if you let us know of your plans as soon as you can. If you can let us know by the first of the year, Let us know. If you won't know until the last minute, we'll accommodate you somehow. Plan now! Don't miss this reunion. I will be there in 2012. See you there. Jim Rose, President Phillip Hamman Family Organization Email jimandnancyrose@gmail.com. Phone 801-423-2747 Address 740 S. Woodland Hills Dr., Woodland Hills, UT 84653

Jim Rose President of the Phillip Hamman Family Organization

FAMILY REUNION INFORMATION

2012 Philip Hamman Reunion Lewisburg West Virginia

When: Wed Aug 1 thru Sun Aug 5 2010

Where: Quality Inn Lewisburg WV (Formerly the Brier Inn) 540 N. Jefferson St., Lewisburg, WV 24901 phone: 304-645-7722

Room rate: \$79.00/night 2 queen beds or one king

Must see sights: Ft. Donnally, Cook's Mill,

Cook's Mill is located near Greenville, WV. This is the area where the Hamman and Cook families settled. The Mill is currently owned and operated by Fred and Barbara Ziegler. They have become familiar with the families who settled in this area, Cooks and Hammans. Fred has restored much of the mill to show things as they might have been in the last 200 years. It is really a fun place to visit. This is the site where Valentine Cook built his mill in the late 1700's. We will likely visit Greenville on Friday August 3.

Ft. Donnally on Radar Rd southeast of Lewisburg, We will see the plaque dedicated to Phillip Hamman as well as the location where the old fort stood.

Also of interest to visit would be the Greenbrier Co Historical Society in Lewisburg and the Monroe County Historical Society in Union.

Greenbrier Resort. The resort is quite ultra posh. In 1958 they started building a secret bunker, with 18 dormitories to house 1,100 people, communication center, cafeteria, ICU and lots more. The secret underground bunker that was completed in 1961 and was designed to protect the President and Congress in case of a nuclear attack. We will likely visit here on Thursday August 2. Cost is \$30/person and reservations are required. We will check about interest for this tour later.

ECHO NEWSLETTER EDITOR RESIGNATION

Hi everyone Ben S. Hammonds has had to resign as the New Editor for the ECHO for reasons unknown to me. I have decided to resume writing of the ECHO for the time being until someone takes the position. Please forward all family news to me at NewtonJ104@aol.com or you can reach me on facebook. Remember we can only have an ECHO after there is a sound. Without news to be published, we will be forced to publish annually instead of Bi-annually.



On October 01, 2011, family gathered to celebrate the 94th birthday of Lydia Edith Grantham Hankins. This 5 generation picture was taken. Lydia is shown holding Ashley Lee Cholin, 4 month old daughter of Anthony Gene Cholin and Katie Jean Sullivan (standing to the left). Behind Lydia is her daughter, Flossie Ruth Hankins Cholin. To the right is Bruce Nathaniel Cholin and his wife Karen Larson Cholin.

BIRTHS

Laura Moss and Steven Heravi were blessed with the birth of their daughter, Violet, on October 10, 2011 in California. Violet's lineage is: her mother; Sabrina Stair; Jackie McGill; Minnie Fox; Elizabeth "Lizzie" Strong; Susan Haney Clemons; Manford Clemons; Francis Franklin Clemons; Mary "Polly" Hamman; John Z. Hamman; and Phillip Hamman.

Bethany Jan (Walters) and Jeremy Devore blessed with the birth of their daughter, Kenlea Way Devore, on August 25, 2011 in McKinney, Collin County, Texas. Kenlea's lineage is: Bethany Jan Walters, Cherly Lea Middleton, Jewel Nadine Potter, Emma Delier Perry, Lena Elizabeth Hammonds, James Henry Hamman/Hammonds, Phillip Hamman, Jr., Phillip Hamman.

DEATHS

Thomas William Moore, son of Raleigh Edward Moore and Eura Winn, passed away on May 02, 2010 in Arizona. He was buried in Laurel Lane Memorial Park, Dallas County, Texas. His lineage is: his mother; Nellie Jane Thompson; Darthula Jane Hamman; Washington P. Hamman; William Cook Hamman and Phillip Hamman.

BILLY DARREL HAMMAN was born 26 Jan 1943 in Rush Springs, Grady County, Oklahoma, and died 29 Sep 2010 in Marlow, Oklahoma. He was buried in Marlow Cemetery, Marlow, Oklahoma. His lineage is: John Edward, Jessie Montgomery, John-Van, William Cook, Phillip Hamman.

MARRIAGES

Amy Elizabeth Oliver, daughter of Gerald William Oliver and Linda Lou Cope, became the wife of Matthew Brian Joy on September 10, 2011 in Connecticut. Amy's lineage is: her mother; Archie Callaway Cope; John Fernando Cope; William Jackson Cope Sr.; Mary "Polly" Hamman; and Phillip Hamman.

Lauren Ashley Foster, daughter of Robert Allen Foster and Lori Ann Blanks, and Mitchell Wade Smith, were married on December 31, 2011 in Maud, Bowie County, Texas. Mitchell is the son of Wayne Smith and Dawn Creel. Ashley is currently pursuing a degree in secondary mathematics education and Mitchell is a graduate of both nursing and EMT programs and is currently pursuing his bachelors in Nursing. Lauren's lineage is: her mother; Sylvia Ann Hamilton; Mittie Lorene Smith; James Emery Smith; Carrie Mae Hammonds; James Henry Hamman; Phillip H. Hamman; and Phillip Hamman.

In an email received from Doris Rose from Beverly Jay Martin:

New source of service -It was decided this past summer to accept the Virginia 1783 (and 1783 only according to Forrest Crosley) personal property tax lists and land taxes as a supply tax based upon the law In Henning's Statutes, Vol. XI, pp 112-129. The service description is "Paid Supply Tax, 1783." There was no Oath of Allegiance required. The premise was that tax was passed "for the defense and protection of the state." The logic is that if you paid the tax, you were defending the state. Forrest helped me use this to clear an ancestor of mine that had been red-lined for service. We found him on the 1783 tax list. Yea!

NEWS FROM ROSALIND! Family news? Yes. Our youngest daughter, Alicia MacLennan ran the 26.2 miles Philadelphia Marathon on Sunday, November 20, 2011. She did it in 3 hours and 31 minutes. That is significant in our family because her older sister, Nicole, ran the New York City marathon and her time was 30 minutes longer! (She's a mother with our two grandchildren. So it's okay.) Don and I went to the race in Phillie and photographed some of it. It was beautiful. The marathon finishes on the "Rocky steps" on the Philadelphia Museum of Art! [! Alicia trained herself for the race and did a magnificent job.

MORE NEWS FROM ROSALIND!!!!

Also, and here's the biggest news of all: Alicia, who is now an airline captain pilot for Express Jet/Continental Airlines has a new job. Continental and United Airlines merged as you probably know. Alicia landed another job with Qatar Airways in Doha, Qatar, off the coast of Saudi Arabia. She competed with a lot of other pilots and she got a job with Qatar Airways as a First Officer, flying the bigger aircraft, which is what she wants. She will be trained for the A330's and Boeing 737's, 757's and 777's. She will be based in Doha. It's a hot spot right now in the news. That's okay with her. She's going. She leaves mid-February. Yes, we will probably be visiting her there or at some mid-point in Europe.

Poem of the Week, published by Treanor Baring 12/16/11 on the
National league of American Pen Women web site.

Getting lost on the Way to the Family Reunion

(published December 16, 2011 <http://www.nlapw.org/nlapw-letter-gallery/>)

On the way up lookout Mountain

I lose the direction of East, West, North, South
and have to ask the way.

Over one hundred and fifty years have passed
and we don't live on the same farm anymore.

But in the listening eyes of long-distanced cousins
as untold stories come alive, we are here
and that is the miracle.

We hear the same crickets chirp, like echoing bugles,
and through the falling light, the closeness flows
as the Tennessee River bends and slides
by a granite mass of oaks.

We have broken through the labels.

In the dark the family leaves the mountain
and from the loss of north, south, east, west,
we gain direction.

Rosalind Lacy MacLennan©

FREE GENEALOGY INTERNET SEARCHES

Many of us are looking for ancestors on lines other than the Hamman line. Many great resources are now available on the internet. Ancestry.com is a great source, but it comes with a hefty price tag for yearly membership. You should be aware of a new resource for online research that is FREE. Familysearch.org and new.familysearch.org are websites that can be of immense assistance when looking for lost family members. At the present time, both sites have slightly different databases, so you might want to check both of them out. The LDS church provides both sites at no cost.