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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In 1977 Alex Haley's book "Roots" became a TV miniseries. The idea of searching for our roots became a hot topic in the US. About that time a group of Phillip Hamman descendants organized the Phillip Hamman Family Organization. Ralph Hamman, Larry Hamman, Gary Hamman, Clay Conner, Charles Brinkley, Doris Rose, Jane Russell, Charles Hamman and others were part of that initial group. Early organizers also included Tom Hammon, Norma Rose, Glenda Plunkett, Elizabeth Lacy, and Lanita Wacker. These early members felt that finding their "roots" in the Hamman family had some merit. Research notes were assembled. Histories were written. Having a Hamman reunion every 2 years became a tradition.

A wave of interest in genealogy seems to have started again in the last couple of years. The TV show "Who Do You Think You Are?" has become a hit. This new type of reality show follows celebrities as they search for information about their family history. As we search for the stories about our ancestors, we seem to gain a better understanding of ourselves. We gain an appreciation for the hardships they endured to give us our way of life. We see how their faith, hard work, initiative and struggles allowed them to survive and thrive.

We have the unique opportunity as descendants of Phillip Hamman to experience our "Roots" this summer by participating in the upcoming Hamman reunion in Lewisburg, West Virginia. A significant part of our family history started in Greenbriar Co. (Now Monroe Co.) And a unique part of that history has been preserved in the Greenville area. We have the opportunity to visit the area where Phillip Hamman lived as he started his family. We can see and touch Hamman history (and not just talk about it). We encourage you not to miss this opportunity to be with us in West Virginia. We realize that this reunion is not the "easiest place to get to." That's probably one of the reasons that our history there has been preserved. No, there's no shopping mall built over the Hamman/Cook property. That's a good reason to make the effort to come to this out of the way, but beautiful area.

It seems as we mature (or just get older), we often recognize how important family ties really are. Sometimes it seems like our kids "just don't care" about such things. It becomes a challenge to kindle any interest in understanding our roots. We extend a special invitation to our younger Hamman descendants to participate with us at this reunion. Come and answer the question for yourself, "Who do you think you are?"

Jim Rose, President, Phillip Hamman Family Organization.

## FAMILY REUNION INFORMATION

The time is rapidly approaching for the 2012 Phillip Hamman Family Reunion, Thursday Aug 2 thru Sunday Aug 5, 2012 in Lewisburg, West Virginia. Plan on being there! This may be your only chance to visit the initial homestead area of Phillip and Christina Hamman.

ACCOMODATIONS: Quality Inn Lewisburg, WV 540 N Jefferson St., Lewisburg, WV 24901 phone: 304-645-7722. We have a block of rooms at group rate, for the "Hamman reunion". Rooms with one king or 2 queen beds, \$79 per night. These rooms will be held until the first of July only. (formerly "Brier Inn") Then you're on your own.

SCHEDULE: Thursday Aug 2nd: Tour of the famous Greenbrier Hotel and bunker in White Sulphur Springs. The Greenbrier Co. Historical Society and Genealogical Library are worth checking out. Friday Aug 3rd: Depart 9:00 AM Travel to Greenville WV. (About 1 hr drive). We will take a tour of Cook's Mill, a restored 1800's mill. This mill is located on the site of Valentine Cook's mill. The current mill was built later by descendants of Valentine. Our tour will be led by owner, Fred Ziegler. We will have a picnic lunch in Greenville. We will visit the area where Phillip lived. We will see the site of Cook's Fort. We may visit Reboth Church, oldest Methodist Church west of Alleghenies. We plan a stop at the Monroe County Museum and Historical Society in Union. Saturday Aug 4th: Morning, visit Fort Donnelly site, off Radar Valley Road, abt 20 mi NE of Lewisburg. Afternoon, presentations and group meetings at the Quality Inn, Grassy Meadows meeting room. Evening Banquet, family business, auction and featured speaker. If you have an item for auction, bring it please. We have arranged for Fred Ziegler to speak to us. Fred is the current President of the Monroe County Historical Society and has become quite an expert on the history of the Greenbrier/Monroe counties in the time surrounding the Revolutionary War. Sunday Aug 5th 9:00 AM Group meeting, devotional meeting

TRAVEL: Air travel to Lewisburg is a bit challenging. Closest major airports Roanoke, VA (ROA) and Charleston, WV (CRW) are about 2 hrs from Lewisburg. In checking for air fare, check both destinations, since some fares are cheaper to Roanoke and some are cheaper to Charleston. One could also fly to Beckley, WV (BKW), about 1 hr from Lewisburg. If you use United Air, you might check prices to Shenandoah Valley (SHD), near Staunton. Some United Shuttle fares are good (esp Dallas) but this is still 2 hrs from Lewisburg.

If you are planning on attending, please make your reservations and let us know. If you are interested in seeing the Greenbrier Hotel and bunker on Thursday, also let us know. We need to make a reservation for our group.

If you have a topic you would like to present, please let me know. Any other questions, please contact me. Jim Rose  
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Ruth Cholin sent word recently that her mother had fell and after spending several days in the hospital, is now residing in Ochoco Health Care Center where she is receiving excellent care. Prayers go out to the family.

Elena Delgado Braggins has graduated from Azusa Pacific University of Hollywood, California with her 2<sup>nd</sup> Master's Degree. She complete this degree in Special Education. Congratulations on your accomplishments!

Delores Jean Grande Delgado has earned her AA in Accounting from Ashford University earlier in 2012. She is still working toward her BA.

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### BIRTHS

Stephen Allen and Amber Nicole Barnett Newton would like to announce the birth of their third daughter, Destiney Grace Newton. Destiney was born on May 09, 2012 in Texarkana, Bowie County, Texas. Her lineage is: her father; Lenna Deanne Jones, Doris Laverne Hammonds, George Post Hammonds, James Emory Hammonds, James Henry Hamman, Phil Jr. and Phillip.

Born in Arizona to Tracey ROSE JOLLY and husband were twins William and Grace on 21 June 2012. Grandparents are Jim and Nancy Rose, back to Betsy Hamman and Levi Lacy.

## DEATHS

Tammie Kaye Green Williford passed away on December 28, 2011 in Ft. Stockton, Pecos County, Texas. She was born on December 20, 1965 in Hobbs, Lea County, New Mexico, to Jesse Eugene Green and Cynthia Frances Langston. She married Roy Jack Williford on December 13, 1986 in Iraan, Pecos County, Texas. Her lineage is: her mother; Nancy Eunice Lovett; Myron Felton Lovett; Rhoda Evelyn Hammons; James C. Hammons; Andrew J. Hamman; John Z. Hamman and Phillip.

Orpha Leatha Hankins Leonard passed away on August 31, 2011 in Elkhart, Morris County, Kansas. She was the daughter of Fred Eugene and Flossie Agnes Zinn Hankins. Orpha was born on September 12, 1913 in Cassville, Barry County, Missouri. She married Clarence Elden Leonard on November 29, 1934 in Stevens County, Kansas. Burial was in Hugoton Cemetery in Hugoton, Stevens County, Kansas. Her lineage is: her father; Lillie Mae Kring; Mary M. Barbour; Rhoda Clemons; Mary "Polly" Hamman; John Z. Hamman and Phillip.

James Daniel Wedgeworth, son of James Emory and Rena Anice Pritchard Wedgeworth, passed away on February 23, 2012 in Texarkana, Bowie County, Texas. He was born March 01, 1942 in Corley, Bowie County, Texas. He married Ann Marie Martin on October 25, 1973 in Galveston, Texas. James was buried in Old Union Cemetery in Simms, Bowie County, Texas. His lineage is: his father; Della Mae Hammonds; James Emory Hammonds; James Henry Hamman; Phil Jr. and Phillip.

Joe Edward Copeland, Sr., the husband of Eldean Wedgeworth, passed away of February 15, 2012 in Texarkana, Bowie County, Texas. He was born December 19, 1931 to Ben Newt Copeland and Lena Newsome. He was laid to rest in Old Union Cemetery in Simms, Bowie County, Texas. Eldean's lineage is: James Emory "Buster" Wedgeworth; Della Mae Hammonds; James Emory Hammonds; James Henry Hamman; Phil Jr. and Phillip.

Ronald Allan "Ronnie" Moore passed away on January 19, 2012 in Marion County, Ohio. He was born on January 30, 1949 in Marion, Marion County, Ohio to Everett Meredith Moore and Minerva Maxine Miller-Lumpkins. He was buried in Marion Cemetery, Marion, Marion County, Ohio. His lineage is: his mother; Sellard Lumpkins; Thomas Joseph Lumpkins; Mary "Polly" Hamman; John Z. Hamman; and Phillip.

Leslie Vernon Langston passed away on May 01, 2012. He was born March 25, 1927 in Palestine, Anderson County, Texas to Kay Carl Langston and Leonette Kite. He married Nancy Eunice Lovett, the daughter of Myron Felton and Frances Emma Bearden Lovett, on July 03, 1947 in Hobbs, Lea County, New Mexico. Nancy's lineage is: her father; Rhoda Evelyn Hammons; James Charles Hamons; Andrew Jackson Hamman; John Z. Hamman; and Phillip.

Delwin Lee Stotts passed away on May 12, 2011 in Tulsa County, Oklahoma. He was born on March 19, 1937. Delwin married Shirley Ann Edwards, the daughter of John Morris and Gracie Mae Gamblin Edwards. He was buried in Memorial Park Cemetery in Tulsa County, Oklahoma. Shirley's lineage is: her father; Emma Ellen Henley; Amanda Jane Hamman; Phil Jr. and Phillip.

Sadly Doris Rose announces the passing of a niece Priscilla JENNINGS SIMPKINS on 08 July 2012 in Pennsylvania. She was adopted daughter of Velda BROWN and Barry Jennings, back to John Hamman b1781 and Margaret Evans. Surviving are her husband Buddy Simpkins and son Mikael Simpkins; son Joseph passed away on 29 January 2012.

## MARRIAGES

Joshua Dewayne Newton married Miranda E. Hood on February 14, 2012 in Simms, Bowie County, Texas. Josh is the son of Edna Jane Jones and Michael Louis Newton. His lineage is: his mother; Doris Laverne Hammonds, George Post Hammonds; James Emory Hammonds; James Henry Hamman; Phil Jr. and Phillip.

Thomas Gerald McClintock and Donna Elizabeth Claburn were united in marriage on April 26, 2012 in McNairy County, Tennessee. Gerald is the son of Thomas Randolph McClintock and Effie Mae Lambeth. His lineage is: his father; Thomas Franklin McClintock; Artimicia Elizabeth Hamman; George Washington Hamman; Phil Jr. and Phillip.



Jennifer Leanne Newton married Joseph Kory Fondren on May 18, 2012 in Kaua'i, Hawaii. Joseph was born on May 17, 1980 in Bowie County, Texas to Henry Earl Fondren and Leann Hicks. Jennifer is the daughter of Lenna Deanne Jones and Stephen Craig Newton. Jennifer's lineage is: her mother; Doris Laverne Hammonds, George Post Hammonds; James Emory Hammonds, James Henry Hamman; Phil Jr. and Phillip.

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Edna Jane Jones and Michael Louis Newton will celebrate their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary on August 07<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Jane's lineage is: Doris Laverne Hammonds; George Post Hammonds; James Emory Hammonds; James Henry Hamman; Phil Jr. and Phillip.

Linda Kaye Cope and Royce Marshall Lanier celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on May 26, 2012. Linda's lineage is: Elwood Thomas Cope; Lewis Shelby Cope; Alfred Buckner Cope; William Jackson Cope; Mary "Polly" Hamman; Phillip.

Winfred Washington Hammonds and Ovie Olene Cowley celebrated their 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary on June 20, 1942. Winfred's lineage is: Ausker Boliver "Dood" Hammonds; James Emory Hammonds, James Henry Hamman; Phil Jr. and Phillip.

#### yDNA PROJECT

I copied this information on the yDNA project that Brian Hammon posted April 26, 2012. Many of you know that Brian has been an avid researcher, searching for pieces of information we have all wondered about for years: "Where did we come from and Who did we descend from?" We appreciate all the hard work that has gone into this project Brian.

#### **A) Two genealogical leads from the Family Finder DNA tests:**

1) Gary Hamman matches a descendant of a Hammon (actually spelled that way) family of north central Bavaria. Although we still cannot prove whether the match is thru our Hamman/Hammon families, there is no other common surnames in their pedigrees, so this looks promising. We were recently informed that Gary's match hired a professional German researcher who will study the Hammon records from that area of north central Bavaria. Of great interest would be whether any moved to America in the 1700s and/or whether any living male Hammon in that area would be willing to do the YDNA test--a YDNA match here would confirm that our Hamman/Hammon lines intersect.

2) Tom Hammond (Family Finder) and several female descendants (thru their X-chromosome) of our immigrant Hamman ancestor match a family from Ansbach, west central Bavaria, only 60 miles southwest of Gary Hamman's strong match. We still have not tracked down a Hamman line there and not new developments along this lead to report at the moment.

#### **B) An important new YDNA match!**

1) I finally managed to recruit a male Hammond descendant of the Johannes Hamman Jr (b. ~1749) who married Barbara Ann Aylor/Oehler and died in 1721 Wilkes Co., Georgia. He indeed matches Phillip Hamman descendants on all 25 of the first 25 markers reported so this confirms that we are kin. Here is his patrilineage (Donald Hammond):

<http://www.brian-hamman.com/Hammond232866.htm>

And here is my updated YDNA website:

[http://www.brian-hamman.com/Hamman\\_Y\\_chromosomeResults.htm](http://www.brian-hamman.com/Hamman_Y_chromosomeResults.htm)

2) Thanks to Gary Hamman and Gordon Hammons, we just ordered a Family Finder DNA test for this Donald Hammond, descendant of Johannes Hamman jr. Donald's Family Finder test is especially important because he will likely carry more DNA of our immigrant ancestor than anyone tested so far (Donald has \*two Hamman/Hammond lines\* that trace back to his 3rd greatgrandpa Johannes Hamman Jr). This means that Donald's Family Finder test should help nail down whether Phillip/Henry were sons or nephews of Johannes Hamman Sr (the immigrant) and also for matching others in Germany...I will let you know when these results come back, especially if/when any interesting conclusion...

Other research from Brian Hamman

(copied from the MyFamily website, posted on April 26, 2012)

Just thought I'd let you know that I had a professional German church record researcher look to see whether the Johannes Hamman born in 1723 of Heidelberg, Germany, stayed there or moved away. A summary is given below. Looks like he disappeared and so did his brother Johan Heinrich Hamman.....where did they go? I will be getting copies of the relevant birth and death records and will share them with you later. Meanwhile, I will continue trying to figure out where they went.....maybe New Jersey? :)

Brian Hamman

"Summary:

I found the two baptismal records you had cited and have gotten a feel for the Hamman Families recorded in these records.

The baptisms and deaths are indexed – so it was fairly easy to find the Hamman records and build the following synopsis:

The children of Johann Hamann/Hahman/Hamman and Maria Sybilla include:

Anna Marg. 1712

J. Christof 1714 sponsors include J. Christoph and Elisabeth Hamman

J Michael

J Phillip

Joh. Heinrich b 10 Nov 1718

Gerhard Xiav

Franz Peter

Johannes b 13 Oct 1723

Carl b 1726

No further children in index

There are also two other Hamman 'fathers' having families during this period – Theobald and Andreas. The three Hammans show up as sponsors for each other's children, so are probably brothers.

It appears that none of Johann's male children listed above get married in this church. There are no Hamman grooms in the records from 1737 to 1752. And the ONLY Hamman children born 1730 to 1760 (via index) are two children born to a J. Theobald Hamman in 1732 and 1736. (There were no Hamman sponsors listed for these two baptisms)

The deaths index gave me the following Hamman deaths:

Pg 337 Andreas died 1782 age 96

Pg 290 Johann H. d Aug 1772 age 52

Pg 224 Johann H d 17 Jan 1757 age 73

Pg 203 Theobald d 1 Apr 1753 age 57

Pg 203 Anna Sybilla, dau of J. Theobald d 4 Apr 1753 age 22 yrs [b 1831]



So, in conclusion, I find no marriages or deaths of the male Hamman children of Johann and Sybilla – and no deaths for the two parents - making one suspect that they ALL leave the parish – maybe to Amerika? (or to another church in Heidelberg ):- )

If your interested in a good article to read, Gerald McClintock posted one such on MyFamily.com regarding the attack of Fort Donnally. You may visit the site to read it at: <http://www.wvculture.org/history/settlement/fortdonnally04.html>

GEORGE POST AND MOLLIE JANE RATLEY HAMMONDS REUNION

The annual Family Reunion for the George Post and Mollie Jane Ratley Hammonds family will be held this year on July 21, 2012 at the Siloam Community Center, in Simms, Bowie County, Texas. Gathering of the family will begin around 10:00 a.m. and last till 5 p.m. We encourage everyone to bring a pictures and albums of your family for all to see. There will be a silent auction also, so if you are crafty or have something that you would like to place in the auction, just bring it along. Covered dishes are requested. If you have further questions, you may contact Mildred Pauline Mobley through facebook. Please do come and visit and enjoy a day of fellowship.



Major Jake Porter recently returned from a tour in Afghanistan. He and his family are now preparing for a move to Youngsan, Korea.

His wife is April Shannon Hammonds, daughter of Ronnie Lynn Hammonds. Her lineage is: her father; Curtis Lewis Hammonds; George Post Hammonds; James Emory Hammonds, James Henry Hammonds; Phillip Jr. and Phil.

Their children are: Jacob Curtis; Benjamin Carrig; Joshua Caleb; Annabel Jael; and Levi Nathaniel Cash. Thank you Jake and family for serving your country so proudly.



Linda Kaye Cope and Royce Marshall Lanier  
May 26, 1962  
McComb, Pottawatomie County, OK

Thomas Gerald McClintock  
and  
Donna Elizabeth Claburn  
April 26, 2012  
McNairy County, TN



Leslie Vernon Langston  
March 25, 1927  
to  
May 01, 2012  
South Park Cemetery  
Roswell, Chaves County, NM