

THE ECHO

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thanks to all that made this reunion possible and enjoyable! Jim and Nancy Rose did a lot of the planning, hotel arrangement, contacts for speakers, and had a lot of their family attend (13 in all!). Doris Cook and Lisa Haddon did a lot of local activity planning and brought many things to the reunion, e.g., table decorations and a quilt and other things for the auction. John Cope was our auctioneer and made it a lot of fun. Kaye Lanier added to the auction excitement with her generous bidding and expressions towards those that kept bidding on items she wanted. There were many hand-made items at the auction, including a quilt by Doris Cook, a quilt by Jim Rose with previous reunion photos on it, several pillows by Jim Rose with reunion photos on them, reunion photo books by Lori Cripps, and a vest by Darnetha Cobb. Thanks to all the generous bidders as this is the source of most of the funds to pay the Association expenses for the next two years.

We had presentations by

Gerald McClintock on Phillip's early days in the area of Fort Donnally, WV

Jim Rose on Genealogy Techniques (introduced a fairly new free website, FamilySearch.org)

Gary Hamman presented info from Doris Rose including updated FTM files (RTF) available

Jim Rose on Why Do Genealogy? (including why the Mormon Church has it as a priority)

Gary Hamman on the Phillip Hamman Timeline that Doris Rose prepared

Jim Rose gave Brian Hamman's DNA Update presentation at the Banquet

Tina Wadley (one of Jim's daughters) brought several games – some for both the kids and all the rest of us, and some just for the kids. The one that involved everybody was a big drawing that she and the kids made of a tree on white poster paper that had numerous branches but no leaves. The kids also cut out a bunch of green leaves to put on the tree. Everybody got a few leaves with Hamman family names on them to put on the tree (on the correct branch). She also had a Hamman family bingo game that the kids played. Most of the kids also enjoyed the indoor swimming pool. There was a pool full of our family kids and some adults on one afternoon.

There was a meeting before the banquet to discuss having a family web site. Trent Hamman, Rob Wadley, Mike Brinkley and Gary Hamman met and concluded we should have our own site where we can have some family general information with news that is accessible by the public. We probably don't want to put the detailed genealogy file and very many pictures on it because it would require quite a bit of storage capacity and increase the cost of the site.

Possibly a site such as FamilySearch.org could be used for that. We applied and obtained a web site (domain) from GoDaddy for the next 10 years: **PhillipHammanFamily.org**

Right now if you go there you will see a placeholder by GoDaddy until Rob can get something else programmed.

Jim Rose led a brief devotional on Sunday morning to close the reunion. We said our good-byes but plan to see each other again in 2016 in Chattanooga, TN. We missed some of our very regular attenders at this one and I hope they can make it to our next reunion, which will probably be August 4 – 7, 2016, but may be the week-end before depending on hotel availability, etc.

Rob Wadley took pictures of our group after the Banquet when many of us were still there. He took one with lots of people's cameras, so your camera may have as good or better one than the one I am attaching. I left it at 1200 x 800 resolution so you can zoom in a little to see the faces better.

I have PowerPoint or PDF files of most of the presentations, so if there are some you want but did not get while at the reunion, let me know.

Best regards,--Gary Hamman

Thanks for coming to the Hamman Reunion in Oklahoma City this year. It was a fantastic reunion and everyone that attended had a great time. Thanks to those who gave support at the banquet and auction. We now have funds to continue to keep the family organization functioning. We look forward to seeing everyone again in Chattanooga TN in August 2016 at the next Hamman reunion. We should be able to visit the Hamman homestead and Hamman cemeteries while there, so plan now on coming. Special thanks to Doris Cook and Lisa Haddon who did most of the legwork to make things happen. And thanks to Gary Hamman for keeping everything organized. Our best to all, Jim and Nancy Rose

Question of the Day?

Here's the Question of the day: When did your Hamman surname change? Mine started in the 1860s during the Civil War. My ancestor Thomas James Hamman/Hammond was the first to have the spelling changed. He died very young after the war. Leaving 4 fatherless children. Their mother Nancy, was not able to care for her children, so she chose to place them into the Sailor and Soldiers Orphan home in Normal, Illinois. All four were registered as Hammond. There the spelling stayed. Please share your story.

Posted by Jean Esch on Facebook

Hamman's 1830 toast

On Saturday, July 3, 1830, the fifty-fifth anniversary of American independence was celebrated at Bellefonte, Jackson County, Alabama, at which among other participants were several Revolutionary patriots. After the reading of the Declaration of Independence by Henry F. Scruggs and the delivery of an oration by Hon. Samuel Moore, the company sat down to a plentiful dinner. After this many patriotic toasts were drunk. Only one, and that because of the historic fact it evoked, is here reproduced:

"By L. James, Esq. 'Capt. Phil Hamman: The Savior of Greenbrier—tho' his history is but little known, his intrepidity and patriotism are not less worthy of our commendation.'

"After the drinking of this toast, the old soldier rose and said: He thanked the gentlemen for introducing his name on an occasion where he had already been too much honored. Tho' his history was not much known, he could not object to have the transactions of his life divulged to the world. For nine years he had been in the wars of his country—during a greater part of which he had been engaged in the most dangerous parts of Indian service. He had suffered much; on one occasion he had been stripped by savage rapacity of every vestige of property he possessed, even the clothing of himself and family—one of his children fell a victim to their cruelty. But not to dwell on the dangers he had endured, he would merely speak of the occasion so kindly alluded to in the toast. When stationed at Fort Randolph, at the mouth of the Big Kanawha, nine hundred Indians set off in a body to make an unexpected attack on the inhabitants of Greenbrier, Virginia. Two men were dispatched to apprise the people in that quarter of their approaching danger. In three days they returned, wounded, and in despair; others were sought for who would carry the express; none were found willing to engage in so dangerous and hopeless an undertaking when he and one John Pryor (who was afterwards killed by the Indians) painted and dressed in Indian garb set off, and in forty-eight hours travelled one hundred and sixty miles through the wilderness; they overtook the Indians within twelve miles of the white settlements, passed through their camps, and gave timely warning to the people of their impending danger.—Such preparations were made for security and defense as the occasion permitted. About daylight a violent attack was made on Fort Donley; the conflict was desperate—the door of the Fort was broken open—he stood in it, and resisted the enemy—'till it could be shut and fastened. The foe were repelled with great loss, and the country saved from savage barbarity. He said that although he was old and poor, and had not received the compensation promised him by his country, yet he thanked God he was in peace and safety, and could live 'without the aid of public or private charity.' He then offered the following sentiment:

" 'OUR RULERS: May they be just men, fearing God, and hating covetousness.'"

(Probably 200 Indians this occasion; 900 to 1100 estimated at the Battle of Point Pleasant,)

Thomas Gerald McClintock posted on Facebook June 2015

WILLIAM COOK HAMMAN

William Cook Hamman was born January 26, 1796 on his father's farmstead on the overlooking banks of Slate Creek, Montgomery County, Kentucky. Little is known of William Cook Hamman until he was 14 years of age when he was apprenticed to one Joseph Oneal of adjoining Madison County, Kentucky. A record document of the County Court of Madison County, Kentucky dated April 10, 1810 reveals that William Cook Hammons, at the age of 14, became indentured to one Joseph Oneal for an apprenticeship period of boot-making.

The next record that we have of William Cook Hamman is the data of his first marriage to Sarah Hanks. Out of this reunion came 3 children. Burlington Green Hamman, born July 19, 1822. Washington P. Hamman, born January 31, 1824. John Van Hamman, born

Following the death of his first wife Sarah Hanks, William C. Hamman married Eleanor (Ellen) Rowe January 24, 1833. Out of this reunion came 8 children. Armina Jane Hamman, born August 1, 1834. James Felix Hamman, born February 29, 1836. William Wiley Hamman, born May 6, 1838. Manerva Elizabeth Hamman, born July 10, 1840. David Francis Hamman, born date unknown. Cornelia Evelyn Hamman, born June 14, 1845. Newton Alexander Hamman, born date unknown. Martha Ellen Hamman, born August 20, 1850.

William Cook Hamman and wife, Ellen, lived a long and fruitful life on their farm located in Hommondville, Alabama. But at the time they settled there it was known as the White Hall Community. The William Cook Hamman farm was one of the most choice in the area, beautiful flat meadow lands edging down to the Wills Creek that flowed gently through the terrain. On this farm William Cook built a two-story log house, ample for his children's accommodation.

Early on William Cook Hamman served as Justice of the Peace in the area, and it is said that he brought the first law books to the Valley Head area, Ellen Hamman Davenport, said that she remembered her father as "a kind, loving man who was proud of his family, and proud of his Lord. William Cook Hamman died October 12, 1870 at the age of 74. He is buried in historic White Hall Cemetery beside his wife Ellen. His son Washington P. Hamman and granddaughter Ellen B. Capehart are also buried in the same cemetery.

William Cook Hamman's original tombstone was broken in half when the White Hall Cemetery was being made into perpetual care cemetery in 1978. When a tree was cut, a limb fell across the headstone, breaking the top half. On December 19, 1978 his great-great grandson Ralph Hammond purchased a new headstone. However, one good note of history resulted from the accident which broke the original stone, the new stone list Sarah Hanks as his first wife, and Eleanor (Ellen) Rowe his second wife.

Bessie Cope Celebrates 95th Birthday

Bessie Cope of Macomb celebrated her 95th birthday last week. She was born October 8, 1919, at Macomb, OK to Charlie and Stella Burden Clement. More than 100 family and friends gathered at the Macomb Community Center on Sunday, October 5 to help her mark this momentous occasion.

Bessie married Elwood Cope in 1938. Together they produced 8 children, 22 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, and 9 great-great-grandchildren, most of whom were present to help her celebrate her birthday. Sadly, her husband, Elwood Cope, died in 1985, and a granddaughter, Karen Crow Degraffenreid, died in 2006.

Bessie has enjoyed her 95 years and has always been active in the lives of her family and in her community.

She graduated from Macomb High School in 1937 and has proudly served on numerous committees at the school and has volunteered many times to help with the school testing and as a classroom granny. Bessie was a founding member of the Macomb Alumni Association. She served as secretary of the association for 47 years. Since its beginning, Bessie has missed only one alumni banquet.

In the 1950s Bessie was an active member of the Prairie View Ladies Aid, a group of local women who met twice monthly in the homes of the members for Bible study. This group served as a network of Christian women who helped keep each other grounded in their faith. The hostess always served refreshments at the end of the meeting and this led them to a lot of fun exchanging their favorite recipes.

She was a member of Romulus Baptist where she served at Vacation Bible School director for over 25 years, taught Sunday School classes, served as the church clerk for 15 years was the cook for the church at Falls Creek Baptist Assembly from 1962 to 1986. That year she also was the cook at Falls Creek for New Hope Baptist Church and for the special youth camp. Many years she also was the cook at Falls Creek for the Pottawatomie-Lincoln Associational camp group.

In 1970 Bessie joined Tecumseh Chapter #30, Order of the Eastern Star. She has served as Worthy Matron 3 times, District Deputy 2 times, and also was honored to server as Grand Representative from Oklahoma to Saskatchewan Grand Chapter in 1985 and to Utah Grand Chapter in 2000.

In 2003 Bessie and Max Hunt were honored to serve as Grand Marshals for the 100th celebration for the town of Macomb. They led the parade riding in a "Surrey with the Fringe on Top" just like in the movie *Oklahoma*.



Births:

Isabella Joleen Mondary, daughter of Janae and Shelby Mondary, was born on June 2, 2015. Janae is the daughter of Phyllis Noble Walker, deceased, granddaughter of, Clinton Noble, deceased, and granddaughter of Elsie Hammonds Noble, also deceased.

Hudson Martin Wiggins, son of Parents Lauren and Garrett Wiggins, was born June 29, 2015, Ernest Martin, Beverly Jay, Overton Jay, Ody Jay, Sr., Birdie Henley, Amanda Hamman, Phillip Hamman, Jr. Phillip Hamman, Sr.

Deaths:

Randall Bruce Jennings: Born: February 29, 1948 in Maywood, Los Angles County, California, Died: March 11, 2013 in Fontana, California. (Velda Brown, Alma Mason, Ida N. Pruett, Margaret Lumpkins, Mary Hamman, John Hamman, Phillip Hamman, Sr.)

Donald Allen MacLennan: Born: March 27, 1936 in San Turse, Puerto Rico, Died: February 28, 2014 in Gaithersburg, Montgomery County, Maryland. (Husband of Rosalind Lacy, Kermit D. Lacy, Phillip S. Lacy, Phillip H. Lacy, Elizabeth Hamman, Phillip Hamman, Sr.)

William Joel Regan: Born: March 23, 1942 in and Died: August 15, 2014 in Corinth, Mississippi. (Gladys M. McClintock, Artimicia Hamman, George W. Hamman, Phillip Hamman, Jr., Phillip Hamman, Sr.)

William "Buddy" LaParde, Born: May 14, 1945 in Van Zandt County, Texas and Died: May 4, 2014. (Husband of Carolyn Hamman LaPrade)

Carolyn Hamman LaPrade, Born: November 15, 1940 in Providence Community, Smith County, Texas and Died: November 27, 2014 in Tyler, Smith County, Texas. (Cloud Hamman, John F. Hamman, William P. Hamman, Phillip Hamman, Jr., Phillip Hamman, Sr.)

Edna Lavada Griffith Potter, Born: May 31, 1932 in Vandervoort, Polk County, Arkansas and Died: December 23, 2014 in Denison, Grayson County, Texas. (Mother of Connie Thompson, Wife of Delbert Leo Potter, Emma Perry, Lena Hamman, J.H. Hamman, Phillip Hamman, Jr., Phillip Hamman, Sr.)

Henry Lee Hammonds, Born: January 24, 1942 in Simms, Texas and Died: February 4, 2015 in Texas. (George Post Hammonds, James Emory Hamman/Hammonds, J.H. Hamman, Phillip Hamman, Jr., Phillip Hamman, Sr.)

Ovie Olene Cowley Hammonds, Born: January 7, 1925 in Bowie County, Texas and Died: February 26, 2015 in Bowie County, Texas. (wife of Winfred W. Hammonds, Auskers B. Hammonds, James E. Hammonds, James H. Hammonds, Phillip Hamman, Jr., Phillip Hamman, Sr.)

Thomas Hampton, Born: June 26, 1939 in Fullerton, Kentucky and Died: Februry2015 in Portsmouth, Ohio. (Husband of Patricia Bennett Hammond)



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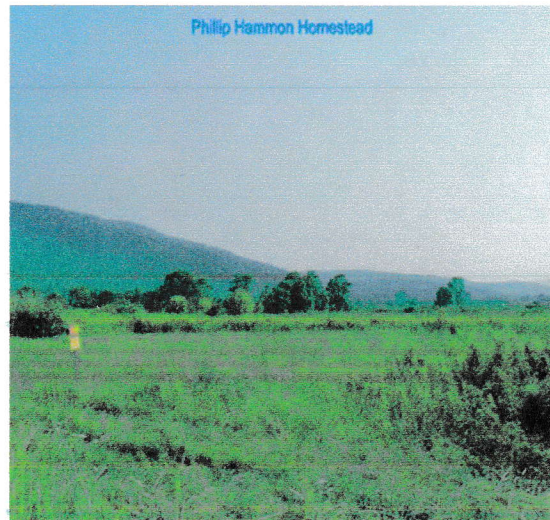
Gary Hamman speaking at Oklahoma City Hamman Family Reunion



Ruble Middle School in Fontana honored former language arts teacher Randall Jennings, who passed away last year, with a tree dedication and plaque ceremony on Wednesday, May 28, 2014. Colleagues and students who knew who knew Mr. Jennings, took time to remember him during the Wednesday morning ceremony. Jennings worked at the middle school from 2006 to 2013.



Family Tree



The clump of trees, center, mark the site of Phillip and Christina's homestead. Thomas Gerald McClintock posted on Facebook.