

THE ECHO

Newsletter of the Phillip Hamman Family Association of America

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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT DR. JIM ROSE:

Greetings on behalf of the Mamman Family. It's been almost a year since our Reunion in Salt Lake City. Those who attended have fond memories of a great time. It seems like there's always a flurry of activity at reunion time--We get out our books and records and refresh our memories about our last research attempt. Last year we had information and research generated about possible connections of Phillip Mamman in Germany. We heard of some new information about Peter Mamman and his family and many family members updated us about their own families.

It's now time to start preparing for next year's Reunion in Ft. Worth, TX in 2002. That means now is the time to dust off our records, organize our information, and jot down news and items we haven't written down yet. And send a copy of any items to me or our editor for use in our next ECHO. ... We still appreciate any new and current information about your own families. We like to be updated on any births, marriages, etc., and we're always interested on any important events that have occurred in your families. Thanks to all who support the ECHO and the family organization. ... Please begin now to support us in 2002 in Texas at the next Mamman Family Reunion!

---Dr. Jim Rose

ABOUT PRESIDENT DR. JIM ROSE & FAMILY: So that all of our Mamman kinfolk might know more about our President Dr. Jim Rose and wife Nancy, I am listing the following items about them. The most exciting current news is that their daughter Tracey Lynne is marrying William Scott Jolley of California on June 30, 2001, with reception following at the Rose home in Woodland Hills, Utah. Tracey met her fiance while teaching school in California. ... Son Tyler, 19, just graduated from high school and plans to go on an LDS mission. ... Another son, Thomas, has just completed a 2 year LDS mission in the Philippines and returned home on June 14. ... Daughter Theresa, a nurse, lives in Sioux Falls, S.D. where her husband Jason Meyer has just finished first year of medical school. They have a 1½ year old daughter. ... Daughter Tina and her husband Rob Wadley have a 1½ year old daughter, Rachael. They live in Payson, Utah where Rob operates a bronze foundry business. ... Son Tim and Kenda Lacy have 3 children. Tim works as an appraiser in SLC. ... The last report I had about daughter Christina--she was studying Math Education at Brigham Young University. What a wonderful family--all blood-connected to Phillip Mamman Sr. ... As to his own profession, since 1977 Dr. Rose has headed the Spanish Fork Clinic at Spanish Fork, Utah.

ON TO TEXAS IN 2002---Our Vice President Charles Brinkley, 6525 Wood Creek Lane, Fort Worth, TX 75190 (Home phone 817-281-2067), reports that our Mamman Reunion in 2002 will be held the first week-end in August, 2002, in Ft. Worth, TX. He is busy lining up things to do and places to visit. Details will be printed in next ECHO. Plan to come! Write or call him at above address and phone number if you have any suggestions.

AS TO BACK REUNION: Details will be printed in next ECHO. It was held in Jackson, KY on June 9, 2001, and news came too late to get into this current ECHO. More later. Warmest greetings to all the BACK / BACH Clan of Phillip Mamman Sr kin.

SAYING A SAD GOOD-BYE TO BILL LACY-- Your Editor had met Bill Lacy for the first time when he came with his wife, Ann, to visit the old homeplace of his ancestral grandfather Phillip Mamman Sr in Fackler (Jackson County) Alabama--in the summer of 1999. We drove and walked around the large and beautiful land holdings of Phillip Mamman Sr, for it was there that his own Elizabeth (Betsy) Mamman, daughter of Phillip Sr, lived for a time with her husband Levi Lacy. And it was there that Levi Lacy died at a very early age, leaving Betsy with five children. The Jackson County census had their children to be Talitha, born in 1817 in Montgomery County, Ky. Followed by Elijah '19; Jane '21; Phillip M. born in '1823. The first 3 children were all born in Montgomery County, KY, and the last two were born there in Fackler, Alabama. The fifth child was born in 1825 did not list its given name. Elizabeth and her 5 children lived with Phillip and Christina Mamman after Levi died. Then, when her brother Valentine Mamman got the urge to move on West, she left with him and went to Benton County, Missouri, and lived out her life there. She died in Quincy, Hickory County, MO, and her headstone is beside her son's--Phillip M. Lacy, in the Macedonia Cemetery, Wheatland, MO. It is not known if any of Betsy's 5 children remained in Alabama with their grandparents. It is assumed that all of them went on with their mother. It is from the Missouri Lacy family that all of our family tree records are based upon. And it is from this line that William A. (Bill) Lacy is traced. And just who was this Bill Lacy? After graduating from Southwest Missouri State University in 1960, Bill pursued an illustrious career in the U. S. Army, and while still in service he graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a Masters Degree in Education. His last assignment was Professor of Military Science at Arizona State University. He retired in 1980 as a Lieutenant Colonel. He and a friend then founded their own company, Productivity Plus, Inc. In 10 years it moved from Bill's one-room location in his house to expand into locations in Hawaii, Canada and even in Europe. His net worth was reported to be in excess of \$20-million. In the 90s he decided to sell out and live life on an easier scale--especially playing golf! And to find out more about his Lacy family tree, in which his wife Ann was an expert in running down information in genealogy. And one of his first trips was to England to attend the graduation of son Mike's study when he got a Ph.D. from Reading University. Their daughter Michelle is wed to what Ann calls "a good guy from Kansas". He is a dentist, first practicing in Phoenix, and later plans to move to the Flagstaff, AZ atmosphere to get away from the hubbub of busy Phoenix. So if you need a tooth pulled in Flagstaff, you can call on Dr. Kelly Cook!

In summation, William A. Lacy died on Jan. 30, 2001 from pancreatic cancer that had been slipping deeper into his body for several years. He was only 62 years old--far too young to die! His body was cremated and a memorial service was held at his greatly beloved Forest Highland Golf Course in Flagstaff, AZ. Plans are under way to erect a permanent marker to him beneath the aspen trees. He is survived by his wife Ann, and his two children, Michael and Michelle and her husband Dr. Kelly Cook.

ANN LACY'S MOTHER PASSES--Added to the grief of losing her husband, Ann Lacy's beloved mother, Mary McClure Van Fossan Bahr died on April 24, 2001. She had lived a full and wonderful 91 years. As per her wishes, her body was cremated and her remains were inurned with her twin brother's--Marc E. McClure, in Hutchinson, Kansas. She was survived by her son John Van Fossan, and daughters Ann Lacy, Kathleen Martin, and Gail Wilson, and 9 grandchildren, 8 great grand children, and 2 great, great grand children.

EULA HAMMONS PASSES ON-- Eula J. Hammons, 93, died at St. Vincent Hospital in Birmingham, Alabama on May 14, 2001. She was the widow of the late Leonard Hammons, a native of Valley Head, Alabama, who was descended from William Cook Mamman. She was buried at White Hall Cemetery, Hammondville, Alabama. She is survived by her daughter Nancy Hammons Welch and 2 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Eula and Leonard had attended several Mamman Family Reunions in past years. She was the daughter of Oliver M. and Ida Jones of Etowah County, Alabama.

TWO HAMMAN BROTHERS DIE IN TEXAS--Mrs. Lavon Cothran, Box 138, Colbert, OK 74733, has been very helpful in supplying the following information about the death of her two brothers: HARVEY BEN HAMMAN was born April 10, 1925 in Nashoba, OK. His parents were Harry Virgel and Dolpha Lovitt Hamman. He died Dec. 20, 2000 in Coalgate, OK. He was a veteran of World War II, having served in the Army Infantry, and later retired from Tinker Air Force. He was a member of the Assembly of God Church in Finley, OK. Survivors include his wife Vena Barnett Hamman, and four sons--Benny Joe Hamman of Mustang, OK; Jimmy Earl Hamman of Wichita, KS, Ronnie Hamman of Shawnee, OK and Donnie Hamman (twins) from Finley, OK; and one daughter Shelia Russell. He also was survived by 4 brothers and two sisters--one being Mrs. Lavon Cothran who sent in the information. Several grandchildren and great-grandchildren also survived. He was buried in the A. L. Stephens Cemetery, Clayton, OK. HARRY VIRGEL HAMMAN JR. was born May 2, 1939 in Nashoba, OK to Dolpha Lovitt Hamman and Harry Virgel Hamman Sr. He died Jan. 6, 2001 in McAlester, OK. He was a member of the Church of Christ. Survivors include his wife, Nellie Connley Hamman and two sons--Danny Hamman of Tuskahoma, OK and Michel Hamman of Clayton, OK, and one daughter, Cheryl Schumann of Clayton, OK. He was survived by 3 brothers and two sisters, and 9 grandchildren and 1 great-grand child. He was buried in the A. L. Stephens Cemetery in Clayton, OK.

ANOTHER MINI HAMMAN REUNION--By the time you get this newsletter, we trust that this Hamman gathering will be history. The Phillip Hamman JR clan set June 23, 2001 as the time for another of their annual local Hamman family reunion to be held in Michie, TN. We will report more on this in the next ECMO. Our faithful contact about this is Cousin Annie McClintock, 1915 Pocahontas Rd, Pocahontas, TN 38061-5529. Larry Hamman has long urged local area kinsmen to hold such mini-Hamman Reunions.

ABOUT FAMILY PHOTOS--We got more family photos than we could use in this ECMO. They will be considered in later issues. If you have good photos--old or new--of family kin, send them to your Editor at Box 486, Arab, AL 35016.

GREETINGS FROM GARY MOUNT--It was good to have a New Year's greeting, along with some family photos, from Gary Mount, 3240 South Bridge St., Visalia, CA 93277. He also sent along 2 poems, author unknown, one--"A Little Mixed Up", is quite true about so many of us getting older. I quote one verse from it: "I've got use to my arthritis, / To my dentures I'm resigned. / I can manage my bifocals / But O my, how I miss my mind!" Gary is from Paul Hamman Mount, the son of Venice Hamman Mount, the daughter of Benjamin Franklin Hamman Sr. of the William Cook Hamman line of descent.

PASSING OF VERNA HAMMAN CHAMBERS MOORE--(Sorry this is late being reported.)--Verna Hamman was born June 8, 1910 in Lawton, OK. She wed Charley Chambers and had 2 girls: Genovia Chambers Lubbers, Dallas, TX. and Wanda Chambers Wilkins of Okla City, OK. Along with 6 grandchildren and 8 gr-grandchildren. She later wed Raymond Moore in 1960. She died Dec. 21, 1999. She was last of the big family of Jess and Fannie Hamman of Rush Springs, OK. Her daughter, Genovia Lubbers, 1426 Verona Dr., Dallas, TX 75218-3250, reports that her later mother's legacy to her family was: "Stay in touch, get together often, and enjoy each others." Wonderful advice for us all!

LATE REPORT ON JOSEPHINE BACH--Glad to have a bit of news about our beloved Josephine Bach of Jackson, KY. It's from her grandson Jim Sotohmeier (who is a former president of our Family Assn). He sent the news to Doris Rose, our Secretary. He said his grandmother was 96 on Halloween Day! She still lives in her home overlooking the campus of Lees Community College. She has her caregiver wheel her around the house and likes to go onto the porch to watch the college kids going and coming to class. Jim says she refuses to use the hearing aid he bought her 2 years ago, and can even hear you whisper if she's eager to hear what's being said in low voice! Special greetings from us all, dear Josephine--Keep going! Soon you'll be 100!

WHERE DID PHILLIPP MAMMANN SR. COME FROM?????????----That is an unanswered question that has been bugging all of us for far too long! And it goes on and on!!!! Looking back through some early files, your Editor ran across a letter from W. Minot Pitman, a genealogist and historian of Bronxville, NY that was hired by the late William Archie Mammond of Yellow Springs, Ohio to research the task of finding where Phillipp Mamman came from. And after a long year of looking, Mr. Pitman wrote to Dr. Wm. Archie Mammond, and said this: "I have reason to believe that the brothers Phillip and Peter Mamman came from Reussborg in The Palatinate." Now all of you computer experts out there in Fairyland, start looking into that possibility. Our former president LaNita Wacker of Seattle has done a lot of tracking on this subject, as have some others. If any of you come up with any answers, send them along to your Editor at the address on this letterhead.

 WILLIE DEAN WHITE'S ON-GOING-- Your Editor's first cousin, Willie Dean White, 97, of Valley Head died Sept. 14, 2001 at the Crowne Health Care in Fort Payne, Alabama. She was the daughter of the late Payne and Sallie Mammond Dean, and was descended from William Cook Mamman. Graveside services were held at the Valley Head Cemetery, with the Rev. Mark Lacey, pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Fort Payne, Alabama, officiating. Survivors include her son Robert White of Southern Pines, N.C., Margarite White Brown of Smyrna, Ga., and June White Marrison of Fort Payne, Al, and 6 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

 A REGIONAL MAMMAN TEXAS REUNION--Our eager beaver Mamman family tree hunter, Ben Mammonds of Simms, Texas reports that the following family folk gathered near Jamestown, Texas in October of 2000 for a mini-family reunion:

George J. Mammonds, Rt. 2, Box 13, Simms, TX 75574
 Ben Shannon Mammonds, Rt. 2, Box 567, Simms, TX 75574
 Henry Mammonds, Rt 2, Simms, TX 75574
 Harold & Martha Mamman, 3006 Bamboo, Mesquite, TX 75150
 Tommy and Ross Dobbins, 2423 Lindale Lane, Mesquite, TX 75149
 Stuart, Lisa and Christopher Mamman, 21926 CR 452, Mineola, TX 75773
 J. H. "Moot" Mamman, 506 Christine St, Overton, TX 75684
 Jack and Fran Mamman Stiles (No address given)
 Jenois Mamman Wiggins (No address given)
 Kelly & Leslie Stiles, 415 Sutherland, Tyler, TX 75703
 Charles and Lisa Ulrick, 5592 VZCR 122, Grand Saline, TX 75773
 Burl & Chloe Kelly, 27337 F M 1253, Mineola, TX 75775
 Fred & Judy Crone, Overton, TX 75758
 Hoffman Johnston, 21753 FM RD 1253, Mineola, TX 75773
 Orval & Elsie Johnston, 211 Minwood, Mineola, TX 75773
 Jerry & Kelly Johnston, 11072 FM 279, Chandler, TX 75758
 Buddy & Carolyn Hamman LaPrade, 24433 CR 460, Mineola, TX 75773
 Kevin & Kristie Grady (No address given).

Ben also reported that the above J. H. "Moot: Mamman's son Gary had died from a long illness just a week before the reunion. His funeral was held October 12, 2000. Ben's letter to me was dated Oct. 16, 2000, and he thoughtfully pointed out to this Editor that it was 228 years ago to the day that Phillipp Mamman and Peter Mamman landed in Philadelphia--our ancestor signing his name and spelling it Phillipp Mamman! And to this long afterward date, none of us spell it correctly!!!!

 ARE YOU INTERESTED IN COMPLETE COPY OF ALL ECHOs?-- Our Family Tree expert, Larry Mamman is considering the possibility of having printed an up-to-date copy of all past 52 ECHOs. Since this still is in the planning stage only, Larry has not yet gotten a unit price for each copy, since the price would depend on the number to be printed. If interested in ordering a copy, write to Larry Mamman, MCR Box 94-G, Payson, Arizona 85541.

 THE ON GOING OF ERNEST D. GAINES--"Skeet" as he was known, died Sept. 30, 2000. Graveside services were held at Fairview Cemetery, Denison, TX Oct. 2. His descent was through Phillip Jr., John Henry, and his mother Emily Josephine Mamman Gaines. Dee Gaines and wife Marie of Sherman, TX cared for him in his last days.



Molly Hammonds

ANOTHER HAMMONDS POET-- Our Ben Hammonds out of Simmes, TX sent along a recent copy of Bowie County (Texas) Tribune that has a picture of his 4th-grade daughter, Molly, on the front page, along with a long article about Molly being busy writing poems, noting that she is soon to have her work published in the national magazine, POETS AT WORK, out of Butler, PA. It also notes that both her parents--Ben and Stephanie--are writers of poetry. Both music and poetry have influenced many of her Hammonds ancestors. She is the grand-daughter of Henry and Mina Hammons, of Simm, TX... It printed her poem "I'm an Amiable Dragon:"

"I am an amiable dragon,
and I have one wish--to scare.
Do not tremble at my presence.
Do ignore my lethal stare.
Do not fret about the fire
I unleash into the air.
You are free to pass unchallenged
but only if you dare."

LANCE HAMMONDS opens new restaurant-- The same Bowie paper notes that Lance and wife Rhonda Hammonds are opening a new up-to-date Dairy Queen restaurant in DeKalb, Texas, and are moving from New Boston to DeKalb, with their children Cody 10, Jessica 8, Aaron 7, and Summer 1. Lance's father is Marshall Hammonds of New Boston. They both are from the Phillip Hamman Jr line.

OUR FORMER PRESIDENT PASSES-- A recent letter from Ron Mamman, 2004 Mill Run Drive, Arlington, TX 76006, brings the sad news that his father, Charles Mamman, died on March 31, 2001, respiratory failure. Due to failing health, Charles had moved from Kerrville, TX to Big Spring, TX where he got excellent care at the VA Hospital. According to Charles's wishes, he was cremated and interment was a Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio. On April 4, the family gathered at Fort Sam Houston for a military funeral with full honors presided over by the FBI Chaplain. His headstone lists his military branch and rank: Navy Lt. J.G.--Awards the Silver Star, and the legend; Father, Citizen, Warrior. ... Charles was for four years president of our Phillip Mamman Family Association, during which time he gave excellent leadership to the on-going of our family tree efforts. He was always smiling, with a good sense of humor, and had a kind word for everyone. He will be sorely missed. Besides the above-mentioned Ron Mamman, Charles had two other children, Chris Franklin and Deborah Loree. Charles was descended through Phillip Mamman Sr's line of Jesse Hamman.

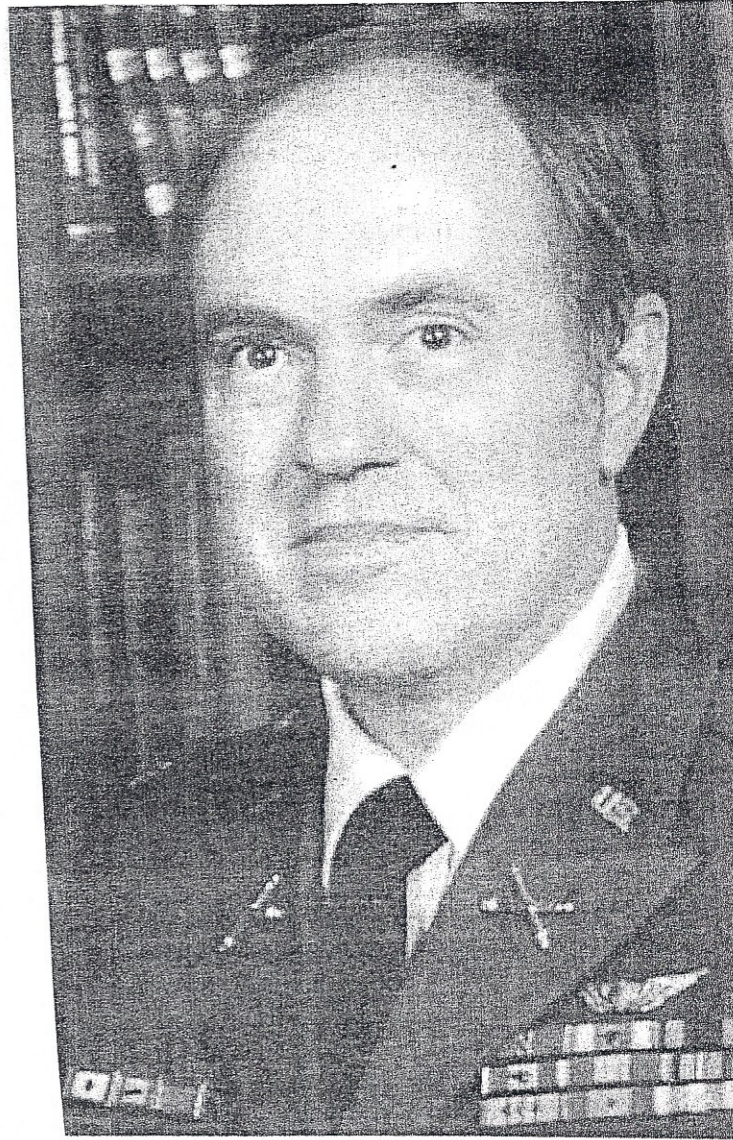
MORE NEWS OF DEATHS IN THE FAMILY--A recent letter from Joyce Hammonds Ballard, 1304 Newning Ave, Austin, TX 78704--1841, tells of the death of her brother J. W. Hammonds Jr on Feb 1, 2001. He died from an old injury on the leg gotten years ago while serving in the U.S.Army. He died in the Veterans Home in Bonham, TX. The letter also reports the death of her sister Melba Hammonds Bullock who died April 11, 2001, in Sherman, TX. Melba attended several of the Hamman Reunions, and once was accompanied by her daughter Delia Johnston of 658 Choctaw Estates Circle, Sherman, TX. In Joyce's letter, she also sent along a check for \$50. toward paying expenses of printing and mailing The ECHO.

Ben Hammonds reports that his Uncle Travis Hammonds, 69, was killed in an auto wreck on Jan. 25, 2001. Travis had the following sons: Marshall, James Ray, Johnny Mack, Zack and Lee. There were no girls. Travis's descent was from his father George Post Hammonds, back through James Emory Hammonds, to John Henry Hammonds and then through Phillip Hamman Jr.

A NEW HAMMAN DESCENDANT--Our Family Assn. Secretary, Doris Rose, reports that her sister Velda Brown Jennisgs is a great grandmother again--her fifth! The new arrival is Morgan Lee Johannes, born Sept 1, 2000 to Sarah Michelle Clair and Shawn Johannes of Bakersfield, CA. They are through the John Mamman line of Phillip Sr.s children.



James Mammond, Ann & Bill Lacy in Arab, Ala 1999.



Lt. Col. William A. Lacy
Late of Flagstaff, AZ. (See story
on another page)



Venice Mamman Mount, dau. of Benj.
Franklin Mamman Sr.



Marcia & Gary Mount
of, Visalia, CA.



Elizabeth Mamman Lacy, da
of Phillip Mamman sr., a
wife of Levi Lacy. Head-
stone at left in the
Macedonia Cemetery, in
Wheatland (Hickory Count
Missouri. Part of tall
stone at right is of her
son Phillip M. Lacy. Af
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Children. Photo from Ma
Breshears of Missouri.