

Phillip Hammond (1753-1832) P-173979

Phillip Hammond was born about 1753 in Palatinate, Holy Roman Empire and died 3 August 1832 near Fackler, Jackson, Alabama. He was called the "Savior of Greenbrier"; he was an American frontier hero who was commended for bravery in the defense of Fort Donnally of Greenbrier County, Western Virginia from a Shawnee attack in 1778. Hammond and John Pryor volunteered to go to Greenbrier County and warn the people of an impending Indian attack by two-hundred warriors. One of the Indian women who was a friend of the white people, painted Pryor and Hammond's faces as Indians.

Even though the Indians had several days head start, the two were able to get ahead of the Indians and warn the inhabitants of the Fort. During the attack Hammond killed one Indian with his tomahawk as the Indian tried to force his way through the front door of the fort. Dick Pointer, an African slave of Col. Andrew Donnally, loaded a musket and shot at the invading Indians until he and Hammond could shut the door, saving the inhabitants of the Fort.

Hammond married Christina Cook, 1763/ 1842; she was the Daughter of "Captain" Valentine Cook, 1731/1780, and Susan Baughman Cook, 1732/1807, at Cook's Fort in what was then Greenbrier County, Virginia (now Monroe County, West Virginia). Christina was born in York County, Pennsylvania. The couple had thirteen children.

The family moved from Virginia to Montgomery County, Kentucky in the early 1780's. Hammond and his wife, along with many of their younger children, moved to Alabama between 1821 and 1823.

Hammond enlisted as Private and a spy in 1778 where he served until 1779 he was discharged and enlisted again in late 1779 and was discharged in 1782 as a Sergeant. He served with the 12th Virginia Regiment and the Lincoln Militia. Hammond participated in Lord Dunmore's War the battle of Point Pleasant and the siege of Fort Donnally.

In 1782, Phillip and his wife, Christina Cook, along with two children , their first child and an unnamed infant who was only a few weeks old, and Christina's grandparents, the Baughman's and several of their family, began to move to Kentucky from Greenbrier Co. Virginia along the Wilderness Road at Dix River, near Crab Orchard. Indians attacked their camp and the unnamed infant and several of the Baughman's were killed.

Several accounts of the event are recorded for history. One of the accounts is as follows: The first account can be found in "Kentucky, A History of the State, 1887" in a statement given by Joel Baughman. He states that his grandfather, Henry Baughman Sr, was killed giving his relatives a chance to escape when Indians opened fire on the group about eight miles above Crab Orchard. Also killed was Phillip and Christina's second born child, a new born infant UN named; Christina's aunt, Margarethe Baughman and her husband, Jonathan Ferrill; and two of her uncles, Jacob Baughman and Hans Henrich Baughman, Christiania was wounded by an arrow in her head.

Phillip and Christina moved on to Fayette County, Kentucky following the incident at Dix River where Phillip purchased 1800 acres of land on Paint Lick Creek on March 12, 1783 and built their home. This land was on the boundary between present Madison and Garrard Counties. He is listed in the 1790 Kentucky Census at that residence.

Sometime between 1790 and 1796 they moved to Montgomery County, Kentucky. On 28 September 1788 he took title to 400 acres on Slate Creek. This farm was eventually enlarged to 2000 acres. This land was near the present day town of Jeffersonville, Kentucky. Phillip and Christina lived there for thirty eight years. All of Phillip and Christina's children were born n Kentucky except for their oldest John and the unnamed infant that was killed.

Sometime between 1821 and 1823 Phillip and Christina and most of their children moved to Fackler Jackson County, Alabama.

On 11 September, 1827, Friendship Church was organized at Fackler and Hammond was ordained its first Pastor.

Phillip died on 3 August 1832 and was buried first on his plantation near Fackler, and later reburied at Valley Head Cemetery in DeKalb County, Alabama on 2 March 1972 along with his wife, Christina Cook Hammond.

On 13 December, 1978 the Phillip Hammond Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution was organized at Ft. Payne Alabama as the 81st Chapter in Alabama with 28 members. In the same year a Chapter of the Children of the American Revolution was organized in Jackson, Breathitt County, Kentucky.

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