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## From The Editor

As I sat down and started preparing for this issue and looking through the vast amount of information that I've accumulated over the past few months, I realized that there were an abundance of small tidbits of information that might be of interest to you, the readers. So, after much deliberation, I decided that this issue would be dedicated to gathering those bits of information gleaned from the various online research tools and conversations and print them here for all of you to add to your files.

Oh, we've included other new articles and materials such as Bob Shuping's report on the Summitt Family Reunion at Salem Church in North Carolina last month, a list of those who attended the Beasley reunion in western Tennessee, Glen Summitt's report on his research trip to Berks County, Pennsylvania, and Donald MacRae's Ononymatological Research report of the surname Sammet.

We were happy to hear about the recovery of Fr. James Summitt but terribly sorry to hear about the death of Ronald H. Summitt.

As I was putting the finishing touches on this edition, Mary had the misfortune to miss two steps on the stairs coming down to the office from the main part

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## 4th Annual A. C. and D. B. Summit Reunion

By Bob Shuping

The fourth annual reunion of the Alexander Commodor and Laura Dora Bollinger Summit was held Saturday, June 24, 2000, at Salem Lutheran Church, Salisbury, NC.

Seven of the children were represented at the reunion by 44 of the decedents (Daughter-in-Law, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and their spouses) with 13 visitors in attendance.

The day started at 9:00 am with 12 people visiting Mr.. Ruhama Baptist Church, Catawba County, the burial site of AC and LD Summitt and their child George. AC's siblings, Naomi, Margaret, and Phillip and their Mother, Perlive, are buried there also. Piney Grove Baptist Church's cemetery, where AC and LD's unnamed infant son is buried, was visited as well. The church is near Mt. Ruhama and close to AC's presumed former Catawba County home. After Piney Grove Church was formed, it apparently became the family church. The unnamed infant son is the only family member buried at Piney Grove.

Between 3:00 and 5:00 PM, the family gathered at Salem Church and enjoyed a couple hours of visiting before the meal. Many people brought photos, documents, and other remembrances, which were enjoyed by all.

<b>Total Children</b>	43
<b>Total Family members attending</b>	44
<b>Visitors</b>	10
<b>Church Pastor and family</b>	3
<b>Total in attendance</b>	57

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**From:** Glen Summitt [glensummit@dellnet.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 28, 2000 4:26 PM  
**To:** SummittResearch@listbot.Com  
**Subject:** Report on my Research Trip to Berks County, Pennsylvania

Hello,

I returned yesterday from six days in Berks, Montgomery and Lancaster Counties researching the early Summitt and Swank Families in Pennsylvania. After reviewing everything I collected, I do believe I have more information than I originally thought. Most of it, will be of more value, once I am able to combine the information with what we already have and digest it more. Visiting the towns that the Sammets (Summits) and Schwencks (Swanks) lived in, like Ruscomb Manor, Maiden Creek, Maxatawny and the city of Reading pretty much confirmed that all the Sammets found in this area during the Colonial period are related to each other. I believe this since we are dealing with a very small geographical area, that at the time only had remnants of a population. Toying with the idea that the Jacob, Christian and Francis Summitt who are found here are not related... has become, in my mind, a highly unlikely scenario. All three are found in the immediate area from the 1760s-1770s... and without a trace in Berks afterwards.

During my stay I was able to visit the Kutztown University Heritage Center; Reading Public Library; Berks County Genealogical Society; and the Berks County Historical Society. Each of these places furnished more insight into the early Sammets/Summits in Southeastern Pennsylvania. I also visited Trinity Lutheran Church in Reading and actually was able to go inside the Church office and visit with one of the church historians. This is the church where we find the earliest records of Jacob, Rosina, Christian, Maria Gertraud and Susannah Sammet. These five are the only Sammets located in Berks County, except for "Francis Somett" on a 1774 Tax List in nearby Douglas Township. The church's historian made it clear that at the time the Sammets were living in Berks County that the church only held services in German; He noted that when the suggestion was made to change services to English, that a number of the congregation left in opposition to the proposal, creating their own church nearby. When looking at the numerous instances of Francis and Christian Summitt signing their names in the original German, as well as owning a German Bible, using Old German Script on Francis' tombstone, we can better understand where their loyalty to their

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## Family News

- **Christopher and Margaret Summitt** let us know that their seven year old daughter **Isabella Alice Summitt** made her First Holy Communion in Edmonds, WA on May 21, 2000.
- **Paul David Summitt** married **Nancy Virginia Few** April 8th in Jackson, Alabama, at the Evergreen Baptist Church. They honeymooned in Arizona, New Mexico, and Colorado and had a great time. They'll finish the honeymoon the last part of July - 1st part of August by going to Napa Valley California for a few days and then on over to Japan to climb Mt. Fuji.
- **Fr. James Summitt** successfully underwent hip replacement surgery near the beginning of

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German heritage came from.

I was also able to access microfilmed copies of the original Church Records of Trinity Lutheran Church at the Berks County Genealogical Society. This was both a joy and a nightmare. Much of the church record is unreadable due to fading and what was readable was interrupted by my very basic understanding of Old Germanic Script. However I was able to locate and make copies of the German notations of the following: Rosina Sammet's (Rosannah Summitt) marriage notation to Johan Schwenck (John Swank), they were married at George Adam Schlegel's home in Exeter Township, Berks County. The Schlegel's seems to be a common place to marry for area residents. Daniel Boone was born in Exeter in 1752.

Margaret Schwenck's (John Swank's sister) marriage notation to George Klam (also married at George Adam Schlegel's)  
Maria Gertraud Sammet's birth record to Christian Sammet and Maria

I also came across Susanna Sammet's birth record to Christian Sammet and Maria, but unfortunately I cannot locate the copy I made.

Whether it is was wishful thinking or not, I seemed to locate other listings of Sammets in the old German in other places, but I am not a scholar of Old German so cannot determine whether what I looked at was on the early Summits or not. I also read in the front of the Transcribed version of the English records that was published 11 years ago, that many notations were skipped due to illegibility and or grouped with other names not knowing for sure what the translation was. So there seems to be plenty of room for error and the possibility of finding more Sammets in these records. This microfilmed copy of the records is the only accessible one of the original German church notations that I am aware of. But it can probably be ordered through LDS. The Church historian showed me the vault where the records are kept, but he no longer allows the public to peruse the originals since they are in a state of deterioration.

We knew that Christian was in Southeastern Pennsylvania from the time of his marriage on April 27, 1755 in Philadelphia through the birth of Susanna on March 30, 1765 in Berks County. The next notation we have of Christian Summitt(t) is when we find him in Virginia court records for the area today covered by Washington county, PA (Western Pennsylvania) south of Pittsburgh in a suit running from August 1777 to August 1778. Christian Summitt, more specifically, was noted in minutes of Yohogania County Virginia

Court. Later this area became Pennsylvania. Christian was the plaintiff in a slander suit against a John Gallaher & wife, first note August 27, 1777, and noted as dismissed at plaintiff's request August 26, 1778.

However, we now know he remained in Berks County after his daughter's birth at east until mid 1765 since we find him in an assault and battery lawsuit in Berks County. August 1765 - "Christian Sammett" is involved in an Assault and Battery Lawsuit with Philip Emmert. Civil Court Docket; Berks County, August Term 1765; Parties and Proceedings. Philip Emmert vs. Christian Sammett Alias Copias Assault and Battery. This Civil Court Docket was found in a genealogical publication called "Berks of Old" February 1985; Volume 2; Number 4.

In the fall of 1748 William Penn's sons decided to create the town of Reading, Pennsylvania from 520 lots and 204 out-lots, all numbered consecutively. On June 15, 1749 the first lots were sold; between 1751 and 1754 patents were issued for 241 lots. John Swank's father Balthasar is listed as one of the "First Patentees" for buying lot number 137 on Duke Street in Reading in the year 1752. He is listed from Alsace and as a yeoman. According to the History of the Counties of Berks and Lebanon, most of the early settlers of Alsace Township PA originated from Alsace in Europe. Today in France, but on the German Border near Wurttemberg Germany. A historian I spoke to at Kutztown University visited Alsace and said they still speak German today, even though they are part of France. Some may remember that The name Sammet has been found in the following registry: Le Populeux pour du meme de Alsacia [Alsace] Dated .. 24 June 1556, Book vii-vol. II, pg. 128 Johannes Sammet of Saarbrucken (Alsace-Lorraine). The Historical Research Center also claims the Sommet family of Lorraine were granted letters of nobility in the year 1540.

Whether this applies or not the Swanks lived in Alsace, Berks County, Pennsylvania and married into the Sammet Family living close by. The following names found on tax lists gives a pretty good overview of where the Sammets and Swanks lived during this time period. Berks County Tax Lists

1752 Bolser Swenck Alsace Township  
1752 Baltzer Schwenk Reading (Yeoman)  
1756 Baltzer Schwenck Alsace Township  
1757 Christian Sammet Oley Township  
1757 Christian Samet Reading  
1759 Baltzer Swenck Maxatawny  
1760 Baltzer Swenck Maxatawny (Married)  
1760 Jacob Sammet Ruscomb Manor (Married)  
1760 Christian Sammet Reading (Married)

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1762 Jacob Sammet  
 1763 ----- Sammet  
 1764 ----- Sammet  
 1764 Christian Sammet Maidencreek (Married)  
 1766 ----- Sammet  
 1767 Jacob Sammet Ruscomb Manor  
 I also came across the following notations:  
 Trinity Lutheran Church Records:

Vollmer, Catherine DOB: March 16, 1770; Baptized April 8, 1770; Parents: George Vollmer and Juliana; Sponsors: George and Gertrude Bernhard (The Bernhards also sponsored Christian's Children Maria Gertraud Sammet and Susanna Sammet)  
 Zeister, Jacob DOB: May 28, 1762 Parents: J Mich. Zeister and Anna Maria; Sponsors: Balthasar Schwenck and Anna Margaret.

This just about includes everything of value to our ongoing research on the Berks County Sammets and Schwencks. I also attached a map of Berks County. The Mennonites and Amish I communicated with in Berks and Lancaster Counties were fascinating to meet; the Sammets and Schwenks of the 1700s probably dressed in a similar way I guess, although the Sammets and Schwencks were Lutheran. Any feedback or additional info would be appreciated. I hope this helps.

Glen Summit, Boston MA

*(Editor's Note: See map of Berks County on page 7)*

### **Louis Miller "Sude" Barber, son of Ransom Joseph Barber**

Recently received an email from a Michael Mudd who had found the website and wanted to discuss our entries pertaining to the Summit/Barber Family in Montgomery County, Arkansas. His wife is the daughter of Grover Barber, grandson of Louis Miller (Sude) Barber, husband of Dollie Ann Summit. Michael confirmed Glen's information that "Sude" had been born January 6, 1856 in Southfork Township, Montgomery County, AR. He also said that "Sude" died on February 6, 1948 in Marianna, Lee County, AR at the home of his daughter and that he is buried at the Barber Cemetery in Sims, Montgomery County, AR.

"Sude" was the son of Ransom Joseph Barber (b. 8-7-1825 Dongola, Union County, IL, d. 4-24-1862 Waldron, Scott County, AR). Ransom was a Horse soldier in the 27th Texas Calvary, Company H, Whitfield's 1st Texas Legion. Ransom married Cinthia A. McConnell on 7-31-1847 in Montgomery County, AR. Cinthia was born 10-2-1827 in Hempstead County, AR and died 5-3-1916 in Sims, Montgomery County, AR.

Name of Child	Number of children	Number of family members attending
Cordie	4	0
Pollie	0	
George		
Ellen	3	4
Fate	8	12
Hoke	7	6
Floy	3	9
Charles	6	3
Maudella	3	2
Infant son		
William	5	0
Barkley	4	8
Mary M		

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The family then had a covered dish dinner and a good old fashion sit around and talk session. As usual there was plenty of good food and fellowship. A business session followed the meal.



Paula and Allen Cathy, Peggy and Phillip Watson from Tennessee and Aulta Julian from Florida visited representing the Francis Ray Summitt family, and Paul C Summitt from Freeport, Florida visited representing the Daniel Summitt family.

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Howard and Jewell Summitt and their children, Tim and Ashley, from Lincolnton, North Carolina, visited representing the Phillip Summitt family. Phillip is the brother of Alexander.



It was decided to continue holding the reunion on the 4th Saturday of each June. An announcement and reminder of the reunion will be mailed each year. Anyone wishing to receive a copy should contact Bob Shuping, 3201 Irish Potato Road, Concord, NC 28025, or email him at bobshup@vnet.net.



This year's reunion was especially enjoyable because of the younger family members, those traveling great distances, and the visitors. The family extended a special thanks to those visiting from Tennessee, Florida, and Lincolnton, North Carolina.

The reunions of the visitors and other family members were acknowledged with invitations.

Attending the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Alexander Commodor and Laura Dora Summit reunion, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2000:

- Allen & Paula Cathey, Loudon, TN
- Phillip & Peggy Watson, Knoxville, TN
- Paul C Summitt, Freeport, FL
- Aulta Julian, Panama City Beach, FL
- Floy & Jean Summitt, Trinity, NC
- Donna Price & Son Kevin, Trinity, NC
- Patti Wilhite, Cleveland, NC
- Howard & Jewell Summitt, Lincolnton, NC
- Ashley Summitt, Lincolnton, NC
- Tim Summitt, Lincolnton, NC
- Jalamae Maxwell, West Lafayette, Ohio
- Benor & Peggy Summit, Thomasville, NC
- Priscilla Summit Wallace, Dover, NH
- Kay Summit, Beverly, MA
- Robert & Georgia Summit, West Lafayette, Ohio
- Jack & Mary Etta Summitt, Archdale, NC
- Zelda Summitt Smith, Asheboro, NC
- Kermit & Kay Williamson, Asheboro, NC
- Glen Scott Summitt, Beverly, MA
- Wilburn & Betty Ernst, Winston-Salem, NC
- Jim & JoAnn Felker, Winston Salem, NC
- Celia Summitt, Salisbury, NC
- Patsy King, Winston-Salem, NC
- Jimmy Summitt, Salisbury, NC
- Jeannette Summitt, Winston-Salem, NC
- Bob Shuping, Concord, NC
- Meredith Dorton, Concord, NC
- Pastor and Mrs. Sifford, Salisbury, NC
- Jimmy & Sylvia Tyree, Salisbury, NC
- Dawn & Ray Powlas, Cleveland, NC



## Montgomery County, Arkansas Births

Submitted to the *Summitt Family Quarterly Online*  
Discussion 5/2/2000 by Glen Summitt

*(Editor's Note: I have only included the Summit(t)s entered into this document. For more information see the original entry online in the discussion area.)*

State of Arkansas State Board of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, Registration District No. 6331, Montgomery County, Arkansas

Transcribed from two small 5"x7" books found in a cabinet on the wall to the right as you enter the Montgomery County Courthouse Clerk's Office vault. Not responsible for any errors. Handwritten entries. Always search the original records.

### Book One

- 05 Gibbs Ealton Dava Feb 20, 1914 6pm father Isom Gibbs, 33, b. Sims, mother Malie nee Summitt 26
- 23 Summitt Delmer D. Sep 17, 1914
- 44 Summitt Eaver Emaly April 19, 1915 female
- 43 Summitt Mildred E. April 21, 1915 date filed
- 25 Summitt Ruvi Sep 17 1914
- 29 female twins 1914 father Washita Summitt, 36, b. Natural Dam, Ark. Residence Sims, farming, mother Lula Crawford, 32

### Book One Part 2

- 22 Summitt Alty Lena Dec 10, 1916 female
- 07 Summitt Bessie Lee Mar 30 1916
- 01 Summitt David Robert Dec 14 1915
- 01 Summitt Sherman Shafer Jan 14 1916
- 21 Summitt Tiddie Maree Nov 05 1916
- 14 Summitt William Alfred Aug 12 1916

*(Editor's Note: Glen's notes on this entry sated that the book includes births until 1921 with many Summitt births)*

## Lincoln County, Kentucky Court Records

(Submitted to the *Summitt Family Quarterly Online*  
Discussion March 2, 2000 by Glen Summitt

1781-1784 Lincoln County Court Records Volume 2; Michael L. Cook, C.G., Kentucky Records Series Volume 27; Cook Publications.

P. 46 "James Speed, foreman, John Hinkston, John Smith, Sr., Manoah Singleton, Ebanezer Miller, Anthony Crockett, John Smith, Jr., Michael Humble, John Jones, Benjamin Craig, William Cave, Thomas Waring, John Ellis, George Caldwell, Andrew Kincaid, Jacob Myers, John McCulloch, Anthony Sodowski, James Boggs, John Ward are sworn as a Grand Jury, and withdrew to consider their presentments. After some time, they returned into Court and presented the following, towit ... **John Summet** for retailing spirituous liquor without license, three times, at Hagan's race paths, and twice at Humble's race paths, and twice at Mrs. Rose's.

P. 50 The last of PAUL FROMAN, dec'd was proved by **CHRISTIAN S UMMIT**, a witness thereto, and ordered recorded. Administration granted JACOB FROMAN who entered into bond. Note that in these records the name SUMMIT has at times been spelled SIMMIT and SINNIT. **Christian Summit**, PETER KENNY, EDMOND SINGLETON to make appraisal of the estate of the decedent.

P. 112, Commonwealth, v. **JOHN SUMMIT**, on a presentment for retailing liquor without a license. Fined 10 pounds under an Act of Assembly entitled "An Act for regulating ordinaries and restraint of tippling houses" and a further sum of 50 pounds pursuant to an amendment of said act, to be discharged by the payment of 1 pound, 15 shillings, 5 pence, making in all 11 pounds 15 shillings and 5 pence, and costs."

*(Bolding of names is editor's.)*

## Database Search Results:

### Paterson, New Jersey City Directories, 1890-1893

- Thomas Summitt, watchman, 181 Beech, Paterson, NJ, 1892 & 1893

### Little Rock, Arkansas City Directories, 1893-1898

- Jesse Summitt, laborer, 312 Rector Av, Little Rock, AR, 1893 & 1894
- Jessie Summitt, laborer, 523 East 2nd, Little Rock, AR, 1897 & 1898

### Galveston, Texas City Directories, 1888-1891

- Frank Sammet, vegetable peddler, r.al.bt E. Aves N, N 1/2, 16th, 17th, Galveston, TX, 1888 & 1889
- John Sammet, saddler, Mrs. Margaret Hahn, Galveston, TX, 1888 & 1889
- Frank Sammet, butcher, Mrs. R. Sammet, Galveston, TX, 1890 & 1891
- John Sammet, F.W. Lott, harnessmaker, Mrs. Margaret Hahn, Galveston, TX, 1890 & 1891
- Rosina Sammet (wid Frederick), r. ns Ave L bt 22d, 23d, Galveston, TX, 1890 & 1891

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## Obituary: Ronald H. Summitt

Published Friday April, 7 2000  
The Evening News, Salem, Mass.

ESSEX -- Ronald H. Summitt, 59, of Story Avenue, former husband of Maureen (Darcy) Summitt, died Wednesday, April 5, 2000, in his home following a sudden illness.

Born in Wenham, March 16, 1941, son of the late Charles and Viola (Knowlton) Summitt, he attended Wenham Public schools.

Mr. Summitt was a self-employed plumber and, for many years, the owner and operator of Century Plumbing and Heating of Essex. He was an avid fan and supporter of the Essex Shipbuilders I.T.L. Baseball Team and the Cape Ann Industrial Softball League.

He is survived by two sons, Ronald C. Summitt of Newburyport and Mark Summitt of Essex; a daughter, Christine Hubbard of Torrance, Calif; four grandchildren, Darcy and Chantel Hubbard, both of Torrance, Calif., and Matthew and Taylor Summitt, both of Newburyport; a brother George Summitt of Londonderry, N.H.; two sisters, Louise Wilson of Essex and Priscilla Wallace of Dover, N.H.; and several nephews and nieces. He was also the brother of the late Clayton Summitt, formerly of Peabody, and Charles Summitt, formerly of Beverly."

His funeral service will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Whittier-Porter Funeral Home, 6 High St., Ipswich. Family and friends respectfully welcomed. The service will be preceded by a period of visitation from 9 to 11 a.m. Memorial contributions in his name may be made to a charity of one's choice.

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### Houston, Texas City Directory, 1917

- Miss Willie E. Summitt, bds: 1123 Columbia, Houston, TX 1917

### Brooklyn, New York Directories, 1888-1890

- Elizabeth Summitt, widow of Andrew, 168 Richards, Brooklyn, NY 1888 & 1889
- Lizzie Summitt, widow of Gustave, r 29 Luquer, Brooklyn, NY 1889 & 1890

### Leavenworth Times (Kansas), Obituary Index, 1954, 1958, 1967-1978

- Josephine R. Summitt, Oct. 10, 1974, p. 5

### WWI Civilian Draft Registrations

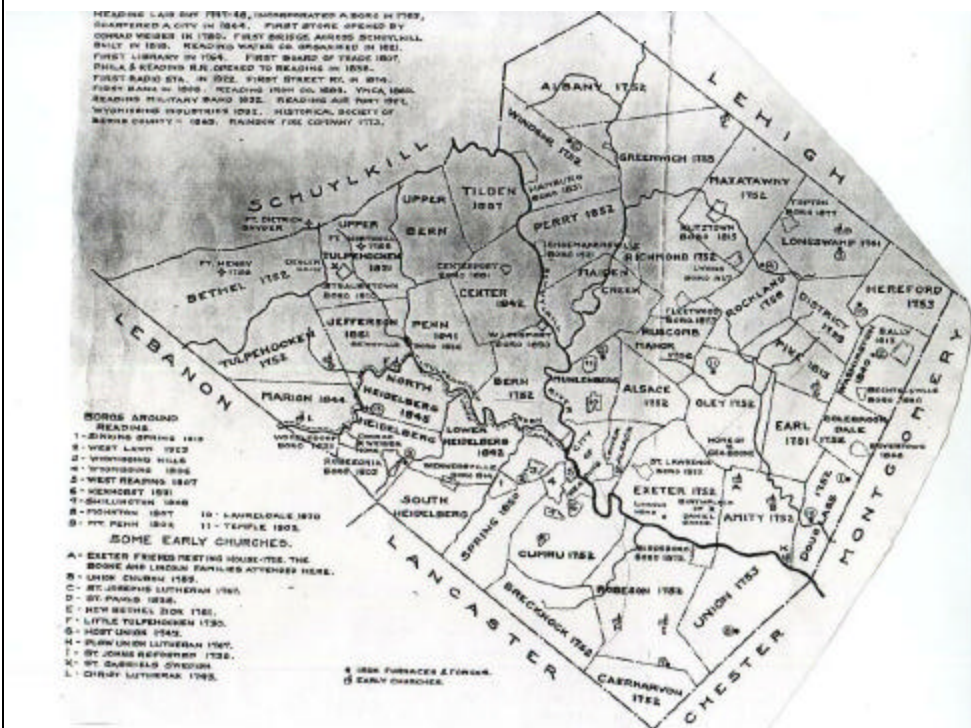
- Sam Summitt, b. abt 1900, Black, Registered Jackson County, Mississippi
- William Wilfred Summitt, b. 4 July 1883, White, works for Ogden, UT firm, Registered Twin Falls, ID
- Elmer Calvin Summitt, b. 8 April 1894, White, born Vincennes, IN, Registered Power, Idaho

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of the house. The result was that she broke both ankles. The left is not quite as bad a break as the right. They're looking at the possibility of surgery and having to put a plate and pins in the right ankle. She'll be in casts and a wheelchair for a while now anyway. Sorry this newsletter was a little later than I had intended as a result. She's going to be fine though. She wants me to thank all of you who sent get well emails and tell you she really appreciates your concern. If you want to email her directly, her email address is msummitt@summittnewmedia.com. I've rearranged the living room into a bedroom (can't get a wheelchair through the door into our bedroom) and am going to set her up with a laptop next to her bed where she can get email during her recovery. Anyway, that's the latest here at the home front. Hope you enjoy this issue. Later — paul

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June.

Chris and Margaret talked with him by phone shortly afterward. He was doing fine and sounded alert and okay. This was his second and final surgery. He was happy and a little surprised to have received three cards from people he didn't know--Margaret told him that was due to her keeping all of us informed via the Summitt Research list. All cards and letters can be sent to him at Daviess Community Hospital Rehab Center, P.O. Box 760, Washington, Indiana 47501. He will be about a month in rehab.

Chris is making plans to visit Jim during his rehab and they plan on keeping us posted on his health. Chris and Margaret thank you all for your cards and prayers. On that same note, Mary and I received a note from him thanking us for the cards we sent. He says he has now had both hips replaced and said in about a month he would be a "new man."

- Frances Summitt Vance fell off a ladder on May 23rd and broke her left hip. She went back to the doctor recently and received a good report. She is healing well, on schedule. She has to use a walker for another four weeks.
- D.A. (Allison) Summitt was hospitalized in Jonesboro, Arkansas last month. We understand he is now receiving outpatient treatment..
- I recently received an email asking if I was the Paul Summitt who lived with the Victor Giribet family while

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## Beasley Reunion

*(Editor's Note: These Western Tennessee Beasley's are closely tied with the Western Tennessee and Southeast Missouri Summitts branching primarily from the union of Charles A. and Cordelia Elizabeth Summitt Beasley. A picture of this couple graced the October 1997 issue of this newsletter. Cordelia was the daughter of James Lee Summitt. More on the reunion can be found on page 11.)*

Here is a list of attendees at the Beasley Reunion held on June 25, 2000. There were around 91 people present. Attendees came from Tennessee, Kansas, Missouri, Michigan, Maryland and Nevada.

- Glen and Patsy Herman
- Tim and Cathy Herman and children
- Jim and Polly Herman and children
- Eugene (Red) and Bonnie Troll
- Karolyn McEntee and children
- Tom and Gladys Beasley
- Sue Davis
- Nancy Phillips and children
- Lorese Rhodes
- Regina Peterson
- Johnny and Cindy Rhodes and child
- Rhonda Beaver, husband and children
- Charles and Kurt Stephenson
- Harold, Brenda and Steven Beasley
- Rodger and Mary Beasley
- Judy Hutchison
- Myrtice Grossklaus
- Beverly Tippitt
- Jeff Grossklaus and Hope
- Celeste Beasley
- Larry Beasley
- Pam Beasley
- Billy Rogers and children
- Debra and Perry Cox
- Wava Dean Moore
- Linda Coffey, daughter Julie Pickens and grandchildren
- Tony and Wanda Moore
- Ronnie Moore and children
- Marie and Junior King
- Bill Nash and Billie Marie Beasley
- Bill and Kathy Seratt and children
- Valerie Riley and children
- Tim and Paige Beasley and son
- Bill and Betty Adams
- Doris and Hays Veazey and grandchildren
- Gordon and Mona Jacobs

These are all Beasley relatives. There were also a few visitors who were not related.

Judy Beasley Hutchison (Horace's daughter)



(Editor's Note: The following research is re-printed here with the permission of Karen Summitt-MacRae, her husband Patrick MacRae, and his father. Patrick's father, Donald R. MacRae (dmacrae@prodigy.net), is a member of the American Heraldic Institute and is a registered/certified genealogist. This information is also available on the Summitt Family Quarterly Web site (www.summittfamilyquarterly.com/SummittFamilyQuarterly/).

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### Ononymatological Research Report of the surname:

## S A M M E T

Forward: The name SAMMET, as spelled, is not a word or a part of a word in any of the members of the Indo-European languages. The closest name in spelling is SAMMETH a name of the Bavarian dialect of Middle High German circa 15<sup>th</sup>. Century. [There is an heraldic achievement given to a Heinrich Sammeth of Munich in 1437]

It should be noted that even though there is no word base for SAMMET and therefore has no meaning as a word; it is, apparently, a name. Sammet is a nickname for a velvet dealer or tailor of velvet or delicate cloth.

The name SAMMET has been found in three registries. They are:

1. Le Populeux pour du mème de Alsacia [Alsace] Dated .. 24 June 1556, Book vii-vol. II, pg. 128  
Johannes Sammet of Saarbrucken (Alsace-Lorraine) \*
2. Der Bayerisch Neugestaltung Rolle: January 23, 1808, Munich  
A translation of this Bavarian list indicates that an Albrecht Sammet owned a small area of land near Augsburg in Upper Bavaria.
3. Registry of Immigration, Ellis Island, New York, September 16, 1888 Debarkation list of the steamship S.S.Mannerreich out of Kiel:

Frederich Sammet , wife and three children.

It is not known if any of these people were related. There is evidence that supports the theory that those who originated in Alsace-Lorraine may have been the progenitor group. That the root name was SAMMETH and that there have been many variations of that spelling. Other spellings found for this name root are: SAMET, SAMETH, as well as SAMMET and SAMMETH.

Records of the Royal Genealogical Society, London; have numerous listings of the name Sammert. A name that underwent differential spelling in the British Isles.

\*Note: Alsace-Lorraine has been a province of both France and Germany. It is now a part of France, but was a department of the Prussian German Empire [Rhennish-Saar Palatinate] from 1432-1610

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The English and Americans have a predilection for changing the spelling of names that have a “foreign” sound or look. The name Sammet has the sound that is very much like the English summit and there are numerous listings for that name [Summit] both in the British Isles and in the United States.

The German variations are not as easy to explain, as the meaning of the nickname *Sammet* as a velvet tailor is completely lost. The German word for velvet is *samt* and their word for tailor is the name *Schneider*.

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## St. Paul's Lutheran Church Records

### *Monroe County, Tennessee*

Transcribed by Walter C. Davis

(Editor's Note: We continue here with our publishing of these notes that we began with the January 2000 issue.)

#### 1862

Sunday, Feb. 9, J. Cloninger, Isaiah 63:16  
Sunday, March 9, J. Cloninger, James 1:26-27, one infant baptized, two confirmed  
Sunday, April 13, J. Cloninger, Rev. 22:17  
Saturday, May 10, J. Cloninger, preparatory, 1 Cor. 15:55  
Sunday, May 11, J. Cloninger, Isaiah 55:65 and followed by Rev. J. M. Wagner, preached Sacrament sermon, 1 Cor. 5:78, 3 infants baptized by Rev. J. Cloninger, 69 communed  
Sunday, June 8, J. Cloninger, Romans 1:16  
Saturday, July 12, Rev. J.C. Barb preached. Ephesians 6:11  
Sunday, July 13, Rev J. M. Wagner preached the funeral of O.P. Davis. Rev. 13:14. At 2:00 O'clock same day Rev J. Cloninger preached from Hebrews 2:6  
Sunday, Aug. 10, J. Cloninger preached the funeral of Lydia Catherine and Joseph A. Summit, from Luke 19:10.  
Sunday, Oct. 12, J. Cloninger preached from Phil. 3:8-9  
Sunday, Nov. 30, J. Cloninger preached from Eph. 5:16  
Sunday, Dec. 1, J. Cloninger preached from 1 tem. 4:1-2  
Sunday, Dec 14, J. Cloninger preached Hebrews 10:28-29

#### 1863

Sunday, Jan. 11, Rev. Cloninger preached from Deut. 30:12 and on Sunday the same Rev. J.H.

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From: Beverly Tippet  
Sent: Wednesday, July 05, 2000 7:14 PM  
To: psummitt@summittnewmedia.com  
Subject: Re: FW: Beasley Family Reunion

The Charles Andrew and Cordellia Summitt Beasley (d.1924) -Vinnie Taylor Beasley Family held their annual reunion on June 25, 2000 at the Nanikpoo Rescue Squad Hall near Halls, Tennessee. Ninety one family members were in attendance. Of the 9 children of Charles and Cordellia, only Mytrice Beasley Grossklaus of Flint, Michigan is living and attended. Three children of Charles and Vinnie were in attendance: Wava Dean Beasley Moore of Halls, Marie Beasley King of Dyersburg, and Bill Nash Beasley of Friendship.

Also traveling a distance to attend were many cousins: Tom and Gladys Beasley of Glen Burnie, Maryland; Jeff Grossklaus and daughter Hope of Grand Blanc, Michigan; Bev Grossklaus Tippet of Fenton, Michigan; Patsy Beasley and husband Glen Herman of Fort Scott, Kansas; Jim and Polly Herman of Ft. Scott, Ks; Tim and Cathy Herman of Pittsburg, KS; Regina Petersen of Las Vegas, NV; Bonnie Beasley and husband Red Troll of Deerfield, Mo; and their daughter Carolyn McEntee and 3 grandchildren of Lexington, Michigan.

About 30 family members gathered on Saturday evening for dinner at Brookie's Barn in Jackson, Tennessee.

Tribute was paid to two family members who died in the last year: Kenneth Grossklaus (husband of Myrtice Beasley Grossklaus) and Belva Beasley (wife of Doyle Beasley).

Tom Beasley designed family reunion tee shirts that were greatly enjoyed by all. The family will gather again in late summer of 2001.

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Shaffer preached from Romans 1:1,2  
Sunday, Feb. 15, Rev. J. Cloninger preached from Gal. 5:1  
Sunday, April 12, J. Cloninger preached from Isaiah 29:19  
Saturday, May 9, Rev. Cloninger preached from Lam. 3:40-43, after which one confirmed and two infants baptized.  
Sunday, May 10, Rev J.M. Wagner preached from acts 11:23. One infant baptized by J. Cloninger, Communion service, no number of communicants.  
Sunday, Jun 14, Rev. J. Cloninger preached from Psalm 130:6-7  
Sunday, July 12, Rev. J. M. Wagner preached from Isaiah 28:10  
Sunday, July 26, Rev. J. M. Wagner preached from Romans 8:1  
Friday, Aug. 28, Rev. J. Cloninger preached from 2 Thes. 2:1-2  
Saturday, Aug. 29, J.M. Wagner preached from Jer. 6:16, followed by Rev. J. Cloninger who preached from Psalm 84: 1-2, after which one infant baptized.  
Sunday, Nov. 22, Rev. J. Cloninger preached from St. John 3:17  
Sunday, Dec. 22, Rev. J. Cloninger preached from Numbers 3:24

## 1864

Sunday, Feb. 28, Rev. J. Cloninger preached from 1 Peter 1:25. One infant baptized.  
Sunday, April 24, Rev. J. Cloninger preached from Romans 5:6  
Sunday, May 29, Rev. J. Cloninger and J. M. Shaffer preached the funeral of John F. and Janie C. Moser. Job. 14:10-14  
Sunday, June 26, Rev. J. M. Shaffer preached from Acts 13:9  
Saturday, July 23, Rev. J. Cloninger, Acts 17:6-7 and was followed by invocation by Rev. Shaffer  
Sunday, July 24, Rev. J. Cloninger preached from 2 Tim. 1:8-9 followed by the invocation by the invocation by Rev. Shaffer. One confirmed to the church by Rev. Cloninger, one infant baptism.  
Sunday, August 28, Rev. J. Cloninger preached from Romans 8:5  
Sunday, Sept 8, Rev. J. M. Shaffer preached funeral of Mary Sitster, wife of John Sitster, Luke 12:40

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Sunday, Oct. 2, Rev. J. Cloninger preached from Acts 24:14. Six adults baptized, ten confirmed.  
Sunday, Oct. 18, Rev. J. Cloninger preached from 2 Chron. 30:8 after which two were confirmed.  
Sunday, Nov. 6, Rev. J. Cloninger preached from Gal. 6:17  
Saturday, Nov. 26, Cloninger preached from Hebrews 4:12 after which three were confirmed  
Sunday, Nov. 27, Rev. Cloninger preached a sacramental sermon and was followed by Rev. J.M. Shaffer on same text, Romans 4:25; 41 communed.  
Sunday, Dec. 18, Rev. J. Cloninger preached from John 8:31. Three infants baptized.

## 1865

Saturday, Jan. 28, Rev. J. Cloninger preached from Matt. 6:6  
Sunday, Jan. 29, J. Cloninger sermon from Matt. 13:16-17  
Sunday, Feb. 26, J. Cloninger, 1 John 3:8  
Sunday, March 12, Rev. J.F. Shaffer preached from Rev. 22:9  
Sunday, March 29, Rev. J. Cloninger, 2 Peter 2:19 and was followed by Rev. J.M. Shaffer who preached from Mark 16:16  
Sunday, April 23, J. Cloninger preached from Matt. 19:16, one infant baptized.  
Saturday, May 13, Rev. J. Cloninger preached from Jer. 3:24-25 after which one infant was baptized, and on the same day Rev. J.M. Shaffer preached, Heb. 8:12-13  
Sunday, May 14, Rev. Cloninger preached a sacramental sermon. One infant baptized.  
Sunday, May 28, Rev. J. Cloninger, Heb. 9:26  
Thursday, June 1, J. Cloninger preached from Prov. 12:5-6  
Sunday, June 11, Rev. J. Cloninger, Psalm 9:47  
Sunday, June 25, Rev. J. M. Shaffer preached from 2 John 1:9  
Sunday, July 9, Rev. J. Cloninger preached, Phil. 2:12  
Sunday, July 23, Rev. J. Cloninger preached, Prov. 13:12  
Sunday, Aug. 13, Rev. J. Cloninger preached, Gal. 3:25-26, one infant baptized.  
Friday, Sept. 8, Rev. J. Cloninger, preached Col. 3:13-15  
Saturday, Sept. 9, Rev. J.M. Shaffer preached the funeral of James Gaston, Luke 12:14 after which Rev. J. C. Barb preached.  
Sunday, Sept. 10, Rev. J. C. Barb preached Matt. 22:5, after which nine were confirmed by Rev. Cloninger, 76 communed.  
Sunday, Oct. 15, Rev. J. Cloninger preached Titus 3:4-5  
Sunday, Oct. 29, Rev. Cloninger preached Psalm 10:4  
Sunday, Nov 12, Rev. J. M. Shaffer preached from Gen. 1:1  
Sunday, Nov. 25, Rev. J. Cloninger preached from Psalm 25:8  
Sunday, Dec. 10, Rev. J. Cloninger preached, Acts 10:42-43  
Sunday, Dec. 24, Rev. J. Cloninger preached, Gal. 3:2  
Tuesday, Dec. 26, Rev. J. M. Shaffer preached, Isaiah 9:2  
Thursday, Dec. 28, Rev. J. Cloninger preached, John 5:40  
Saturday, Dec. 20, Rev. J. Cloninger preached, Luke 23:39-40

*(Editor's Note: We'll continue with these notes next issue.)*



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studying in Mexico City. The answer is no but if anyone knows a Paul Summitt who did, Victor can be reached at 570-595-7650 or 718-476-3191.

- Caroline Grace Englert arrived Wednesday, June 28, 2000 at 5:35 AM. She weighed 7 pounds 2 ounces and was twenty and one quarter inches long.

That's all we have right now. If you have announcements you'd like the rest of the Summitt(s) to know about, let us know and we'll put it in the next issue.



## Happy Birthday Paul Michael Summitt

I guess being the editor does have a few advantages. Twenty-one years ago, I was in the Marines and stationed in San Diego. My son, Paul Michael, was born out there on July 27, 1979. I just want to share with you some of the events that he made possible for me to enjoy.



The proud father with his one week old son.



Michael and his father ready for his first trick-or-treat outing.



His first Christmas, San Diego.



Was he going to be a baseball player?



Michael and Grandpa Moody about Christmas 1980, Cardwell, MO



Michael and Jackie at AETN about Christmas 1985, Conway, AR



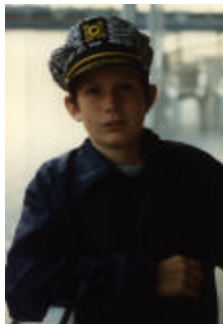
Michael and Jackie at a friend's birthday party in West Virginia 1988



Michael and Jackie Jefferson City, MO



Michael, Jackie, Paul, and Mary Jefferson City, about 1992



Michael Hannibal 1992



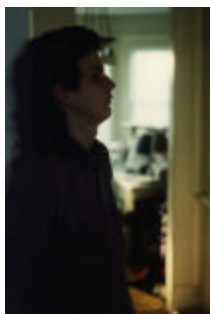
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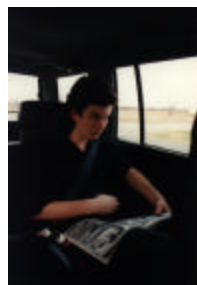
Michael and Pepper 1992



Michael, Springfield 1995



Michael, Pittsburg, Kansas 1995



Michael 1995



Michael, Pittsburg, Kansas 1995



Michael West Plains—1998



## Descendants of Lilly Mack Owen

### *Generation No. 1*

**1. LILLY MACK<sup>1</sup> OWEN** (Source: GlenScott.FTW, Date of Import: Feb 12, 2000.) was born September 15, 1894 in Athens, Alabama (Source: GlenScott.FTW, Date of Import: Feb 12, 2000.), and died July 1986 in Brinkley, Monroe County, Arkansas. She married **ROBERT FRANCIS SUMMITT** (Source: GlenScott.FTW, Date of Import: Feb 12, 2000.) September 15, 1920 (Source: GlenScott.FTW, Date of Import: Feb 12, 2000.), son of **JAMES SUMMITT** and **AMY REAGANS**. He was born February 02, 1874 in Kentucky (Source: (1) Brøderbund WFT Vol. 2, Ed. 1, Tree #4016, Date of Import: Apr 2, 1997, (2) Broderbund WFT, Volume 2, Edition 1, Tree #4016., (3) GlenScott.FTW, Date of Import: Feb 12, 2000.), and died March 31, 1928 (Source: (1) Brøderbund WFT Vol. 2, Ed. 1, Tree #4016, Date of Import: Apr 2, 1997, (2) GlenScott.FTW, Date of Import: Feb 12, 2000.).

#### Notes for LILLY MACK OWEN:

Picture taken during and interview in 1977 by Paul M. Summitt. Interview was recorded but location of audio tape is unknown at this point in time.

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#### More About LILLY MACK OWEN:

Last Residence:: 72021 (Brinkley, Monroe County, AR)

Residence: 72021 (Brinkley, Monroe County, AR)

Social Security Number: 431-66-2327

State of Issue:: 1954, Arkansas

#### More About ROBERT FRANCIS SUMMITT:

Buried:: buried Brinkley, Monroe County, Arkansas

#### More About ROBERT SUMMITT and LILLY OWEN:

Marriage: September 15, 1920 (Source: GlenScott.FTW, Date of Import: Feb 12, 2000.)

#### Children of LILLY OWEN and ROBERT SUMMITT are:

i. **JAMES LEE<sup>2</sup> SUMMITT** (Source: GlenScott.FTW, Date of Import: Feb 12, 2000.), b. March 22, 1924 (Source: GlenScott.FTW, Date of Import: Feb 12, 2000.); d. May 1984 (Source: GlenScott.FTW, Date of Import: Feb 12, 2000.).

Notes for JAMES LEE SUMMITT:  
[GlenScott.FTW]

EVENT: Social Security:: 432-28-8187

EVENT: State of Issue:: Arkansas

EVENT: Last Residence:: 71753

#### More About JAMES LEE SUMMITT:

Last Residence:: 71753 (Magnolia, Columbia County, AR)

Social Security:: 432-28-8187

State of Issue:: Bef. 1951, Arkansas

ii. **ROBERT FRANCIS SUMMITT**, b. January 15, 1927.

# Mary's Page



Since this is the July issue I thought it would be fitting and informative to talk about the US Flag.

- Congress first authorized the flag on June 14, 1777.  
This date is now fittingly observed in America as Flag Day.
- The flag was first flown on August 3, 1777 from Fort Stanwix which is now the present day location of Rome, New York.
- It was first decreed that the flag should contain both a star and stripe for each state (thirteen coming from the thirteen original colonies).
- The symbol of the star is said to represent dominion and sovereignty as well as lofty aspirations.
- Popular stories say that the symbolism of the flag colors is as follows:
  - \* red is for valor, fervency and zeal;
  - \* white is for purity, hope, cleanliness of life, and rectitude of conduct;
  - \* blue is the color of heaven, symbolizing loyalty, sincerity, justice and truth and reverence to God.
- However, the Smithsonian claims that there is no actual document in history that states the above.
- George Washington interpreted the colors of the flag thusly: “We take the stars from Heaven, the red from our mother country, separating it by white stripes, thus showing that we have separated from her, and the white stripes shall go down to posterity representing Liberty.”
- Vermont was admitted to the Union in 1791 and Kentucky in 1792. The flag then contained fifteen stars and fifteen stripes. As more states were admitted to the Union it became obvious that there would be too many stripes. In 1818 Congress voted that the number of stripes be reduced back to the original thirteen, but as new states were added they would each have a star.
- September 11, 1777 was the date that the Flag was first carried into battle.
- On January 28, 1778 at Nassau, Bahamas Islands the Flag first flew over foreign territory.
- French Admiral LaMotte Picquet issued the first foreign salute to the flag.
- President Taft issued an Executive Order on June 24, 1912 establishing the proportions of the flag and providing for the arrangement of the stars in six horizontal rows of eight each, with a single point of each star to be upward.
- A January 3, 1959 Executive Order of President Eisenhower provided for the arrangement of the stars in seven rows of seven stars each, staggered both horizontally and vertically.
- Later, in August of 1959 Eisenhower issued another Executive Order designating that the stars be placed in nine rows staggered horizontally and eleven rows staggered vertically.

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**In This Issue...**

**Let's look at the Reunions**

Report on my  
Research Trip to  
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Pennsylvania—Glen  
Summit

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Research Report of  
the surname:  
SAMMET—  
Donald R. MacRae

Obit: Ronald H.  
Summit, 59