

HAMMOND

(Much of this material is quoted from a Genealogy of Robert Hammond, written by John Walter Watson in 1949.)

Sir Robert Fitzhamon, scion of a great family of Normandy, was the founder of the Hammond family in the British Isles. The affix "Fitz" is a Norman-French corruption of the Latin "Filius," meaning son. Sir Robert's descendants in the British Isles early took the name Hamon and later Hammond.

With the army of conquest when Duke William of Normandy invaded England in an attempt to seize the crown Sir Robert Fitzhamon crossed the English Channel. In recognition of his service (1066) to Duke William he was made the Earl of Gloucester and he is buried in the great Benedictine Abbey in Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire.

In the following centuries the Hammonds are named as medical doctors, ministers, writers, and a Robert Hammond was sent to Ireland to reorganize the Judicial System. Almost two hundred year later we have the record of the birth of William John Hammond in 1832 at Grove Hill, Moira, County Down, Ireland. The Encyclopedia of Biography of Pennsylvania, Vol. 25 records that the Hammond family for a long time resided in Scotland, but also had a long history in England and Ireland.

We begin our immediate Hammond history with Robert Hammond, born in County Down, Ireland in 1765. He was of Scotch origin; his ancestors were soldiers in William the Conqueror's and Cromwell's armies. In the early 1780's he came to America and purchased a farm some two and one-half miles southeast of Hickory, Washington County, Penna., probably near Westland, from Samuel and Elizabeth Agnew in 1797. He came on to Ohio in 1809 where he purchased 110 acres from Jacob and Barbary Coon in 1811. This farm was located about one mile north of Fairpoint, Ohio. It was left to his youngest son, James Hammond, who in turn transferred it to John Watson. In 1970 it was owned and operated by James M. Watson, great-great-great grandson of Robert Hammond.

Robert Hammond was a charter member of the Unity Seceder Church, later the Unity United Presbyterian Church, organized in 1813, and he was one of the original elders of that church.

Robert Hammond (my great-great grandfather) married Jane Cassell (sometimes spelled Cassill or Cassil) who was also born in County Down, Ireland in 1764 of Scotch ancestry. Her forebears, likewise fought under Cromwell. Evidently Robert and Jane met in Washington County, Penna. where records indicate a family of her name owning a farm near the Hammond farm. Ten children were born to them. Robert Hammond died in 1845 and Jane in 1852. Both are buried in Unity Cemetery, Belmont County, Ohio.

Their sixth child, Elizabeth, was born near Hickory in 1797. She married Robert Mintier, my great grandfather, and they were the parents of twelve children. She died in 1863 and is buried beside her husband in Unity Cemetery.

In 1962 friends took me to Moira, County Down, Ireland. We stopped at the first filling station we saw in the small town and I asked if there were any Hammonds in Moira. The red-haired young man said that was his name. I told him I was a Hammond from the States who was hoping to find out something more about by forebears there. He called his father who said he knew little, but if only his sister were

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there she could help me. She was in Belfast. He told me to go to the church on the little hill just at the edge of town and I would find many Hammond graves in the graveyard. Those on the left side of the church were the most recent Hammonds, he said, and those on the right side the earlier ones, but he warned me that I would probably be unable to read the inscriptions on the stones. I was not able to find one that would give me a clue to my early grandparents.

The little church was Church of Ireland. It was locked but the caretaker opened it with the largest doorkey I have ever seen. The pews had doors on them and the whole church reminded me of the earliest ones we have in America.

(See Mintier History for further information.)

HAMMOND

- I. Robert Hammond 1765-1845
 Came to America from Moira, Ireland. Born in Ireland
 Buried in Unity Cemetery, Belmont County, Ohio
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| 1. Mary 1788-1871 | m. James B. White |
| 2. Alexander 1790-1873 | m. Elizabeth Hanna |
| 3. David 1792-1851 | m. Mary Ann _____ |
| 4. William 1794 (died in infancy) | m. _____ Guinn |
| 5. Martha 1795-1868 | m. Robert Mintier |
| 6. Elizabeth 1797-1863 | m. _____ Lackey |
| 7. Esther 1801-1874 | m. Martha Johnson |
| 8. John 1803-1874 | m. Hanna Clark |
| 9. Robert Jr. 1805-1847 | m. Jane Caldwell |
| 10. James 1808-1880 | |
- II. Elizabeth Hammond 1797-1863
 Born at Hickory, Penna.
 Married at Hickory, Penna.
 Buried in Unity Cemetery, Belmont County, Ohio
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| 1. Alexander 1820-1878
Buried at Crawfordsville, Iowa | m. 1. Rosehannah S. Maxwell
2. Margaret Potter
Buried at Crawfordsville, Iowa |
| 2. Joseph 1822-1902 | m. 1. Eleanor Campbell
2. Eliza Jane Carrick |
| 3. Thomas Hanna 1824-1913
Lived in Muskingum County, Ohio
Buried at | m. Rebekah Forsythe |
| 4. William 1825-1827 | m. Mary Jane Henderson 1826-1906 |
| 5. John 1827-1905 | m. 1. Eliza Ann Kibble
2. Mary Barnett |
| 6. James 1829-1892 | Single |
| 7. Martha 1831-1850 | m. John Hanna |
| 8. Mary 1831-1902 | m. James Henderson |
| 9. Eliza Jane 1833-1901 | m. Lucretia _____ |
| 10. Robert Johnston 1835- | m. Joseph Shepherd |
| 11. Easter 1838-1914 | m. Martha Jane Richey |
| 12. David 1841-1929 | |
- III. John Mintier 1827-1905
 Buried in Unity Cemetery, Belmont County, Ohio
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| 1. Robert Henderson 1855-1907
Buried in Rosedale Cemetery, Los Angeles, Calif. | m. Agnes Anderson |
| 2. Martha Jane 1857-1889 | m. William Stiles |
| 3. John Brown 1859-1912 | m. Elizabeth Flowers |
| 4. Parks Nichol 1861-1946 | m. Ruth Ella Hervey |
| 5. Mary Elizabeth 1865-1893 | Single |
| 6. William Alexander 1869-1936 | m. Pearl McCune 1870-1960 |
- IV. William Alexander Mintier
 1869-1936
 Buried at New Concord, Ohio
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| 1. Wilma McCune 1898- | Single |
| 2. Wendell Reid 1900- | m. Sara Byrnes |
| 3. Harold Nichol 1905- | m. Virginia Esterquest |

V. Wilma McCune Mintier 1898-- Single

V. Wendell Reid Mintier 1900-- m. Sara Byrnes
 1. Donna Jean [REDACTED]-- m. David McKay [REDACTED]--

VI. Donna Jean Mintier [REDACTED]-- m. David McKay [REDACTED]--
 1. Barry Reid [REDACTED]--
 2. Steven Alan [REDACTED]--

V. Harold Nichol Mintier 1905-- m. Virginia Esterquest
 1. Martha Jane [REDACTED]-- m. Wiley Sanders
 2. Patricia Ann 1935--1948
 Buried in New Concord, Ohio
 3. Robert Nichol [REDACTED]-- m. Eve Shawn
 4. Barbara Elaine [REDACTED]--

VI. Martha Jane Mintier [REDACTED]-- m. Wiley Sanders
 1. William Daryl [REDACTED]--
 2. Mark Earl [REDACTED]--
 3. Wilene Carol [REDACTED]--

VI. Robert Nichol Mintier 1940-- m. Eve Shawn
 1. Charles Willard Ivan [REDACTED]--
 2. Patricia Ann [REDACTED]--
 3. Nicholas Shawn [REDACTED]--

VI. Barbara Elaine Mintier [REDACTED]--