

Hamberlin Family

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Subject: Yazoo County History

I will be visiting in Yazoo MS area the week of April 18 and would like to talk with you and see if you can provide me with any additional information on some of my ancestors. I spoke with someone on staff at the library this morning and she assured me you were the person to talk to about Yazoo County History. If you have any information or could point me to where I might find additional information on the subjects below, I would really appreciate it. I will call when I know what day I will arrive there.

I have a copy of the book, Yazoo, Its Legends and Legacies and have been fascinated with some of the information. The preface states the following:

We have donated to the Mississippi Collection at Ricks Memorial Library the source material we used to write the book. That information includes a massive file containing detailed histories of churches in Yazoo county. A great deal of research by many people went into writing those church histories, and they tell an important part of the Yazoo County story. Similarly, the cassette tapes and the transcripts of the oral history interviews are available on the Mary Louise Williams Oral History Shelf at the library.

I am wondering if additional information is still available. I am particularly interested in information about my great great grandfather, Moses Hamberlin who cam to Yazoo in the early 1800s. There is also a story about his brother William Hamberlin being kidnapped by Indians and escaping and finding his way home 9 years later. I would like to see if I can find any additional information on the Moses Hamberlin or James David Hamberlin family. My Great Grandfather, James David Hamberlin was born there and raised his family I think close to Phoenix.

I have found journal entries by a Mormon Missionary who came to Yazoo County about 1898 and baptized this family in the Mormon faith. The missionaries were run out of the county at gun point and told they would be shot if they ever came back. The missionary jurnal lists several members of the mob that ran them out of town. I will attach that information if I can find it today. Anyway, I would like to see if there are any references to this event in any of the histories collected there. I just think it would be cool to see the stories from the other point of view. James David Hamberlin and his family including his oldest son, Carl Hamberlin left Yazoo about 1900 due to persecutions caused by their religion.

The history book mentioned above makes no mention of the incident.

Another grandparent, William Clark Irwin and his wife were buried in the Hilderbrand Cemetery which we plan to visit while there as well as some in the Hebron Church Cemetery.

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We went to the Arbor and by
10 a.m. had a good crowd. we
sang a few songs while we
were waiting for Pres. Rich.
Pres. Condie came for me to go
down to John Martins to meet
a Committee sent by the mob
Maj Bell Mr. Lee & Mr Taylor were
there. they demanded that we
be at the train to leave the Co.
at 6:40. Pres. Condie said we
were not prepared to Answer
until Pres Rich came. but we
promised them an answer
in one hour. Pres. Rich soon
came. and he, Condie, and I
started up to meet the Mob
and talk with them rather
than a Committee. but

when we got near them
the Com. met us and told us
not to go or we would be

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shot. we talked and tried to
reason with them but could
not finally we offered to
start out from where we
were at 6 p.m. one of them
went and consulted the Mob
and returned with the demand
that we leave by two. then
we offered to accept their
first offer they refused us
that, but threatened to murder
us if we did not start at
2 p.m. it was then 10 minutes
after 12. we agreed. Pres Rich
Prophesied to the Committee
that every man who had
a hand in raising that
mob would commence to

go down and the curse of a
just God would follow
them. We held a short meeting
and Pres. Ben E. Rich spoke

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He delivered a powerful sermon
one of the most so I ever heard
the people just cried. it was
like a funeral all hated to see
us go. they offerred to defend us
with their lives, but God
has inspired the move and
we will see His hand in it.

It was a sad thing to see 35

American citizens, without Arms.
denied the priviledge to preach
the Gosple in one of the Counties
of the United States. not a charge
of lawlessness was made the
only thing they would say, "it
was liable to cause division

among the people," with many
tears and sad farewells, we
shook the hands of the faithful
few and with a "God Bless
you dear Brethren & Sisters "
we bid them a fond farewell.

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The names of the Mob are as follows.

Maj. J.R. Bell L.H. Taylore, T.P. Lee, Committee

Dick Hamberlin, Dr. A.S. Barrier. Boss

Miller, Silas Smithhart, W.T. Martin,

Jesse Williams. M Dorsey. Claud

Hamberlin. H.A. Wells. Criss Martin

Wilson Martin. Will Barbour. Rob't

Hilderbrand, John Hilderbrand,

Willian Herd Sr. William Herd Jr.

Ed Anderson. Geo. Warrington. Will

Moore. Henry Williamson. Frank

Selby. Walter Selby. J.A. Dilley. D 2

McCoys. Edgar Cook. Chas.

Hicks. F.F. Humes. Warren Coody.

J.C. Newman. Sam Newman.

Roland Hamberlin & his son

Cecil Hart. (son of Capt. Hart.) W.W.

Wiles Ned Wiles. Ed Smith.

Ben Woods. Willie Stain. Turley Wills

Eb. Sibley. Bill Aldrich. Bert Warrin-

-gton. Walter Hildebran. Gib Dorsey

D.O. Dorsey. John Holloman Sr.

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J.L. Sibley. Monroe Sibley. Ethel

Sibley. Will Sibley. Tom Smith.

Sam Smith. A.A. Nicholson,

Earnest Sibley. Fred Criswell

Rev. Mr. Maum (Bapt. Minister.)

W_m Lee. Nin Fuller. Wiler Williams

S.P. Barker. Lewis Williams. John

Peyton. Tom Redding. W.T. Cannon

Mike Rosenburg. Robert Lumbley,

Grady Sanders. Jack Berbret.

John Warrington Frank Holloman

W.D. Ogden Frank Hiast. W_m

Cannon.

The Elders were all brave. not

one of them flinched. Pres. Rich
said in looking thy boys in the

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out of one of the counties
of the United States. by an armed
Mob. when no charge was
laid at their door. The Sun
beat down hot as could be
we trudged along some riding
some walking. all jovial.
as they passed through the
Mob. some slurs and in-
-sults were cast at us but
they did not hurt. we can
well say "Father 'forgive them
they know not what they
do" We asked the crowd for
money to buy our tickets
saying we would return
it. and the people, although
very poor, came up and gave

freely all they had saying we
could return it any-time or
not at all just as we liked
they are a generous people.

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I had quite a talk with the
leader of the mob as we were
going to the Station and I told
him what would follow in.
his wake. At Bentonia I paid
\$17.85 cts for the tickets for 33 men
to Jackson, we left Elder Harris
sick and Elder Sparks to wait on

John Ellzey

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You were such a great help the day we came to the library. I appreciate all you did to find information we were looking for and pointing us in the right direction as we searched for our Hamberlin family information. I hope I can return someday, but it is a long way from Utah.

My grandfather and his father and his father were all born in Yazoo County and it was great to see the area and visit some of the sites where they lived.

Thanks again for all your help!

Bill Grubbs