

# Ancestors of James Byrne HAMMOND

## First Generation

1. **James Byrne HAMMOND** was born<sup>1</sup> 7 Jun 1912 in La Grange, Cook Co., Illinois. He died 4 Feb 2007 in El Paso, El Paso Co., Texas.

Obituary from the El Paso Times:

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James Byrne Hammond, 94, passed away Sunday, February 4, 2007 in El Paso, Texas. He was a native of Cook County, Illinois and a resident of El Paso for the past 57 years. He was retired from a civil service position at Ft. Bliss. During WWII, he served in Italy, North Africa and the Pacific as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. He was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Gertrude Ida (Trotter-Fluharty) of El Paso, his parents Albert Leroy and Agnes May (Byrne) Hammond of Chicago, Illinois, 5 brothers and 1 sister. Survivors include three children: Mary Ann Hammond, a Peace Corp volunteer in Jordan, James Roy Hammond of Balley, Washington, and Donald Alan Hammond of Chaparral, New Mexico; 6 grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren.  
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James married<sup>2</sup> **Gertrude Ida TROTTER**, daughter of James Arthur TROTTER "Art" and Nina G. GRAY, on 18 Aug 1943 in Dallas, Dallas Co., Texas. Gertrude was born<sup>3</sup> 5 May 1912 in Chetopa Township, Neosho Co., Kansas. She died 3 Mar 2004 in El Paso, El Paso Co., Texas.



Married in the Law Library of Dallas, TX (James Hammond 2005).

## Second Generation

2. **Albert Leroy HAMMOND** was born<sup>4,5,6</sup> 30 Aug 1878 in Ashland Co., Ohio. He died<sup>6</sup> 10 Nov 1964. Albert married Agnes Mary BYRNE about Dec 1899<sup>7</sup>.

When Albert and Agnes met, he was a bicycle mechanic. She worked at the Boston Store, a department store, in Chicago.

Albert founded the Chicago Steel & Wire company and was involved in it until 1928. He paid his workers really well. When a competing company would come out with a new product, he would hire some of the workers from that company. Albert was paying close to \$1 per hour compared to other companies paying around 50 center per hour.

He didn't like union workers. One of his electricians was a union worker who one day refused to go and work on a live wire. Albert literally threw him out. The next day, union people came by with a machine gun and shot out all the windows. Albert then went down to the union office to "beat the hell" out of the union boss, but prior to that some Republican political candidate intervened.



During World War II, Albert had a job with Link Belt Company where they manufactured artillery tubes. Albert increased the production rate by developing a way that one man could work four lathes at a time, instead of just one.

[Preceding based upon interviews with James Byrne Hammond in 2004 and 2005].

Residence and employment per the US Federal Census:

-1900: newly married to Agnes and residing with brother Edgar and wife on 53rd street in Chicago.

-1910: residing on 812 Chestnut Street in Topeka, Kansas. Albert is employed as a machinist at this time.

-1920: residing in Chicago, Illinois, where he is employed as a superintendant at the Steel Wire Co. The family is renting at 5342 Drexel Ave.

-1930: residing in Chicago, Illinois, where he is employed as a supertintendant at "box factory." The family lives at 5436 Ingleside Ave which they own.

3. **Agnes Mary BYRNE**<sup>2</sup> was born<sup>2,5,6</sup> 29 Jan 1873 in La Salle, La Salle Co., Illinois. She died<sup>6</sup> 21 Aug 1948.

Agnes was shunned by the family for not marrying a Catholic.



They had the following children:

- M i. **Harry Earl HAMMOND** was born<sup>1,4,6</sup> 10 Aug 1902 in Clifton, Greenlee Co., Arizona. He died<sup>8</sup> 31 May 1989 in Hyattsville, Prince Georges Co., Maryland.

Harry developed polio, but was cured remarkably well. He became a salesman. During the depression he made a living selling insurance with the Chicago Tribune. After that he went to work for the Winchester Simmons hardware company. When Harry was 40 years old, Winchester Simmons went bankrupt. Harry answered a newspaper ad for a salesman, and worked in that position for 15 years. He finally worked for a company furnishing paint for stores.

[James Byrne Hammond interviews, 2004 & 2005]



- M ii. **Robert Alisen HAMMOND** "Bob"<sup>2</sup> was born<sup>1,4,6</sup> 27 Aug 1904 in Clifton, Greenlee Co., Arizona. He died<sup>8,9</sup> 2 Dec 1984 in La Verne, Los Angeles Co., California.

When Bob was being born, there was a flood. The doctor was reluctant to go out to the house for the birth. This situation was remedied when Albert Leroy Hammond Sr. took the doctor at gunpoint to the house! [James Byrne Hammond interview, August 2004].

Robert "Bob" Alison had no children. Married Isabella UNKNOWN

Bob and his first wife Isabella went to South America before World War II where Bob taught athletics at a military academy in Bogata, Columbia. Bob was a good athlete.

Isabella had a job as an operating room nurse. The Germans "got down there" and didn't



like Americans.

Bob married a second time to Ruth and ended up in California. Ruth developed Alzheimers and would disappear from time to time. The police got to know here and would pick her up and take her home.

Bob never had children.

[James Byrne Hammond interviews, 2004 & 2005].

- M iii. **Alan Clarence HAMMOND** "Al"<sup>2</sup> was born<sup>1,4,6</sup> 28 Nov 1905 in Clifton, Greenlee Co., Arizona. He died<sup>8</sup> Apr 1976 in Chicago, Cook Co., Illinois.

Al got a degree in accounting soon after getting out of high school. He supposedly married seven times, four of which were to the same girl. Al worked at the Electromotive Corporation in LaGrange, Illinois, where he was very successful. He then worked for Milt Greenburg designing interior iceboxes. He ended up as the head painter at a large hospital with a dozen men working for him.

During the depression Al was out of work. He went to the racetrack and opened up his own booking business, but soon afterwards the "syndicate" walked in one day and told him he was "retired."

Al disliked the middle name Clarence, and referred to himself as Charles. Al never had children.

[Preceding based on James Byrne Hammond interviews, 2004 & 2005]



- F iv. **Elizabeth Hayes HAMMOND** "Betty"<sup>8</sup> was born<sup>1,4,6</sup> 12 Dec 1907 in Clifton, Greenlee Co., Arizona. She died<sup>8</sup> 10 Oct 1999 in Wheeling, Cook Co., Illinois.



- 1 M v. **James Byrne HAMMOND** was born 7 Jun 1912 and died 4 Feb 2007.

- M vi. **Franklin Cline HAMMOND II** "Frank"<sup>2</sup> was born<sup>1,4,6</sup> 2 Jul 1914 in La Grange, Cook Co., Illinois. He died<sup>8</sup> 19 Jan 1994 in Chapmansboro, Cheatham Co., Tennessee.



- M vii. **Albert Leroy HAMMOND Jr "Bud"**<sup>4,6</sup> was born<sup>4,6</sup> 22 Dec 1918 in Chicago, Cook Co., Illinois. He died<sup>6,9</sup> 5 Mar 1968 in Los Angeles Co., California.

Albert worked for the Sante Fe Railroad. The man he worked for invented the "gas crew car" but died, so Albert finished it. Albert moved to La Grange, Illinois (Chicago suburb), then to Maplewood Ave in Chicago. [James Byrne Hammond interview, September 2005].



## Third Generation

4. **Franklin Cline HAMMOND** was born about Feb 1853<sup>10</sup> in Ohio<sup>10</sup>. He died after 1920<sup>11</sup>. Franklin married<sup>7,12</sup> Ellen H. MUELLER about 1875.

Franklin's sons bought him a farm out of South Haven, Michigan, in which he raised melons and corn. Frank was 6' 3" tall and well over 250 lbs. [James Byrne Hammond interviews]

Franklin received an appointment to establish the rural free delivery in Arizona for the postal service. This appointment allegedly resulted from the family's connection with Pres. Rutherford Hayes. While in Arizona, Franklin lived in the Phoenix area [James Byrne Hammond interviews].

-1880: residing in Edgerton, Williams Co., OH). Frank is employed as a "telegraph student"

-1900: residing in Orleans TS, Ionia Co., Michigan. Frank is employed as a farmer. Note that this census lists an incorrect birth year of 1852.

-1910: residing on Grand Ave. in Clyde, Cloud Co., Kansas. Frank is employed as a "post office inspector" at this time.

-1920: residing on Main St. in Troy, Richland Co., Ohio. Frank is a "coal dealer" at this time.

5. **Ellen H. MUELLER** "Ella"<sup>7,11</sup> was born about May 1851<sup>11</sup> in Ohio. She died<sup>2</sup> about 1928.

Ellen's family changed their name from Mueller to Miller during the War (James Hammond).

It is thought the 1900 census gives an incorrect birth date of May 1857. (For the 1880, 1910, 1920 census she is usually 1 or 2 years older than husband Frank).

They had the following children:

- M i. **Charles HAMMOND** was born<sup>5</sup> about 1875 in Ohio.
- M ii. **Edgar Hayes HAMMOND**<sup>13,14</sup> was born<sup>5</sup> 13 Oct 1876<sup>7,14</sup> in Ohio. He died after 1920<sup>15</sup>.

Ed was president of the board of the Kennecat (sp?) Copper Co. He was on the production board during World War II to help with the allocation of copper during the war. Later he was in Washington D. C. as the head of some economics business. [James Byrne Hammond interviews, 2004 & 2005].

From Edgar's WW I draft registration card, he is noted as being of "stout" build with grey eyes and light brown hair.

-1910: residing in the Village of Park Ridge, Maine TS, Cook Co., Illinois on Vine Avenue. Edgar is employed as an "agent" of an "office building."

-1918: residing in Providence, Rhode Island. Employed as a "general sales manager" for "???" Electrical Works."

-1920: residing in Providence, Rhode Island. He is employed as a "sales manager" in the

"electrical" industry.

- F    iii. **Ola E. HAMMOND**<sup>7</sup> was born<sup>7</sup> Nov 1877 in Ohio.
- 2 M   iv. **Albert Leroy HAMMOND** was born 30 Aug 1878 and died 10 Nov 1964.
- M    v. **Howard H. HAMMOND**<sup>7</sup> was born<sup>7</sup> Jun 1882 in Ohio.

Howard H. Hammond is thought to be "Harry" as referenced by James Byrne Hammond (son of older brother Albert Leroy Hammond).

Harry was a giant of a man, at 6' 8" tall. He was in World War I as part of Pershing's Army. While in the war he allegedly was infected with syphilis, which resulted in his wife divorcing him. He eventually remarried to a 4' tall burlesque queen. [James Byrne Hammond interview, December 2004].

- 6. **Patrick Aloysius BYRNE**<sup>2</sup> was born<sup>4</sup> before 1860 in Ireland. He married Patricia ONEAL.

Patrick had plastic sewer pipe plant in LaSalle, Illinois. During the 1893 World's Fair, he was a contractor and put sidewalks in. He was living in Chicago at this time. His company's stamp was in all the sidewalks. Patrick was really a character--he would put on an orange tie and go into the Catholic neighborhood to cause trouble! [James Byrne Hammond interview, September 2005]

- 7. **Patricia ONEAL**<sup>2</sup> was born<sup>4,5,12</sup> before 1860 in Canada.

On Daughter's 1920 census form it states she was born in Canada, also corroborated with James Hammond Interview.

They had the following children:

- M    i. **Harry BYRNE**.
- M    ii. **Edgar BYRNE** "Ed"<sup>2</sup>.
- M    iii. **Jim BYRNE**.

Jim was a desk sergeant with the Chicago Police Department. He worked there for 20 years and allegedly never got a raise. Finally, the Capone syndicate contacted him. When a Capone man would get arrested, Jim was to call a number that was never answered but just rang. This was a signal for a lawyer to be dispatched. After his connection with Capone, Jim was promoted from Sergeant to Lieutenant and then to Captain within three years. [James Byrne Hammond interview, August 2004]

Jim had his thumb shot off in a holdup. Jim frequently went to a hock shop which was held up. One day a guy in the hock shop was robbing the place. Jim and another man (Saul) were forced into a bathroom, where a gun fight followed. [James Byrne Hammond interview, August 2004]

Jim had a "bunch of girls" who all married "stockyard" people. [James Byrne Hammond interview, December 2004]

- F    iv. **Ann BYRNE**<sup>2</sup>.

Ann often lived with her younger sister Agnes and brother-in-law James Byrne Hammond. Ann married someone by the name of O'Sullivan. He was an Irish land owner. Ann moved and lived in Ireland several years, and left a rich widow. She remarried and her husband came to the U.S. to race horses, but he "liked drinking" and ran a successful tavern. [James Byrne Hammond interview].

- 3 F   v. **Agnes Mary BYRNE** was born 29 Jan 1873 and died 21 Aug 1948.

F vi. **Latecia (sp?) BYRNE**<sup>2</sup>.

Lived in Schenectady, New York. [James Byrne Hammond interview]

## Fourth Generation

8. **John HAMMOND** was born<sup>5,16</sup> about Dec 1812<sup>17</sup> in Pennsylvania. He died<sup>12</sup> 22 Jul 1869<sup>17,18</sup> in Savannah, Ashland Co., Ohio<sup>18</sup> and was buried in Savannah Cemetery, Ashland Co., Ohio<sup>17</sup>. John married<sup>19</sup> Elizabeth HAYES on 1 Jan 1835<sup>18</sup>.

9. **Elizabeth HAYES**<sup>5,18</sup> was born<sup>5</sup> 10 Jul 1815<sup>18</sup> in Washington Co., Pennsylvania<sup>18</sup>. She died<sup>5</sup> 7 Jan 1902<sup>18</sup> in Lincoln, Lancaster Co., Nebraska<sup>18</sup>.

-1880 Census: residing with son Franklin Cline Hammond and family in Williams Co., Ohio.

They had the following children:

F i. **Mary Eleanor HAMMOND** "Ellen"<sup>18,20,21</sup> was born<sup>20</sup> 25 Dec 1838<sup>18</sup> in New Pittsburg, Wayne Co., Ohio<sup>18</sup>. She died 27 Apr 1925<sup>18</sup> in Edgerton, Williams Co., Ohio<sup>18</sup>.

M ii. **W. Harrison HAMMOND**<sup>17</sup> was born 2 Jun 1840<sup>17</sup>. He died 22 Sep 1843<sup>17</sup> and was buried in Savannah Cemetery, Ashland Co., Ohio<sup>17</sup>.

M iii. **Harvey B. HAMMOND**<sup>17</sup> was born 14 Feb 1842<sup>17</sup>. He died 22 Sep 1843<sup>17</sup> and was buried in Savannah Cemetery, Ashland Co., Ohio.

M iv. **John HAMMOND**<sup>17</sup> was born 10 Jan 1845<sup>17</sup>. He died 23 Apr 1845<sup>17</sup> and was buried in Savannah Cemetery, Ashland Co., Ohio<sup>17</sup>.

F v. **A. D. HAMMOND**<sup>20</sup> was born<sup>20</sup> about 1846 in Ohio.

F vi. **Hermina HAMMOND**<sup>16</sup> was born<sup>16</sup> about 1846 in Ohio.

M vii. **Aries R. HAMMOND**<sup>16,22</sup> was born<sup>16</sup> 1848 in Ohio.

M viii. **Thomas Hayes HAMMOND**<sup>16,18</sup> was born<sup>16</sup> 31 Aug 1850<sup>18</sup> in Ohio. He died 1 Apr 1886<sup>18</sup> in Ohio<sup>18</sup>.

4 M ix. **Franklin Cline HAMMOND** was born about Feb 1853 and died after 1920.

M x. **Elisha HAMMOND**<sup>16</sup> was born<sup>16</sup> about 1856 in Ohio.

Elisha was a very big man. He invented a machine to measure the cloth while working at Singer Co. He bought the business lunch room gift shop. [James Byrne Hammond interview, September 2005]

## Fifth Generation

18. **Thomas HAYES**<sup>18</sup> was born about 1780<sup>17,18</sup>. He died 30 Aug 1825<sup>18</sup> and was buried in Wooster, Wayne Co., Ohio<sup>17</sup>. Thomas married<sup>18</sup> Mary HAYES.

Thomas Hayes is allegedly a cousin of President Rutherford B. Hayes [GEDCOM file, unknown source].

An alternate last name spelling of "Hays" is shown on the USGenWeb tombstone inscriptions for Savannah Cemetery, Ashland Co., Ohio. A note indicates that he is actually buried in Wooster, Ohio.

19. **Mary HAYES**<sup>18</sup> was born about 1786<sup>17,18</sup>. She died 3 Jan 1857<sup>17,18</sup> and was buried in Savannah Cemetery, Ashland Co., Ohio<sup>17</sup>.

Mary's maiden name is thought to be Hayes, but apparently not related to Thomas [GEDCOM file, unknown source].

They had the following children:

- 9 F      i. **Elizabeth HAYES** was born 10 Jul 1815 and died 7 Jan 1902.

## Appendix A - Sources

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2. Interview with James Hammond, Sep 2005.
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