

Alexander S. Hampton

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Alexander S. Hampton purchased the gristmill known as the Martin-Holder-Bush Mill from earlier owners. In 1861, W. C. Sympson, agent for William T. Bush, sold the mill and 140 acres at auction to James F. McKinney. In 1867, McKinney sold the mill for the sum of \$6,000 to Hampton, who operated it for 24 years. In 1891, Hampton and his wife Clamanda sold the mill and 148 acres on Lower Howard Creek to John W. and Joel T. Hart for \$1,400. Hampton was listed as a "miller" in the 1870 census, as "proprietor of grist mill" in 1880, and as a "farmer" in 1900. He was a deacon and long-time member of the Providence Church.

Source: Clark County Deed Book 42:310, 45:593, 58:66

Biographical Sketch

Alexander S. Hampton, a farmer and stock-grower of Clark County, Kentucky, was born in Johnson County, Tennessee, November 11, 1834, and is a son of Hamilton B. and Rebecca Flanary Hampton. Hamilton B. Hampton was born in North Carolina, a son of Johnson Hampton, a native of the same State. Mrs. Rebecca Hampton was a daughter of Silas Flanary, a native of Scott County, Virginia.

Alexander S. Hampton was the fourth in a family of eleven children, and when about eight years of age moved with his parents to Lee County, Virginia, where he was brought up on the farm and educated in the common schools. He remained there until 1853, when he moved to Owsley County, Kentucky, and remained there until 1864, at which time he moved to Clark County, Kentucky, where he has resided ever since. and owns a fine tract of land of 200 acres, with a beautiful two-story residence. March 17, 1853, he was married to Amanda Winn, a daughter of Robert W. and Mary Crabtree Winn, of Lee County, Virginia. To this union have been born twelve children, seven sons and five daughters, viz: Virginia, Mary, Robert W., Hamilton B., Mattie R., Kensey J., Nora, Madison A., Walter, Olive, Kittie and Maggie, all of whom are living, and rank among the best citizens of Clark County.

Mr. Hampton is regarded as one of the most enterprising men of the county, and ranks as a leader among the farmers. He and his family are active members of the Baptist Church, and earnest and true supporters of its principles. Mr. Hampton is a Master Mason, and politically he is a Republican.

Source: W. H. Perrin et al., *Kentucky, A History of the State, 8th Edition* (Louisville; 1888), p. 843

A. S. Hampton Household in 1900

Alex. S. Hampton; Head; W; M; born Nov 1834; Tenn; age 65; married 47 years; father born Tenn; mother born Va; farmer

Clamanda W. Hampton; Wife; W; F; born Apr 1836; Va; age 64; 13 children, 11 living; father born Va; mother born Va

Mary J. Hampton; Daughter; W; F; born Nov 1854; Ky; age 45; single

Walter Hampton; Son; W; M; born Jan 1872; Ky; age 28; single; farm laborer

Kittie Hampton; Daughter; W; F; born Oct 1876; Ky; age 23; single

Maggie M. Hampton; Daughter; W; F; born Aug 1881; Ky; age 18; single

Janey Roice; Lodger; W; F; born Oct 1890; 9; single; at school

Source: U.S. Census, 1900, Clark County, Kentucky, 169A

Several Items from the Germantown News

Mr. Tatum, a Louisville drummer, and Mr. Broaddus, driver for Gaines and Hadden's livery stable, met with a frightful accident Saturday night. They were driving from Ford to Boonesboro and were nearly opposite the ferry where the road is very narrow, with a steep embankment on the lower side, when, in the darkness, the driver pulled the horse too far to one side, overturning the buggy and scattering the contents along the hillside. The horse broke loose from the buggy and went on to Winchester. The men, more scared than hurt, picked themselves out of the bushes, and with the aid of a borrowed lantern, gathered up the drummer's samples and walked to the residence of Mr. A. S. Hampton, where they were entertained until another rig could be sent out from town.

Rev. John C. Orr, who is shortly to hold a series of meetings at the Winchester Methodist church, is a nephew of Mrs. A. S. Hampton of this place. While a student at Vanderbilt he spent part of a vacation here and, at the earnest solicitation of his many friends, taught a class in vocal music.

Source: *Winchester Sun-Sentinel*, January 29, 1903

1870 Manufacturers Census

Name of corporation, company or individual producing to value of \$500 annually	A. S. Hampton
Name of business, manufacture, or product	Flour & Grist Mill
Capital (real and personal) invested in business	\$4,000
Motive power	
Kind of power	Water
No. of horsepower	24
Machines	
Name or description	Runs of stone
Number of	2
Average number of hands employed	
Males above 16 years	1
Total amount paid in wages during year	\$30
Number of months in active operation	10
Materials	
Kinds	Wheat
Quantities	6,000 bushels
Value	\$9,000
Kinds	Corn
Quantities	2,000 bushels
Value	\$1,500
Production	<i>Ground for Private Owners</i>
Kinds	Flour
Quantities	240,000 pounds
Value	\$13,000
Kinds	Meal
Quantities	2,000 bushels
Value	\$1,500
Kinds	Bran
Quantities	40,000 pounds
Value	\$500

Source: U.S. Manufacturers Census, 1870, Clark County, Kentucky

1880 Manufacturers Census

Flour and Grist Mills

Name of corporation, company or individual producing to value of \$500 annually	Alexander Hampton
Capital (real and personal) invested in business	\$5,000
Greatest number of hands employed at any time during the year	1
Average number of hands employed	
Males above 16 years	1
Number of hours in the ordinary day of labor	
May to November	10
November to May	8
Average day's wages for a skilled mechanic	\$1.50
Average day's wages for an ordinary laborer	\$.75
Total amount paid to wages during the year	\$200
Months in operation	
On full time	8
Idle	4
Number of runs of stone	2
Estimated maximum capacity per day, in bushels	80
What proportion of product to custom grinding	½
If waterpower is used	
On what river or stream	Howards lower creek
Height of fall, in feet	25
Wheels	
Number	1
Kind	overshot
Breadth, in feet	2 ¼
Revolutions per minute	6
Horsepower	16
Materials	
Number of bushels of wheat	7,280
Value	\$5,825

Number of bushels of other grain	8,020
Value	\$4,400
Value of mill supplies	\$340
Total value of all materials	\$10,565

Products

Number of barrels of wheat flour	1,456
Number of pounds of corn meal	432,000
Number of pounds of feed	117,920
Total value of all products	\$12,685

Source: U.S. Manufacturers Census, 1870, Clark County, Kentucky

Newspaper Advertisement for Hampton's Flour

No flour is better than Hampton's,
made the good old way,
you find it at the Grange Store.

Another ad in the same paper may refer to corn meal from Hampton's mill:

Watermill Meal at Grange Store.

Source: *Clark County Democrat*, January 21, 1880

Winchester Cemetery

A. S. Hampton	1834-1908
Clamanda Hampton	1836-1909
Mary J. Hampton	1855-1927
Lenora Hampton	1868-19xx
Madison Add Hampton	1870-

Source: Kathryn Owen and Ann P. Couey, *Early Winchester Cemetery Inscriptions* (Utica, KY, 1983)