

*White Grass Dude Ranch, 2003*

*In 1990, the White Grass Dude Ranch was listed on the National Register of Historic Places.*

## East Meets West

The White Grass Ranch opened to dudes in 1919 becoming the valley's third dude ranch. As a young man, Harold Hammond came to Jackson Hole in 1901 to work as a wrangler for the Reclamation Service. In 1913 he homesteaded the White Grass Ranch. George Tucker Bisham, an Easterner who had spent summers at the Bar BC Ranch, joined Hammond two years later filing for an adjacent homestead. They quickly discovered tourism was more profitable than cattle ranching, opening their doors to visitors as early as 1919.



*Horseback riding at the White Grass Dude Ranch, 1950s.*

## Good Times and Bad

During the Great Depression, ranch ownership changed many times. Hammond gained sole ownership in 1936 and married Marion Galey, a long-time "dudene." Her son Frank took over operations shortly thereafter. During World War II, the ranch nearly shut down, but after the war, Frank Galey revitalized the ranch. With Galey's death in 1985, the ranch shut down, marking the close of one of the valley's longest running dude ranches.

## A Makeshift World

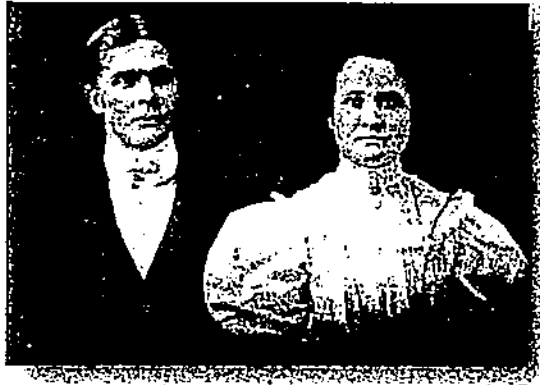
## Some Hammond Family History & connection to White Grass Ranch

**Harold Rezin Hammond**, Founder of the White Grass Ranch, was the son of George Hammond & Anne Olson.

Harold was born, 05/01/1891 in Blackfoot, ID & Died, 07/18/1939 in Jackson, WY.

The following is information about Harold's brother, **Arthur C. Hammond**, who with his wife, Ellen Olsson Nord, and 4 children, lived and worked at the White Grass Ranch from 1917 to 1924

**Arthur C. Hammond**  
Born, 02/16/1882, Omaha, NB  
Married, Ellen Olson Nord,  
11/16/1906  
Died, 06/25/1951, Asotin, WA  
Vineland Cemetery,  
Clarksville, WA



**Ellen Nord Hammond**  
Born: 02/21/1876  
Uppmana  
Kristianst, Sweden  
Died: 02/02/1954  
in Poulsbo, WA

Listed below are Arthur's and Ellen's 5 children:

**Richard Nord Hammond** - died in infancy

Born: 8/20/1908, Blackfoot, ID  
Died: 8/30/1908, Blackfoot, ID



**Phyllis Georgia Hammond**  
Born: 1/20/1910  
Blackfoot, ID;  
Died: 02/02/1999,  
Anaconda, MT  
Sunset Memorial Gardens



**Harold Nord Hammond**  
Born: 02/02/1911  
Blackfoot, ID  
Died: 10/16/1996,  
Anaconda, MT  
Sunset Memorial Gardens



**Walter Elbert Hammond**  
Born: 05/17/1913,  
Blackfoot, ID  
Died: 04/02/1999  
Sun City West, AZ



**Norma Bernice Hammond**  
Born: 03/13/1920,  
Jackson Teton, WY  
Died: 05/05/1984  
Bremerton, WA



# MEMORIES OF WHITE GRASS



The Hammond Siblings, Walt , Phyllis, & Harold. Unfortunately, Norma had passed away by the time this interview took place.



ED STROMMEN,  
OLDEST SON OF PHYLLIS.

Cousin Ed sat down with our parents in Anaconda, Montana and taped some of their memories from their childhood when they lived on the White Grass Dude Ranch, in Jackson Hole, Wy.

Because this was more of a conversation among the three of them, than a formal interview, it is impossible to write down, line by line who is saying what. However, for identification purposes, the first speaker on the 1st tape is Harold N. Hammond, followed

by Phyllis and then Walt. You should be able to distinguish between Harold's voice & Walt's voice. Cousin Ed is asking the questions and encouraging the conversation.

What a gift to be able to hear the voices of our parents once again!



Note on back of picture:  
Taken at White Grass Ranch,  
Jackson Hole, WY 1921+  
"Rags" our Airdale  
"Shep" Uncle Harold's herd dog  
"Pop" Arthur C. Hammond  
"Me" Harold N. Hammond



Harold & Walt, fooling  
around near Moose, WY



Back row: Mr & Mrs. (Alice) Walt Hammond, Harold, Norma  
Front row: Phyllis, daughter Ellen, Arthur C. & wife, Ellen, & Ed Strommen (Phyllis' husband)

## ARTHUR HAMMOND FAMILY

### WHITE GRASS RANCH CARETAKERS 1917 to 1919

Arthur Hammond was the brother of Harold Hammond, who founded the White Grass Ranch about 1912 with partner George Tucker Bispham.

In 1917, Harold entered the military during World War I. In October 1917, the Arthur Hammond family moved to the White Grass Ranch from Anaconda to be caretakers while Harold was in the service.

During the winter of 1917-1918, the family was snowed in at the White Grass Ranch and the children were unable to attend school. The children were Phyllis, Harold and Walt. Mrs. Geraldine Lucas was a neighbor who would take her dogsled to Jackson for the mail. Phyllis and Harold were able to spend time with her.

During the winter of 1918-1919, Arthur stayed at the White Grass Ranch and Ellen and kids moved to Idaho Falls, ID and stayed with Ellen's Brother, Nels Nord, and his family. Schools closed just 2 days after they arrived, due to the worldwide flu epidemic. Several of the kids, including Phyllis and Harold, had the flu. However, no one in the Hammond or Nord family died from the flu.

Schools re-opened in Blackfoot in January. However, Ellen and the kids moved back to the White Grass Ranch shortly after the schools opened, so no more school that year.

Harold Hammond probably returned from the service in WWI some time in 1919, as that winter Arthur herded horses in Idaho, and Ellen and the kids lived in Jackson with the Tanner family. Phyllis and Harold were started out in the second grade, as that was the grade they were in when they left Anaconda in 1917. However, Arthur had taught them reading, writing and arithmetic at the White Grass Ranch, and within a couple of weeks they were advanced to the fourth grade where they belonged age-wise. The final Hammond child, Norma, was born in Jackson in March, 1920.

The Arthur Hammond family probably left the White Grass Ranch about August, 1920. They lived at the Tanner ranch one month before moving to the Tanner home in Jackson to go to school that fall.

The four Arthur Hammond children and their spouses attended a "Cousins Reunion" in Jackson Hole the summer of 1975. Apparently, this get-together was organized by Carl Hammond, Jr. who had gotten in touch one of the Tanner cousins.

The cousins visited the White Grass Ranch on July 4th, and got to visit with many Jackson Hole folks who were attending the annual 4th of July barbeque that was put on by Frank Galey for his guests and friends.

## JACKSON HOLE NOTES

Here are some dates and notes re the Hammond family, especially Mom (Phyllis), in Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

### October, 1917

Moved to the White Grass Ranch as caretakers as Grandpa Hammond's brother, Harold, was called to serve in World War I. Mom and Harold had just started the 2nd grade at the Beaver Dam school in Opportunity.

### Winter of 1917-1918

Family was snowed in at the White Grass Ranch, so the kids didn't attend school.

### 1918 - 1919 School Year

Grandma Hammond and 3 kids moved to Idaho Falls, Idaho to live with Aunt Hannah and her kids in September, 1918. Aunt Hannah had 5 children, so there was a total of 8 kids. They went to school for just 2 days, and then the schools were shut down due to the flu epidemic. The schools re-opened in January.

Aunt Hannah really loved the out-of-doors, and liked to do work that normally was done by men. Thus, Grandma Hammond had to do all the cooking, cleaning and housework for the 8 kids and adults. Mom thinks that it just became too much for Grandma, and that she wrote Grandpa about it. Bottom line: Grandma and the 3 kids returned to the White Grass Ranch in February, 1919.

Mom and Harold were old enough for the 3rd grade in Idaho Falls, but were put into the 2nd grade as they hadn't attended school the prior year.

### 1919-1920 School Year

The family moved to Jackson and went to school there. Mom and Harold started in the 2nd grade, but were quickly moved to the 3rd and then <sup>to</sup> the 4th grade. In Jackson, they lived one month with the Tanners, <sup>the</sup> so assume that they got their own place for their family <sup>in</sup> the rest of the year <sup>and</sup> lived in the <sup>same</sup> town house with four Tanner <sup>children</sup>. <sup>Norma born 7/14/1914.</sup>

### 1920-1921 and 1921-1922 School Years

The family lived at the Curtis Ranch on Flat Creek as caretakers, and the kids went to the Flat Creek School. Mom and Harold went through the 5th and 6th grades there. One day when coming home from school, they saw a herd of elk running straight for them. They ducked under a buck fence, and the elk jumped right over them.

### 1922-1923 and 1923-1924 School Years

These two years the family lived in Kelly. Mom and Harold went to the 7th and 8th grades here. Mom has a picture of her taken at her 8th grade graduation. The family moved to Anaconda to re-join Grandpa Hammond in the summer of 1924.

### Misc. Notes and Corrections

The Gros Ventre landslide occurred on June 23, 1925. Mom recalls feeling the tremors and seeing the earth move here in Anaconda.



# Harold Hammond's Brother-In-Law

## Francis Henry "Frank" Tanner

Birth: Oct. 29, 1878  
Beaver  
Beaver County  
Utah, USA

Death: Apr. 10, 1935  
Jackson  
Teton County  
Wyoming, USA



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His full name is Francis Henry Tanner, born 29 October 1875 at Beaver, Utah son of Allen Benedict Tanner (2 March 1831- 22 February 1869) and Nancy Agnes Keyes (28 March 1849- 3 February 1933). He died 10 April, 1935 at Jackson, Wy.

He married Juliane Achia Hammond 14 December 1899 in Blackfoot, Id. (daughter of Ann Matilda Olsen and George Hammond) Juliane was born 21 November 1878 in Laramie, WY and died 6 July 1953 Rock Springs, WY. She was a school teacher, Librarian (her picture hangs in the Teton county library in Jackson) and county clerk.

Their children:

Frances, Julian Bahrd, Nancy Vinette, Norman Rezin (Bill), Arthur, Margaret Lucille, Alleen Afton, Allen Adrien, John Blair.



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This additional information, with a discrepancy of birthdate, was provided by outside source, which has not yet been verified.

Family links:

Spouse:

[Juliane A. Hammond Tanner \(1878 - 1953\)\\*](#)

Children:

[Frances Tanner Stacey \(1901 - 1978\)\\*](#)

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daughters. They are William and Arthur Tanner of Jackson, Bard Tanner of Rawlins, M/Sgt. Wayne Tanner who is stationed with the armed forces in Frankfurt, Germany, Mrs. Eileen McPherson of Chicago, Mrs. Margaret Brown of Eugene, Ore., and Mrs. J.E. Stacey of Rock Springs. She had 18 grandchildren. One sister, Mrs. Georgia Ingals of Salt Lake City, also survives.

All of Mrs. Tanner's sons and daughters with exception of the son who is in Germany and Mrs. McPherson were in Jackson for the funeral and burial services.

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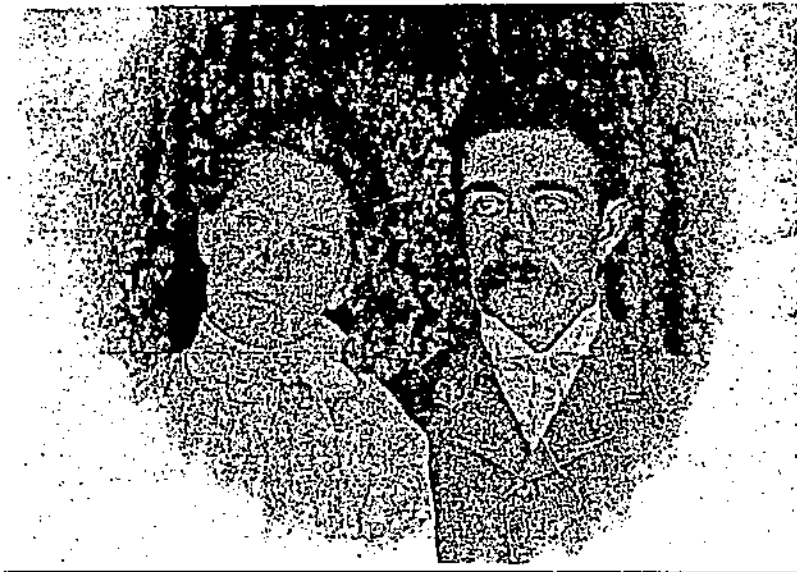
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## HAROLD HAMMOND'S SISTER, JULIANE

Juliane & Frank Tanner



Juliane A. Hammond Tanner



Juliane Achai Hammond traveled to Jackson Hole, WY as a single woman of about 18 and was the first school teacher in a one-room log school in South Park (a part of Jackson Hole at the south end of the valley.) Some of her students were older than she was. The walls of the old school building are still standing at the original location in South Park just north of the South Park Cemetery on the east side of the road. During this time she met Francis Henry Tanner and they were married in Blackfoot, ID. on 14 Dec 1899.

from familysearch.org



Bill Tanner, son of Juliane (Lulu)



## Family Tree of the Hammond Family re: the White Grass Ranch History

### Parents:

#### **George Hammond**

Born 1856, Omaha, Nebraska, left family in 1894

#### **Anne Olson**

4 children... Harold Rezin, Juliane, Georgia, Arthur, Carl

### **Harold Rezin Hammond**

Born: 5/1/1891, Blackfoot, ID

Died: 7/18/39

Arrived in Jackson at approx. age 10 and lived with his older sister, Juliane.

Married Marie Ireland: 1922, Marie Died 1935

No children

Married Marion Andrews Chandler: 1937, Marion Died 1951

Step Son Frank Galey ran the ranch after Harold's death..

### **Juliane A. Hammond, sister**

Born:11/21/1878, Laramie, WY

Died: 07/06/1953, Rock Springs, WY

Married Frank H. Tanner:12/1899, Blackfoot, ID; died 04/10/1935

10 children, 2 died from flu in 1918 & 1 died in infancy:

Francis, Margaret, William, Arthur, Bard, Wayne, Eileen

### **Arthur Canaan Hammond, brother**

Born: 02/16/1882, Omaha, Nebraska

Died: 06/25/1951

Married Ellen Nord: 11/16/1906

5 children, 1 died in infancy, Phyllis Georgia, Harold Nord, Walter Axel & Norma Bernice

### **Georgia Hammond, sister**

Married Frank Ingalls. Salt Lake City. UT

## Harold Rezin Hammond

Birth: May 1, 1891  
Blackfoot  
Bingham County  
Idaho, USA  
Death: Jul. 18, 1939  
Wyoming, USA

Founder of White Grass Ranch, Moose, Wyoming. Step-father of Francis "Frank" Holt Galey, Jr. (1917-1985), proprietor of White Grass Ranch.

### Family links:

#### Spouses:

Marie Adele *Ireland* Hammond (1889 - 1935)  
Marion Andrews *Chandler* Hammond (1889 - 1951)

#### Burial:

[Aspen Hill Cemetery](#)  
Jackson  
Teton County  
Wyoming, USA  
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