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**Return of Private Foundation**  
or Section 4947(a)(1) Nonexempt Charitable Trust  
Treated as a Private Foundation

**2009**

Note. The foundation may be able to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

For calendar year **2009**, or tax year beginning \_\_\_\_\_, and ending \_\_\_\_\_

G Check all that apply:  Initial return  Initial return of a former public charity  Final return  
 Amended return  Address change  Name change

Use the IRS label Otherwise, print or type See Specific Instructions	Name of foundation <b>THE M. ALBERTA HAMILTON CHARITABLE TRUST</b>		A Employer identification number <b>37-6366318</b>	
	Number and street (or P O box number if mail is not delivered to street address) <b>11167 NORTON ROAD</b>		Room/suite	B Telephone number <b>618-587-7091</b>
	City or town, state, and ZIP code <b>SPARTA, IL 62286</b>		C If exemption application is pending, check here <input type="checkbox"/> D 1 Foreign organizations, check here <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test, check here and attach computation <input type="checkbox"/>	
H Check type of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation <input type="checkbox"/> Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust <input type="checkbox"/> Other taxable private foundation		J Accounting method: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____		E If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here <input type="checkbox"/> F If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here <input type="checkbox"/>
I Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, col. (c), line 16) \$ <b>849,675.</b> (Part I, column (d) must be on cash basis)				

Part I Analysis of Revenue and Expenses <small>(The total of amounts in columns (b), (c), and (d) may not necessarily equal the amounts in column (a))</small>	(a) Revenue and expenses per books	(b) Net investment income	(c) Adjusted net income	(d) Disbursements for charitable purposes (cash basis only)
1 Contributions, gifts, grants, etc., received			N/A	
2 Check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if the foundation is not required to attach Sch B				
3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments	16,609.	16,609.		STATEMENT 1
4 Dividends and interest from securities	21,733.	21,733.		STATEMENT 2
5a Gross rents				
b Net rental income or (loss)				
6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10				
b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a <b>100,000.</b>				
7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)		0.		
8 Net short-term capital gain				
9 Income modifications				
10a Gross sales less returns and allowances				
b Less Cost of goods sold				
c Gross profit or (loss)				
11 Other income				
12 Total. Add lines 1 through 11	38,342.	38,342.		
13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc	18,000.	4,500.		13,500.
14 Other employee salaries and wages				
15 Pension plans, employee benefits				
16a Legal fees				
b Accounting fees <b>STMT 3</b>	2,280.	0.		2,280.
c Other professional fees				
17 Interest				
18 Taxes <b>STMT 4</b>	442.	0.		0.
19 Depreciation and depletion				
20 Occupancy				
21 Travel, conferences, and meetings				
22 Printing and publications				
23 Other expenses <b>STMT 5</b>	406.	0.		406.
24 Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23	21,128.	4,500.		16,186.
25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid	37,604.			37,604.
26 Total expenses and disbursements Add lines 24 and 25	58,732.	4,500.		53,790.
27 Subtract line 26 from line 12.				
a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements	-20,390.			
b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)		33,842.		
c Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -0-)			N/A	

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<b>Part II Balance Sheets</b> <small>Attached schedules and amounts in the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only</small>		Beginning of year	End of year	
		(a) Book Value	(b) Book Value	(c) Fair Market Value
<b>Assets</b>	1 Cash - non-interest-bearing			
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	86,633.	149,044.	149,044.
	3 Accounts receivable ▶ Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			
	4 Pledges receivable ▶ Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			
	5 Grants receivable			
	6 Receivables due from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons			
	7 Other notes and loans receivable ▶ Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			
	8 Inventories for sale or use			
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges			
	10a Investments - U.S. and state government obligations			
	b Investments - corporate stock			
	c Investments - corporate bonds			
	11 Investments - land, buildings, and equipment: basis ▶ Less accumulated depreciation ▶			
	12 Investments - mortgage loans			
	13 Investments - other <span style="float: right;">STMT 7</span>	748,293.	700,631.	700,631.
14 Land, buildings, and equipment: basis ▶ Less accumulated depreciation ▶				
15 Other assets (describe ▶ _____)				
<b>16 Total assets (to be completed by all filers)</b>	<b>834,926.</b>	<b>849,675.</b>	<b>849,675.</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses			
	18 Grants payable			
	19 Deferred revenue			
	20 Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons			
	21 Mortgages and other notes payable			
	22 Other liabilities (describe ▶ _____)			
<b>23 Total liabilities (add lines 17 through 22)</b>	<b>0.</b>	<b>0.</b>		
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here</b> ▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>and complete lines 24 through 26 and lines 30 and 31</b>			
	24 Unrestricted	834,926.	849,675.	
	25 Temporarily restricted			
	26 Permanently restricted			
	<b>Foundations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here</b> ▶ <input type="checkbox"/> <b>and complete lines 27 through 31</b>			
	27 Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds			
	28 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg, and equipment fund			
	29 Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds			
<b>30 Total net assets or fund balances</b>	<b>834,926.</b>	<b>849,675.</b>		
<b>31 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances</b>	<b>834,926.</b>	<b>849,675.</b>		

**Part III Analysis of Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances**

1 Total net assets or fund balances at beginning of year - Part II, column (a), line 30 (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	1	834,926.
2 Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	-20,390.
3 Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ <span style="float: right;">SEE STATEMENT 6</span>	3	35,139.
4 Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	849,675.
5 Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	5	0.
6 Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5) - Part II, column (b), line 30	6	849,675.

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**Part IV Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income**

(a) List and describe the kind(s) of property sold (e.g., real estate, 2-story brick warehouse; or common stock, 200 shs. MLC Co.)	(b) How acquired P - Purchase D - Donation	(c) Date acquired (mo., day, yr.)	(d) Date sold (mo., day, yr.)
<b>1a</b> FEDL HOME LN MTG CORP	P	07/14/03	04/01/09
<b>b</b> FEDL NATL MTG ASSN	P	07/09/03	04/01/09
<b>c</b> CLECO POWER LLC	P	05/06/02	08/21/09
<b>d</b> CATERPILLAR FINANCIAL SERVICES CORP.	P	11/15/04	11/16/09
<b>e</b>			

(e) Gross sales price	(f) Depreciation allowed (or allowable)	(g) Cost or other basis plus expense of sale	(h) Gain or (loss) (e) plus (f) minus (g)
<b>a</b> 25,000.		25,000.	0.
<b>b</b> 25,000.		25,000.	0.
<b>c</b> 25,000.		25,000.	0.
<b>d</b> 25,000.		25,000.	0.
<b>e</b>			

(i) F.M.V. as of 12/31/69	(j) Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69	(k) Excess of col. (i) over col. (j), if any	(l) Gains (Col. (h) gain minus col. (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col. (h))
<b>a</b>			0.
<b>b</b>			0.
<b>c</b>			0.
<b>d</b>			0.
<b>e</b>			

2 Capital gain net income or (net capital loss)	{ If gain, also enter in Part I, line 7 If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 7                 }	2	0.
3 Net short-term capital gain or (loss) as defined in sections 1222(5) and (6) If gain, also enter in Part I, line 8, column (c). If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 8		3	N/A

**Part V Qualification Under Section 4940(e) for Reduced Tax on Net Investment Income**

(For optional use by domestic private foundations subject to the section 4940(a) tax on net investment income.)

If section 4940(d)(2) applies, leave this part blank.

Was the foundation liable for the section 4942 tax on the distributable amount of any year in the base period?  Yes  No

If "Yes," the foundation does not qualify under section 4940(e). Do not complete this part.

1 Enter the appropriate amount in each column for each year; see instructions before making any entries.

(a) Base period years Calendar year (or tax year beginning in)	(b) Adjusted qualifying distributions	(c) Net value of noncharitable-use assets	(d) Distribution ratio (col (b) divided by col. (c))
2008	58,922.	1,037,503.	.056792
2007	67,614.	1,327,687.	.050926
2006	67,083.	1,336,369.	.050198
2005	60,006.	1,303,696.	.046028
2004	62,427.	1,273,258.	.049029

2 Total of line 1, column (d)	2	.252973
3 Average distribution ratio for the 5-year base period - divide the total on line 2 by 5, or by the number of years the foundation has been in existence if less than 5 years	3	.050595
4 Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2009 from Part X, line 5	4	812,024.
5 Multiply line 4 by line 3	5	41,084.
6 Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)	6	338.
7 Add lines 5 and 6	7	41,422.
8 Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4	8	53,790.

If line 8 is equal to or greater than line 7, check the box in Part VI, line 1b, and complete that part using a 1% tax rate. See the Part VI instructions.

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**Part VI Excise Tax Based on Investment Income (Section 4940(a), 4940(b), 4940(e), or 4948 - see instructions)**

1a	Exempt operating foundations described in section 4940(d)(2), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and enter "N/A" on line 1. Date of ruling or determination letter: _____ (attach copy of letter if necessary-see instructions)		
b	Domestic foundations that meet the section 4940(e) requirements in Part V, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and enter 1% of Part I, line 27b	1	338.
c	All other domestic foundations enter 2% of line 27b. Exempt foreign organizations enter 4% of Part I, line 12, col. (b)		
2	Tax under section 511 (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-)	2	0.
3	Add lines 1 and 2	3	338.
4	Subtitle A (income) tax (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-)	4	0.
5	Tax based on investment income. Subtract line 4 from line 3. If zero or less, enter -0-	5	338.
6	Credits/Payments:		
a	2009 estimated tax payments and 2008 overpayment credited to 2009	6a	600.
b	Exempt foreign organizations - tax withheld at source	6b	
c	Tax paid with application for extension of time to file (Form 8868)	6c	
d	Backup withholding erroneously withheld	6d	
7	Total credits and payments. Add lines 6a through 6d	7	600.
8	Enter any penalty for underpayment of estimated tax. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if Form 2220 is attached	8	
9	Tax due. If the total of lines 5 and 8 is more than line 7, enter amount owed	9	
10	Overpayment. If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the amount overpaid	10	262.
11	Enter the amount of line 10 to be: Credited to 2010 estimated tax <input type="checkbox"/> 262. Refunded <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	11	0.

**Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities**

	Yes	No
1a		X
1b		X
1c		X
2		X
3		X
4a		X
4b	N/A	
5		X
6		X
7	X	
8a		
8b	X	
9		X
10		X

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**Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities** (continued)

11	At any time during the year, did the foundation, directly or indirectly, own a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," attach schedule (see instructions)			X
12	Did the foundation acquire a direct or indirect interest in any applicable insurance contract before August 17, 2008?			X
13	Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application? Website address ▶ <u>N/A</u>	X		
14	The books are in care of ▶ <u>CATHY L. NORTON</u> Telephone no. ▶ <u>618-587-7091</u> Located at ▶ <u>11167 NORTON ROAD, SPARTA, IL</u> ZIP+4 ▶ <u>62286</u>			
15	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-PF in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year			
		▶ 15		N/A

**Part VII-B Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required**

File Form 4720 if any item is checked in the "Yes" column, unless an exception applies.

		Yes	No
1a	During the year did the foundation (either directly or indirectly):		
(1)	Engage in the sale or exchange, or leasing of property with a disqualified person? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
(2)	Borrow money from, lend money to, or otherwise extend credit to (or accept it from) a disqualified person? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
(3)	Furnish goods, services, or facilities to (or accept them from) a disqualified person? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
(4)	Pay compensation to, or pay or reimburse the expenses of, a disqualified person? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
(5)	Transfer any income or assets to a disqualified person (or make any of either available for the benefit or use of a disqualified person)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
(6)	Agree to pay money or property to a government official? (Exception Check "No" if the foundation agreed to make a grant to or to employ the official for a period after termination of government service, if terminating within 90 days.) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
b	If any answer is "Yes" to 1a(1)-(6), did any of the acts fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4941(d)-3 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see page 20 of the instructions)? Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	1b	
c	Did the foundation engage in a prior year in any of the acts described in 1a, other than excepted acts, that were not corrected before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2009? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	1c	X
2	Taxes on failure to distribute income (section 4942) (does not apply for years the foundation was a private operating foundation defined in section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5)):		
a	At the end of tax year 2009, did the foundation have any undistributed income (lines 6d and 6e, Part XIII) for tax year(s) beginning before 2009? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If "Yes," list the years ▶ _____, _____, _____, _____		
b	Are there any years listed in 2a for which the foundation is not applying the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) (relating to incorrect valuation of assets) to the year's undistributed income? (If applying section 4942(a)(2) to all years listed, answer "No" and attach statement - see instructions.) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	2b	N/A
c	If the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) are being applied to any of the years listed in 2a, list the years here. ▶ _____, _____, _____, _____		
3a	Did the foundation hold more than a 2% direct or indirect interest in any business enterprise at any time during the year? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
b	If "Yes," did it have excess business holdings in 2009 as a result of (1) any purchase by the foundation or disqualified persons after May 26, 1969; (2) the lapse of the 5-year period (or longer period approved by the Commissioner under section 4943(c)(7)) to dispose of holdings acquired by gift or bequest; or (3) the lapse of the 10-, 15-, or 20-year first phase holding period? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine if the foundation had excess business holdings in 2009) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	3b	N/A
4a	Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes?	4a	X
b	Did the foundation make any investment in a prior year (but after December 31, 1969) that could jeopardize its charitable purpose that had not been removed from jeopardy before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2009?	4b	X

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**Part VII-B** Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required (continued)

5a During the year did the foundation pay or incur any amount to:

(1) Carry on propaganda, or otherwise attempt to influence legislation (section 4945(e))?  Yes  No

(2) Influence the outcome of any specific public election (see section 4955); or to carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive?  Yes  No

(3) Provide a grant to an individual for travel, study, or other similar purposes?  Yes  No

(4) Provide a grant to an organization other than a charitable, etc., organization described in section 509(a)(1), (2), or (3), or section 4940(d)(2)?  Yes  No

(5) Provide for any purpose other than religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals?  Yes  No

b If any answer is "Yes" to 5a(1)-(5), did any of the transactions fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4945 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see instructions)?  Yes  No  
Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here  N/A

c If the answer is "Yes" to question 5a(4), does the foundation claim exemption from the tax because it maintained expenditure responsibility for the grant?  Yes  No  
If "Yes," attach the statement required by Regulations section 53.4945-5(d)  N/A

6a Did the foundation, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?  Yes  No

b Did the foundation, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?  Yes  No  
If "Yes" to 6b, file Form 8870.  N/A

7a At any time during the tax year, was the foundation a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?  Yes  No

b If yes, did the foundation receive any proceeds or have any net income attributable to the transaction?  Yes  No

**Part VIII** Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors

1 List all officers, directors, trustees, foundation managers and their compensation.

(a) Name and address	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
HELEN M. PHILLIPS 12826 STATE HIGHWAY KK MARSHFIELD, MI 65706	TRUSTEE 6.00	9,000.	0.	0.
CATHY L. NORTON 11167 NORTON LANE SPARTA, IL 62286	TRUSTEE 6.00	9,000.	0.	0.

2 Compensation of five highest-paid employees (other than those included on line 1). If none, enter "NONE."

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$50,000	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
NONE				

Total number of other employees paid over \$50,000 0

Part VIII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors (continued)

3 Five highest-paid independent contractors for professional services. If none, enter "NONE."

Table with 3 columns: (a) Name and address of each person paid more than \$50,000, (b) Type of service, (c) Compensation. Row 1 contains 'NONE'.

Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services 0

Part IX-A Summary of Direct Charitable Activities

Table with 2 columns: Description of activities, Expenses. Row 1 contains 'N/A'.

Part IX-B Summary of Program-Related Investments

Table with 2 columns: Description of investments, Amount. Row 1 contains 'N/A'. Includes a total line at the bottom.

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**Part X** Minimum Investment Return (All domestic foundations must complete this part. Foreign foundations, see instructions.)

1	Fair market value of assets not used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes:		
a	Average monthly fair market value of securities	1a	824,390.
b	Average of monthly cash balances	1b	
c	Fair market value of all other assets	1c	
d	Total (add lines 1a, b, and c)	1d	824,390.
e	Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation)	1e	0.
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets	2	0.
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	824,390.
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1 1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	12,366.
5	Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	812,024.
6	Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5	6	40,601.

**Part XI** Distributable Amount (see instructions) (Section 4942(j)(3) and (j)(5) private operating foundations and certain foreign organizations check here  and do not complete this part.)

1	Minimum investment return from Part X, line 6	1	40,601.
2a	Tax on investment income for 2009 from Part VI, line 5	2a	338.
b	Income tax for 2009 (This does not include the tax from Part VI.)	2b	
c	Add lines 2a and 2b	2c	338.
3	Distributable amount before adjustments. Subtract line 2c from line 1	3	40,263.
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions	4	0.
5	Add lines 3 and 4	5	40,263.
6	Deduction from distributable amount (see instructions)	6	0.
7	Distributable amount as adjusted. Subtract line 6 from line 5. Enter here and on Part XIII, line 1	7	40,263.

**Part XII** Qualifying Distributions (see instructions)

1	Amounts paid (including administrative expenses) to accomplish charitable, etc., purposes:		
a	Expenses, contributions, gifts, etc. - total from Part I, column (d), line 26	1a	53,790.
b	Program-related investments - total from Part IX-B	1b	0.
2	Amounts paid to acquire assets used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes	2	
3	Amounts set aside for specific charitable projects that satisfy the:		
a	Suitability test (prior IRS approval required)	3a	
b	Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule)	3b	
4	Qualifying distributions. Add lines 1a through 3b. Enter here and on Part V, line 8, and Part XIII, line 4	4	53,790.
5	Foundations that qualify under section 4940(e) for the reduced rate of tax on net investment income. Enter 1% of Part I, line 27b	5	338.
6	Adjusted qualifying distributions. Subtract line 5 from line 4	6	53,452.

Note. The amount on line 6 will be used in Part V, column (b), in subsequent years when calculating whether the foundation qualifies for the section 4940(e) reduction of tax in those years.

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**Part XIII Undistributed Income** (see instructions)

	(a) Corpus	(b) Years prior to 2008	(c) 2008	(d) 2009
1 Distributable amount for 2009 from Part XI, line 7				40,263.
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2009				
a Enter amount for 2008 only			37,490.	
b Total for prior years:		0.		
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2009:				
a From 2004				
b From 2005				
c From 2006				
d From 2007				
e From 2008				
f Total of lines 3a through e	0.			
4 Qualifying distributions for 2009 from Part XII, line 4: ▶ \$ 53,790.				
a Applied to 2008, but not more than line 2a			37,490.	
b Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required - see instructions)		0.		
c Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required - see instructions)	0.			
d Applied to 2009 distributable amount				16,300.
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus	0.			
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2009 (If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a))	0.			0.
6 Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:				
a Corpus Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e Subtract line 5	0.			
b Prior years' undistributed income Subtract line 4b from line 2b		0.		
c Enter the amount of prior years' undistributed income for which a notice of deficiency has been issued, or on which the section 4942(a) tax has been previously assessed		0.		
d Subtract line 6c from line 6b. Taxable amount - see instructions		0.		
e Undistributed income for 2008. Subtract line 4a from line 2a. Taxable amount - see instr.			0.	
f Undistributed income for 2009. Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1. This amount must be distributed in 2010				23,963.
7 Amounts treated as distributions out of corpus to satisfy requirements imposed by section 170(b)(1)(F) or 4942(g)(3)	0.			
8 Excess distributions carryover from 2004 not applied on line 5 or line 7	0.			
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2010. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a	0.			
10 Analysis of line 9:				
a Excess from 2005				
b Excess from 2006				
c Excess from 2007				
d Excess from 2008				
e Excess from 2009				

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**Part XIV Private Operating Foundations** (see instructions and Part VII-A, question 9) N/A

1 a If the foundation has received a ruling or determination letter that it is a private operating foundation, and the ruling is effective for 2009, enter the date of the ruling ▶

b Check box to indicate whether the foundation is a private operating foundation described in section  4942(j)(3) or  4942(j)(5)

	Tax year				(e) Total
	(a) 2009	(b) 2008	(c) 2007	(d) 2006	
2 a Enter the lesser of the adjusted net income from Part I or the minimum investment return from Part X for each year listed					
b 85% of line 2a					
c Qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4 for each year listed					
d Amounts included in line 2c not used directly for active conduct of exempt activities					
e Qualifying distributions made directly for active conduct of exempt activities. Subtract line 2d from line 2c					
3 Complete 3a, b, or c for the alternative test relied upon:					
a "Assets" alternative test - enter:					
(1) Value of all assets					
(2) Value of assets qualifying under section 4942(j)(3)(B)(i)					
b "Endowment" alternative test - enter 2/3 of minimum investment return shown in Part X, line 6 for each year listed					
c "Support" alternative test - enter:					
(1) Total support other than gross investment income (interest, dividends, rents, payments on securities loans (section 512(a)(5)), or royalties)					
(2) Support from general public and 5 or more exempt organizations as provided in section 4942(j)(3)(B)(iii)					
(3) Largest amount of support from an exempt organization					
(4) Gross investment income					

**Part XV Supplementary Information (Complete this part only if the foundation had \$5,000 or more in assets at any time during the year-see the instructions.)**

1 **Information Regarding Foundation Managers:**  
a List any managers of the foundation who have contributed more than 2% of the total contributions received by the foundation before the close of any tax year (but only if they have contributed more than \$5,000). (See section 507(d)(2).)

**NONE**  
b List any managers of the foundation who own 10% or more of the stock of a corporation (or an equally large portion of the ownership of a partnership or other entity) of which the foundation has a 10% or greater interest.

**NONE**  
2 **Information Regarding Contribution, Grant, Gift, Loan, Scholarship, etc., Programs:**  
Check here  if the foundation only makes contributions to preselected charitable organizations and does not accept unsolicited requests for funds. If the foundation makes gifts, grants, etc. (see instructions) to individuals or organizations under other conditions, complete items 2a, b, c, and d.

a The name, address, and telephone number of the person to whom applications should be addressed:  
**CATHY L. NORTON, 618-587-7091  
11167 NORTON ROAD, SPARTA, IL 62286**

b The form in which applications should be submitted and information and materials they should include:  
**LETTER REQUEST**

c Any submission deadlines:  
**NONE**

d Any restrictions or limitations on awards, such as by geographical areas, charitable fields, kinds of institutions, or other factors:  
**NONE**

**Part XV** Supplementary Information (continued)

3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment				
Recipient	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
Name and address (home or business)				
a Paid during the year				
SCHEDULE ATTACHED				37,604.
<b>Total</b>			<b>▶ 3a</b>	<b>37,604.</b>
b Approved for future payment				
NONE				
<b>Total</b>			<b>▶ 3b</b>	<b>0.</b>





FORM 990-PF INTEREST ON SAVINGS AND TEMPORARY CASH INVESTMENTS STATEMENT 1

SOURCE	AMOUNT
WELLS FARGO	16,609.
TOTAL TO FORM 990-PF, PART I, LINE 3, COLUMN A	16,609.

FORM 990-PF DIVIDENDS AND INTEREST FROM SECURITIES STATEMENT 2

SOURCE	GROSS AMOUNT	CAPITAL GAINS DIVIDENDS	COLUMN (A) AMOUNT
FEDERATED HIGH INCOME FUND	3,513.	0.	3,513.
INCOME FUND OF AMERICA	11,986.	0.	11,986.
PUTNAM CONVERTIBLE INCOME	409.	0.	409.
TEMPLETON INCOME TRUST GLOBAL	1,292.	0.	1,292.
WACHOVIA SECURITIES, LLC	4,533.	0.	4,533.
TOTAL TO FM 990-PF, PART I, LN 4	21,733.	0.	21,733.

FORM 990-PF ACCOUNTING FEES STATEMENT 3

DESCRIPTION	(A) EXPENSES PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVEST- MENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME	(D) CHARITABLE PURPOSES
ACCOUNTING	2,280.	0.		2,280.
TO FORM 990-PF, PG 1, LN 16B	2,280.	0.		2,280.

FORM 990-PF TAXES STATEMENT 4

DESCRIPTION	(A) EXPENSES PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVEST- MENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME	(D) CHARITABLE PURPOSES
EXCISE TAX	442.	0.		0.
TO FORM 990-PF, PG 1, LN 18	442.	0.		0.

FORM 990-PF	OTHER EXPENSES			STATEMENT	5
DESCRIPTION	(A) EXPENSES PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVEST- MENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME	(D) CHARITABLE PURPOSES	
SAFE DEPOSIT BOX RENTAL	35.	0.		35.	
STATE OF ILLINOIS FEE	115.	0.		115.	
MISCELLANEOUS	196.	0.		196.	
POSTAGE	60.	0.		60.	
<b>TOTAL TO FORM 990-PF, PG 1, LN 23</b>	<b>406.</b>	<b>0.</b>		<b>406.</b>	

FORM 990-PF	OTHER INCREASES IN NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES	STATEMENT	6
DESCRIPTION		AMOUNT	
UNREALIZED APPRECIATION ON INVESTMENT SECURITIES		35,139.	
<b>TOTAL TO FORM 990-PF, PART III, LINE 3</b>		<b>35,139.</b>	

FORM 990-PF	OTHER INVESTMENTS		STATEMENT	7
DESCRIPTION	VALUATION METHOD	BOOK VALUE	FAIR MARKET VALUE	
SCHEDULE ATTACHED	FMV	700,631.	700,631.	
<b>TOTAL TO FORM 990-PF, PART II, LINE 13</b>		<b>700,631.</b>	<b>700,631.</b>	

THE M. ALBERTA HAMILTON CHARITABLE TRUST #37-6366318  
 FORM 990-PF

GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS PAID DURING THE YEAR

RECIPIENT NAME AND ADDRESS	RECIPIENT STATUS	PURPOSE OF GRANT	RECIPIENT RELATIONSHIP	AMOUNT
MARISSA BOY SCOUTS 411 N. GRACE, MARISSA, IL 62257	PUBLIC CHARITY	GENERAL	NONE	\$3,000.00
MARISSA CUB SCOUTS 505 PIN OAK LN, MARISSA, IL 62257	PUBLIC CHARITY	GENERAL	NONE	\$3,000 00
VILLAGE OF MARISSA, ILLINOIS - ATHLETIC ASSOC 212 N MAIN, MARISSA, IL 62257	PUBLIC CHARITY	GENERAL	NONE	\$3,000.00
MARISSA GIRL SCOUTS 405 S. MAIN, MARISSA IL 62257	PUBLIC CHARITY	GENERAL	NONE	\$2,500 00
MARISSA COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 40 300 SCHOOLVIEW DRIVE, MARISSA, IL 62257	PUBLIC CHARITY	GENERAL	NONE	\$7,375 00
MARISSA AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT 212 N. MAIN, MARISSA, IL 62257	PUBLIC CHARITY	GENERAL	NONE	\$2,800.00
VILLAGE OF MARISSA, ILLINOIS - PARK DEPARTMENT 212 N MAIN, MARISSA, IL 62257	PUBLIC CHARITY	GENERAL	NONE	\$6,286.00
MARISSA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 216 E GLENN, MARISSA, IL 62257	PUBLIC CHARITY	GENERAL	NONE	\$3,400.00
MARISSA HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY 301 SOUTH EUCLID, MARISSA, IL 62257	PUBLIC CHARITY	GENERAL	NONE	\$3,243.00
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF MARISSA - SONBEAM PRESCHOOL 308 SUNRISE, MARISSA, IL 62257	PUBLIC CHARITY	GENERAL	NONE	\$3,000 00
				<u>\$37,604 00</u>

**THE M. ALBERTA HAMILTON CHARITABLE TRUST  
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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**2009 and 2008**

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## INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS' COMPILATION REPORT

Trustees  
The M. Alberta Hamilton  
Charitable Trust  
Marissa, IL

We have compiled the accompanying statements of assets and net assets – modified cash basis of the M Alberta Hamilton Charitable Trust (a non-operating private foundation) as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, and the related statements of revenues, expenses, and net assets – modified cash basis for the years then ended, and the accompanying supplementary information as listed in the table of contents, which is presented only for supplementary analysis purposes, in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The financial statements have been prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles.

A compilation is limited to presenting in the form of financial statements information that is the representation of management. We have not audited or reviewed the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on them.

Management has elected to omit substantially all of the disclosures ordinarily included in financial statements prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting. If the omitted disclosures were included in the financial statements, they might influence the user's conclusions about the trust's assets, net assets, revenues, and expenses. Accordingly, these financial statements are not designed for those who are not informed about such matters.

*J.W. Boyle & Co., Ltd.*

J.W. BOYLE & CO., LTD.

April 27, 2010

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**THE M. ALBERTA HAMILTON CHARITABLE TRUST  
(A NON-OPERATING PRIVATE FOUNDATION)**

**Statements of Assets and Net Assets - Modified Cash Basis  
December 31, 2009 and 2008**

**ASSETS**

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Cash - Wells Fargo	\$ 149,044	\$ 86,633
Investment Securities	<u>700,631</u>	<u>748,293</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 849,675</u>	<u>\$ 834,926</u>

**LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS**

Liabilities	\$ -	\$ -
Net assets - unrestricted	<u>849,675</u>	<u>834,926</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 849,675</u>	<u>\$ 834,926</u>

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**THE M. ALBERTA HAMILTON CHARITABLE TRUST  
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**Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Net Assets - Modified Cash Basis  
Years Ended December 31, 2009 and 2008**

	2009	2008
<b>Revenues</b>		
Ameren - gas lease	\$ -	\$ 461
Unrealized gain (loss) on investment securities	35,139	(363,164)
Dividends - Federated High Income Fund	3,513	3,248
Dividends - Income Fund of America	11,986	12,582
Dividends - Putnam Convertible Income Growth Trust	409	363
Dividends - Templeton Income Trust Global Bond Fund - Class A	1,292	2,040
Interest - Wells Fargo	16,609	23,666
Dividends - Wells Fargo	4,533	18,429
Realized gains on sale of investment securities	-	120
Total revenues	73,481	(302,255)
<b>Expenses</b>		
Marissa Boy Scout Troop No. 327	3,000	-
Marissa Cub Scout Troop No. 327	3,000	-
Frieden's United Church	-	9,750
Village of Marissa, Illinois	9,286	4,500
Marissa Community Unit School District No. 40	7,375	1,000
Marissa Township	-	1,196
Marissa Girl Scouts	2,500	1,500
Marissa Presbyterian Church	-	2,000
Marissa Fire Protection District	-	5,000
Marissa Area Public Library District	2,800	2,500
Marissa Historical & Genealogical Society	3,244	6,865
Marissa Chamber of Commerce	3,400	2,500
First Baptist Church of Marissa	3,000	6,000
U S Post Office	60	58
Excise tax on investment income	442	755
Illinois Charity Bureau	115	15
Trustee fees	18,000	19,000
Box rental	35	35
Accounting fees	2,280	2,180
Miscellaneous	195	135
Total expenses	58,732	64,989
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses	14,749	(367,244)
Net assets, beginning of year	834,926	1,202,170
Net assets, end of year	\$ 849,675	\$ 834,926

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**THE M. ALBERTA HAMILTON CHARITABLE TRUST  
(A NON-OPERATING PRIVATE FOUNDATION)**

**Schedule of Investment Securities  
December 31, 2009**

		Description	Basis	Fair Value
<b>EQUITIES</b>				
300	shs	Chevron Corp.	\$ 12,124	\$ 23,097
1,000	shs	General Electric Co.	38,933	15,130
13,250	shs	Regions Financial Corp. New	265,884	70,093
		Total equities	<u>316,941</u>	<u>108,320</u>
<b>FIXED INCOME</b>				
97,000		Firstmerit Bank NA, interest at 5.45%, certificate of deposit, matures 3/12/10, Akron, OH, semi-annual payment, federally insured, par value 100% at maturity	97,000	97,831
25,000		Caterpillar Financial Services Corp., interest at 6%, matures 9/15/11, medium term power notes	25,000	26,899
25,000		Verizon Maryland Inc., interest at 6.125%, matures 3/1/12, notes	25,004	26,699
25,000		Illinois, interest at 5.45%, matures 3/1/15, Development Financial Authority Revenue-Chicago West Side Energy Project Taxable Series 2020, MBIA bank entry, original issue discount 99.369%	25,004	23,906
25,000		Minneapolis & St. Paul, MN, interest at 6.85%, matures 1/1/22, Metropolitan Airport Community Revenue General Obligation RFDG 15, double barreled, taxable book entry, original issue discount 99.77%, SNKR, matures 1/1/18	26,192	26,226
25,000		General Electric Capital Corp., interest at 5.25%, matures 11/15/19, internotes	25,000	24,176
		Total fixed income	<u>223,200</u>	<u>225,737</u>
<b>MUTUAL FUNDS</b>				
6,289.718	shs	Federated High Income Bond Fund - Class A	51,981	45,286
735.722	shs	Putnam Convertible Income Growth Trust	13,159	12,809
2,449.503	shs	Templeton Income Trust Global Bond Fund - Class A	22,044	31,158
17,903.324	shs	Income Fund of America	307,723	277,321
		Total mutual funds	<u>394,907</u>	<u>366,574</u>
		Total of investment securities	<u>\$ 935,048</u>	<u>\$ 700,631</u>

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**THE M. ALBERTA HAMILTON CHARITABLE TRUST  
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**Schedule of Investment Securities  
December 31, 2008**

	Description	Basis	Fair Value
<b>EQUITIES</b>			
300 shs	Chevron Corp.	\$ 12,124	\$ 22,191
1,000 shs	General Electric Co.	38,933	16,200
13,250 shs	Regions Financial Corp. New	265,884	105,470
	Total equities	<u>316,941</u>	<u>143,861</u>
<b>FIXED INCOME</b>			
97,000	Firstmerit Bank NA, interest at 5.45%, certificate of deposit, matures 3/12/10, Akron, OH, semi-annual payment, federally insured, par value 100% at maturity	97,000	100,052
25,000	Caterpillar Financial Services Corp., interest at 6%, matures 9/15/11, medium term power notes	25,000	25,397
25,000	Verizon Maryland Inc., interest at 6.125%, matures 3/1/12, notes	25,004	24,493
25,000	Cleco Power LLC, interest at 6.05%, matures 6/1/12, AMBAC insured notes	25,000	25,012
25,000	Illinois, interest at 5.45%, matures 3/1/15, Development Financial Authority Revenue-Chicago West Side Energy Project Taxable Series 2020, MBIA bank entry, original issue discount 99.369%	25,004	22,772
25,000	Minneapolis & St Paul, MN, interest at 6.85%, matures 1/1/22, Metropolitan Airport Community Revenue General Obligation RFDG 15, double barreled, taxable book entry, original issue discount 99.77%, SNKR, matures 1/1/18	26,192	26,351
25,000	FHLMC, interest at 4.0%, matures 7/15/13, notes	25,000	25,006
25,000	FNMA, interest at 5.125%, matures 7/6/18	25,000	25,024
25,000	General Electric Capital Corp., interest at 5.25%, matures 11/15/19, internotes	25,000	22,391
25,000	Caterpillar Financial Services Corp., interest at 5.5%, matures 11/15/24, power notes	25,000	20,688
	Total fixed income	<u>323,200</u>	<u>317,186</u>
<b>MUTUAL FUNDS</b>			
5,718.290 shs	Federated High Income Bond Fund - Class A	48,468	29,964
708.437 shs	Putnam Convertible Income Growth Trust	12,750	8,331
1,411.835 shs	Templeton Income Trust Global Bond Fund - Class A	20,753	26,213
17,015.911 shs	Income Fund of America	295,737	222,738
	Total mutual funds	<u>377,708</u>	<u>287,246</u>
	Total of investment securities	<u>\$ 1,017,849</u>	<u>\$ 748,293</u>

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