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A SHORT BRIEF HISTORY OF THE FAMILY OF MOSES HILL AND HIS WIFE SAVILLA  
(RESIDENTS OF FAIRFIELD DISTRICT (COUNTY) SOUTH CAROLINA)

This brief history of the family of Moses Hill is not to be considered final, but is accurate enough to at least be submitted for others interested in the subject, to have access to the information.

It is hoped that someone in the future, with more information, will establish contact with this complier, in order to exchange information and to learn more of OUR family.

The origins of Moses Hill remains unknown, although there is some indication of Halifax County, North Carolina as the origins of his family.

Moses Hill's wife was Savilla N. Roden, daughter of Thomas Roden and Mary Potts.

When Moses Hill died in 1821 in Fairfield County, S.C. his family apparently stayed in the area until about 1831, then his widow, along with their son George Washington Hill, daughters Sarah and Rebecca (and their families) moved to Greene County, Alabama..where they lived out thier lives.

They are buried in an old cemetery located near Pleasant Ridge, Ala., (Greene County) along with several other former South Carolina residents.

Thomas Hill, the 1st child and son of Moses Hill, died in 1824, in Fairfield County, and his family remained in the area until ca 1831, when his widow, Jemima (Woodward) Hill along with her daughter and her family (Charlotte Hill m. Moses Cockrell) moved to Noxubee County, Mississippi.

Nothing is known of the other children of Thomas Hill, except for the son Nathaniel Barrett Hill. He moved to Columbia, S.C. in the early 1830's, became a successfull business man in Columbia, and was elected as "sheriff" of Richland District in November of 1848...He resigned from that office ca March 1851 in order to run his personal business ventures, which was a steamship line that made runs between Columbia and Charleston.

This firm was known as "Stalker & Hill Co." and his partner was one Gilbert Stalker.

Nathaniel Barrett Hill (born ca 1811 in Fairfield County, S.C.) was married to Judith Eliza (?) Stewart and there has been some unconfirmed information that she was 1st married to a Frank McCullough, although not one piece of evidence has been found to support this information.

Nathan & Judith Hill lived in Columbia and they had 5 children, 4 sons and 1 daughter. All 4 of the sons fought in the Confederate Army, with one son (John) killed in or near Richmond, Virginia ca 1864.

Those children were Woodward D. Hill (b. 10 Sept. 1837), William Stewart Hill (born 1839), daughter Eliza M. Hill (born 1 June 1840), John (born 1844) and Lawrence Barrett Hill (born 13 December 1848).

In 1857 the daughter Eliza, married Henry C. Nunnemaker, who lived next door to the Hills (in Columbia) and she lived in the area the rest of her life, dying in Columbia on 19 April 1923.

Woodward Hill was seriously injured in the war, was medically discharged, but later returned to duty as a "commissioned" officer. He did survive the war, married in 1866 to Sally Elizabeth Rucker of Lexington County, S.C. They lived there the rest of their lives, or at least in the general area. Woodward died in the Old Soldier's Home in Columbia on the 27th November 1919.

William Hill was captured in the war, but survived and married Susan Jane Mobley. They moved back and forth between Union County and Columbia, where William died ca 1885-1886 in Columbia.

John never married and was killed in Virginia, as a result of wounds in the war.

Lawrence joined the army when only 13 year old, was a drummer boy, and moved to Mississippi, where he married twice and raised a family of 3 with each wife (3 children). He died there in 1914.

Woodward D. Hill taught school near Sandy Run S.C. (Lexington Co.) after the war. He and his wife had 9 children. Sally died in April 1901, and he remarried to a widow Mrs. Kimble, but she died shortly afterwards. (no issue of this marriage).

Of the nine children of Woodward D. Hill one was the fourth child, a son named Peter Joseph Hill (born 31 October 1874) in Lexington Co., S.C. He married Mary Jane Rickenbaker on 28th December 1900 in Lexington Co., S.C. She was the daughter of Fred George Rickenbaker and his 1st wife, Mary Elizabeth Furtick, both of Lexington County. (NOTE: REFERENCE TO THE LOCATIONS PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED AS LEXINGTON COUNTY, TODAY THIS AREA IS CALHOUN COUNTY, SC AS OF 1908).

Pete Hill and his wife Mary Jane, had 3 children, a son NOLTON RAYMOND HILL and two girls, Gertrude and Flora. They lived near St. Matthews, S.C., until Pete died in late 1906. He is buried in the churchyard of the Congree Baptist Church, near St. Matthews, S.C.

His widow remarried between 1910-1915 to William J. Lambert, and they moved ca 1915 to Portsmouth, Virginia. They had no children of their own, and Mr. Lambert was a carpenter and worked in the shipyard in Portsmouth. Mary Jane died in 1971 on January 7th, and is buried in Portsmouth, Va.

Nolton Hill (later to become Sr.) started boxing professionally but gave it up and went into the laundry-dry cleaning business in Portsmouth, Va and during WW II operated the largest laundry in Portsmouth. He later went into real estate-contracting business. He died on 31 July 1972 and is buried in Portsmouth, Va. He married Minnie Ola Blow of Bertie Co., N.C., and had two sons, Nolton Jr., and Robert R Hill (Sr.) and the compiler of this brief history.