

DATA.029 INFORMATION ON WOODWARD D. HILL, OLDEST SON OF
NATHANIEL BARRET HILL & WIFE JUDITH E. STEWART

CENSUS DATA THAT RELATES TO THE FAMILY OF WOODWARD D. HILL

1870 CENSUS OF LEXINGTON COUNTY S.C. (TAKEN 23 AUGUST 1870)

Head of Household	age	Occupation
Woodward Hill	33	school teacher
Sarah	24	keeps house
Emma	2	
Sarah	1	

(My Note: The family lived in area of Sandy Run, located today in Calhoun County, about 10-15 miles SE of Columbia.

1880 CENSUS OF LEXINGTON COUNTY (TOWNSHIP OF SANDY RUN) Taken on 12th June 1880

Head of Household	Age	Occupation
Woodward D. Hill	42	school teacher
Sallie E.	37	keeps house
Emma *****	13	
Sallie E. *	11	
Barrett *	8	
Peter *	5 (grandfather)	
James	2	
William	1/2 (born in May)	

***** (Age of Emma wrong, see below)

* (My Notes) Birth dates are as follows, Emma born 14th Feb. 1868 (shld be age 12 not 13; Sallie E. born 18th Feb. 1869 and her age of 11 seems right; Barrett was born 8th October 1871 and age of 8 is correct; Peter (Peter Joseph Hill) was born 31st October 1874 and his age of 5 is correct.

1900 CENSUS OF LEXINGTON COUNTY S.C. (TOWNSHIP OF SANDY RUN)

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Family No.	187	Age	Mo.	Born Yr.	Place of Birth
Head of Household					Indvl Father Mother
Woodard D. Hill	62	Sept	1838*	SC	SC SC
Sarah	54	Aug	1846*	SC	SC SC
Peter J.	24	Oct	1876*	SC	SC SC
William	20	May	1880	SC	SC SC
Soonie (Sue)	17	April	1883	SC	SC SC
Beulah L. (Lee)	14	Jan.	1886	SC	SC SC
Mike (age not legible)		Oct	1889?	SC	SC SC

* (These years of birth wrong, Woodard born 1837, Sarah born 1845, Peter J. born 1874

IMPORTANT NOTE: Who ever gave this information was about a year off on the ages, from Woodward down to and including Peter, the rest were ok. It should also be noted that the

name of Woodward was now spelled WOODARD. That is the way his name was known among his family and is also spelled that way on his death certificate, however in a letter wrote by his father, he is addressed as Woodward and is listed that way in all previous Census Records.

Woodward D. Hill was obviously named after the maternal side of his grandparents. His grandmother was Jemima Woodward (m. Thomas Hill). His great grandparents on the maternal side were Reverend William Woodward and Nancy Elizabeth Barrett.

Woodward served in the Confederate Army, (7th S.C. VOLUNTEERS, COMPANY C, INFRTY), and appears to have originally enlisted for State duty on April 21, 1861, but his outfit was mustered into the Confederate Army on May 23, 1861.

He was injured in the skirmish at Pocotaligo (S.C.) and was medically discharged on September 11, 1861. He returned to duty on 7th February 1862, promoted from Sergeant to Lieutenant on 16th October 1863. (Reference "S.C. Troops in Confederate Service" by Salley, Vol. II, page 82).

Service Records shows that Woodward was in and around Petersburg at the close of the war and was in charge of a "Pioneer Brigade" (engineers). His daughter, Beulah L. (Hill) McQuatters told me that he was present when his younger brother John died from wounds received in the war.

From the service records of Woodward, we have knowledge that he returned home, while recovering from his injuries and we also know that he was in Columbia (while still in service) and records from the Richland County Court, shows that he purchased the home that once belonged to his parents on Lumber Street in Columbia. He purchased it in 1863 and sold it in 1865. (It is suspected that his mother, Judith (Stewart) Hill, died just prior to his selling the house, probably in 1864 or 1865.

In Columbia, Woodward became involved in an incident with Union Troopers, that were occupying the town, struck one and fled into the community of Sandy Run, to avoid arrest. Sandy Run was located in then nearby Lexington County, but in 1908 became Calhoun County. It is about 10 to 15 miles Southeast of Columbia.

He came upon the farm of William Rucker and his family, who hid him from the Union Troops. He never left the farm and later in 1866 married a daughter of William's, named Sally Elizabeth Rucker. Later they inherited the farm when Sally's widowed mother passed away.

The marriage of Woodward in 1866 is confirmed by statements from his daughter Beulah and the 1900 CENSUS which states

they were married 34 years.

Testimony by his son Michael Hill and Beulah Lee (Hill) McQuatters, confirmed that Woodward Hill was a school teacher. My grandmother Hill's brother, Charlie Rickenbaker, was one of his students. Charlie stated that he was a very strick teacher and would not tolerate with any foolishness.

Information from Charlie Rickenbaker and other Hill family members, stated that Woodward was brought to the school house on Monday mornings by one of his sons (horse and wagon). Due to the distance and slowness of transportation, when school let out on Monday, he would go to the home of a student, spend the night, come to school the next day and then to another students house each school night, gradually working his way closer to his home. On Friday, after school, a son would again pick him up and take him home for the week end.

My grandmother stated that Woodward was also a Justice of the Peace, but after talking to several of the older people who knew him, it has been determined that he was only a "Notary Public," ofeten witnessing and signing documents for the neighbs and was mistaken for a Justice of Peace.

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