

DATA.074      BRIEF SUMMARY ON GREEN (BERRY) HILL OF UNION COUNTY S.C. (SEE DATA.04B ON MY GENEALOGY DISK #2) FOR ESTATE OF HIS FATHER, THOMAS HILL.

"THE HOLLIS-HILL CONNECTION THROUGH GREEN BERRY HILL, OF UNION COUNTY S.C.," BY JEANNETTE M. CHRISTOPHER.

On the tombstone of M. Caroline Hollis, in the cemetery of Padgett's Creek Baptist Church, it is recorded that she was born March 30, 1819, died May 19, 1899, and was the wife of Wesley Hollis. Claude Sparks, in his "History of Padgett's Creek Baptist Church," made the notation that she was the daughter of GREEN HILL & JANE HILL.

[Note by Robert Hill...The 1860 Census of Union County list Green Hill as Green Hill as GREEN BERRY HILL].

There are no deeds, and there is no estate indexed in the Union Courthouse in Green Hill's name but on November 10, 1874 Elizabeth Gordon, Mary A. Ray, Hillard Hill and Sarah Ray, by her attorney, W.S. Gregory, legal heirs of GREEN HILL, deceased, deeded 199 and 1/2 acres, part of the Green Hill homestead, to Wesley Hollis for \$ 578.55. The tract was bound by Hillard Hill (who was living in Spartanburg County South Carolina, in 1871), Major Fant, Gilliam Huckaby, and the estate of W.M. Ray. Witnesses to the deed were D.H.Sheldon and R.M. Stevens, and the deed was proved by R.M. Stevens in Richland County, S.C., on December 6, 1911. Wesley and Caroline Hollis sold this same tract to Simpson E. Ray and Richard C. Ray on January 1, 1878. Both deeds were recorded in 1911.

"Green Hill, died June 22, 1870" and "Jane Hill, wife of Green Hill, Daughter of Aaron Starnes, died January 2, 1874, aged 75 years," are buried at Padgett's Creek Baptist Cemetery.

Green Hill was the son of Thomas Hill, who died in Union County S.C. in 1825. Heirs named in Thomas Hill's estate file (BOX 14, PKG 21--and listed in my data.04b on Genealogy Disk No. 2) were his widow, Mrs. Mariam Hill, Sampson Gilliam and wife, Hosea Canady and wife, James Willard and wife, John Huff, in his own right and as guardian for the children of his late wife, Martha Huff, Green Hill, William Hill, Bird Hill, Berry Brooks and wife and Ira Casey and wife.

Map 10 of "Land Grant Maps," published by the Union County Historical Foundation, shows Thomas Hill on Elisha's Creek of Enoree River, adjoining Jesse Dodd, Tilman Bobo, James Ford and Moses Nix. No acreage and no date entered.

In 1797, Thomas Hill Senior, of Union County, for \$ 300 deeded 200 acres "whereon I now live" on the north side of Enoree River to John O'Dell Hill also of Union County. The land had been granted to Thomas Hill on December 24, 1772.

Thomas Hill served in the Revolution in Brandon's Regiment, and was probably related to Henry Hill who, with his wife Elizabeth, sold 100 acres adjoining Thomas Hill on the north side of Enoree River to John Hill in 1798. All of the parties to the deed were of Union County, and the deed was witnessed by John Pearson, John Hendricks and Robert Hill, names that indicate that this Hill family was related to the Hill family of Newberry and Laurens Counties who came to South Carolina from Maryland. In 1820 John O'Dell Hill, with dower release by wife Margaret Hill, sold 362 acres on the north side of Enoree River to Captain Bernard Glenn of Union County, land that had been granted to Thomas Hill Senior and Henry Hill.

Thomas Hill, father of Green (Berry) Hill, married Mariam (or Miriam) Murphy, the daughter of Simon and Sarah (Duke) Murphy, who came to Union County S.C. from Virginia.

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