

GA.001 INFORMATION ON A SAMUEL B. HILL AND OTHER HILL
FAMILIES OF GEORGIA.

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There were several Hill Families in and near Jackson County, Georgia and Samuel Hill's antecedents have not come to light in this survey. While not necessarily the same man, a letter for one Samuel B. Hill was left unclaimed on January 18, 1819 in the Claiborne, Alabama territory Post Office. Many Georgians were looking over Alabama land in those days and Samuel may have made a trip to the new territory.

Note by Robert Hill: In the 1840 census of Fairfield County, South Carolina, a Samuel B. Hill under 80 years of age, is listed along with some teen age children and a female age 40. This may or may not be the same man, and it is possible that he had a son who was the father of these children and had died. The female could have been the widow of his son.

For example, the names of Abram and Theophilus Hill, Vines Collier, Jeremiah Beeson and others familiar in Oglethorpe and Jackson Counties of Georgia were found on Mississippi Territory petitions as early as 1802 (Carter, Territorial Papers, Vol. 18, Page 538, and Vol. 5, page 165).

There is some slight evidence, not much more than a hunch, that Samuel was of a North Carolina family that came by way of Pendelton District (County), S.C. rather than the earlier Hill families found chiefly in Wilkes and Oglethorpe Counties records, although this family also had Jackson County connections.

Note: Samuel B. Hill was not in the 1800 Census of Pendelton District, S.C.

While Georgia records say Thomas Hill was one of the earliest settlers in Jackson County, in 1799, he was taxed for 790 acres originally granted to Josiah Woods.

Josiah Woods was a resident of Franklin County, Virginia, and apparently remained in Georgia a very short time. He married Sarah, daughter of Henry Hill and his wife, Sarah Cotten. Henry was born in North Carolina in 1730, served in the Revolution and died in Wilkes County, Georgia.

The widow Sarah, died on 13th November 1812 and Josiah and Sarah Woods are mentioned in her estate settlement.

(Davidson's, Early Records of Georgia, Vol. 2, pages 136, 238; Georgia Roster, page 90 and other records.)

Whether Thomas Hill of Jackson County was of the large family to which Henry Hill belonged, or of the Hill family in Henry or Franklin Counties of Virginia, which appears related, is not certain. Thomas Hill's land, referred to above, was on Barber's Creek, now in Barrow County, and fought in Captain Preston Reynold's company.

Thomas also bought on 2nd of August 1798 (Deed Book CD, P. 103) 200 acres on Robert's Creek, part of a tract of 920 acres, originally granted to Josiah Woods prior to 1797. Thomas Hill appears in the 1805 Jackson lottery and appears to have died or moved on before long. Thomas Hill of Oglethorpe County, died in 1816. In 1820, a Thomas Hill was in Hall County and another in Richmond County, Georgia.

An Isaac Hill was on the Jackson Creek jury in 1797 and in 1799 was taxed for land on Sandy Creek in Captain Samuel Kelough's district.

Isaac Hill purchased land from Samuel Gardener on 4th November 1797 and additional land on March 17, 1802 from John Cobbs of Clarke County, Georgia. Isaac was enumerated in 1820 in Clark County and was in Clarke's 1827 lottery in Herndon's district, at which time he drew Muscogee County land granted 13th November 1832. He left a will in Clarke County. Isaac Hill was in Wilkes County, Georgia by 17th March 1784, when he married Nancy Crane (John and Spencer Crane were living near Isaac Hill in Wilkes Co. in 1785 as shown in the tax list.)

This Isaac Hill was born on 10th February 1761 in Chowan County, N.C. In 1767 the family moved to Wake County, N.C., where Isaac at age 19, enlisted in the militia (Pension Application W-3812) and subsequently to Wilkes County, Georgia.

In 1827, Isaac Hill, the veteran, was in Clarke County. Other Hills listed were Anderson Hill who was in Franklin County; Thomas (2), Thomas' orphans, Joshua, Ambrose, Berry, James and William in Gwinnett County; Mordecai Hill, Revolutionary Soldier (drew Muskogee and Lee Counties Land granted 1830 and 1838), Catherine, widow of a Revolutionary soldier, Benjamin, Isaiah, Joseph L., Sarah, widow of a Revolutionary soldier, and widow Nancy in Jasper County; *Enoch Hill 5/ and George W. Hill 6/ in Henry County; James Hill and widow Sarah in DeKalb County; Jesse (a boy) and Elias in Newton County; Isaac, Hinton A., Amos and Percilla, widow of a Revolutionary soldier, in Habersham County; and Jeremiah and Magdalin in Hall County.

*Enoch Hill 5/ was son of William Hill Sr. 4/ & Charity

Lewis, of Chatham Co., N.C. and was a grandson to Robert Hill 3/ & wife Tabitha Hill of Halifax County, N.C. George W, Hill 6/ was a son of Enoch Hill 5/.

Isaac Hill applied from Clarke County for a pension on 14 May 1833 and his widow Nancy applied there on 14 October 1844. The children of this couple included: Elizabeth, Sarah, Elender, Christian, Middleton, Charlotte, Mary and Frederick (named in pension application); other children named in the Georgia register, Page 90, were Isaac Hill Jr., Olivia, Catherine, Nancy and Eudoria (?).

Marvel Hill was on the 1805 Jackson County tax list (McKeever's); Jesse, John and Thomas in the 1805 lottery list, Lucy and Salley in the 1807 lottery; and among marriages of the first decade of the 1800's were Richard Hill to Salley Elliott; Nancy Hill to Jacob Aubrey; Peggy Hill to Samuel Cleaton; and Peggy Hill to James Hood, all in Jackson County, Georgia.

Among those enumerated in 1820 only Samuel B. Hill was listed in Jackson County. Other Hills listed were: Elias Hill and Isaac Hill in Walton County; *Enoch Hill in Washington County; John, Rachel and Thomas Hill in Hall County; John, James, James A. and B.B. Hill in Jasper County; and in Gwinnett County (No. 66) Edward Hill; (No. 673) James Hill; (No. 397) John Hill; (No. 473) John Hill Jr; (No. 474) John Hill Sr.; (No. 662) Joseph Hill; (No. 551) Joshua Hill; and (No. 533) William Hill.

* (This was same Enoch Hill 5/ that earlier was in Washington County above).

A John Hill moved from S.C. to Franklin County, Georgia soon after it was established in 1784 and settled on the Appalachee; his son Edward never married and his son Joshua married Cinthia Ridgeway, and had children Joshua, Joseph (married Sarah McClung), and Edward (married Ella Mullins), according to Flannigan (History of Gwinnett County, Georgia, Vol. 2, page 485).

In 1820 in Oglethorpe County, Georgia there was Abraham Hill, Henry Hill, Miles Hill, Sarah and Theophilus Hill and in 1827, there was Walton P. Hill; In 1820 Wilkes County, Georgia were Abraham Hill, John Hill, and Wiley Hill (and in 1827 there was Burwell P. Hill, James Hill, Ludowick Hill and James H. Hill).

Abraham Hill, the Revolutionary Soldier, was born in 1732 and married in 1756 to Christian Walton, the daughter of Thomas Walton, In Chowan County, N.C. (where in 1760 an older Abraham Hill named his children in his will the following: Henry, Abraham, Theophilus and Judith Hill).

Abraham Hill served in the Virginia and (Wake County) N.C. troops and subsequently the Hills, Waltons and Popes are found in Wake County, N.C.).

Abraham Hill moved by 1779 to Wilkes County, Georgia (now Oglethorpe County) and in 1785 was shown in Captain Autry's (Autry's?) company with 17 slaves and 2250 acres of land. His neighbors included Allen Kelough, Benjamin Blake and Benjamin Jordan. Abraham Hill died on 4th February 1792 and in his will (Wilkes County, Georgia and dated 23 November 1790/29th February 1792) he named his wife Christian and his children:

1. John Hill (Roster, page 89).
2. Abraham Hill Jr. (1759-1818) married on 5th May 1791 to Elizabeth McGehee, daughter of Micajah McGehee (Ref. George R. Gilmer's "Sketches of Some of the First Settlers of Upper Georgia, Page 127)- he had two children, Abram and Elizabeth Hill, who married her cousin Blanton Meade Hill, son of Miles Hill (see Oglethorpe County Returns of Estates 1815-1830, pp. 315, 326 et seq);
3. Judith Hill married Josiah Jordan.
4. Clara Hill (1763-1798) married Henry Augustine Pope (1760-1807) and had children named John and Sarah, both named in the will of Abraham Hill's will. After Clara's death, Pope married in Oglethorpe County on 27th May 1799, to Mary Davis, and left a will (Oglethorpe Book B, page 10, dated 10th November 1807/14th January 1808) naming his children as Middleton, Sally Middleton Pope, Benjamin, Henry Jefferson Pope, and Clary.
5. Sarah Hill (1765-1816) married Benjamin Blake and after his death she remarried Joseph Smith on 26th October 1799. (She is rendered erroneously as Black in one published work). Smith's will (Oglethorpe Book B, page 74, dated 30th September 1812/28th January 1813) left a number of slaves which Sarah in her will (Book b, page 126) passed on to her children, Benjamin, Mary (wife of James) Jordan and Henry, allowing one slave Aley the choice of a future master.
6. Henry Hill (1767-1829) married Elizabeth Andrew, daughter of Benjamin Andrew. Henry left a will (Oglethorpe County Book C, page 75, dated 5th August 1824/1829) naming wife and children Whitman Cocke Hill and Mary A. Echols.
7. Theophilus Hill, (1769-1829) married Polly Jordan (see Benjamin Jordan's Wilkes County estate).
8. Noah Hill (1771-1805) married on 28th September 1796 to Nancy Ann Pope (1780-1805), daughter of Burwell Pope (Oglethorpe Will Book A, page 92, 1799/1800) and left a will

(Book A, page 152, dated 25 February 1805/20th June 1805) naming children: Alexander Franklin Hill, Walton Pope Hill, and Pauline Hill. Walton P. Hill's will (Book C, page 27, 1826) named his sister Paulina (sic) and brother in law John Hardeman.

9. Miles Hill (1774-1844) married on 26th January 1795 to Tabitha Pope, daughter of Burwell Pope. Miles left a will (Oglethorpe Book D, page 147, dated 16th April 1842/proved 13 January 1845) and named his five children: Hampton W. Hill, Blanton Meade Hill, and Melinda Ann Hill, born 12th December 1804, who married Nicholas Tallaferro on 8th February or 24th 1824 (see Taliaferro Bible, Virginia Genealogist, Vol. 2, No. 3, page 117).

10. Wylie Hill (1775-1844) married Martha (Patsy) Pope, another daughter of Burwell Pope on 29 March 1799.

11. Mary Hill (1777-1849). The Georgia Roster gives no marriage, however Abraham in his will mentioned grandson Whitman Cocke. Henry Hill had a son Whitman Cocke Hill and one Mary Cocke, a widow, was living in Wilkes County, Georgia in 1819 and several Mary Hills married in Oglethorpe County, one to Wiley Pope in 1794, thus her marital status is uncertain.

12. Thomas Hill married Sally McGehee, sister to Abram's wife Betsy. After the death of Thomas Hill, his widow, Sally McGehee Hill, remarried Dyonysius (sic) Oliver on 14th February 1839 in Oglethorpe County. Gilmer says Sally was the prettiest girl on the frontier and that the Olivers "went west." Was Thomas Hill the owner of early Jackson County land and was he the same Thomas Hill, who died in Oglethorpe County in 1816, leaving a wife and six children, including Amelia Emily, who married James A. Hill on 9th October 1818 or was it another Thomas Hill? Oliver was previously married to Lucinda, a sister of Sally McGehee on 27th December 1810.

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