

Information on Nolton Raymond Hill Sr. The only son of Peter Joseph Hill and Mary Jane Rickenbaker.

Nolton Raymond Hill Sr was born on October 23, 1901 in what was then Lexington county SC (later became today's Calhoun Co. in 1908) and when his father died, Mary Jane Hill remarried a second time to Mr. William James Lambert and they moved with Nolton's two sisters to Portsmouth, Va. (ca 1915).

Nolton Boxed professionally a short time and was a very good musician. He played Dixieland music which was popular in those days. He played guitar, tenor banjo and mandolin and had his own band known as the "Dixie Ramblers". He married Minnie Ola Blow in Portsmouth, Va on March 17, 1922.

Nolton gave up music and boxing and during the depression of the 1930's drove a laundry truck. Eventually he bought the laundry and when World War II broke out he operated the largest "Laundry and Dry Cleaning business" in Portsmouth, Va. Due to the large naval operations in the area, two hospitals plus civilian needs, the laundry ran 24 hours a day.

After the war his health went bad so he went into real estate and the contracting business and was very successful until he had to retire due to bad health in 1970.

Nolton Raymond Hill Sr died on July 31, 1972 and is buried by his wife in Greenlawn Memorial Cemetery in Portsmouth, Virginia. They had two sons: Nolton Raymond Hill Jr (N.R.) and Robert Ray Hill Sr.