

L.009 THIS IS SOME GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING LEONARD HILL IN CLARK COUNTY KENTUCKY (SENT BY MRS. BUSHNELL OF BIRMINGHAM ALABAMA)....WHICH INCLUDES A PROPOSED GENEALOGY.

Entered in June 1989 by Robert R. Hill of Brandon, Fla.  
Up dated in August 1995.

Note by Robert Hill: This data was originated by Mrs. Bushnell, which has been left unchanged. Based upon my research and that of Mr. Chuck Martin (a Dunford ancestor) I have made new or additional entries to this data, (in bold print). Also the name of Dunsford has been spelled as as Dumport, Dumford, Dunford etc.. all the same name..

#### 1810 CENSUS OF CLARK COUNTY KENTUCKY LEONARD HILL

1 male (10-16 years) (b. 1794-1800) son MOSES HILL  
1 male (16 to 26 years) (b. 1784-1794) son JOHN HILL  
1 male (over 45 yrs.) (b. before 1765) LEONARD HILL

1 female 10 to 16 yrs. (b. 1794 to 1800) Sarah (Hill) Lillard  
1 female 26 to 45 yrs. (b. 1765 to 1784) (suspect Rachel Dunsford, born in 1775 in N.C.)  
1 female over 45 years (Rachel Dunsford??) (suspect Susannah Dunsford)

#### PROPOSED GENEALOGY OF LEONARD HILL FAMILY LEONARD HILL b. ca 1763 (HOW DID SHE ARRIVE AT THIS?)

d. October 1825 Clark Co., Ky. age 62 years  
m. 1st ca. 1787 ELIZABETH (in S.C.) (Dunford?)  
m. 2nd ca. 1789 Susannah Dunsford  
m. 3rd ca. 1792 Rachel Dunford

There is no record of any marriage to either Susannah or Rachel Dunford and children appear to have been born out of wedlock. b

NOTES by Robert R. Hill Sr: Regarding Dunsford Genealogy...Mrs. Bushnell states following & gave no source of information: MICHAEL MUMFORD (DUNFORD) was an early Dutch settler in Clark Co, Ky. and supposedly Susannah & Rachel were his daughters.

Mrs Bushnell also states that a Thomas Hill (Revolutionary Soldier) was in Fayette County Ky., who's dates are (b. 1761-d. 1852). Could this be a brother of Moses & Leonard who moved from S.C.????

Note by Robert Hill Sr: This Thomas Hill was the son of Jonathan Hill of Berkley County, S.C. They moved into Camden District (Fairfield County, S.C.) prior to moving to

Kentucky. Leonard Hill seems to have had a brother named Thomas Hill (wife Judith) who remained in S.C.

Leonard Hill was in Fairfield County S.C. prior to 1789...I have a document where Susannah Dunford signed a deed as a witness for Leonard Hill in Fairfield County in 1785.. The children of Leonard Hill were:

1. daughter MARY HILL, b. ca. 1789, (daughter of Susannah Dunsford), m. 1st on 9 August 1804 to James Gibson Sur: LEONARD HILL; married 2nd time to Nathan Williford. Note: Chuck Martin says the 1850 census indicates her birth was in 1785 in Kentucky. I strongly question the Kentucky location & suspect it was S.C. I think she was the eldest child, based upon her earlier date of marriage.

2.. dau. ELIZABETH HILL, b. ca. 1791 (daughter of Susannah Dunsford) married 27 March 1809 to John Foster, "Consent by Leonard Hill for daughter." Note: Chuck Martin states 1850 census gives birth of 1780 in Virginia, which would appear in making her the eldest child. I question this census data, especially the Virginia location and think it was in S.C.

3. dau. SARAH HILL b. ?? (ca. 1792 & daughter of Susannah Dunsford) married on 12 Sept. 1818 Matthew Lillard, Sur: JOHN HILL. Note: I believe Sarah was a daughter of Leonard Hill & Rachel Dunford and 1810 census indicates she was born between 1794-1800 in Kentucky.

Note: Moses Hill also named his first two daughters as Sarah and Ekuzabeth,

Following were children of Leonard Hill & Rachel Dunsford

4.. son JOHN HILL b. ca. 1793 (named as son of Rachel Dunsford) married 6 June 1812 to Mary "Polly" Ecton, dau. of Smallwood Ecton. Note: His age in 1810 Kentucky census shows his birth was between 1784 and 1794. I feel certain he was the eldest son.

a. dau. Rachel Hill, b. ?? m. 20 Aug. 1845 Richard Littrell

b. son, Leonard Hill, b. ?? m. 12 October 1842 Jane Litrell

c. dau. Elizabeth Hill, b ?? m. 28 Nov. 1842 Franklin Bridges

d. son George Hill, b. 1822 m. 14 October 1842 Angeline Green (b. 1823)

e. son Thomas Hill, b. ?? m. 10 March 1847 Portia Combs

f. dau. Mary "Polly" Hill b. ?? m. 12 Jan. 1841 George  
W. Praid

5. son MOSES HILL, b. (?) married 1st 6 January 1826 Maria  
Wilson, daughter of Jarrod Wilson, Sur: JOHN HILL. 2nd  
marriage on 9th Sept. 1833 to Mary "Polly" Brown, Sur:  
William Brown. Note: Chuck Martin says his age in the 1850  
census indicates birth was 1794 in Kentucky. I agree!

NOTE by Robert R. Hill Sr.: The above genealogy was drawn up  
by Mrs. Bushnell, who appears to have had access to lots of  
data that she did not explain...the information seems to  
agree quite a bit with the will of Leonard Hill and I have  
made a very few adjustments to this, to agree with facts  
stated in Leonard Hill's Will..

SOURCE: "THE PROUD LAND, A HISTORY OF CLARK COUNTY, KY.  
(VOL 2) BY DR. A. GOFF BEDFORD.

page 228...."The Heronimus family was fighting for their  
lives. Francis Heronimus was suing Nicholas Evans in 1806 and  
Radford McCargo. McCargo was an active Bondsman, a Constable,  
and a promoter. Francis Heronimus complained that McCargo  
exceeded a Court Order to take said Francis Heronimus'  
horse. He did it on a Sunday during church but got the wrong  
horse. In September Term of 1806, Francis Heronimus combined  
with Nicholas Easton to sue John Henderson. In April Term  
1807 (Court), Francis Heronimus sued Samuel Martin. In July  
Term 1809 (Court), John George, sued Francis Heronimus &  
Benjamin Heronimus. Robert Key sued Henry Heronimus and  
LEONARD HILL and James Ward sued Francis Heronimus.

page 313...(1818) LEONARD HILL was the proprietor of the  
HERONIMUS WAREHOUSE. It handled 208 hogsheads (of Tobacco)  
and could hold about 200 more. Its roof was bad. The Court  
described it as a mere shelter. It had no counting room. Its  
scales were bad. It had only 560 pounds of iron weights.

BUSH QUISENBERRY, who inspected the warehouse, was obviously  
"not impressed."

page 314....In October 1819, James Stonestreet was to inspect  
the HERONIMUS WAREHOUSE. In November 1819, there was a list  
of contemporary operators of warehouses.

William & Thomas Bush (BUSH'S WAREHOUSE  
LEONARD HALL (Hill) (HERONIMUS WAREHOUSE)

page 442....(1819) Walter Moberly built LEONARD HILL a brick  
building and the said HILL did not like and refused to pay  
for. The Court made him do so.

Page 444....(1819) LEONARD HILL vs. HENRY CALLOWAY

As to the witnesses to the Will of LEONARD HILL, in July 1825, Richard French was a member of the Bar of Clark County, Ky. after 1812. Richard French lived on the county line and chose Clark County for the early part of his legal practice before moving to Montgomery Co., Ky.

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Now in looking into the ACCOUNTS of SALES of land & Negroes of Leonard Hill, dec'd. which was made the 15th December 1825 by Thomas C. Green & Tandy Quisenberry, Agents & Attys. in-Fact, for the Legatees of said Leonard Hill, dec'd, of Clark Co., Ky.

Item # 2.... 27 & 1/2 acres on Gore-s? Creek @ \$3 per acre, Samuel Ribelon purchased.

Item 3 .... 188 acres on Kentucky River in Clark County @ \$ 6.68 3/4 per acre---purchased by NATHAN WILLIFORD (son in law & husband of Mary, Hill, dau. of Leonard Hill).

Item # 4....175 acres (or 195 acres?) purchased by JOHN HILL of land located on the south side of Kentucky River in Madison Co., Ky. (He was son of Leonard Hill).

Then his list of slaves:

"Matt"...a man (probably elderly) "Florah" (prby elderly)

"Peter"..a man "Hannah" " "

"Willis".a man

Sometimes the names of the elder slaves are a great help in placing these families.

Apparently LEONARD HILL with 13 slaves in 1810 (he was taxed for that number) was a man of substantial means in Clark County Kentucky. He was a large land owner from the acreage sold at his death. Most of the men who were witnesses to his will and also appointed his Executors were originally from the Culpeper County, Virginia area.

LEONARD HILL was certainly an early HILL name in ESSEX COUNTY VIRGINIA.

Note by Robert R. Hill : There were 3 known generations of Leonard Hills in one family, in Essex County Virginia, a grandfather, father & son...so far I have been unable to connect this Leonard Hill to the one in Essex County, Virginia. The Leonard Hill, of Clark County Kentucky, first lived in Fairfield County S.C., where he moved from to Kentucky ca. 1789. It appears that Leonard Hill was a brother of Moses & a Thomas Hill (not the one in Ky.), all 3 having fought in the Revolution in S.C. I have documentary proof that Leonard Hill was in Fairfield County as was Susannah Dunsford.

Madison County Kentucky...DEED BOOK K, PAGE 366, DATED 20TH JUNE 1818..

JOHN HERONIMUS & CHARLOTTE, his wife, of Madison County Kentucky, to LEONARD HILL of Clark County Kentucky, for \$ 1,000 conveys 150 acres in Madison County Kentucky, lying 3 miles below Boonesborough and bounded:

Beginning at a "botdder and clue" (??) on branch of Kentucky River and on the lower side of a branch known as Ervine's Spring Branch, etc. to Matthew Dobbin's land etc..to LUTTRELL's land.

Wit/. John Foster, MOSES HILL, Elizabeth Foster..

NOTE BY R. HILL: John Foster married Elizabeth Hill and it was she along with her half brother MOSES HILL that signed the deed. Moses was son of Rachel Dunsford while Elizabeth's mother was Susannah Dunsford. (Ref: Will of Leonard Hill, recorded in BOOK 6, Page 30 (1825) in Clark Co., Ky.).

Madison County Ky, DEED BOOK L, Page 190, dated 13 August 1815.

Peter Logsdon to JOHN HILL for \$ 45.00 conveys a tract of land on Paint Lick Creek...(that was all that was provided)  
WAS THIS THE SAME JOHN HILL, SON OF LEONARD?

Madison Co., Ky. Deed Book L, page 187, dated 24 December 1815. James Downing of Bath Co., Ky. to JOHN HILL of Madison County Ky., for \$ 350 conveys 200 acres, it being a part of 750 acre tract & surveyed of my father's James Downing, dec'd, and adjoining on an "old line" dividing the land of James Downing, dec'd, Craig's survey & Isaac Burton's dec'd.

Clark Co. Ky., Will Book ? Page ? Estate of DAVID TINSLEY, dec'd) Inventory 25 April 1798. Appraisers: William Tinsley, LEONARD HILL, Caleb Browning, Richard Hickman.

Madison Co., Ky.- MARRIAGES

Solomon Dumford (Dunsford) married Susannah Knott on 12 January 1797.

Fayette Co., Ky. Tax List 1790

LEONARD HILL in Fayette County Ky., on 11 January 1790.

Samuel Hill in Fayette County Ky., on 19 March 1790.

John Hill in Fayette County Ky., in 1790.

Clark County Ky., (INDEX TO DEEDS FROM 1795-1826)  
Leonard Hill and Fanny, his wife, to...(rest was not copied).

Note by Robert Hill...Could this be Elizabeth, the S.C. wife????).

Clark County Ky., (Deeds from 1815-1871).  
Moses Hill and Maria (Wilson), his wife to...

Clark County Ky., (Deeds from 1815-1871).  
John Hill and Polly (Ecton), his wife to...

Clark County, Ky. Deed Book ??? Page ?? 1826  
Leonard Hill to John Hill, 50 acres in Madison County, Ky.,  
(sent by letter to Mrs. Bushnell on 13 October 1969 by  
Catherine Owen, but not documented).

Clark County Ky, Will Book ??? Page ???, dated 6th November  
1838.....WILL OF SMALLWOOD ECTON Probated  
22 April 1844..

wife: NANCY (2nd wife)

1. son Thomas Ecton
  2. son Burgess Ecton
  3. son John Ecton (b. 1790)
  4. son Theodore Ecton
  5. son Horatio Ecton
  6. dau. Elizabeth (Ecton) Ragland
  7. dau. Mary (Ecton) Hill, wife of John Hill, son of Leonard
  8. dau. Margaret "Peggy" (Ecton) Martin, wife of John Martin.
- /Wit. Thomas Hart, Michael Flynn.

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