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Dear Cousin Bob,

Thanks for your last letter dated September 3rd. In the interim, I have again been out of town and had out of town visitors. Next year will be the 50th Reunion of my graduating high school class and I am the Chairperson - much to my chagrin. Usually, organizing and creating events are just my cup of tea, but right at the moment all I want to do is to concentrate on finding Benjamin and Richard Hill of North and South Carolina, maybe Virginia, Georgia and perhaps Alabama. This family certainly moved around alot until Benjamin settled in District 96 or Abbeville County for the 1810 Census. And then Richard, my great-great grandfather, his brothers Samuel Lane and Hamilton and sisters Charity, Christiana, Lucretia, Frances and Elizabeth are all named in his will when he died in 1839 - I guess my question is where were all these people born and what happened to them after the war between the states. Thank goodness for your correspondence because it does give direction to my Grandmother Hill and her connection - kind of!

Following are the numbers of the invaluable printouts that you have forwarded to me concerning the Hills, Woodwards; the history of their arrival in America, lives they led as well as ancestors they produced. Your research is indeed thorough and I truly appreciate your sharing it with me. The numbers follow:

M - 015, 016, 017, 018, 019, 030, 023, 028, 041, M022, M024

N - 02, 03, 05, 06, 07, 09, 10, N.05, N.01, W.04

R - 070, 124, T - 009, V - 005, DATA - 013, 014, 025

T.016

Plus, there were three long letters also containing valuable information which helps to explain various kin who were names I have heard but did not listen for that closely, regrettably. Also, it is a known fact that some of my relatives embellished their children's talents in order to impress their siblings. We used to laugh about that when my father told stories about his childhood - walking ten miles in the snow to school, etc. He could always tell a good story. He would always tell about the competition between his brother William and him when playing sports because his brother was the better musician and my father did not play any instruments. William had a band in New York as did his brother Richard Hill who died this year. I spent a week with Richard's daughter and wife and they told me the same kind of stories about the brothers.

Now, to my research. I have found nothing at the LDS History Center that you have not sent me. At the St. Louis County Library, there are numerous books to peruse, but they are reference books and they have to remain in the stacks. Staying all day at the library is hard for me to manage very long, but I do go once a week for about three or four hours. I think I will be in Miami for Christmas this year and plan to go to the Miami Herald Archives and research William Hill who my aunt Judith thinks was some kind of an editor or writer before 1930 and died in Miami. Perhaps I will find an obituary for him. I do wish the my aunt Judith Hill Garner was in better health and could remember better. She tells lots of information but not necessarily answers to the questions I am asking. Well, again, thank you for the info and keep in

touch!

Truly,
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