Dear Cousin Bob,

Yes, I am still plugging away on my "Hill" genealogy and getting more obsessive each day. On June 7th, I will be traveling to Columbia, South Carolina to attend an Elderhostel at the University of SC concerning the settling of the state - how all the counties were formed and named plus "researching southern ancestors". This was what caught my eye!

I have also submitted my application for membership to the St. Louis Chapter of the DAR and will be going in under my Grandmother Bertha Hill's and Aunt Judith Hill Garner's registration. The only problem there is when they both joined, detailed, certifiable credentials and dates were not required to be documented as they are with this chapter and now I am researching all those important dates. Your papers concerning Nathaniel Barrett Hill were doubly much appreciated. I also have decided that my membership will allow use of the records submitted by others and perhaps I can document my Grandfather James Hill heritage. Hopefully, one of those eleven children of Benjamin Hill had children that were interested in genealogy and put it down somewhere on paper.

So, I am following in you and your son's footsteps to Columbia, SC with the hope that I find as much information as you two did on your trip. My computer took a long time to reload - now I backup onto a floppy disk - and that is about how as far as I have gotten. Nothing new to report on either side of where we left off on our last correspondence in December. but I did want to keep in touch with you and I will share later in the summer when I return home and reorganize my notes.

Hope all is well with you and your family and if you have ideas or suggestions about Columbia, SC and the University of SC, please let me hear.

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