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Dear Jim,

I have just received your two books entitled "The Hill Family" and I sure appreciate your sending them to me very much. I have not yet had time to read them except to glance at the beginning of Book One and that was enough to get me all fired up. Thus this letter, and I do hope you will not mind my questions. The answers could be very important to the both of us.

I am greatly interested in the statement made on Page 4 of Book One, where you state that Quote: "He (meaning Jonathan) is believed to be the son of Moses Hill who came to Fairfield District in South Carolina in 1730 or 1731 and settled on the "Little River." A very large colony of Scotch-Irish Presbyterians moved into the Fairfield area and Moses Hill was believed to be among them." End of Quote.

Would you be so kind as to explain the source or basis for this statement? I know of the Irish settlers in the area but where did you see a Moses Hill listed among them. Most, who have searched my Moses Hill (b. 1757-58) have always felt his father was a Thomas Hill. I on the other hand have speculated he was also named Moses, so quite naturally I am interested.

My 4th great grandfather was the same Moses Hill that you mention as being born in 1758 and who fought in the Revolution. I think I told you on the phone that I was highly suspicious of a Leonard Hill and a Thomas Hill (wife Judith) being brothers to this Moses Hill. All three fought in the Revolution.

I have lots of data that may or may not tie into your research. It is long, tricky and gabby, due to my analysis of the situation, but I will tell you that there is a lot of circumstantial evidence that may connect our Hill Families..

Now a good reporter will not just print a story unless he has ample evidence on the subject at hand to make it a reportable subject. While I am not a reporter, historian or even a genealogist, I too would like to know if such a story exists and (in this case) do not want to get too excited until I know that there was a Moses Hill who came to South Carolina in 1730 or 1731. Again, what is the basis for this statement?

Please do not be offended by this question but it very vital for me to know and I need your help. So far (after 15 years of researching) you are the only one that has ever offered a solid clue for me, thus I hope you understand.

If he did exist, then we will have a lot to discuss and I will be sending more information to you. The data will be long, complicated and I have to admit, I will probably have to be gabby in order to get my ideas across, so much so that I will have to send it in bits and pieces.

My Moses Hill was born ca. 1757-1758 and died on 1st July 1821 (at age of 63) and is buried in (what was) the yard to his house. His date of birth is based on the age given on his death date, taken from the tombstone inscription of his wife (Savilla N. Roden), who was buried in Green County, Alabama in August of 1844.

It states he died on 1st July 1821 in the "63rd year of his age." A simple analysis indicates a birth of 1758 BUT what if he had not reached his birth date in 1821 before dying...it could have been sometimes after 1st July thus his birth would have been in 1757.

Moses Hill was a Private in the S.C. Militia in the Revolutionary War. I feel that he was the elder brother to

Leonard Hill, who ca. 1787-89 moved to Kentucky and also to a Thomas Hill, who lived in the same area of "Little River" of today's Fairfield County, S.C. Leonard Hill sold his land to the Thomas Hill (wife Judith) and Thomas later sold it to Richard Hill, a son of William Hill and a grandson to Charles Hill Sr.

I also think Charles Hill Sr. (born on or before 1728) was the "uncle" to my Moses Hill. (I feel I have proof of this and will explain later to you). If I understand you correctly, then if this be true then he (Charles Hill) would also be an uncle to your Jonathan Hill too.

To date we have not found any connection of my Moses Hill to your Jonathan Hill, unless you can provide it. (I certainly am not ruling out the possibility).

My Moses Hill had a daughter named Elizabeth HARRISON Hill. He had a grandson (son of James Hill) named WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON HILL, born 27th August 1813 in Union County, S.C. and who died on 25 December 1824.

I don't think that the name of Harrison was by chance either, I think and have always thought there was a connection to the Harrison Family as well, but have not as yet found it. I have wondered if my Moses Hill's mother was a Harrison and think this Hill Family came either from Maryland or northern Virginia. Again no definite proof. Leonard Hill, named a son Moses as did my Moses Hill, causing me to suspect their father was a Moses Hill too. (The father named Moses possibly being a brother to your Jonathan and the above Charles Hill). I do not think my Moses Hill, who was born ca. 1757-58 was a TWIN to your Thomas Hill, maybe a brother but no twin.

Are you aware of a Josiah Hill of the same area of South Carolina, also moving to Kentucky?

I shall be waiting anxiously for your reply and comments.

Sincerely,

Robert R. Hill Sr.