631 S. Echo Drive Brandon, Fla. 33511 June 22, 1990

Mr. Steven A. Wolfe HCR 5007 Clover Lane Homer, Alaska 99603

Dear Mr. Wolfe,

I have received your request for genealogical information on James Alexander Hill, born November 1828 in Darlington County, S.C. I apologize for being slow in responding but have just got home from the hospital after having open heart surgery.

Darlington County (as you know) was just loaded with Hills and the early 1800s...and that was my original area of researching but I quickly found out my family came from Fairfield County, S.C. and dropped my research in Darlington County. Thus I am sorry to say I have nothing definite to give to you.

In the 1940s a Leonardo Andrea (genealogist who lived in Columbia S.C.) researched several families including the Hill family. He died many years ago. I have that collection and found the following:

## DARLINGTON COUNTY S.C. WILLS

- 94. Elijah Hill Sr., on Sparrow Swamp and called "My father" is mentioned in will of John Hill.
- 95. John Hill, (son of # 94) will signed 4 Aug. 1847, probated 3 Nov. 1848, mentions his plantation on Sparrow Swamp in Darlington, where my father Elijah Hill Sr. lives, and by lands of Ezekiel Hill. No wife is listed. Children: James Hill; Memberence Hill, my son is dead and his share to go to his widow, Anna Hill for his only child, Emily Salina Hill; Elijah Hill Jr; & Levi Hill. /Wit. James D. Sansbury, James Sansbury & J.D. Sansbury.
- 96. Amos Hill, of Sparrow Swamp, will signed 23 Sept. 1853, probated 17 Oct. 1853, Wife simply referred to as my beloved wife and not named. Children: Issiah Hill; Elizabeth Ann Sansbury; John Ellis Hill Ex.; William Thomas Hill; Michael Record Hill Ex. & see as Ex. in # 95; Eliza Phillips; Moty Rogers; Calvin Hill; Zaccheus Hill; James Hill; Comfort Jones, deceased; Amos Hill Jr.; & Emily Adaline Jones. (Perhaps Amos is brother of # 95). /Wit. Elias Phillips, Martin Morris & J.E. Byrd.
- 97. John Schaf or Schaif of Darlington & Sparrow Swamp, a

will signed 12 Dec. 1846, probated 15 Feb. 1849, wife Emmili Schaif, Children: Choloe Hill; Zelpha Seymour; Mary Hill; Riley Schaife; Ezekiel Schaff & Saram Morris. Grandchildren named were: Sarah Oliver, John Riley & Morris & William Seymore. EXS: son Riley Scaife & son in law, William Morris./Wit. James Newberry, William Sanders & Robert Lawhorn. I wonder if these two daughters, Choloe and Mary Hill are wives of the John Hill (# 95 and the Amos Hill # 96)?

End of Andrea Collection.

Does any of the above look familiar to you? I noticed in the 1840 census a James Hill with a son under 15...your James could be him if born in 1828.

Suggestion...Look over the children's names....what was the name of the first born son of your James A. Hill? He likely could have been named for his paternal grandfather and does offer a clue to work on.

Perhaps the above will offer some type of clue for you. I am sorry that I can not be of more help.

Sincerely,

Robert R. Hill