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Dear Mrs. Colmer,

Your letter requesting information on a Hill Family of Edgefield County, S.C. was received and I will do what I can. I can provide you some information on Needles Hill, but you may already have it. I can tell you who his father and grandfather were.

Now regarding the S.C. information, from what little data I have it appears that the wife of your John Hill Sr. (of Edgefield County, S.C.) was named JEANE and not Jane, thus I have doubts that she was Jane Morgan, 1st wife of Needles Hill. Did you not say John Hill Sr. came from N.C.? Are you sure of the connection to Needles Hill?

Data from other sources as well as the Information from Christ Church Parish in Middlesex Co., Va. shows the following:

Genealogical information from Virginia shows an immigrant named Robert Hill being the father of a Thomas Hill, but it does not prove he was the father of the following Thomas Hill. There is said to be (without proof) that a William Hill (of Maryland, later Middlesex County, Va.) was the father to the following Thomas Hill, but no proof.

Thomas Hill 2/ (listed as 2nd generation) m. Ann Russell. (How he is listed as 2nd generation without knowledge of his father is beyond me).

Their son William Hill 3/ m. Frances Needles. They had 2 sons: Russell Hill 4/ & Needles Hill 4/.

Needles Hill 4/, b. 12 Aug. 1725. He married twice: 1st to Jane Morgan; 2nd to Letita Morgan (They may have been sisters).

Now the interesting thing here is that this is the same Hill family that the CSA General A. P. Hill descended from, but through Russell Hill, brother of Needles Hill.

Needles Hill 4/ and his brother Russell Hill 4/ later moved to Culpeper County, Virginia.

Needles Hill 4/ and 1st wife are listed as having only one son, Humphrey Hill 5/, b. 5th April 1755.

By his 2nd wife Letita Morgan he had:

Mary Hill 5/.

William Hill 5/ m. Jane Morgan. (I suspect a son named Thomas Needles Hill too).

I see no listing for a son named Thomas Hill, fathered by Needles Hill 4/, but it seems to me in my works that I remember coming across a Thomas Needles Hill. If you can share with me any more details I will certainly be grateful.

Russell Hill 4/ (brother of Needles Hill)

b. 23 Feb. 1717, baptized Christ Church Parish in Middlesex Co., Va. on 21st April 1717. He married twice: 1st Anne Stokeley
2nd Ann Towles

children: (mother's names not given) See attached data.

Frances Hill 5/, b. 26th Jan. 1737, baptized 26 Jan. 1737.
William Hill 5/, b. ca. 1740/41, married Frances Wood,
(Another source says Jane Wood)???

Henry Hill 5/, b. 1743, m. Mary Bledsoe.

children:

Robert Hill 6/, b. 7th Oct. 1772

Frances Hill 6/, b. 5 Aug. 1775, d. 1853.

Capt. Ambrose P. Hill 6/, b. 1785, said to veteran of War of 1812.

Ann Hill 6/, b. 5th Oct. 1786. Thomas Hill, b. 3rd Oct. 1789, m. Francis R. Baptist. he died 5th Jan. 1857. They the parents of CSA General A. P. Hill.

John Hill 6/, no dates given.

I suspect that the above data on Needles Hill 4/, is incomplete, (Think there are more children) thus I suggest checking on the Hills of Culpeper County, Virginia where both Russell & Needles Hill lived.

Now for some South Carolina Data: The following was taken from the Andrea Collection. Mr. Andrea was a popular S.C. genealogist, (now deceased) who in the 1950s did considerable research on several families, including the Hill family.

Based on the land grants below, it appears that a John Hill was in Edgefield County by 1785 and may have participated in the Revolutionary War.

John Hill, 196 acres on Turkey Creek, a Revolutionary Bounty,
4th July 1785. (Turkey Creek in Edgefield Co., SC).

The following are land grants in Edgefield County, S.C.
(after the Revolution)...for John Hill:

John Hill Sr., 300 acres in Edgefield, 5 Sept. 1790.
John Hill, 122 acres and 50 acres in Edgefield, 6 Feb. 1791.
John Hill, 8 & 1/2a in Edgefield on Turkey Creek, 2 May 1803.
John Hill Jr., a 14a island called Pearson in Broad River,
1st Apr. 1805. (This may not be in Edgefield
County).

Following taken from the Andrea Collection: (Edgefield Co.,
S.C.). Note that the wife of John Hill Sr. is JEANE not Jane,
thus I wonder if your assuming she was Jane Morgan, 1st wife
of Needles Hill 4/, up in Virginia, is correct?

78..John Hill Sr., a will signed 23 Aug. 1804, probated 7
Oct. 1807, wife Jeane Hill & she to have what is now
occupied by Nancy Stidham, (wife of John Stidham)? All my
children have gifts from me of senior date and are not named.
Grandsons: John Hill & William Hill, sons of deceased son,
John Hill. EXS: My sons, William Hill, Frederick Hill &
Travis Hill. /Wit. Burrell Ross, Stephen Elmore & John
Matthews.

79a. John Hill Sr., a will signed 23 Aug. 1804, probated 7
Oct. 1804, wife JEANE HILL Ex., and to have the place now
occupied by Nancy Stidham. Children & no surnames for any:
John, Nancy, Thomas & Polly. /Wit. John Blocker Sr., William
Glenn & John Mitchell.

80. John Hill, will signed 16 Oct. 1812, probated 4 Aug.
1813, no wife listed. "My children have from me gifts of a
senior date, which I confirm." Grandsons: John Hill, William
Hill, sons of John Hill, deceased. EXS: my sons, William,
Travis & Frederick Hill. /Wit. Burrell Ross, Stephen Elmore &
John Matthews. (NOTE: In other words, there were originally
four sons, but John Hill (Jr.?) died, leaving only William,
Travis and Frederick Hill as survivors.

1790 Census Information taken from the Andrea Collation:

110. Edgefield County in 96 District & included present
county of Edgefield, parts of Aiken, Saluda & McCormick.
Ann Hill 0-0-4 Ebenezer Hill 2-1-2 George Hill 1-0-1
William Hill 2-0-1 John Hill 2-1-3 Samuel Hill 1-1-4
Lodowick Hill 1-1-4

I do trust that some of this information will be of help to
you. I will keep on looking and will send to you what ever I
find (if anything).

Sincerely,
Robert R. Hill Sr