

M.027 GENEALOGY DATA ON THE JAMES HILL FAMILY (BY JEANNETTE CHRISTOPHER). THIS ALSO INCLUDES GENEALOGY OF THE GLENN FAMILY OF VA. & S.C.

James Hill was born in Fairfield County, South Carolina on November 21, 1782. He was the (2nd child) and son of Moses Hill, who died in Fairfield County on 1st July 1821, aged 63, and Savilla (Roden) Hill, who died in Greene County Alabama in 1844, to which place she had moved with her son George Washington Hill and several other members of her family. She was born in 1759 and was the daughter of Thomas Roden and Mary (Potts) Roden of Chester County S.C. but originally of Maryland.

On June 120th, 1806, James Hill married Susannah Glenn, the daughter of James and Elizabeth (Bowles) Glenn of Chester County. James and Susannah Hill moved to Fishdam (Carlisle) in Union County where they lived for the rest of their lives. They built a log barn, which is still standing, and a big log house in which they lived for several years. Eventually they built their permanent home, a large two-story white house on top of a high hill, just north of the present town of Carlisle. Construction of the house required several years and it was completed during the 1820's. Named HILLSIDE for the family, and also because of its site, the house is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is presently owned and occupied by Jeannette May Christopher (compiled of this data) a great-granddaughter of James & Susannah Hill. Mrs. Christopher's children are the fifth generation of the same family to occupy the house.

James Hill bought many tracts of land, farmed extensively, and supported the Methodist Church, both financially and spiritually. At one time he and his son in law, CHARNER T. (TERRY) SCAIFE, owned a store in the Fishdam area, which was known as the firm of HILL & SCAIFE. (SEE NOTE BELOW). He shipped his cotton by boat down Broad River to Columbia and Charleston where it was exported to England and New England by the cotton factor who handled it for him. Once or twice a year he would make trips "down country" (Charleston) to settle up with the firm that represented him and to buy supplies for the coming year. The only foods purchased were items that could not be raised on the farm--coffee, tea, sugar, salt. Cotton and wollen materials were woven at home, but he always brought back fancy materials and trimming for his wife and daughters--velvet, silk, satin ribbons, lace, fancy buttons and an occasional piece of jewelry. And needles-many needles! Items for use on the farm including coils of rope, balls of twine, bars of iron and barrels of tar. He subscribed to newspapers and bought books--he had a sizeable library. He meticulously saved receipts of bills paid and the statements that he received from his cotton factors, which give interesting sidelights on the time period

in which he lived.

NOTE: Reference made to James Hill's cotton exports...his older (deceased brother Thomas Hill) had a son named Nathaniel Barrett Hill, who operated a business with Mr. Charner Terry Scaife, the business partner of James Hill. This firm operated in Columbia & Charleston and is believed to be somehow tied in with the cotton business and while James Hill's and Scaife's store was known as HILL & SCAIFE, indicating James was the senior partner, Nathan's business with Scaife was listed in Columbia & Charleston as "SCAIFE & HILL" indicating that Scaife was the senior partner.

Another point of interest...Nathan Hill was also part owner of a steamship line that operated from Columbia to Charleston and his partner in this adventure was Gilbert Stalker. This firm was known as "STALKER & HILL." IT is almost a certainty that they were involved with James Hill in the shipment of his cotton from Columbia down to Charleston.

Charner Terry Scaife, business partner (and son-in-law) of James Hill also was the administrator of the estate of Nathan Barrett Hill, who died on December 13th 1854.

Near his home he built the Fishdam Academy, a school for the education of his and his neighbor's children. In 1968 a gentleman then living in Houston, Texas, wrote that he owned a set of school books used by his great-grandfather as a student at the Academy. The books were inscribed "FISHDAM ACADEMY" on the inside cover and consisted of texts on Latin, Greek, mathematics, English grammar and spelling. The gentleman remarked in his letter that the Academy students received a good solid education considering the ground covered in the text books.

James and Susannah Hill were the parents of seven children of whom only three lived to maturity. Between 1823 and 1827 the four oldest children died as teen-agers, traditionally the victims of some type of fever that was prevalent in those years. James Hill died on October 27th, 1854, and Susannah lived less than a year after his death. She died on June 9th, 1855 and she and James and all of their children, except their son John Thompson Hill, are buried in Fishdam Cemetery. Their children were:

James Glenn Hill, born March 4, 1807 and died December 27th 1823.

Moses Greenberry Hill, born December 9, 1808 and died August 17, 1827.

Sarah Anderson Glenn Hill, born January 21, 1811, died December 12, 1827.

William Henry Harrison Hill, born August 27, 1813, died December 25, 1824.

John Thompson Hill, born February 13, 1816, died 1887, married first on July 5, 1842 to his first cousin, Elizabeth Pickett Mobley, the daughter of Edward Pickett Mobley and his aunt Harriet W. Hill of Fairfield County. Elizabeth (Mobley) Hill was born March 1, 1824 and died May 8th, 1854 and she is buried in Fishdam Cemetery. They had five children.

John Thompson Hill married a second time on July 29, 1862 to Mrs. Ann E. (Meng) Wallace (1828-1914), the daughter of C.S. & Mary Meng of Union County. She had several children by her first marriage and she and John Thompson Hill had three more children. Following his second marriage, John Thompson Hill moved to Union where he operated a store and real estate firm, known as "J.T. HILL & CO." (SEE NOTE BELOW) John Thompson Hill and Ann Hill are buried in Grace Methodist Churchyard Cemetery in Union.

Susannah Elizabeth Glenn Hill, born May 14, 1817 died July 28, 1838, married CHARNER T. (TERRY) SCAIFE, of Chester County. They made their home in Fishdam and had three sons, one of whom died in infancy. After Susannah Elizabeth's death, her husband married again and moved back to Chester County. Their two surviving sons, James Hill Scaife & Moses Green Berry Scaife, made their home with their grandparents, James & Susannah Hill, for many years.

George Washington Hill, born May 5, 1822 died May 3, 1909 (See data on George W. Hill)

GENEALOGY DATA OF THE NATHAN GLENN FAMILY (RELATES TO WIFE OF JAMES HILL....

NATHAN GLENN, Son of James Glenn of Hanover County, Virginia was born ca. 1735 in Hanover County Virginia and died in Union County S.C. in 1805. He moved from Hanover County to Cumberland County, Virginia where he married Lucy Coleman on May 24, 1756. Lucy was the daughter of Daniel Coleman (the 2nd) and wife Patience Elliott of Cumberland County Virginia (formerly Goochland County). Nathan Glenn was willed 350 acres of land in Cumberland County by his father James Glenn, part of the 1000 acre tract that James purchased in 1739. In 1771 Nathan Glenn bought an additional 200 acres on Great Guinea Creek in Cumberland County from William Basham of Bedford County, Virginia, and one of the adjoining land owners was Nathan's brother James Glenn (Jr.) who also moved to Chester County S.C. The deed was witnessed by Matt Sims, Nathan's brother in law.

Nathan Glenn, Daniel Coleman and George Wright, all kinsmen, were serving as vestry men of Littleton Parish in Cumberland County in 1772. In 1777, Nathan Glenn conveyed by deed of

gift, 200 acres on Great Guinea Creek to his son in law Byrd Bowker, the same being the land where Bowker "now lives" again showing James Glenn as an adjoining land owner. Both Nathan & his brother James served in the Revolution in Virginia; they were Lieutenants in the Cumberland County Militia.

In 1783 Nathan's brother in law, David Hopkins of Chester County S.C, signed bond for 1000 pounds sterling "unto Nathan Glenn of Virginia, Cumberland County" for a 250 acre tract and a grant of 1000 acres "when he received it...lying above and below the Fish Dam Ford on Broad River" in what is today Union County S.C.

In 1787 Nathan Glenn of Union County bought two additional tracts of land on Lower Fish Dam Creek from John McPherson, so Nathan and his family moved to S.C. sometime between 1783 and 1787, probably in 1784 or 1785.

He received a grant of 995 acres in 1793 from the State of S.C. and is shown on the 1790 Census of Union County S.C. with five males and two females in his household and 28 slaves. His estate was entered for probate on 25 July 1805 in Union Co., S.C.

Nathan and Lucy (Coleman) Glenn had the following children:

1. Bernard Glenn (1757-1831) never married. He served in the Revolution in Virginia and never put in a claim for bounty land warrants or back pay that was due him at the end of the war. After his death in 1831, his heirs, one sister and eighteen nieces and nephews, filed claim for the money and bounty land warrants, and it was through the names of those heirs that descendents of Nathan Glenn were able to definitely prove the names of Nathan's children and grandchildren. Bernard Glenn moved to Union County S.C., lived on the Enoree River, and is buried in a cemetery on the tract of land where he lived. He was a Justice of Peace, a member of the Union Library Society, a deputy surveyor, and he took an active interest in Union County political activities. He served in the S.C. House of Representatives from 1806 to 1816. In Union County records he was referred to as Captain Bernard Glenn.
2. Orano Glenn, born ca. 1758, died after 1794, married Major Bird Bowker in Cumberland County Va., moved to Union County S.C.. They had seven children, several of whom moved to Gadsden County, Florida.
3. Patience Glenn, born ca. 1759, died in 1823, married a first cousin Newton Hopkins of Chester County S.C., the son of David & Mary (Glenn) Hopkins. Newton and Patience (Glenn) Hopkins had one daughter, Mary T.N. Hopkins (1787-1849, who married Reuben Sims (1784-1840) and lived in Union County

S.C.. both buried in Fish Dam Cemetery (Today's town is known as Carlisle). After the death of Newton Hopkins in the late 1700's, his widow Patience, married a 2nd time to Colonel Benjamin Herndon (1749-1819) of Newberry County S.C. and had three more children, Lucy Herndon, John Newton Herndon and a child who died in infancy.

4. William Coleman Glenn (1761-1827) married Elizabeth Wright (d. in 1854) on the 13th of July 1788 in Cumberland County, Virginia. She was the daughter of Thomas & Elizabeth (McGeehee) Wright of Virginia. William Coleman & Elizabeth (Wright) Glenn moved to Union County S.C. and established their home on Tyger River, between Fishdam (Carlisle) and the Newberry County line near Whitmire. They had nine children (See William Coleman Glenn Family). Both William C. & Elizabeth Glenn died in Union County S.C. William Coleman Glenn is buried in the Glenn Cemetery near Carlisle, and Elizabeth is probably buried there also, but her grave is unmarked.

5. Sytha Glenn (1762-1844), the fifth child of Nathan & Lucy (Coleman) Glenn, married in 1782 to Joseph Coleman. They moved from Cumberland County Va. to Union County S.C. ca. 1785 where Joseph Coleman died ca. 1806. They had 12 children (See article on Joseph Coleman). Sytha (Glenn) Coleman married a 2nd time to John Bowles, a Revolutionary Soldier, who is buried in Fish Dam Cemetery. There were no children of the 2nd marriage.

6. Littleton Spilsby Glenn (1763-1830) 6th child of Nathan & Lucy (Coleman) Glenn, married his 2nd cousin Sarah Bowles Glenn, the daughter of James & Elizabeth (Bowles) Glenn of Chester County S.C. Spilsby & Sarah Glenn lived on the Broad River at Fish Dam (Carlisle) and Spilsby is buried in Fishdam Cemetery. Census records indicate that his father Nathan lived with him during Nathan's latter years. Spilsby owned many acres of land in the Fishdam area, and he and his partner, James Thomas, operated a ferry at Fish Dam Ford for many years. In 1791 the Union County Court "ordered that Spilsby Glenn be the overseer of the road from the Fish Dam Ford on Broad River to the Ninety Six Road that leads to Hamilton's Ford on the Tyger River to Cain Creek and that he keep the same in good repair." It was Spilsby and his father Nathan who gave the land for the Fish Dam Meeting House, one of the first Methodist Churches in the area. In 1843, when his sons James B. & John F. Glenn sold the land to V.A. Jeter, they excepted "two acres around the Fish Dam Meeting House and burying ground." By the time that Spilsby and Sarah Glenn married, all of the Glens were attending the Methodist Church since there were no Episcopal Churches in the South Carolina "Back Country," and they were all staunch supporters of Methodism-there were several Methodist ministers in the family. Spilsby's wife Sarah died during the decade ending 1810 since she is not shown on the 1810 Census Records.

On October 24, 1830, when he was 67 years old, Spilsby was stricken while attending church at Fish Dam Meeting House and died before they could get him home. Spilsby & Sarah Glenn had three children; John Faut Glenn (1803-1862) who married his cousin Jane S.C. Glenn and moved to Mississippi before 1843; James Blanton Glenn who married first Eliza Lyles and second Eliza's sister Frances Lyles, the daughters of of Ephraim & Frances Foote Lyles (see the Whitney-Lyles Connection in this Volume); and MARY BOWLES GLENN (1797-1864) who married MOSES BERRY HILL (1795-1824), the son of MOSES HILL and SAVILLA (RODEN) HILL of Fairfield County S.C. After Moses B. Hill's early death, his widow remarried to John Johns. There were four children by the first marriage to Moses B. Hill; they were James Leslie Stewart Hill, Mary Glenn Hill, Sarah Savilla Hill & Moses Hill, all of whom moved to Alabama, Mississippi and Arkansas.

7. Daniel Glenn, 7th child of Nathan Glenn and Lucy (Coleman) Glenn, was born in 1764 and died in 1821 in Union County S.C. He is buried in the Glenn Cemetery near Carlisle. He married Elizabeth Stokes, the daughter of of Colonel Stokes of Chester County S.C. (One source says that his wife was Jency Pyler). He had two known children...Lucy C. Glenn who married Dr. James Meacham and Bernard Glenn (1795-1824) who married his cousin M. Hopkins, daughter of George W. & Martha (Bowker) Hopkins. Bernard Jr.'s widow, Mary (Hopkins) Glenn married 2nd time to Samuel McAililey of Chester County S.C. She and Bernard Glenn Jr. had 3 children: Daniel Wade Hopkins Glenn; David George W.H. Glenn and Mary T.W. Glenn.

8. Alexander Glenn (1765-1826) youngest child of Nathan & Lucy (Coleman) Glenn married Anna Sims and lived first in Union County S.C., where he was a partner in business with his brother Bernard-in the Union County Deed Books they are called "Merchants." In 1825 Alexander sold 450 acres near the Fish Dam on Broad River to his brother Spilsby, land described as "given to me by my father." He seems to have moved to Laurens County S.C. about that time, and his will was probated in Laurens County on 5 June 1826. His daughter Nancy was his sole heir, and in the event of her death to "either of her children."

Alexander Glenn & his wife Anna are buried in a family cemetery 5 miles south of Clinton S.C. Their daughter Nancy (b. 1806) married Dr. Hezekiah Rice, who was the son of Hezekiah & Mary Saunders Rice, who were born in Virginia and died in Union County S.C. In 1808 in Laurens County S.C., Reuben Glenn named Alexander Glenn as sole executor of his will in which he willed his entire estate to his wife Elizabeth, who probably was the daughter of Bird & Orano (Glenn) Bowker of Union County S.C. Reuben may have been the son of Alexander Glenn.

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