

M.033 COPY OF A LETTER EXPLAINING ABOUT THE "STICK PIN"
THAT WAS PASSED ON DOWN THROUGH THE MOSES HILL FAMILY.

(Copied 10th August 1988 by Robert R. Hill Sr.)

Explanation: Mrs. Jeannette Christopher, is a descendent of Moses Hill, though his 2nd son, James Hill. We descend through the first son, Thomas Hill. Jeannette obtained this letter from a family member she calls Cousin Bertha (Hill) Hill. She had married a James Hill (no relation to our family of Abbeville County, S.C.).

Bertha Hill was a daughter of William Stewart Hill, the 2nd son of Nathan Barrett Hill and brother to Woodward D. Hill. Mrs. Christopher provided me with a copy of both the letter and picture. I retyped the letter into my computer and had a negative of the picture made. The bold print was a printed "Letterhead." Jeannette stated the letter was wrote sometime around 1935 or 1940.

Robert Hill

(This wrote at top of letter)

This letter as you can see was wrote by my mother to my eldest brother about the Stock Pin, which (I thought) was a family crest but I was mistaken. It is a pin much cherished by my mother's family.

In red ink, Jeanette write the following...Above note written by Judith (Hill) Garner of Union County, S.C. in spring of 1987.

Note By Robert Hill: Judith daughter of Bertha (Hill) Hill & James Hill (but not of this same family).

(The letter actually begins at this point)

Mrs. James Andrew Hill
5734 Winthrop Ave
Chicago, Illinois

Tuesday

Dear Andrew

Please read this document carefully and then put it away in case you need it at some future time.

Years and years ago, long before the Revolutionary War, my great great grandfather had a pin given him from his father, who had received it from his mother, my great great grandfather's grandmother. The pin was a gentlemen's STOCK

PIN, remember the old fashion of men wearing clothes wrapped around their necks and a lace jabo in front?, well this pin was worn in my great great great grandfather's stock. When my great great grandfather MOSES HILL died he left the pin to his eldest son with instructions to the effect that each eldest son of an eldest son be given the pin.

Well my great grandfather THOMAS HILL willed the pin to his eldest son, my great grandfather NATHANIEL BARRETT HILL, who in turn left the pin to my father.

When my oldest brother WILLIAM STEWART HILL was Twenty One mamma turned the pin over to him. Bud, in turn asked me to wear the pin until he married. So I kept it till 1905 when Bud married FAITH FARRIS, the daughter of a Presbyterian Minister in Miami.

Then I sent it on to Bud, who gave it IN TRUST to Faith to wear till their son WILLIAM should have a son. BUD died when WILLIAM was 17 years old.

After taking a business course, WILLIAM accepted a position somewhere in Georgia, and has never been heard of since.

FAITH spent all she had trying to find him, that was in 1930. She wrote me she had put the pin in the bank to keep till WILLIAM came home. She waited till today I received the pin. She has at last found some sort of proof of his death.

Now I am the sole living heir of my father's and the only heir of the male line of our family. So it has come to me, not in trust, but as heir and as the line is broken, I can leave the pin to whom I please.

This is what I feel is right. JIMMIE HILL (your son) though he gets his name from your father's family, is still my descendent and I am glad to say a HILL, though not my Hill.

I am going to keep the pin and wear it till I die and when that time comes, I want you to keep it in trust for JIMMIE HILL till he marries, when he will let his wife keep it till his own son is grown and married. If anything should happen to JIMMIE, before he should marry the pin is to go to RICHARD'S son.

If RICHARD does not have sons, then the pin is to go to JUDITH'S son. I hope though a HILL will always ware the pin.

Now this pin is about the size of a postage stamp. It has between Thirty and Fifty pearls around the border and the center stone was originally topaz but my grandfather (Nathan Barrett Hill) lost the topaz and replaced it with a black cameo.

I hope the person who inherit the pin will value it as have the generations gone by and will never pawn it, as so many things have been in this family.

Hope you are feeling well and are not suffering too much in this awful sub zero weather.

Papa joins me in love.

Momma

END OF LETTER

At the end of the letter in red ink is the following comments by Mrs. Christopher to me:

Jimmie Hill son of
Andrew Hill son of
Bertha (Hill) Hill, daughter of
William Stewart Hill, son of (BUT NOT THE ELDEST)
N. Barrett Hill, son of
Thomas Hill, son of
Moses Hill, son of
??? Hill, son of
??? Hill (grandmother of Moses).

If Barrett Hill or his widow Judith had given the pin to their eldest son WOODWARD, the pin might now belong to you Bob!

Note by Robert R. Hill Sr. (dated 10th August 1988)

Jeannette is only partially right! If the tradition had been kept alive, Nathan's wife and widow Judith, should have gave it to their eldest son Woodward D. Hill (my great grandfather).

Woodward in turn should then have passed it on down to his eldest son NATHANIEL BARRETT HILL, known as Barrett Hill, the father of Mrs. Edna Godbold.

You see Edna, this pin SHOULD HAVE COME INTO YOUR FAMILY, not mine. My grandfather was the 2nd son, after your dad.

Bob

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