

MC.001 THE CONNECTIONS OF THE MOSES HILL-LEONARD HILL-THOMAS HILL FAMILIES OF EARLY FAIRFIELD COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA TO THE CHARLES HILL FAMILY OF THE SAME COUNTY.

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LAND GRANTS

Reference to South Carolina Land grants...The following information comes from Leonardo Andrea, well known but deceased S.C. genealogist....In South Carolina, land was allotted prior to 1745 by the size of a family.

From 1746 until 1775 the land grants were allotted by the size of the family, save for a few years when each person received 50 acres and an additional 50 acres for each member of that person's family. Generally during this time, the land allotted was for 100 acres for a single man or woman OVER the age of 16 OR 15 years of age IF NEARER to 16. Then 50 acres of additional land was allotted for a wife and 50 acres more for each child, under the age of 16. NO MARRIED WOMAN, UNLESS A WIDOW, were allowed land during this time. Often a man took a grant and when his family increased in size, more land was allotted. Often a man had several grants in payment for surveying.

After the Revolution, land was not as limited as it was between 1745 and 1775.

SOURCE FOR FOLLOWING: Obtained from a Computer Print out located in the South Carolina Department of Archives in Columbia, S.C. entitled "S. C. Department of Archives & History Alphabetical Index" (page 3032, dated 4/30/79).

LAND GRANTS TO PERSONS NAMED CHARLES HILL IN CRAVEN COUNTY S.C.

Name & Land Location	Date	ENTRY NUMBERS
Charles Hill, plat 500 acres in CRAVEN CO.	16 Aug. 1732	0009 003 0001 00201 01
Charles Hill, plat 440 acres in CRAVEN CO.	5th Apr. 1733	0009 003 0001 00201 02
Charles Hill, plat 450 acres on North side of Broad River (CRAVEN CO.)	20th Nov. 1749	0009 003 0005 00142 02
Charles Hill Sr., 100 acres in CRAVEN CO. (He was dead when this was granted).	plat 25th Feb. 1769	0009 003 0015 00440 03

Charles Hill, Memorial 21st Feb. 1772 0030 002 0011 00128 05
for 100 acres on Wateree Creek in CRAVEN COUNTY ** (Has to be
Charles Hill Jr. See Note below)

Charles Hill, plat 100 14th Apr. 1773 0009 003 0015 00441 01
acres on Wateree Creek (This has to be Charles Hill Jr.)

Charles Hill, Memorial 19th Nov. 1774 0030 002 0013 00113 03
100 acres on Wateree Creek, CRAVEN CO.

** NOTE: Charles Hill Sr. died after receiving the land grant
dated 25th February 1769. On the 13th of May of 1769 his son
& heir William Augusta Hill sold the same piece of land, the
deed stating that Charles Hill, father, was deceased. Thus
Charles Hill Sr. died between December 1768 when he applied
for the grant & 25th February 1769, when grant was made. Any
land grants after 25 February 1769 would have to be Charles
Hill Jr.

LAND GRANTS TO PERSONS NAMED WILLIAM HILL IN CRAVEN COUNTY.

Name & Location of Land	Date	Entry Numbers
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William Hill, plat for	14th June 1762	0009 003 0007 00257 03
100 acres CRAVEN CO.		

William Hill, 100 acres	13th Aug. 1762	(This taken from a
100 acres on Bowers Mill		land deed)
Creek, CRAVEN COUNTY		

William Hill, plat for	19th Oct. 1763	0009 003 0008 00349 02
100 acres on Bowers Mill Creek, CRAVEN CO.		

William Hill, Memorial	17th Nov. 1763	0030 002 0014 00249 03
for 100 acres on Bowers Mill Creek, CRAVEN CO.		

William Hill, Memorial	17th May 1764	0030 002 0006 00269 02
for 100 acres on Bowers Mill Creek, CRAVEN CO.		

William Hill, 250 acres	2nd Oct. 1769	0009 003 0011 00124 02
CRAVEN CO.		

William Hill, plat for	14th Feb. 1771	0009 003 0017 00002 01
100 acres, CRAVEN CO.		

William Hill, Memorial,	15th July 1771	0030 002 0010 00511 05
plat 100 acres on Bowers Mill CRAVEN CO.		

William Hill, Memorial,	11th July 1775	0030 002 0014 0003 06
50 acres on Beaver Dam Branch of Broad River (CRAVEN CO).		

William Hill, Memorial,	19th Aug. 1775	0030 002 0014 00017 01
300 acres on Allison Creek, CRAVEN CO. (Summarizing a chain		

of title to a grant to William Patrick on 19 April 1763

LAND GRANTS TO RICHARD HILL

Name & Location of Land Date Entry Numbers

Richard Hill, plat for 4th July 1764 0009 003 0007 00461 01
100 acres CRAVEN CO.

Richard Hill, plat for 16th Nov. 1768 0009 003 0015 00447 02
50 acres CRAVEN CO.

MOSES AND LEONARD HILL

Both received land grants on the 5th of January 1786. Moses was granted 315 acres, while Leonard was granted 82 acres, adjacent to land he had bought from Henry Land on 8th August 1785. (Fairfield Deed Book B, Page 55).

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Suggested Reading: The book entitled "Hill-Hill Mobley Connections" by George A. Hill, published in April of 1961.

INTRODUCTION

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SHOULD BE CONSIDERED BY THE READER AS SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND IS INTENDED TO BE CONSIDERED AS SUGGESTED ADDITIONS & CORRECTIONS THAT I THINK WOULD APPLY TO THE ABOVE BOOK.

The purpose of this material is to simply add ADDITIONAL INFORMATION based on later research to the above book, which was compiled in April of 1961. The book (in my opinion) was well written. While a few errors are evident, no criticism of Mr. Hill's research is intended. Most of the following material is based on my own research over the past 15 years, and since the book was written.

My concern lies within the Hill Families named in the book of Moses, Leonard & Charles Hill, whom I suspect were part of the same Hill Family. I will attempt to try and explain this connection.

Since I am a descendent of the Moses Hill Family, I have done considerable research on the above families. In only one or two places, where it has been absolutely necessary, have I pointed out errors contained in the above book by George A. Hill. This material should not be looked on as an attempt by me to criticize the book.

In the following material, I will simply refer to the Chapter and page in the book and state what additional information

has been found or known since the book was published in April of 1961.

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REFERENCE TO MOSES HILL FAMILY OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, found in the book, starting on page 99.

Moses Hill was born ca. 1757 (after July) or in 1758, which is stated in the book. His death was on 1st of July 1821 NOT 3rd of July as stated in the book. (PERHAPS THIS WAS THE BURIAL DATE).

Documents that have been found since the book was written shows that the wife of Moses Hill was Savilla N. Roden. The different spelling of Rhoden (Rowden-Roden) is mentioned in the book, but my belief is that RODEN is the correct version, based on various documents found.

The parents of Savilla N. (Nance?) Roden have been found to be Thomas Roden and his wife Mary Potts. They were originally from Maryland, moving into Loudoun County, Virginia and finally into Camden District of South Carolina.

In the book, George Hill named eight children known in 1961 to be the children of Moses & Savilla Roden but another one son (Littleton Hill) has since been found as the results of a fragment of a page from the bible that once belonged to the Moses Hill Family. This piece of evidence, plus other various documents, shows the children to be as follows. They are listed in order of birth, though a few dates are not known exactly, but their order of birth is correctly listed.

1. THOMAS HILL (eldest child & son of Moses Hill). He is my great, great, great or 3rd great grandfather. Thomas was born in 1780 in then Camden District (Fairfield District as of 1785). He died in Fairfield County S.C. between January and May of 1824. He married ca. 1805 Jemima Woodward, daughter of Reverend William Woodward & wife Nancy Elizabeth Barrett.

William Woodward, was a physician, Revolutionary Soldier, U.S. Congressman and most of all, a famous Baptist minister. He was the son of Thomas Woodward and his 1st wife Jemima Collins, of Fairfax County, Virginia.

After his wife had died, Thomas Woodward moved his family of six children to Camden District, South Carolina in late 1860 (after October) or in 1861 and is known in and around the area of today's Fairfield-Chester Counties of South Carolina as the famous "Regulator." He too was a Captain in the

Revolution and was killed in a battle with Tories on the 12th of May 1779. Thomas Woodward was the maternal grandfather to Nathaniel Barrett Hill, (listed below) son of Thomas Hill and Jemima Woodward.

Thomas & Jemima Hill had the eight following known children (all born in Fairfield Co., S.C.). George Hill listed only five in his book on page 104 under Thomas Hill Family. (Reference to this Thomas Hill, please refer to page 104 in the book).

A. Nancy Barrett Hill, born 4th June 1806, died in Alabama after 1860 Census. She married 3 times, 1st Edward Mabry Mobley Jr. They moved to Green County Alabama. Edward was son of Edward Mobley and wife Mary Mabry. Nancy had 8 known children. Her 2nd marriage was to William Price on 27th July 1848. Their was one child, a daughter by this 2nd marriage. The 3rd marriage was to James H. Sims on 4 November 1853. The 2nd & 3rd marriages took place in Alabama.

B. Jemima Hill born either 1807-1808. Nothing else known of her.

C. Charlotte Louise Hill, born 8th August 1809, married Moses B. Cockrell in South Carolina in 1824, moved to Noxubee County, Mississippi between 1838 and 1841. Moses Cockrell was son of Nathaniel Cockrell and Rebecca Harrison. Charlotte & husband Moses Cockrell had five (5) known children, all born in South Carolina, except the youngest, who was born in Mississippi. Charlotte Louise (Hill) Cockrell died on 28th October 1864 in Noxubee County, Mississippi. Her husband died on 9th April 1867 in Noxubee County. Both are buried in churchyard of Soule Methodist Chapel Cemetery, located about 6 miles North of Macon, Mississippi and 3 miles west of highway 45.

D. NATHANIEL BARRETT HILL (my 2nd great grandfather). He is listed in the book on page 104 (under Thomas Hill Family) as "Barsel or Barret Hill." He was known among the family as Barrett Hill and was born in Fairfield County, South Carolina in 1811 and died on 13th December 1854 in New York City, while on a business trip. His body is known to have been returned to Charleston, S.C. but the burial location has not been found. The thought is that he was buried in Columbia, South Carolina, which is where he and his family lived. He was the Sheriff of Richland (District) County South Carolina from about November 1848 till about March of 1851 when he resigned in order to operate more efficiently his own business ventures. He was a local leader favoring "secession from the union," and was part owner of a steamship line that operated between Columbia and Charleston, South

Carolina. He was also a banking official. He married Judith E. (Eliza?) Stewart, (b. 1811 in S.C.), daughter of Jesse Stewart & Wilmouth Williamson, said to be originally of Virginia. They had 5 children, including one daughter. All four sons fought for the Confederacy.

E. William Woodward Hill (b. ca. 1812-1813) last known to have been in Mobile, Alabama ca. 1840. Apparently married his cousin, Mary Glenn Hill, daughter of James Hill & Susannah Glenn. (No known children).

F. Savilla Hill, (born ca. 1813-1814, died in Alabama ca. 1839, probably in Sumter County. Green B. Mobley, was son of William Mobley & Nancy Coleman. He remarried in Alabama to Henrietta Wilson of Vermont. She b. ca. 1800-d. 2 March 1873 in Alabama. Savilla (Hill) Mobley had 3 children, two girls and one son. (She & husband originally located in Green Co. Alabama on 1830 Census (Page 406). Green B. Mobley, and his children, along with 2nd wife were in Sumter County, Alabama in 1850 Census.

G. Moses Hill, no information except he is said to have moved to Pickens County, Alabama.

H. Thomas Hill, may be the Thomas Hill listed in 1830 Census of Fairfield County. Brother Nathan may have been living with him at this time.

2. JAMES HILL (2nd child and son of Moses Hill). Reference page 105 of the above book. He was born on 21st November 1782, died 27th October 1854 in Fishdam (today's Carlisle), in Union County, South Carolina. He married Susannah Glenn on 10th June 1806, daughter of James Glenn & Elizabeth Bowles. He became a wealthy large slave and land owner in Union County. They had 7 known children.

- A. James Glenn Hill, b. 4th March 1807, died 27th December 1823.
- B. Moses Green Berry Hill, b. 17th December 1808 & died 17th August 1827.
- C. Sarah Anderson Hill, b. 21 January 1811, died 12th December 1827 (unmarried).
- D. William Henry Harrison Hill, b. 27th August 1813, died 25th December 1824.
- E. John Thompson Hill, b. 13th February 1816, m. 1st on the 5th July 1842 to cousin Elizabeth Pickett Mobley, daughter of his aunt Harriet Hill Mobley. His 2nd m. was to Ann E. (Meng) Wallace. He died in 1887.
- F. Susannah Elizabeth Hill, b. 14th May 1817, m. on 6th November 1832 to Charner Terry Scaife (his 1st of 2). She died from effects of childbirth on 28th July 1838.
- G. George Washington Hill, b. 5th May 1822, m. 1st on

15th October 1851 to Sarah Young, 2nd to Sarah Jane Graham.

3. SARAH (CAROLINE?) HILL, (3rd child but 1st daughter of Moses Hill). She was born ca. 1785-1787 in Fairfield County, South Carolina, died in Green County, Alabama between 1831 and 1834. She was the 2nd of 3 wives to Reverend John Pearson, son of General John H. Pearson (Revolutionary Soldier) and Sarah Raiford. Sarah (Hill) Pearson had only one child, a son born ca. 1823, named Moses Hill Pearson. Sarah & her husband moved to Green County, Alabama ca. April or May of 1831. John Pearson had 7 children by 1st wife Nancy Furney, and a son by 3rd wife Margaret Forbes. It appears Sarah was well in age when she married John Pearson, probably ca. 1820-22. Some DAR files have shown her to have been the mother of a JUDITH PEARSON JOLLY and a son William Edmond Pearson but this is not correct. The daughter Judith was by the 1st wife (Nancy Furney) and the son William Edmond, was by the 3rd wife, Margaret Forbes.

A. Moses Hill Pearson, b. ca. 1823 in N.C. He m. 1st Martha A. Coleman on 27th January 1847 in Alabama, 2nd to Nancy R. Hutton in 1850 in Alabama.

4. LITTLETON HILL (4th child & 3rd son of Moses Hill). He was found after George Hill published his book and is therefore not listed in the book. Littleton Hill was born ca. 1788-1790, died as a young unmarried man, shortly after the 1810 Census, which he appears to have been listed as a male child under the Moses Hill Family. He is buried in a grave, with a stone marker by his father. The inscription on the marker has long ago eroded away. The cemetery is located near the community known as "Buckhead" in Northwestern Fairfield County, South Carolina, in the Old Younge Cemetery, which was once the location of the Moses Hill plantation.

5. ELIZABETH HARRISON HILL (5th child and 2nd daughter of Moses Hill). Regarding Elizabeth Hill: Refer to page 109 in Hill-Mobley Book. Elizabeth was born in Fairfield County, South Carolina, on 29th January 1793, died in Georgia on 3rd December 1838. She married in Fairfield County on 4th July 1809 to Stephen Terry, of Chester County, South Carolina, son of John Terry & 2nd wife Priscilla Stokes. They moved to Georgia ca. 1827-1828. Their home was located in what is today the southeastern part of today's Atlanta, known as Lakewood Park. They had 12 known children.

A. Green Berry Hill Terry, b. 8th November 1810 in S.C., m. ca. 1830/31 to Eleanor Gill, d. 22nd March 1848.

B. Benjamin Terry, b. 14th March 1813 in S.C., died 7th April 1813 as infant.

C. John Westley Terry, b. 7th April 1814 in Chester Co., S.C., m. 1st unknown, 2nd on 4th April 1850 to

Nancy Ferguson.

- D. Sarah Caroline Terry, b. 25th February 1816 in Chester County, S.C., m. James B. Morris.
- E. Harriet Elizabeth Terry, b. 14th March 1818, m. 13 August 1840 to Aaron Jones. She d. 9th December 1890.
- F. Jane Arrominta Terry, b. 9th March 1820, m. ca. 1839 to Benjamin M. Morris, 2nd to Mr. Gillispie.
- G. Stephen Josephus Terry, b. 14 May 1822 in Chester Co., S.C. m. 20th February 1840 to Martha Parkinson. He died after 1880.
- H. Martha Amanda Terry, b. 23rd July 1824 in Chester County, S.C. m. a Mr. Boyls.
- I. Moses Andrew McKee Terry, b. 2nd December 1826 in Chester Co., S.C., died 7th May 1827.
- J. Rebecca DeGraffenreid Terry, b. 2nd February 1829 in DeKalb County, Georgia, m. ca. 1843 to Marshall M. Elliott, d. 8th October 1905.
- K. James Littleton Terry, b. 28th October 1831 Dekalb County, Georgia, m. on 3rd April 1851 to Martha (Margaret) Ann Medlock.
- L. George Washington Terry, b. 21 August 1834 in DeKalb County, Georgia, m. 21 August 1855 to Elizabeth Lanier, died on 20th January 1920 in Tampa, Florida.

6. MOSES BERRY HILL (6th child and 4th son of Moses Hill). Reference page 107 in the book. He was born in Fairfield County, South Carolina in 1795, died in Chester County, South Carolina on 14th of October 1824. At the time of his death, his brother James Hill brought him across the Broad River into Union County and had him buried in the same cemetery, located in Fishdam (Union County, South Carolina) where he and his own family were to be and are buried. Moses Berry Hill married Mary Bowles Glenn, daughter of Spilsby Glenn and wife Sarah (Glenn) Glenn, a cousin to Splisby Glenn. Some of the descendents of Moses B. Hill moved into Arkansas. He had four known children.

- A. James Leslie Stewart Hill, b. 1815 in S.C., m. ca. 1846 to 1st Mary A.R. Sartor, 2nd m. to Margaret A. Beaty. He moved to Mississippi. He died in 1902.
- B. Mary Glenn Hill, b. 1822 in Chester County, S.C., believed to have married her cousin William Woodward Hill, son of her uncle Thomas Hill. Another source states she married her cousin Thomas Hill. She died ca. 1891. No known children.
- C. Sarah Savilla Hill, b. ca. 1818-1820 in Chester County, S.C., m. 1st a Mr. Fleming and 2nd to a Mr. Gregory.
- D. Moses Hill, b. 25th December 1821 in Chester County S.C. married on 5th December 1843 to Mary Wesson. He died on 12th April 1878. Some of his children moved into Arkansas.

7. HARRIET WINDHAM HILL (7th child and 3rd daughter of Moses Hill). Reference to page 108 of the above book. She was born in Fairfield County on 5th March 1802, and lived her entire life there. She died on 30th April 1857. She married Edward Pickett Mobley ca. 1818-1819, son of Samuel Mobley and wife Elizabeth Pickett Whitehead. Harriet and her husband were prominent citizens of the community and they were large wealthy slave and land owners. She and her husband with some of the children are buried on their old plantation site in Northwest Fairfield County, known as "WHITE HALL," located about 5 and 1/2 miles east of the community of White Oak, South Carolina. Harriet and her husband had five known children.

- A. Moses Hill Mobley, b. ca. 1820 in Fairfield County, S.C. married Minnie Crorey.
- B. Elizabeth Pickett Mobley, b. 1st March 1824 in Fairfield County, S.C., m. her cousin John Thompson Hill, son of her uncle James Hill. She died 18th May 1854.
- C. Samuel L. Mobley, b. ca. 1825 in Fairfield County, S.C. died 5th July 1851 in Mississippi. He is buried in Fairfield County by his parents.
- D. Edward Pickett Mobley Jr., b. 22nd January 1833 in Fairfield County S.C., married Marion Rebecca Mobley (cousin?). He died 11th September 1908.
- E. Harriet Rebecca Mobley, b. ca. 1841 in S.C., married Dr. J. Riley McMasters. She died on 26th March 1890.

8. GEORGE WASHINGTON HILL, (8th Child and 5th son of Moses Hill). Reference page 107 and 108 of the above book. He was born in Fairfield County in September of 1803, died in Green County, Alabama on 8th September 1857. He was married to Sarah A. Moore, father unknown but she is known to have been the daughter of Rebecca Moore. They had eleven known children, all but the eldest being born in Green County, Alabama. He, his wife and several children are buried in an old cemetery located near Pleasant Ridge, Alabama (Green County) known as the "OLD BIGBEE CEMETERY." It is also known as the old Williams Cemetery and the Hill Cemetery. George Hill's grave is by the side of his mother's grave, Savilla N. (Roden) Hill. Children were:

- A. Rebecca Savilla Hill, b. 22 February in S.C., m. on 4th September 1850 in Alabama to Rev. Robert Milton Sanders.
- B. James S. Hill, born 1832 in Green County, Alabama.
- C. Thomas Jefferson Hill, b. 6th August 1834 in Green County, Alabama, died (unmarried?) on 10th July 1853.
- D. Hillard Judge Hill, b. 19th January 1837 in Alabama, died on 30th November 1845.
- E. Justina Virginia Hill, b. 4th December 1839 in Green County, Alabama, m. Jerome Clanton, died 20th March 1857.

- F. George Fletcher Hill, b. ca. 1840 in Alabama. Must have died very young.
- G. John Moore Hill, b. 22nd February 1843 in Alabama, died on 13th February 1853.
- H. Adella G. Hill, b. ca. 1844 (must have died young?).
- I. un-named or unknown infant born 23rd May 1846-47 in Alabama, died 30th December 1848.
- J. Laura L. Hill, b. ca. 1848-49?
- K. Fletcher W. Hill no dates found so far.

9. REBECCA CARLISLE HILL (9th and youngest child of Moses Hill and the 4th daughter). Refer to page 109 of Hill-Mobley Book. She was born in Fairfield County, South Carolina on 20th December 1807 and died in Green County, Alabama on 11th August 1842. She was married to Doctor John Trezevant DeGraffenreid M.D. on 25th March 1828 in South Carolina. He was son of Christopher DeGraffenreid & wife Hannah --? They moved to Green County, Alabama in early 1831 and had 6 known children. Rebecca had 2 daughters who died of the same illness within 5 months of her own death. The illness was "Bilious fever" known today as Infectious Hepatitis. She and her children are buried in same cemetery as her mother (Savilla Hill) and her brother (George W. Hill) are. The children were:

- A. John F. DeGraffenreid, b. 8th May 1831, married in Alabama to Ann Eliza Kennedy, died 21 April 1886 in Alabama.
- B. Rebecca H. (Hill) DeGraffenreid, b. 25th February 1833 in Alabama, died 15th April 1842.
- C. Celestia F.S. DeGraffenreid, b. 26th March 1839 in Alabama, died on 12th August 1842.
- D. Elizabeth DeGraffenreid, b. 23rd August 1841 in Alabama.
- E. Allen Hill DeGraffenreid, born in Alabama. No other data.
- F. Emanuel Tscherner DeGraffenreid m. Sue Seay.

THE THOMAS HILL FAMILY OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
(starting on on page 110 of the Hill-Mobley Book through page 112).

At this point I must point out what appears to be an error in the Hill-Mobley book. On page 110 (bottom of page) is a deed between Thomas Hill and John Wages for 100 acres of land on South Fork of Little River in Fairfield County. The article continues on page 111 where it states the land was originally granted to Thomas Hill on 2nd of June 1780. From what I have seen the date of the grant should have been the 2nd of June 1788 not 1780. It is also obvious that this is not the same Thomas Hill, who was the son of Moses Hill, since he was born in 1780 and was only 8 years old, too young for this to be him.

I have been able to some degree to account for the three different Thomas Hills known to be living in Fairfield County. This was part of the old Craven County and later part of old Camden District South Carolina, which in 1785 was divided up and Fairfield District County was created. The three Thomas Hills were listed in the 1790 Census in Fairfield County.

One Thomas Hill (I will list as Number 1) was born in the area of Monk's Corner, South Carolina, ca. 1858. Monk's Corner in Berkley County, South Carolina, near Charleston.

This Thomas Hill was the son of Jonathan Hill and his wife, Margaret Hall. Jonathan Hill had moved into Camden District S.C. prior to the Revolutionary War and later fought in that war. Thomas was living in Camden District during the war (reference his statement on pension application in Caldwell County, Kentucky) and later moved to Kentucky after the war. This particular Thomas Hill married Patience Harrison, a sister to Reuben Harrison.

Another Thomas Hill (I will call Number 2) is known to have had a wife named Diana and he lived on the old road leading from Winnsboro to Charleston. I have speculated over the fact that he might have been the same Thomas Hill known to have married a Diana Spencer in Philadelphia ca. 1757 or 1758. (Ref: Christ Christ Records)

The third known Thomas Hill is the one of the greatest interest to this article. He is suspected to be a cousin or brother to Moses Hill and Leonard Hill. All three fought in the S.C. Militia in the Revolution. Thomas Hill was granted 100 acres of land on the 2nd of June 1788, while both Moses and Leonard Hill received their land grants in 1785.

On the 27th of March 1787, a Thomas Hill endorsed the Indent of Samuel Biggerstaff, which was witnessed by Moses Hill. It is suspected to be this same Thomas Hill, and whom is known to have later had a wife named Judith.

On the 5th of January 1792 Thomas Hill & wife Judith sold to Andrew Allen the same 82 acres of land he purchased from Leonard Hill in 1788 (originally granted Leonard Hill). (Ref: Fairfield Deed Book I, Page 35)

It has long been suspected that a Thomas Hill was the father of Moses Hill and if Leonard & this Thomas Hill were brothers to Moses, then he would have been a Thomas Hill Jr. A Thomas Hill Sr. is known from a tax list of Fairfield District to have been dead by 1792. Whether or not he was connected to Moses, Leonard or this particular Thomas Hill, has not been determined.

Land deeds tend to show a connection of Moses, Leonard and

Thomas Hill. There is a land deed showing that Moses Hill had signed as a witness when Leonard Hill purchased 100 acres from Henry Land on the 8th August 1785. (Ref: Fairfield Deed Book B, Page 55). This seems to connect Moses & Leonard Hill together in some way, such as cousins or brothers.

The fact that Moses and Thomas Hill signed the Indent of Samuel Biggerstaff suggest (to me) that they were brothers. Then in 1788, Leonard Hill sold his 82 acres of land to the same Thomas Hill, and thus again suggest a connection or relation, probably brothers.

THE CHARLES HILL FAMILY OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

(Starting on Page 113 of the Hill-Mobley Book and continuing through part of Page 116).

As stated in the George Hill book, there were two known Charles Hills in the area of the old Craven County District of South Carolina, in what was later to become first Camden District and then Fairfield District (County) of South Carolina. From the land deeds we know they were Charles Hill Sr. and Charles Hill Jr.

My first record of a Charles Hill in this area is a land grant dated 16th of June 1732. Another land grant to a Charles Hill for 440 acres in Craven County was made on 5th April 1733, but at this time Craven County extended all the way from the coast to present day Chester & Fairfield Counties. I am not too sure if it was or was not a Charles Hill, known to be of Charleston, that received these early grants. I do know that he was definitely not the same Charles Hill Sr. and Jr. that lived and died in and around Fairfield County (Old Craven County).

The first definite record that I have of the particular Charles Hill that we are interest in, is a land grant dated 20th November 1749. This grant is for 450 acres on the "North side of the Broad River," which is exactly in the location we are interested in.

On the 4th of December 1753, Charles Hill and wife Nancy sold the above 450 acres (On the North side of Broad River) to Phillip Raiford for 250 pounds.

This same Charles Hill received another grant for 100 acres on the 25th of February 1769 and this particular grant is of great genealogical value because information on this grant and on a following deed on the 13th of May 1769 (by his son William Augusta Hill) shows that the death of this Charles Hill occurred between the two dates just given.

On the deed of 13th May 1769, (Fairfield Deed Book L, page

146) it shows that William Augusta Hill was selling 250 acres of land to Ely Kershaw, located on the North prong of Wateree Creek, originally granted to John Griffin on 22nd of January 1759 (BOOK TT, Page 50) and conveyed to Charles Hill on 7th June 1765. The evidence points to this being the Charles Hill with a wife named Nancy. It proceeds on to say that Charles Hill "having departed this life and leaving his son and heir at law WILLIAM AUGUSTA HILL etc..."

On Page 114 of the Hill-Mobley book George Hill mentions this deed, stating it was filed on 13th May but gives the year as "1798." THIS WAS OBVIOUSLY MIS-READ! I have a copy of the deed and the date of this deed is 13th May 1769 and in the text of the deed it states "in the Ninth year of the reign of King George The Third." King George the Third reigned from 1760 until 1820.

On page 113 of the book, at the end of the deed, George Hill gives a date of July 26th 1797. This date is the date that a Justice of the Peace named Richard Lloyd Champion, gave oath before a Zachariah Canty (Another judge) that he was well acquainted with the hand writing of a Samuel Boykin, one of the witnesses to the above deed. There was very obviously a legal question in later years regarding one of the witnesses to this deed (or some other problem) and some how George Hill got his dates confused.

The date of the deed very clearly shows to be 13 May 1769 and the signed oath is the date of July 26th 1797. Why the length of time between the two dates is unknown.

Now in 1768, a Charles Hill received a land grant of 100 acres on the North prong of Wateree Creek, adjacent to land of William A. Hill and Charles Hill Sr. (Note that Charles Hill had a grant of 450 acres on the North prong of Wateree Creek and sold it to Phillip Raiford on the 4th of December 1753. This Charles Hill that received a grant for 100 acres on the North prong of Wateree Creek must have been CHARLES HILL JR., son of Charles Hill Sr. (wife Nancy) and a brother to William Augusta Hill.

Now since we know that Charles Hill Sr. was dead by the 13th of May 1769, any Charles Hill that received land grants in this area after 13th May 1769 has to be presumed to be Charles Hill Jr.

Now on page 114 of the Hill-Mobley book it states that on 2nd October 1792, a Charles Hill and wife Mary sold 100 acres on Wateree Creek to a T. Devile?, (recorded 1792) the land originally granted to Charles Hill on 28th November 1771, bounded N.W. by lands laid out to William Hill (William Augusta Hill) and on the Southwest by lands surveyed for Charles Hill Sr., other sides vacant lands.

Since the original grant was made on 28th of November 1771, this has to be Charles Hill Jr. selling his land that was granted to him in 1771 and his wife Mary Hill also signed the deed. Her signing of the deed is an important factor, as will be seen shortly.

Now at this time, I must return briefly to a discovery made about 1986 by Mrs. Jeannette Christopher, a descendent of Moses Hill through his second son, James Hill. She has located a page from a bible that once belonged to Moses Hill.

On that page is the following entry.. QUOTE: "COZ. (COUSIN) MARY HEYLL (HILL) DEPARTED THIS LIFE 7th JUNE 1827-WIFE OF CHARLES C. HEYLL (HILL)." END OF QUOTE.

Now while the following is speculative, I am of the opinion that it was actually Charles C. Hill that was the cousin and since Mary had married him, she too was called cousin. I know this to be an old southern tradition and was used in my own personal family. When a man or woman married a cousin of a particular person, they BOTH were called "cousin." I think this is the case here.

Since Charles Hill Jr. had a wife named Mary, I am of the opinion that Charles C. Hill (wife Mary) is the same as Charles Hill Jr., son of Charles Hill Sr, and brother to William Augusta Hill. Should this be the case, and assuming that Moses, Leonard & Thomas Hill were brothers, then Charles C. Hill Jr. and William Augusta Hill would be a cousin to Moses Hill, Leonard Hill and Thomas Hill.

As is stated on page 113 of the Hill-Mobley book, no Charles Hill is listed in the 1790 Census and it appears that Charles Hill Jr. had moved or died.

I am strongly suspicious that Charles C. Hill Jr (wife Mary) was probably a third generation and had moved to North Carolina because in 1798, in Rutherford County, N.C., a Charles Hill purchased land on Second Broad River. In the 1800 Census, there are two Charles Hills listed, one being age 26-45 and the other 16-26 year of age.

The Charles Hill listed as between the ages of 26-45 could be him. Assuming he was 45 years of age or close to it, his birth would be in 1760 if 40 years of age and ca. 1755 if 45 yrs old.

The birth of 1754-55 would place Charles Hill close to being the of age 21, said to be required to have received a land grant in S.C. in November of 1771. A birth of 1755 would mean he was only 16, a birth of 1754 would show him to be about 17 years of age, but we do not know the details of the S.C. laws, governing such grants at that time and census records of those days were often riddle with errors & ages

were often approximate ages, leaving margin for errors, therefore he (Charles) is to be considered as "possibly" being the same man that was earlier in S.C. A Charles Hill (wife Temperance Webb) is known to have died in Spartanburg County, S.C. in 1845. No connect to the above has yet been made but should no be ruled out entirely.

His wife Mary died on 7th June 1827 (Moses Hill's Bible Records) thus allowing her to have been 16 years of age in 1771, would place her birth ca. 1755 also. This is certainly reasonable.

Another tip off of a connection to these N.C. Hills to the Charles Hill (wife Nancy) of old Craven County & Fairfield County is the fact that such names as Charles, Abel, George and John are found. I am of the opinion that further research would reveal them to be sons of Burril Hill or George A. Hill, both of whom were earlier in S.C. (Ref: Letter from Mr. Benjamin D. Hill Jr., of Wash. D.C. to Mrs. I. E. Jackson, of Winder, Ga. dated 14th January 1940 on page 24 of George Hill's book).

If Charles C. Hill Jr., son of Charles Hill Sr., of old Craven County, S.C., Camden District and later Fairfield (District) County moved to N.C. prior to the 1790 Census, then he could be one of these two men. He might even be a later generation than the two named above.

Now in the book, on page 113, it refers to a sale of land (dated 1802) by a Burril Hill of Rutherford County, North Carolina and a George Augusta Hill (page 116) of Chester County, South Carolina (adjacent to Fairfield County and once part of the old Craven County).

In Fairfield County Deed Book N, Page 419, Burril Hill of Rutherford County, N.C. sells land in Fairfield County, South Carolina to Andrew McDowell, land originally granted Charles Hill on 23rd June 1774.

Based on the date of the grant it seems that this Charles Hill was Charles Hill Jr. (wife Mary) and I suspect (but not yet documented) that Burril Hill was a son to this Charles Hill, and Charles had probably died by this time and Burril Hill had inherited the land.

The interesting thing here is that a Burwell Hill of S.C. sold some Virginia land to a Thomas Hill of Surry County, Virginia. (This information was provided to me by Mr. Brent Holcomb when he was researching for me in 1985).

In South Carolina a Burrill Hill fought in the Revolution, deserted and was tried and convicted. His sentence was to serve for the duration of the war. I am of the opinion that this stigma caused him to later move to North Carolina, and

it is he that was selling the inherited South Carolina land left by the death of his father Charles Hill Jr.

George Hill mentions the probable connection of Burril Hill and Charles Hill on page 114 and I agree with him, and I believe him to be the son of Charles C. Hill Jr. and wife Mary.

In his book George Hill states that there is nothing to indicate or show which was Charles Hill Sr. or Jr. or to connect them to the Moses Hill Family, Richard Hill or other William Hill Families. That might have been the case then but not now.

GEORGE AUGUSTUS (AUGUSTA) HILL OF CHESTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA (Starting on Page 116 of the book).

Chester County Deed Book D, page 133, filed in April of 1794, shows a deed between George Augustus Hill of Chester County selling land to John McCullough, land originally granted to CHARLES HILL on 23rd of June 1774.

This date of the grant indicates it was Charles Hill Jr. (wife Mary). It is possible that George Augustus Hill and Burril Hill were brothers of this Charles Hill Jr. but I am inclined to think they were sons and they had inherited the lands and were now selling off those lands since neither lived in Fairfield County, where the lands were located.

If this be true, then George Augustus Hill and Burril Hill were sons of Charles C. Hill Jr. (wife Mary) and since Charles C. Hill Jr. was a cousin to Moses Hill (also Leonard & Thomas Hill) his sons (Burrill & George A. Hill) would therefore be 2nd cousins to Moses, Leonard and Thomas Hill.

LEONARD HILL FAMILY (Reference page 117 of the above book)

As stated before it is generally accepted by several researchers that Leonard Hill was a brother of Moses Hill and Thomas Hill, all three of Fairfield County South Carolina. The evidence, while circumstantial, is quite strong and has been discussed previously in this document.

Evidence found by this compiler plus other evidence given to me indicates that Moses Hill was the eldest of the three brothers and Thomas Hill was the youngest. Moses Hill was born in 1757 (but after July 1st or in 1758. Leonard Hill is suspected to have been born ca. 1760 or 1762. Thomas Hill is suspected to have been born ca. 1765-1767.

Leonard Hill, like his two suspected brothers, is known to have served in the South Carolina Militia during the American Revolution. In The Comptroller General's Book N, Indent 41

(AA3605), it shows that in 1781 Leonard served 90 days under General Pickens as a horseman and took part in the siege of Augusta. In the same book it shows that in 1782, he served another 60 days as a footman at Orangeburg and Four Holes Swamp, as did Moses Hill.

In South Carolina, on 8th of August 1785, Leonard Hill purchased 100 acres of land from Henry Land (Fairfield Deed Book B, Page 55). This deed was witnessed by Burr Harrison, Susannah Dunford and Moses Hill. Susannah Dunford was named as the mother of three of his children in his Clark County Kentucky Will of 1825.

On the 5th of January 1786, Leonard Hill received a S.C. land grant of 82 acres, adjacent to the above land but on the 26th of May 1788, Leonard sold the 82 acres of land to his suspected brother, Thomas Hill. This deed was signed by Elizabeth Hill, wife of Leonard Hill. By the time of the 1790 Census Leonard Hill was in Fayette (Clark) County.

The marital life of Leonard Hill is somewhat confusing as he obviously had a wife in South Carolina named Elizabeth. Her name does not show up again any place else and no known children by her has been found. Neither she nor any children of hers is mentioned in the Will of Leonard Hill in 1825.

Leonard Hill's will was dated 4th July 1825 (Clark County Book 6, Page 30) and proved in August of 1825. The will of Leonard Hill names Susannah Dunford as the mother of his three married daughters, Mary, Sarah and Elizabeth. He does not mention her as his wife, in any way, either deceased wife or loving wife, as is usually the occasion.

Rachel Dunford (assumed sister of Susannah) was named as the mother of sons John and Moses Hill. At no time does he acknowledge either of them as his wives. Neither does he mentioned Elizabeth (his South Carolina wife) or any of their children (if any).

It is believed that Susannah & Rachel Dunford were sisters. Susannah is believed to have been the eldest of the two and probably died first. So far the names of their parents has not been determined.

Shortly after the death of Leonard Hill ca. July-August 1825, Clark County records show that Rachel Dunford married Jesse Hodges on the 27th April 1826 and surety was her son Moses Hill, who's father was Leonard Hill.

In the 1850 Census of Clark County, Kentucky (Page 8, dwelling # 108) Rachel Dunford is listed as Rachel Hodges, age 75, born in North Carolina. (birth ca. 1775). This information, plus the wording of the will of Leonard Hill, suggest that he was not legally married to either of the

