

N.04 INFORMATION ON WOODWARD D. HILL, OLDEST SON OF NATHAN BARRETT HILL & WIFE JUDITH E. STEWART, INCLUDING A LETTER FROM NATHAN B. HILL TO HIS COUSIN GEORGE W. HILL, CONCERNING WOODWARD D. HILL.

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A letter by Nathan Barrett Hill , who was at this time the Sheriff of Richland District, to his cousin George Washington Hill, who had taken Woodward D. Hill (son of Nathan) home with him for a visit. George was son of James Hill, and they lived in Fish Dam, (today's) Carlisle S.C. in Union County.

Addressed to: G. W. HILL ESQ.
Fish Dam
Union District, S.C.
Sheriff's Office
Columbia, Dec. 13, 1849

Dear George;

I presume on this you have reached home and I hope all safe and that you have not experienced much trouble with my little boy. Since you left, the small boy Lawrence has been quite sick but I am happy to say out of danger- all the rest in good health, (Cynthia too).

WOODWARD may expect a letter from me. Say to him that I have written to you (which's all the same). Be pleased to occasionally jog his memory as to the advice given to him by his mother. Tell him to be a good boy, and not to be troublesome.

I shall be most happy to hear from you by return of mail. I would be glad (if) you would address my wife-to the care of J. W. DURHAM, Ridgeway, Fairfield District, that she may hear from WOODWARD- as she is uneasy and there is no place she would have let him go, only there and with you- tell the little fellow howdy for his father, and present to your kind mother and father my kind remembrance, believe me to be..

Very Respectfully and truly yours,
(signed) N. BARRETT HILL

Reference to above....The name of Cynthia is believed to be a cousin of Nathan's (Cynthia Durham?) or a visiting Woodward. The wife of Nathan Hill was Judith E. Stewart, who was the mother of all Nathan's children. (She was daughter of Jessie Stewart & wife Wilmoth Williamson).

CENSUS DATA THAT RELATES TO THE FAMILY OF WOODWARD D. HILL

1870 CENSUS OF LEXINGTON COUNTY S.C. (TAKEN 23 AUGUST 1870)

Head of Household	age	Occupation
Woodward Hill	33	school teacher
Sarah	24	keeps house
Emma	2	
Sarah	1	

(My Note: The family lived in area of Sandy Run, located today in Calhoun County, about 10-15 miles SE of Columbia.

1880 CENSUS OF LEXINGTON COUNTY (TOWNSHIP OF SANDY RUN) Taken on 12th June 1880

Head of Household	Age	Occupation	Person	Father	Mother
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Woodward D. Hill	42	school teacher	S.C.	S.C.	S.C.
Sallie E.	37	keeps house	S.C.	S.C.	S.C.
Emma *****	13		S.C.	S.C.	S.C.
Sallie E. *	11		S.C.	S.C.	S.C.
Barrett *	8		S.C.	S.C.	S.C.
Peter *	5 (grandfather)		S.C.	S.C.	S.C.
James	2		S.C.	S.C.	S.C.
William	1/2 (born in May)		S.C.	S.C.	S.C.

***** (Age of Emma wrong, see below)

* (My Notes) Birth dates are as follows,
 Emma born 14th Feb. 1868 (should be age 12 not 13.
 Sallie E. born 18th Feb. 1869 and her age of 11 seems right.
 Barrett was born 8th October 1871 and age of 8 is correct.
 Peter (Peter Joseph Hill) was born 31st October 1874 and his age of 5 is correct.

1900 CENSUS OF LEXINGTON COUNTY S.C. (TOWNSHIP OF SANDY RUN)
 Page 285 Census was taken on 13th June 1900
 Family No. 187 Age Mo.& Yr. Born Place of Birth

Head of Household	Age	Mo. & Yr.	Indvl	Father	Mother
Woodard D. Hill	62	Sept 1838*	SC	SC	SC
Sarah	54	Aug 1846*	SC	SC	SC
Peter J.	24	Oct 1876*	SC	SC	SC
William	20	May 1880	SC	SC	SC
Soonie (Sue)	17	April 1883	SC	SC	SC
Beulah L. (Lee)	14	Jan. 1886	SC	SC	SC
Mike (age not legible)		Oct 1889?	SC	SC	SC

* (These years of birth wrong, Woodard born 1837, Sarah born 1845, Peter J. born 1874)

IMPORTANT NOTE: Who ever gave this information was about a year off on the ages, from Woodward down to and including Peter, the rest were ok. It should also be noted that the name of Woodward was now spelled WOODARD. That is the way his name was known among his family and is also spelled that way on his death certificate, however in a letter wrote by his father, he is addressed as Woodward and is listed that way in all previous Census Records.

Woodward D. Hill (4th known generation) was the first born child of Nathaniel Barrett Hill 3/ (Thomas 2/, Moses 1/) and Judith E. Stewart, (daughter of Jessie Stewart & Wilmoth Williamson).

Woodward D. Hill was obviously named after the maternal side of his grandparents. His grandmother was Jemima Woodward (m. Thomas Hill) and the daughter of Reverend William Woodward and Nancy Elizabeth Barrett.

Woodward D. Hill served in the Confederate Army, (7th S.C. VOLUNTEERS, COMPANY C, INFTRY), and appears to have originally enlisted for State duty on April 21, 1861, but his outfit was mustered into the Confederate Army on May 23, 1861.

He was injured in the skirmish at Pocotaligo (S.C.) and was medically discharged on September 11, 1861. He returned to duty on 7th February 1862, promoted from Sergeant to Lieutenant on 16th October 1863. (Reference "S.C. Troops in Confederate Service" by Salley, Vol. II, page 82).

Service Records shows that Woodward was in and around Petersburg at the close of the war and was in charge of a "Pioneer Brigade" (engineers). His daughter, Beulah L. (Hill) McQuatters told me that he was present when his younger brother John died from wounds received in the war.

From the service records of Woodward, we have knowledge that he returned home, while recovering from his injuries and we also know that he was in Columbia (while still in service) and records from the Richland County Court, shows that he purchased the home that once belonged to his parents on Lumber Street in Columbia. He purchased it in 1863 and sold it in 1865. (It is suspected that his mother, Judith (Stewart) Hill, died just prior to his selling the house, probably in 1864 or 1865.

In Columbia, Woodward became involved in an incident with Union Troopers, that were occupying the town, struck one and fled into the community of Sandy Run, to avoid arrest. Sandy Run was located in then nearby Lexington County, but in 1908 became Calhoun County. It is about 10 to 15 miles Southeast of Columbia.

He came upon the farm of William Rucker and his family, who hid him from the Union Troops. He remained on the farm and later in 1866 married a daughter of William's, named Sally Elizabeth Rucker. Later they inherited the farm when Sally's widowed mother passed away.

The marriage of Woodward in 1866 is confirmed by statements from his daughter Beulah and the 1900 CENSUS which states they were married 34 years.

Information given by his son Michael Hill and daughter Beulah Lee (Hill) McQuatters, confirmed that Woodward Hill was a school teacher. My grandmother Hill's brother, Charlie Rickenbaker, was one of his students. Charlie stated that he was a very strict teacher and would not tolerate with any foolishness.

Information from Charlie Rickenbaker and other Hill family members, stated that Woodward was brought to the school house on Monday mornings by one of his sons (by horse and wagon).

Due to the distance and slowness of transportation, when school let out on Monday, he would go to the home of a student, spend the night, come to school the next day and then to another student's house each school night, gradually working his way closer to his home. On Friday, after school, a son would again pick him up and take him home for the week end.

My grandmother Hill stated that Woodward was also a Justice of the Peace, but after talking to several of the older people who knew him, it has been determined that he was only a "Notary Public," often witnessing and signing documents for the neighbors and was mistaken for a Justice of Peace.

Woodward D. Hill was described by his daughter, Beulah, as well as my grandmother and my father as being a very short, bald headed man. One of his eyes was crossed due to the injuries he received in the civil war. Also one of his arms was mangled badly, with the bone exposed in places (so I was told due to burns).

A grand daughter, Edna (Hill) Godbold, was one of a set of twin girls. She was the daughter of Nathaniel Barrett Hill, who was the 3rd child but oldest son of Woodward D. Hill, and known in the family as "BARRETT." (Obviously he was named after his grandfather, Nathaniel Barrett Hill, who also was called by family members as "Barrett").

She said that for a spell, as an elderly man, Woodward lived with her parents (Nathan Barrett Hill, oldest son of Woodward & Elizabeth Geiger) and that he would get up on a cold morning, about 5 am, put wood on the fire in the fireplace to get it going real good, then would put his feet (only with socks on) up against the warm bricks, chew his snuff, and would often spit into the "Spitooon."

She said the problem was that he often missed the can, and it would land on the clean floor. She said her mother (Elizabeth Geiger) would get real angry and call Barrett and say, "You better do something about your daddy spitting on my clean floors." She said that they often fussed about it.

Information from both Annie Mae Bolton (granddaughter of Woodward and daughter of William Woodward Hill) and the other granddaughter, Edna Godbold, indicates that Woodward's two sons, Barrett and William, were very much concerned for their father's care and that Woodward lived with both of them just before entering the Old Soldier's Home in Columbia...(His health was going bad and needed the care).

One of his grand daughters, Annie Mae (Hill) Bolton, who was then a young teen aged girl and the son of William Woodward Hill, told us that when Woodward lived with them for a spell in Columbia, he was jolly at times but was also "grouchy."

By this time he had become ill and was approaching 80 years of age. She said that he walked with the aid of a cane. He was completely bald and had grown a small mustache, and she said that if someone met him coming through a door, he would say to you gruffly, "Get out of my way." If you did not move in the manner he thought you should, he would slap you with his cane. She said he was a touchy man by this time.

Another story about Woodward, as told by his daughter Beulah, as well as both Edna Godbold and Annie Mae Bolton, his two granddaughters, was that before his wife, Sally Rucker died, she (Sally) use to tease him and she told him that if she died before he did and he remarried, she was going to come back and haunt him.

Sally did die first and Woodward remarried a widow Mrs. Kimbal. They lived in the old home but only for a very short time. It seems that Woodward was indeed "haunted" by his first and deceased wife Sally. He swore to all that she was continuously walking around his bed, laughing at him.

While this might appear funny, they all stated that Woodward was serious about these incidents and he and his 2nd wife moved out, and Woodward would never again live in the house.

It seems that a son James Franklin Hill took over the house (by agreement with the heirs of Woodward Hill) and farmed it. When he died, his son Raymond Hill farmed it but he did not live in the house and it was left vacant. When Raymond Hill died, HIS son Roger Hill farmed it for a spell but the house was still left vacant, apparently due to legal matters.

Time and thieves have destroyed the house. No one ever again lived in the house and in the summer of 1986, my son and I (Robert Hill Jr. & Sr.) visited the remains of the house near Sandy Run. Only the brick foundations (partly) and the remains of the fireplace and chimney were left. The inetrstate highway from Charleston to Columbia now runs on he dge of the property.

We were told by Roger Hill, son of Raymond Hill and grandson

of James Franklin Hill and a great grandson of Woodward D. Hill, that the house was literally taken apart piece by piece by the thieves.

OBITUARY OF ELIZA M. (HILL) NUNNAMAKER, SHE WAS THE ONLY DAUGHTER OF NATHAN B. HILL & JUDITH E. STEWART.

Source: "Southern Time & State Gazette" (was then just one newspaper in Columbia, S.C.) issued on Friday, April 20th, 1923.

BELOVED WOMAN DIES AT HOSPITAL

MRS. ELIZA M. NUNNAMAKER PASSES AWAY AT AGE OF EIGHTY-ONE.
FUNERAL TOMORROW.

Mrs. Eliza M. Nunnamaker, age 81, died yesterday morning at 9:15 o'clock in a local hospital following an illness of several months. Mrs. Nunnamaker has made Columbia her home all her life and was a beloved member (of) St. Andrew's Lutheran Church.

Mrs. Nunnamaker is survived by two son, E. F Nunnamaker of Columbia, and B. H. Nunnamaker of Craddock Va. and the following grandchildren: J. M. Nunnamaker of Winnsboro, H.C. Nunnamaker of Craddock, Va., Mrs. A. M. Myers of this city and Mrs. Ethel Pillsbury of Craddock, Va., and one great granddaughter, Miss Murrell Nunnamaker of Columbia.

Funeral services will be conducted at St. Andrews's Lutheran Church tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock and interment will be in the churchyard.

The late Mrs. Nunnamaker had made many friends during her life, who will join with family mourning for her death. She was a woman of lovely disposition and held many fine traits of character.

FUNERAL NOTICE OF ELIZA M. (HILL) NUNNAMAKER, THE ONLY DAUGHTER OF NATHAN B. HILL, AND WIFE JUDITH E. STEWART.

Source: Newspaper "Southern Times & State Gazette" of Columbia S.C., issued dated Saturday, April 21st, 1923.

FUNERAL INVITATION

NUNNAMAKER- The relatives and friends of MRS. ELIZA NUNNAMAKER and family are invited to attend her funeral services at ST. ANDREWS LUTHERAN CHURCH, in Dutch Fork, THIS (Saturday) AFTERNOON, at 3 o'clock. Interment in church yard.
