

NC.025 BITS AND PIECES OF GENEALOGY DATA REGARDING THE
HILL FAMILY OF N.C.

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ROBERTSON-HILL FAMILY

In 1790 when the first Census was taken in Montgomery County, North Carolina there was Cornelius Robertson (II), brother of "Black Charles" Robertson, of Tennessee. He was just under 21 but listed in the census as "over sixteen," which indicates he was born about 1770. He married CLARISSA HILL, who was born in 1779.

Information by Worth Ray (he says) has established the fact that Cornelius Robertson emigrated from North Carolina to Kentucky, where he lived for a short time, then he moved to Alabama, where he was a Captain of a company who fought the Indians in the 1830s. He was in a battalion commanded by R. E. B. Baylor.

Colonel Baylor was both a minister and a lawyer and went to Texas, near Old Independence. The sons of Cornelius Robertson also settled there. CLARISSA (HILL) ROBERTSON died there and is buried in the old cemetery, where the inscription states that she died there, relict of Cornelius Robertson on 5 February, 1864 at age 84 years, and six months, indicating a birth in 1779.

CLARISSA (HILL) ROBERTSON ^{4/} was the daughter of ABRAHAM HILL ^{3/} who married CHRISTIAN WALTON. ABRAHAM HILL ^{3/} SON OF ABRAHAM HILL ^{2/}, SON OF HENRY HILL ^{1/} & WIFE MARY (HINTON?).

THE FOLLOWING GENEALOGY IS SET FORTH BY RAY & (IN MY MIND) IS PARTLY QUESTIONABLE. QUESTIONABLE DATA UNDERLINED.

Humphrey Marshall, died in Isle of Wight County, Virginia in 1711, leaving a will in which no sons were mentioned but some daughters were, including Anne, who married HENRY APPLEWHITE HILL, and a daughter, Mary, who married THOMAS HILL. (Ref: Boddie's 17th Century Isle of Wight, pp. 232-233).

Thomas Hill married Mary Marshall, daughter of Humphrey Marshall. They were the parents of HENRY APPLEWHITE HILL, ISAAC HILL, THOMAS HILL and ROBERT HILL, perhaps others as well. The son THOMAS HILL was the father of HUMPHREY HILL, of King & Queen County, Virginia. He had many descendents.

ISAAC HILL was the father of WILLIAM HILL, who settled in Lunenburg County, Virginia and who died in Brunswick County, leaving several descendents in both Virginia and N.C. His wife was said to be a Jennings (Margaret Jennings). He had a daughter MARY HILL, who married Clement Read and was the ancestor of Abner & Joseph Nash, through their marriages.

ROBERT HILL is unknown but he may have been the father of Sion Hill, who's father was Robert Hill (m. Mary Webb).

HENRY APPLEWHITE HILL was the father of Colonel BENJAMIN HILL, ABRAHAM HILL (m. Judith), WILLIAM HILL (m. Jones), ISAAC HILL (b. 1725), who settled in Tennessee after living shortly in Georgia and GREEN HILL (b. 1714) and who m. Grace Bennett. (This information is wrong! Not the same Henry Hill, nor any relation to Green Hill).

ABRAHAM HILL 2/, who's wife was named Judith (Perry?) died in Chowan County, N.C. in 1760 and was the father of ABRAHAM 3/, HENRY 3/, ISAAC 3/ & THEOPHILUS HILL 3/.

ISAAC HILL 3/ was a Revolutionary Soldier and his wife is said to have died while he was away with the military. Her name has been listed as both Nancy Evans and Anna Harrison. No listing of children has been found but it is known that a son of theirs was Isaac W. Hill 4/, b. 10 Feb. 1761, who married Nancy Crain in Wilkes County, Georgia.

HENRY HILL 3/ married Sarah Cotton and went to Georgia. They had eight children. They were: John Hill 4/; Abraham Hill 4/, m. Clarissa Callaway; Theophilus Hill 4/; Henry Hill 4/; Mary Hill 4/; Nancy Hill 4/; Sarah Hill 4/ and Catherine Hill 4/.

THEOPHILUS HILL 3/ (m. Theresa Thomas, daughter of John Thomas Sr....SEE THOMAS FAMILY OF VIRGINIA), ABRAHAM HILL 3/ married Christian Walton and they went to Georgia. They were the parents of CLARISSA HILL 4/, who married Cornelius Robertson.

Cornelius Robertson, husband of CLARISSA (HILL) ROBERTSON 4/, may have died in Alabama and CLARISSA HILL 4/ (his widow) may have come into Texas to live among her children and other relatives that included the APPLEWHITES and WALLACES. (Note: This statement seems contradictory to the statement in the last paragraph below. If Cornelius Robertson was in Texas, why does Worth Ray think he died in Alabama?).

CORNELIUS ROBERTSON and wife CLARISSA HILL 4/ had the following KNOWN children. There may have been others:

1. General Jerome B. Roberston, who on the death of General John B. Hood, was promoted to command the famous "Texas Brigade" of Texas Troops.

2. Honorable Tod Robertson (second son) married Mary Crittenton, of Kentucky. He was born in 1813 in N.C., came to Texas and settled in Brazoria County in 1839. He served as a member of Congress of the Republic of Texas several terms before Texas became a state. It is said he later became a Judge in California.
3. Mary Robertson married John Alston Dudley.
- 4-5?. George Robertson & Andrew Robertson, were among the very early settlers and were members of Stephen F. Austin's "first three hundred" colonist to Texas. They may have been sons but no proof has been found.

Cornelius Robertson, father of Gen. Jerome B. Robertson and Elijah Robertson, father of Sterling Clark Robertson, the Texas Empresario, were second cousins. In ante-bellam (Civil War) the lived 40 miles apart and were socially intimate. The two families called each other "cousins." (NOTE: Why does Worth Ray say Cornelius Robertson lived in Texas, when above he says he may have died in Alabama?).

THE FOLLOWING WAS AN ARTICLE ENTITLED "THE HILL FAMILIES," BY G. LELAND SUMMER. IT WAS SENT TO ME BY L.P. HILL OF HARRISONBURG, VA.

Copied & Entered in January 1989 by Robert R. Hill Sr.

The Irish are a people of daring character and live in the green valleys of a country settled largely by English folk of culture and education. When Moses Hill left England for Ireland in 1573, a baronet was conferred on him, but there is no records of any of his descendents having come to America. Abram or Abraham Hill, son of a merchant, Richard Hill, of Shilstone, Devonshire (England) became a commissioner of trade and also was comptroller of Canterbury during the reign of William and Mary. He married Anne, the daughter of Sir Bustrade Whitelocke, and had a son, Richard Hill, and a daughter, Frances. Henry Hill, son or grandson of Samuel Hill, moved from England to Ireland in 1642, as treasurer of the kingdom under Oliver Cromwell.

Many of these Irish settled in Virginia, and, according to the records, there was living in Warwick County, Virginia in 1693, a Samuel Hill, whose great-grandson, at a later period, ca. 1719, was made a baronet and was known as SIR HUGH HILL. He represented the city of Derry in parliament from 1768 to 1795, when he died.

Henry Hill, who settled in Nansemond County, Virginia, with his wife, Mary Hill, found lands encircled by the lofty summits of the Alleghenies, and with wide fields of clover which gave fragrance to the air, and many forest of evergreen.

Note by Robert Hill: This appears to be someone's dream as Nansemond County, is located in southeastern Virginia and is very flat and swampy. I should know as I lived there.

Thus Henry Hill 1/ reared his family among nature's attractive surroundings and developed and maintained large farming interests in a state and section that gave to America many worthy peers of a young republic. He was given a land grant of 500 acres under the English government, as deeded by Francis Nicholson, the Governor of Virginia. Later, one of his sons, Abraham Hill 2/, desiring to seek his fortune farther south, moved, with his wife, Judith, to Gates County, N.C., where he died about the year of 1760. Abraham Hill 2/ was in the French and Indian Wars in the company of Capt. James Farlies, regiment of Col. Robert Burden of the N.C. militia. His sons were, Henry 3/, Abraham 3/, Isaac 3/, & Theophilus Hill 3/. His daughters were Sarah (Hill) Hunter 3/ and Mary (Hill) Easton 3/. The eldest son Henry Hill 3/, died in Wilkes County, Georgia in 1792. Many of these settled in old Ninety-Six District of South Carolina and in south Georgia.

John Hill 4/, son of Henry Hill 3/, married Bettie Edwards.

The second son of Henry Hill 3/ was Abraham Hill 4/, who married Clarissa Callaway. They were the parents of Henry W. Hill 5/, who was born in Wilkes County, Ga. on 9th January 1827. Clarissa Calloway, wife of Abraham Hill 4/, was daughter of Joseph Calloway, a pioneer of south Georgia, whose Grandson, Dr. James Abram Hill 6/ was a prominent physician in Wilkes County, Georgia, for many years. He married Sarah Elizabeth Woodruff.

As an indication of his character the following comment has been made regarding him: "Dr. James Abram Hill 6/ is one of those sterling characters that makes life worth living and yet causes no excitement in the outside world, acting upon the principle that virtues self-extolled are rendered obscure."

The third son listed for Henry Hill 3/ was Theophilus Hill 4/, who married Patsy Pope of Wake County, N.C. They too moved to Georgia ca. 1790, and were the parents of five children; Elizabeth Hill 5/; Greenberry Hill 5/; Winnie Hill 5/; Harriett Hill 5/ and Martha Hill 5/. Also listed was Nancy Hill 5/ married Col. William Johnson.

Many of these who came from N.C., stopped and settled first in Ninety-Six District of S.C. and pursuing their way to the abundant opportunities offered by the lands of South Georgia, stopped over in old Edgefield District S.C.. They could not pass through the natural beauty of the S.C. hills of old Newberry and old Edgefield Districts without the thought of stopping, and stopping they perceived the value of the soil and the wonder of the plentiful forests in these sections.

Henry Hill 3/, son of Abraham 2/ and Judith Hill, married Sarah Cotten, and died in Wilkes County, Georgia in 1804. He was a member of Capt. John Summer's Company in N.C. Militia, regiment of Col. Robert Burden, in the Revolutionary War. He first settled in Wake County, N.C., and later, in 1787, removed to Georgia, where he received a county grant for 200 acres of land in the same year.

Three brothers, Henry 3/, Abraham 3/ and Theophilus Hill 3/, sold lands in Chowan County, N.C. in 1763, after the death of their father, Abraham Hill 2/.

The records of Dobbs County, N.C. (Book M-No 1, page 74) show that Theophilus Hill 3/ sold to Elisha Hunter on November 5, 1763, 640 acres of land in Bear Swamp, and also 150 acres on November 7th to William Speight, land purchased from Daniel Pugh.

In Wilkes County, Georgia, Abraham Hill Sr. 3/ left property under his will, to his wife Christina Walton, which included the use of his Manor plantation and to the following children: Abraham 4/, Theophilus 4/, Noah 4/, Wylie 4/, Thomas 4/, Mary 4/ and to several grandchildren. Henry Blake, Mary Blake, John Pope, Sarah Pope, Betsey Jordan (wife of Joseph Jordan), and William Cocke Hill. The will was made in 1790 and letters & testamentary were granted in 1792 to Henry Hill 4/ and Abraham Hill 4/, executors.

The son Abraham Hill 4/ served under Gen. Wade Hampton and also under Gen. Sumter in the Revolutionary War. He married Elizabeth McGehee, daughter of Micajah McGehee and had two children, Abraham Scott Hill 5/ and Elizabeth Ann Hill 5/.

Elizabeth Ann Hill 5/ married her cousin, Blanton Meade Hill 5/, son of Miles Hill 4/ and Tabitha (Pope) Hill, and had seven children: Alonzo Alexander Franklin Hill 6/; Elizabeth McGehee Hill 6/; Gerorgia Ann Hill 6/; Clara Eletheura Hill 6/; Felixina Augusta Hill 6/; Blanton Abraham Hill 6/ & Susan Tabitha Hill 6/.

Alonzo Alexander Franklin Hill 6/ graduated at the University of Georgia with third honor and the degree of A.M. in 1845. He received his degree of M.D. from Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia in 1848. He was Assistant Surgeon in the United States Navy from 1848 to 1854. Later he studied law and graduated in law from the University of Georgia law school in 1860. He volunteered for service in the Confederate Army in 1861, was made captain of Company A in First Regiment of Georgia, promoted to Major in 1864 and later made a Lt. Colonel. The "Annals of Athens," Georgia, page 214, states this about him: "Colonel Hill was interested in everything going on. He was captain of the fire company, belonged to the guards, organized the artillery, chaperoned the picnics, led

the dancers, and filled a large place in the social life of this town. He wore his hair long and parted in the middle, and was distinguished by having the longest beard in town. He was a great beau and a general favorite."

Blanton Abraham Hill 5/, son of Blanton Meade Hill 4/ and Elizabeth Ann Hill 5/, daughter of Abraham Hill 4/, attended the University of Georgia, volunteered for service in the confederate army, was made lieutenant in Company D, Fifteenth Alabama Infantry, at the age of 24 and later promoted to Captain. He was mortally wounded near Richmond in 1864, was breveted Colonel for his bravery and died 1st September following (1864).

Lodiwick Meriwether Hill 5/ (1804-1883) was the son of Wylie Hill 4/ and Martha (Patsy) Pope. and the grandson to Abraham Hill 4/. He attended school at Athens, Georgia, and in 1821 attended Franklin College. In 1824, while in his senior year, he fell in love with an excellent young lady and not being able to withstand his sentimental inclination, he married and settled in life as a merchant and planter, despite the protests of his parents, friends and the college faculty. He was commissioned a Colonel at the Eighteenth Regiment of militia in 1832; worthily represented his county in the state legislature in 1842 and 1843, again in 1844 and 1845; and in 1859 and 1860 he was a member of the state senate from Wilkes County. He financed the Hill Wilkes Guards in the Confederate War. When he died the following were distributees in his will; Martha S. Hill (widow), and children, Walter P. Hill 6/; Burwell P. Hill 6/; Duncan C. Hill 6/. (Harry P. Hill 7/ received the share of his father, Burwell P. Hill 6/ by codicil).

Lodiwick Hill's 5/ first wife was a second cousin, Nancy Hill Johnson 5/, whom he married in 1824. She was the granddaughter of Henry Hill 3/ and Sarah Cotten. Children by his first marriage were: William Wylie Hill 6/; John Meriwether Hill 6/; Walton Pope Hill 6/; Abraham Chandler Hill 6/; Burrell Pope Hill 6/; Ida May Hill 6/; Duncan Chatfield Hill 6/; Thomas Webster Hill 6/; Henry Jordan Hill 6/; James DuBose Hill 6/, and Lodiwick Johnson Hill 6/.

Children by his second marriage with Mary Strother Welborn were: Abner Welborn Hill 6/; Miles Wilkes Hill 6/ and Edward Young Hill 6/.

Theophilus Hill 3/, fourth son of Abraham Hill 3/ and wife Judith (Perry?) Hill, was born in 1740, married in 1762 to Theresa Thomas in Edgecombe County, N. C. They had one son, Lodiwick Hill 4/ and four daughters. The second born daughter (Name not listed) married a DeWitt, the third was Ann Hill 4/, born in St. Augustine, Fla. There is no record of the others.

Theophilus Hill 3/ moved from N.C. to San Domingo and later to South Carolina. Then the family moved to the Spanish possessions, called at that time, East Florida, with the exception of Lodiwick Hill 4/.

The son, Lodiwick Hill 4/, was a Private in the Revolutionary War, in the company of Captain Isaac Ross, Second Regiment of State Troops. Later he was promoted to Sergeant in Sumter's Brigade in South Carolina. He married Susan Grigsby in 1785, daughter of Enoch Grigsby and his wife, Susan Butler (she was the sister of Captain James Butler and an aunt of Gen. William Butler of the Revolution).

Butler and Grigsby were two well known names in South Carolina in the affairs of state during the Revolutionary War period and just after the war. Lodiwick Hill 4/ & Susan Grigsby had the following children: Mary Hill 5/; Theresa Hill 5/; Theophilus Hill 5/; James Hill 5/; Sarah Hill 5/; Henry Hampton Hill 5/; Rhydon Hill 5/ and Jonathan Hill 5/. These were all born in Edgefield District (SC), that section which is now a part of Saluda County, near old Red Bank Church.

Theophilus Hill 5/, born 1790, married Susannah Richardson, daughter of David Richardson of Edgefield (District) and had several children: Lodiwick Hill 6/; Mary Hill 6/; Rhydon Hill 6/; Henry Hill 6/; James R. Hill 6/; Martha Hill 6/; Elizabeth Hill 6/, who married Thomas Maynard and moved to Georgia; William Hill 6/; John Walter Hill 6/; Susan Frances Hill 6/; Thomas Theophilus Hill 6/, and Benjamin Hill 6/.

William Hill 6/ married Jennie King and they had one son, William Hill (Jr.) 7/. Benjamin Hill 6/ married Jennie Lipscomb of Ninety-Six (District in SC), and they moved to Georgia. Rhydon Hill 6/ married Elizabeth Smyley. Henry Hill 6/ married Mary Jane Addison Neal and had children: Tabor H. Hill 7/ of Greenwood, S.C.; Dr. Lodiwick Hill 6/ of Abbeville (SC), and George P. Hill 6/ of Newberry (County, SC).

George P. Hill 6/ is the father of State Senator Tabor L. Hill 7/ of Newberry (County, SC) & Susan Frances Hill 7/, who married George W. Pearce of Bainbridge, Georgia. They had four children: Thomas Robert Pearce 8/; John Pearce 8/; George Pearce 8/; Mattie Sue Pearce 8/, who married Joseph H. Cantelou.

Henry Hampton Hill 5/, son of Lodiwick Hill 4/ and Susan Grigsby, was born in 1798. He married Mattie Sue Bond, and had the following children: Whitman Robinson Hill 6/; James Lodiwick Hill 6/; Florella Pauline Hill 6/; Dr. William Mayes Hill 6/ (he married Mary Crawford), Dr. Louis Sanchez Hill 6/; Susan Abigail Hill 6/, all of whom lived in Edgefield District, S.C.

Whitman Robinson Hill 6/ married Sara Ann Vardele of Elberton, Georgia, and had Sara Florella Hill 7/; Martha Ellen Hill 7/ and Tallulah Whitman Hill 7/. Martha Ellen Hill 7/ married Stephen H. Fortson, of Elberton, Georgia. (she was his second wife) and had issue: Stephen Tallulah Fortson 8/.

Tallulah Whitman Hill 7/ married, first Dr. Shiland of Philadelphia, and second, George Thomas Fortson, and had by the second husband (these) children: Sarah Pauline Fortson 8/, wife of William D. Gray of Allendale; Elizabeth Hanson Fortson 8/, wife of Zack Clark Hayes of Elberton, Georgia, and Whitman Hill Fortson 8/; Lovvick (Lodiwick?) George Fortson 8/ of Atlanta, and Ellie Juanita Fortson 8/.

The following is an extract from a tribute to Mrs. Sara Ann (Vardelle) Hill: "She was a woman of genuine culture and highly educated; reared in a home of affluence, surrounded by luxury and enjoyed every advantages and opportunity of the ideal ante-bellum life of that period. She was a true standard-bearer of everything that constitutes noble womanhood. She joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at the age of 16, lived a consistent life and died in the blessed assurance of salvation by faith in the merits of a crucified Redeemer." Her grandfather came to America with General Lafayette.

The characters of men are like the mighty waters of the seas. They are never the same in individual personalities; yet there are similarities apparent in families for generations back. American ideals fostered by our forefathers were intellectual development and growth of culture as well as material progress. Today, material advancement has a preponderant influence in new general characteristics of a worthy ancestry are inculcated in many of our citizens.

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