

NC.059 INFORMATION REGARDING SION HILL OF JOHNSTON COUNTY,
N.C. AND HIS WIFE STARGE LEE.

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Fla.

Source of Information: Research work by Dr. L. Jerry
McDowell, who provided this information to me.

Note by Robert R. Hill: At present Sion Hill that married
Starge Lee would have to be considered as the 1st generation.

SION HILL 1/, (wife) Starge Lee

Sion Hill's 1/ birth of 1773 (Ref. 1850 Census of Davidson
County, N.C.) clearly rules him out as being the son of
Robert Hill 3/, who died in 1766. Remember, the son of
Robert Hill 3/, Sion Hill 4/, was one of the executors of his
father's estate that was probated in 1766 in Halifax County,
N.C..

This particular Sion Hill 1/ was apparently born in Johnston
County, N.C. ca. 1773 and later moved from Johnston County,
N.C. to Wake County, N.C. and then to Randolph County, N.C.
ca. 1820 and finally settled in Davidson County, N.C.

It seems that Sion Hill 1/ married at a rather late age, when
comparing to the ages of most other men who married between
ages 18-25.

Sion Hill 1/ married at the age of 26 or 27 to Starge Lee on
the 21st of October 1800 in Johnston County, N.C. and the
marriage was witnessed by a Green Hill, who may have been his
father. (Ref. Marriage Bonds of Johnston Co., N.C.) There
is some speculation that this was Green Hill 4/, son of
Robert Hill 3/, but this is not so.

There is proof that Sion Hill Jr 3/ (b. 1682, 3rd generation)
had a son named Green Hil 4/. I suspect he was the father of
this Sion Hill that married Styarge Lee, but this has not
been proved.

According to the information at hand, when just a young boy,
this Sion Hill 1/ was captured by the British forces under
Lord Cornwallis and was made to care for his horse. When the
British reached Randolph County, N.C., Sion Hill 1/ escaped
and returned home in Johnston County, N.C. (Ref. Ruth
Miller Case family records).

Sion Hill 1/ was in Johnston County in the 1800 census (Page

767 and a Green Hill is listed on page 768 in same county. Green Hill is listed as being over 45 years of age in this census and this could indicate that Green Hill was the father of this particular Sion Hill 1/. This so far is speculation, but if later proved, all of the generation figures in this document will have to change by making Green Hill as 1st (known generation) and Sion Hil as 2nd as so forth.

Just when Sion Hill 1/ moved from Johnston County, N.C. to Wake County, N.C. is not clear but he was in Wake County by 1802, where he lived for about 20 years. The Wake County Tax Lists shows Sion (Sihon) Hill 1/ beginning in 1802 and he appears on the 1813, 1814, 1815, 1816 and 1820 tax records of that county. (Ref. Wake County, N.C. Tax Lists). It was noted that the Wake County Records often confused the names of Hill-Hicks and Hix with one another.

Sion Hill 1/ left Wake County and apparently went to Randolph County, N.C. where in 1821 he sold 250 acres of land on DEEP RIVER for taxes. These records show that the landowner's land is for sale at public auction if the land owner cannot pay his tax.

Sion Hill 1/ then disappears from the records until 1828 when he shows up owning 40 acres of land in Captain Harris' Tax District in Davdison County, N.C., in the vicinity of Tom's Creek. Sion Hill's 1/ name shows up consecutively until 1850 and several times until 1858. (Ref. Davidson County Tax Lists).

In the 1850 Census for Davidson County, N.C. Sion Hill 1/ is listed as a farmer, 77 years old (b. ca. 1773). Starge Hill was listed as 66 years of age (b. ca. 1784).

Research shows that Sion Hill 1/ & Starge Lee probably had several children. The following have been documented or presumed through family records to be their children (Ref. Ruth Miller Case Family Records & John Calvin Hill Family Bible).

Ruth Miller Case states that Riley Hill 2/, Simeon Hill 2/ and Tilathy Hill 2/ were brothers and sisters. She does not name other children.

Tilathy Hill 2/ married John McDowell on 6 October 1819 in Wake County. A Green Hill (Jr.) married Nancy Sneed in Wake County on 25th December 1819 and the witness was one Sion Hill 1/?

A young Green Hill 2/? appears on the 1830 Davidson County N.C. census being born between 1800-1810 though no proof exists that he was a son of Sion Hill 1/ & Starge Lee Hill, although Sion 1/ certainly could have named a son after his (alleged) father, Green Hill.

Mrs. Lona Wood has family records showing brothers of Riley Hill 2/ as Simeon Hill 2/; John W. Hill 2/; Jim Hill 2/ & Levi Hill 2/. Mr. Ralph Taylor's family bible records Sion Hill 1/ & Starge Lee Hill as parents of John D. Hill 2/. Several records imply the family relationships. For Example, Levi Hill's 2/ marriage was witnessed by Riley Hill 2/; Simeon Hill 2/ named a son Sion Hill 3/; Calvin Hill's 3/? marriage was witnessed by Riley Hill 2/ in Randolph County, N.C.

Calvin Hill 2/? moved to Brown County, Illinois. His death is recorded in John Calvin Hill's Bible but the relationship is not stated. John Calvin Hill 3/ was a grandson of Sion Hill 1/ & Starge Lee. (This writer suspects he was son of Calvin Hill).

Mrs. Lona Woods reports that Ezekiel Hill 2/? was thought to be a brother of Simeon Hill 2/ and thus a son of Sion Hill 1/ & Starge Lee. Hinton Hill's 3/ marriage was witnessed by Riley Hill 2/ and Riley 2/, Calvin 2/ and another Sion Hill (Jr.?) 2/? purchased some of the inventory of Hinton Hill's 3/ estate when he died, as a married teenager with sixty acres of land in Randolph County, N.C. on Jackson's Creek. (Ref. Randolph County N.C. Marriage Bonds).

John D. Hill's 2/ marriage was witnessed by the elder Sion Hill 1/. (Ref. Randolph County N.C. Marriage Bonds). John D. Hill 2/ lists his occupation as a shoemaker and names his first son, Hinton Hill 3/. (Ref. 1850 Davidson County N.C. Census). Riley Hill's 2/ marriage was witnessed by Simeon Hill 2/. (Ref. Randolph County N.C. Marriage Bonds).

Riley Hill 2/ married Apsylla Nance and a Sion Hill (Jr.?) 2/ married Elizabeth Nance, sister of Apsylla Nance.

In 1822, a Hill daughter married one Willis Lee, Starge's maiden name. (Ref. Randolph County N.C. Marriage Bonds). In the 1850 census the wife of Willis Lee was named Jinsy (Ref. Randolph County N.C. Census).

An older Myal or Mial Hill, possibly a brother to the elder Sion Hill married Delany Winters on 7th May 1806 in Wake County, N.C. Mial Hill died in Davidson County, N.C. on the 27th December 1823 leaving a wife & family. (Note by R. Hill: We need to review this 1850 census to get children's names and births).

A Delia Hill married Solomon Winters in 1816 in Wake County. Temperance Hill married (what date?) Aley Floyd in Wake County, N.C. and Aley (Alsa) Floyd is in Randolph County with his second wife by 1850. (Ref. 1850 Census).

The above long discussion offers fourteen possible children

of Sion Hill 1/ & his wife, Starge Lee. They are:

1. Green Hill 2/
2. Tilathy Hill 2/
3. Levi Hill 2/
4. Riley Hill 2/
5. Temperance Hill 2/
6. Sion Hill (Jr.) 2/
7. Calvin Hill 2/
8. Doctor Washington Hill 2/
9. Hinton Hill (By Robert Hill: I don't think he was a son of Sion Hill 1/ but was a grandson)
10. Ezekial L. Hill 2/
11. John D. Hill 2/
12. Jinsy Hill 2/
13. Delia Hill 2/
14. W. Hill (??? was not mentioned in above discussion)

Just where or when Sion Hill 1/ and his wife Starge Lee Hill died has not been determined.

(Comment by Robert Hill: I think a search of the records of Davidson County, N.C. should be made to see if their deaths occurred there. I also think a review of Ouaker Records should be made for Randolph & Davidson Counties of N.C.).

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