

R.043 INFORMATION ON SION LASSITER HILL.

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Source of following Information: My own research in 1993 and Data provided to me by Anna Beth Hewgley, 744 W. William Cannon Drive, No. 1002, Austin, Texas 78745 in August of 1993. She is a descendent of Sion Lassiter Hill & Frances Dismukes.

SION LASSITER HILL & FRANCES DISMUKES

The parents of Sion Lassiter Hill are unknown but one unknown source says he was the son of a Robert Hill. If so, then he was not the Robert Hill 3/, who's wife was named Tabitha of Halifax County, N.C. nor was it the Robert Hill of Warren County, Georgia, who did have a son named Sion Hill but who had married Susannah Lewis.

His father is thought (by this writer) to have been a man named Herbert Hill, who lived in Chatham County, N.C. between 1790-1800 and who could possibly be a grandson of Robert Hill 3/ & Tabitha of Halifax County, N.C.

My belief is that this Herbert Hill was a son of Abner Hill 4/ & Sarah Mathias, son of R overt Hill 3/. Another possibility is that Herbert Hill was a son of Sion Hill 4/ or Green Hill 4/, both sons of Robert Hill 3/. If so, the mother may have been a Lassiter, but this still has to be proved.

Some earlier researchers have mistaken this Sion Lassiter Hill (alias Sion L. Hill), mixed up with another Sion L. Hill, of Nash County,, NC but who was named Sion LERWIS HILL 5/, a son of William Hill Sr. 4/ and wife Charity Lewis, of Chatham County. THis William Hill Sr. 4/ was a brother to the above named Abner Hill 4/, both sons of Robert Hill 3/ and his wife Tabitha of Halifax County, NC.

Sion Lassiter Hill is said to have been born in Chatham County, N.C. on the 3rd of February 1796 and he married Frances Dismukes on the 5th of December 1818 at Clinton, in Jones County, Georgia.

Sion L. Hill died in the town of Ozark, in Dale County, Alabama on or about the 2nd of August 1871. (Ref: Petition of Probate Court, Dale County, Alabama on Estate of Sion L. Hill, below).

Frances Dismukes was the daughter of Edmond Dismukes and his wife, Betheny Cox. Betheny Cox was the daughter of Cary Cox Sr., born in Virginia and lived in Halifax County, N.C. during the Revolutionary War. Cary Cox Sr. was married to Mary Horne (b. Va.). Cary Cox Sr. and his son William Cox served in the Revolutionary War. (See Dismukes information at end).

It is on record that Sion Lassiter Hill was a veteran of the War of 1812, having served under the mysterious name of "HERBERT HILL." It is thought this was due to the fact that he had some Indian blood in his veins by the way of the Lassiter's and since, in those times, the Indians were frowned on by many others. I think he used his father's name HERBERT HILL! (Still needs to be proved).

Sion Lassiter Hill is said by some sources to have had a brother named Isaac Abner Hill, born ca. 1800 in Chatham County, N.C. or Halifax County, N.C.). Isaac A. Hill married on 21st November 1822 in Jones County, Georgia, to Isabelle Cox and he died on the 31st of August 1833 in Harris Co., Ga. (Ref: Macon Messenger, Macon, Ga. dated 17th Oct. 1833). Isaac A. Hill is said to have founded the University of Georgia Library, at Athens, Georgia.

Isabella Cox was born on the 16th of November 1801 in Warren County, Ga. and died on the 9th of October 1883 in Haralson ? (sic) County, Ga. She was the daughter of Asa Cox and Mariah Rountree, who was the daughter of Captain Richardson Rountree, A Revolutionary Soldier of Edgefield County, S.C.

The children of Isaac Abner Hill and Isabella Cox were:

1. Mariah Elizabeth Hill, born ca. 1823 in Jones County, Ga., married Harrison Tate.
2. Louise Jane Hill, born 8th August 1825 in Jones County, Ga., married Elisha Mullins.
3. Jackson LaFayette Hill, born 1826 in Harris County, Ga., married Isabella B. McCain.
4. Jas. (James) Henderson Hill, born 25th October 1829 in Harris Co., Ga., married Anne Elizabeth Hoaws, who's grandfather was a Revolutionary Soldier.
5. Cacelia? Ann Hill, born 5th January 1831 in Harris County, Ga., married John Henry William Stephens.

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Some researchers say that Mary Hill, who married Cheadle Cochran, was a sister to Elizabeth Hill (m. Benjamin Lassiter) and James Hill (m. Christiana Lassiter, sister of Benjamin Lassiter).

Cheadle Cochran obviously was a very close friend to Benjamin Lassiter and for this reason his children are listed at this point.

1. Elizabeth Cochran, born 11th January 1813, died 27th November 1878 at Roanoke, Chambers County, Alabama. She married William (Willie) Wood, born 7 Feb. 1808, d. 27th Feb. 1840.
  2. William Cochran, died 1835 Carroll County, Ga.
  3. Martin Hill Cochran M.D., no dates listed, married Ella Gates or Bates, was killed by a falling tree in Miss..
  4. Winston Hill Chochran, killed in Texas.
  5. James H. (Hill?) Cochran, died at sister's home in Chambers County, Ala. (unmarried).
  6. Littleton Hill Cochran M.D., born 25th May 1820, died in Campbell County, Ga. (no date given). Wife was Sarah Jane Beavers.
  7. Berry Wynn Cochran Sr., born 15 November 1828, died 27th January 1895. He married Alice Brewster, b. 12 Oct. 1844, d. 21st Jan. 1922 in Palmetto Co., Ga. (He was Capt. of Co., A, 56th Ga. Regt. CSA)
  8. Owen Henry Cochran, born 1830, died 5th December 1909 in Palmetto County, Ga. He married 1st Margaret J. Haralson; 2nd Mrs. Virginia Lathem Howard; 3rd Mrs. Stevie Memefee.
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Returning to Sion Lassiter Hill: Sion Lassiter Hill and Frances Dismukes had the following children:

1. Mary Ann Hill, born 1819, married Thomas Speller in Harris County, Georgia on the 29th of December 1837.
2. Roxina Hill, born 1822, married Able F. Nelson in Harris County, Ga. on the 10th of December 1839. She died prior to 1885 in Harris Co., Ga. Children:
  - a. Mary J. Nelson, m. Mr. Bass in Harris Co., Ga.
  - b. Victoria Nelson.
  - c. Laura Nelson.
  - d. Fleming Nelson.
  - e. Thomas Nelson.
  - f. William Nelson.
3. Bethena Pauline Hill, born 1824, married George D. Richardson in Harris County, Georgia on the 11th of July 1839.
4. Wade H. Hill, born 1827, no other data listed, except he lived in Chamber Co., Ala when father died.
5. Nancy J. Hill, born 1829, married twice, 1st to a Mr. Howard and 2nd to a Mr. Gilbert, no dates given. She d. prior to 1885 in Texas. Children:
  - a. William J. Howard.
  - b. S.F. Howard (girl), m. Mr. Bibby.
  - c. H. A. Howard.
  - d. E. L. Howard.
  - e. C.C. Howard (girl) m. Mr. Kennedy.

- f. John W. Howard.
  - g. James Howard.
  - h. ? Howard.
  - i. ? Howard (boy).
  - j. W. E. Gilbert (by 2nd husband).
6. Lucinda L. Hill, born 23rd of October 1833, died in 1907. She married John W. Talley on the 2nd of February 1849 in Macon County, Alabama. Another source says her birth in 1832? John W. Talley b. 20 Oct. 1824, he d. on 25 Dec. 1891 at St. Clair, Ala. Children:
- a. George Jefferson Talley, b. 13 Dec. 1849, d. 28 Feb. 1889 in Ala., m. to Laura Mackey on 16 Oct. 1851.
  - b. Nancy Elizabeth Talley, b. 2 Feb. 1852, d. ca. 1924 in Ala., m. Detroit McNair on 9 Sept. 1879.
  - c. Frances L. Talley, b. 14 May 1854, d. ca. 1938 in Ala., m. 1878 to William Price McNair.
  - d. Sion B. Talley, b. 22 Feb. 1857, d. 13 Dec. 1859 in Ala.
  - e. Wade H. Talley, b. 16 Apr. 1861, d. 1950 in Ark., m. 1st unknown; 2nd on 21 Aug. 1889 to Ella Bowman.
  - f. Mary E. Talley, b. 22 Sept. 1858, d. ?? in Texas, m. in Feb. of 1882 to Andrew J. Prickett.
  - g. John Wesley Talley, b. 20 Aug. 1863, d. 1950 in Ala., m. to Buelah E. Jones on 21 Dec. 1887; 2nd m. to Eugenia Knight.
  - h. Laura Virginia Talley, b. 6 Apr. 1866, d. in Sept. 1953 in Ala., m. 1st Mr. Bryant; 2nd m. to A. G. Hughs on 19 Sept. 1889.
  - i. Edward Louis Talley, b. 6 Jan. 1869, d. 25th Sept. 1958 in Ala., m. 1st on 6 Dec. 1891 to Alice Walton; 2nd Bessie Easterwood.
  - j. William E. Talley, b. 6 Dec. 1871, d. in Texas ??, m. 1st to Laura C. Jones on 13 Dec. 1893, 2nd m. to Fannie Scott.
  - k. James E. Talley, unmarried. no other info.
7. Georgia Ann Hill, born 1839, married B. W. Williams. She d. prior to 1885 in Lee Co., Ala. Children:
- a. Hershel Williams.
  - b. Jane Williams.
8. Frances Ellen (Fannie) Hill born 1841, married T. C. Hunter.
9. Louise Victoria (Netty "Dink") Hill. born 1842, married a Mr. Worthy.

(The above was provided by a 94 year old lady named Helen Graves, now deceased, in the late 1970s).

Another source listed as 7th child, a son named James J. Hill, born 1835, which would give a total of ten (10) children.

In 1820, Sion L. Hill lived in Putnam County, Georgia, in 1832 he lived in Jones County, Georgia, from there he moved to Harris County, Georgia and lived there for about ten years. Then about 1845, he moved to Chambers County, Alabama and then to Macon County, Alabama, finally moving to Dale County, Alabama where he died on or about the 2nd of August in 1871.

Sion Lassiter Hill was listed in the 1830 Census for Jones County, Georgia. He was living next to his mother in law, Bethena Cox Dismukes, widow of Edmund Dismukes and his brother in law, Asa Wall.

1830 Census for Jones County shows Sion L. Hill as:

Sion L. Hill with 2 males under 5  
1 male 20-30 (himself)  
females: 1 under 5  
" " 3 between 5 and 10  
" " 1 between 20-30 (wife)  
3 slaves listed

In the 1870 Census he was found in Dale County, Alabama and was listed as follows:

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Family No. 179  
Hill, S.L. age 75 (born 1795) in N.C.  
occupation (at home) retired??  
Frances age 75 (female),  
occupation (at homes)

All of the children were married or had died and they now lived alone.

The following petition on the Estate of Sion Lassiter Hill tells us a lot about his children.

Source: Probate Court Records, Dale County, Alabama  
Orphan Court Records-Book A (Pages 14 & 52)  
Orders & Decree -Book A (Pages 21, 25, 45, 49 & 80)

Estate of Sion L. Hill

Petition for letters of Administration files February 24, 1885. The petition of the undersigned C. W. Blackson respectively represents that Sion L. Hill departed this life at Ozark on or about the 2nd day of August 1871, leaving no last will and testament - - -died seized and possessed of real and personal estate - - - - Heirs: MARY ANN SPELLER,

(daughter) a widow of Dale County, Alabama; B. P. RICHARDSON, (Bethena Pauline Hill, a daughter) a widow who resides in Macon County, Alabama; (daughter) LUCINDA, wife of John Talley, residence of Blount County, Alabama; who are over age of 21. The heirs of (daughter) ROXINA NELSON, a widow, deceased to wit: Mary J. Bass, a widow; Victoria Nelson, Laure and Fleming and Thomas and William Nelson, ALL over (age) 21 and resides in state of Georgia. The heirs of NANCY J. HOWARD, widow, deceased, to wit: E. L. Howard; C.C. Kennedy, wife of --Kennedy, John W. Howard, James Howard and ---Howard whose given name is unknown, over 21 and resides in state of Texas. W. E. Gilbert, son of the said Nancy J. by second husband----Gilbert, deceased; said W.W. Gilbert is a minor and resides in Texas. WADE H. HILL (son) over 21 of Chambers County, Alabama, declined to Administer estate--having first right has declined to administer estate.

24 February 1885 Signed/ C.W. Blackmon, Administrator

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SION L. HILL ESTATE; HEIRS:

Mary Ann Speller, widow of Dale Co., Ala.  
B. Pauline Richardson, widow of Macon Co., Ala.  
Lucinda, wife of John Talley, Blount Co., Ala.  
Heirs of (daughter) Roxina Nelson, deceased, widow  
Heirs of (daughter) Nancy J. Howard, widow, deceased.  
Wade H. Hill, (son) Chambers County, Ala.  
Fannie, wife of T. C. Hunter, Dale County, Ala.  
Heirs of Georgia A. Williams, wife of B.W. Williams, Lee Co.,  
Ala.  
Netty "Dink" Worthy, widow, Columbus, Ga.

Notices were published in "Southern Star" newspaper published in Dale County, Alabama. Sale of Property set 1st October 1885.

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INFORMATION ON THE DISMUKES FAMILY.

The first known Dismukes was James Dismukes Sr. 1/, who's first wife was Ruth Rowe & his 2nd wife was Mrs. Elizabeth Terry.

James 1/ & first wife Ruth were the parents of James Dismukes Jr. 2/, who's wife was not given. Their children were:

1. Benjamin Dismukes 3/.
2. Edmund Dismukes 3/, born 1757 in Virginia, married Betheny Cox. He died in 1829 in Jones County, Ga. They were parents of Frances Dismukes 4/, who married Sion L.

Hill.

3. William Dismukes.
4. John Dismukes.
5. Reuben Dismukes.
6. Betsy Dismukes, married on 24th of October 1787 to James Mayland.
7. Patsy Dismukes, married on 27th November 1787 to Jacob Umbrickhouse.

Edmond Dismukes was born about 1757 and he died in 1829 in Jones County, Georgia. He married Betheny Cox, born 1774 in Halifax County, N.C. and died in 1828 in Jones County, Georgia. Betheny Cox Dismukes died in 1844 in Harris County, Georgia. She was the daughter of Cary Cox Sr. & Mary (Horne) Cox.

Their children:

1. William Dismukes, born 1792, died 1880 in Coffee Co., Ala. He married Susan Daniel on 6th Jan. 1826 in Putnam Co., Ga.
2. James Dismukes, born 1795, Fought in War of 1812, died on 28th of September 1873 in Pike Co., Ga. He married Nancy Wilson in November of 1816 in Putnam Co., Ga.
3. Frances Dismukes, born 1798 in Jones Co., Ga., married Sion Lassiter Hill on the 3rd of February 1818 at Clinton, Jones Co., Ga. She died ca. 1885 in Dale Co., Alabama. b
4. Louvina Dismukes, b. ca. 1800, married Archibald Bachelor in Jones County, Ga. on 17th of June 1818.
5. Lucinda Dismukes, married Asa Wall on 15 Feb. 1827.
6. Elizabeth C. Dismukes, born ca. 1802-03, died Coffee Co., Ala., no date listed, unmarried.
7. Edmund Dismukes Jr., born 1805, died in Alabama, married 1st Polly Langston; 2nd to Frances C. Williams on 24th October 185? in Macon Co., Ga. Two other wives are also listed Margaret Williams (may have been 3rd marriage and sister to Frances) and Mary Hardy (Hardie).
8. Thomas J. Dismukes, born 1812, died in Alabama, no date listed, married Edna E. Culbreth on the 2nd of November 1865 in Macon Co., Ga.
9. Betheny Caroline Dismukes, born 1814 in Georgia, she died Coffee Co., Alabama, married William L. Watson on 12 January 1838 in Harris Co., Ga.
10. Henrietta Dismukes, born ca. 1815, she married William Walker Fleming on the 4th of January 1838 in Harris Co., Ga.
11. Martha Ann Dismukes, married Alonzo Hundiey on the 22nd of December 1840 in Harris Co., Ga.

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