

R.046 A RICHARD HILL OF CRAVEN COUNTY & LENOIR COUNTY, NC.

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The figure after a name signifies what known generation that person belong (i.e. Thomas Hill 2/), shows he was of the 2nd known generation.

INTRODUCTION

Entered in October of 1993:

In September of 1993, this researcher, Robert R. Hill of Brandon, Fla., engaged Mrs. Mary O. Klein of the Salisbury State University, Salisbury, Maryland to do some Hill research for me in and around Accomac County, Virginia, which is located over on the Eastern Shore Peninsular. She came up with the following information, which I suspected to be this Richard Hill of Craven County, N.C.

I had some doubts if it was the same man, and for that reason, I never assigned a generation figure after the names. I now think I was right and should have given a generation figure after the names.!

1. A Henry Hill 1/ died in Accomac County, Virginia in 1688. His will was wrote on 8th October 1688 and probated on 20th November 1688. He left a widow Jane, eldest son RICHARD HILL 2., son Henry Hill 1/ and other unnamed children. A witness to this will was Daniel Darby (Nottingham, page 13).

This son Richard Hill 2/ purchased 100 acres of land from John & Matilda West. In 1710, Richard Hill 2/then, "LIVING ON NEUSE RIVER IN NORTH CAROLINA," sold the tract to Daniel Darby (Ref: Whitelaw, page 1101).

I originally thought this to be the same Richard Hill that is listed below and I am now convinced this to be true. I shall now assign a generation figure after the names, starting with Henry Hill 1/, as 1st KNOWN generation.

Following from "Old Somerset on The Eastern Shore of Maryland," by Clayton Torrence, 1973, Page 443.

Denwood, Levin (c. 1648-1726); in Somerset (with brother-in-law, Roger Woolford), 1665; returned to Accomac County, Virginia, then came to Somerset County to live about 1670-71; lived at "Hackland," on south side of Great Monie Creek, at the head thereof; a leading member Monie Friends' Meeting; member Somerset Grand Jury, March, 1671/72; overseer highways, November, 1675, and "pressmaster" (for providing provisions for militia) Monie Hundred, August, 1676. Levin Denwood was the son of Levin Denwod of Northampton and Accomac Counties, Virginia. Levin Denwood (c. 1648-1726), of Somerset County married Priscilla----, and had issue:

1. Levin Denwood (1670-1703), unmarried.
2. Arthur Denwood (1671/72-1720), m. Esther Robins.
3. Elizabeth (Betty) Denwood, b. 1674, d. 1736, m. George Gale.
4. Mary Denwood (1676-1735) m. HENRY HILL. (This statement based on items of record in Liber IKL; and Somerset judicials, deeds, wills and administrations).

The baptismal name Levin appears in the records variously spelled as Lyving; Liveinge; Leaven; Levyne; Leveyne; Levinge, Leving; Livinge; LEVIN; finally assuming the form LEVIN.

North Carolina records shows a Levi Hill 2/ was the brother to Richard Hill 2/, who lived on the Neuse River in N.C. I also think that the Henry Hill 2/, listed above as marrying Mary Denwood, was another son of the Henry Hill 1/ (wife Jane) who died in 1688 in Accomac County, Virginia. If this proves to be true, then the sons of Henry Hill 1/ were Henry Hill 2/; Richard Hill 2/; Levi Hill 2/ and Francis Hill 2/, maybe other sons.

On page 472 of the above book shows:

Patentees of Land in Old Somerset Area, 1662-1666.

Francis Hill, Little Town, 300 acres, November 7, 1663.

The name of Francis Hill 2/ is also mentioned in the following document and I believe that Francis Hill 2/ was the brother to Levin Hill 2/ and Richard Hill 2/ of Craven County, N.C.

RICHARD HILL2/.

Note: Based upon the information above, from Accomac County, Virginia, it appears that this Richard Hill 2/, of Craven County, N.C. and his brother Levi Hill 2/ may have been of the 2nd generation and the sons of a Henry Hill 1/ (wife Jane) who died ca 20th November 1688 in Accomac County, Virginia.

A Francis Hill 2/ of Craven County, N.C. was a brother to both Levi 2/ & Richard Hill 2/.

Richard Hill 2/ was found to be in Craven Precinct as early as 1713. Craven County was formed in 1712 from old Bath County, NC as was probably called "a district" prior to that time.

Information from Accomac County, Virginia implies a Richard Hill 2/ was on the Neuse River by 1710.

Court records show he had a brother named Levi Hill 2/. In the early Craven Precinct-County, North Carolina Court Minutes, Books I & II, by Weynette Parks Haun, there are several accounts of land transactions involving Richard Hill 2/. Records also show the name of Linkfield to be connected to the Richard Hill 2/ family.

Levi Hill 2/ & brother Richard Hill 2/ are thought to be the same ones listed in the 1780 Tax List of Dobbs County, N.C., which was formed in 1759 from Johnston County. Johnston County was divided in 1791 into Lenoir & Glasgow Counties.

Following Taken from Craven County, North Carolina Records Dated March, 1783

Levi 2. & Richard Hill 2/ petition to build a public water grist mill on their own land near Linkfield's Ferry.

Linkfield's Ferry was located about two miles above New Bern, the north bank landing known first as Johnson's. "Francis Linkfield began to keep it in 1738. Upon his death, his son John took over in 1745.

Court records of Craven County, N.C. shows that Richard Hill 2/ had a brother named Levi Hill 2/. These records include the following:

1. a petition to establish a grist mill.
2. several descriptions of patents and deeds giving location of their holdings.
3. The will of Levi Hill 2/ in which he names as his executors his father-in-law Simon Rouse and his brother Richard Hill 2/.
4. The settling of Levi Hill's 2/ estate.

It is believed that these are the same two Hills that appeared on the 1780 Tax List for Dobbs County, N.C. as shown on page 130 of "The History of Greene County, N.C." by James M. Creech. Remember, these two Tax List appeared before the surrender at Yorktown, Virginia to General George Washington in October of 1781.

Since the court records frequently show the name of both Richard Hill 2/ and John Linkfield, and the name of John Linkfield recurs in several generations of Richard Hill's 2/ descendents, it is possible that Richard Hill's 2/ mother or grandparent was a Linkfield.

Both Richard Hill 2/ & Levi Hill 2/ are shown in the 1790 Census of Craven County, N.C.

In 1793 Richard Hill 2/ of Craven County bought a tract of land in Lenoir County, N.C. from Abram Baker. Lenoir County was formed from Dobbs County, N.C. in 1791. It was on this tract of land that Richard Hill 2/ made his home and remained there until his death.

It appears from the division of his property and subsequent sale of a tract by Susannah Hill 3/ to her brother John L. Hill 3/ that Richard Hill 2/ (father) died in 1818 or earlier without a will.

According to the committee that made the division of the land, composing of Walter Dunn, William Mosley, Joseph Hardy, Isaac Tull and Henry Tull, together with Robert W. Goodman, County Surveyor, Richard Hill's 2/ three children of age were (1) Susannah Hill 3/; (2) John Linkfield Hill 3/; and (3) Rachel (Hill) 3/ Hardee, wife of Abram Hardee, were to heir rights away to their portions of his land an such was granted.

The other children were to receive their shares as each child attained his majority. Based on land sales, Bible records and census reports this listing of the rest of their children may be in chronological order: (4) Thomas Hill 3/; (5) Richard Hill 3/; (6) Simon Hill 3/; (7) Eliza (Hill) 3/ Rouse; (8) Levi Hill 3/; (9) Alexander Hill 3/.

Lot Number 1 containing thirty seven acres, more or less, went to Susannah Hill 3/.

Lot Number 2 containing thirty six acres went to John Linkfield Hill 3/.

Lot Number 3 containing thirty sic acres went to the daughter Rachel Hill 3/ Hardee.

The committee decided to leave the rest of the land undivided until the younger heirs come of age.

The division made by the committee indicates that the land was divided into nine portions. No mention was made of Richard Hill's 2/ wife, so it is assumed that she had already died. The Alexander Hill 3/ family Bible refers to her as MARY.

The name of Pinckney also frequently appears in the Hill family and it has been suggested that Mary Hill (wife of Richard Hill 2/ was Mary Pinckney. Perhaps someone will find out more about the names of Linkfield and Pinckney and how they connect into this Hill family.

Susannah Hill 3/, the oldest daughter of Richard Hill 2/, married Henry Tull and it is thought that the son Levi Hill 3/ married Mary Harvey.

Craven County Patent Book 2, Page 132, dated 15 May 1787

For 10 pounds per 100 acres granted to LEVI HILL 2/, 50 acres on North Side of Neuse River, joining own land above ferry- John Linkfield's patent, Francis Linkfield's patent.

Signed by/ J. Glasgow, Secretary (Gov.) Richard Caswell

DEED BETWEEN LEVI HILL 2/ BROTHER & RICHARD HILL 2/.

Craven Co., N.C. Deed Book 30, Page 80
Dated March 1793

I, LEVI HILL am held and firmly bound unto RICHARD HILL in the penalty sum of 10,000 pounds good and lawful money. Condition of this obligation- parcel of land beginning at a large pine 31 poles from Linkfield's beginning corner South 414 along land to pine on Mill Branch then South 33 West to Adam's line and with his line to JOHN LINKFIELD'S patent line then with his line to first station. Also another piece of land granted JOHN LINKFIELD by patent (dated) 26 March 1748 containing 200 acres; also another piece of land containing 50 acres by deed from John Williams to JOHN LINKFIELD dated 27 February 1756. And if the above covenant shall in all cases duly perform in all things here intended, then this obligation to be void and of no effect but otherwise then a deed compliance it shall stand good in law.

Signed/Levi Hill

Witness:

Levi Dawson
William Porter

March Court 1793

Craven County Marriage Records:

28th November 1793, Francis Hill 2/ to Rebecca Pearce.
Bondsman was Levi Hill 2/.
Witness: S. Chapman Clerk of Court

Comment by Robert Hill: It is believed that Francis Hill was a brother to Levi Hill 2/ & Richard Hill 2/.

LEVI HILL'S 2/ WILL

Craven County Will Book A, Page 311, located at the N.C. State Archives in Raleigh, N.C.

In the name of God, Amen, I LEVI HILL, being sick of body but of sound mind and memory, calling to mind that it was appointed for all men once to die, do make ordain this my last will and testament in manner and for following:

Item: I give to my well beloved wife all my household furniture of all kinds.

Item: I leave all my lands to be sold at the discretion of my executors hereafter mentioned for nine months credit and the monies arising from it to go for the schooling and maintaining of my two children.

Item: I leave (?) barrels of corn to be sold for 6 months credit and the money arising from it to go to the use of paying my debts and all money that is due to me to go towards paying my just debts, and do appoint my loving brother RICHARD HILL and my father-in-law, Simon Rouse, executors of this my last will and testament making void all other wills by me made the 22nd of January 1794.

Signed/ Levi Hill (LS)

Test:

Charles Williams

William Tegner

March Craven County Court 1794

There was the matter of the last will and testament of LEVI HILL, deceased, produced in open court and proved by the oath of Charles Williams, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and at the same time, Simon Rouse and RICHARD HILL, the executors, therein named, appeared in court and qualified as such agreeable to law. Ordered (?) letters testamentary issue.

Attest: Samuel Chapman CC (Clerk of Court)

Comment: This was Levi Hill 2/ and his brother Richard Hill 2/. It shows his wife's maiden name was Rouse. Their father was Henry Hill 1/ of Accomac County, MD and were not of the Surry Co., Va. Hills

In the Craven County Register of Deeds Office are the following transactions concerning the settling of this (Levi Hill's) estate.

1st March 1794: RICHARD HILL 2/ & Simon Rouse, Executors of Levi Hill 2/ , deceased, for the sum of 53 pounds, two shillings, and six pence to William Gaskins, a certain parcel of land situated as follows: Beginning at hickory in the fork of the mill pond and in his own line of Jno (John) Lingfield (sic) Senr. patent line, running north 45 west poles to a forked red oak thence n-west 70 poles to a post then no (sic) 19 west 33 poles to a pine tree then n 80 west 45 poles to a post in a pond then s-west 42 poles to a post near the little mill dam then s 86 poles to the first line of the patent which this is one half of, then s 53 e 16 poles to a pine the beginning of said patent then s 79 e to his own line of P. Lingfields (sic) old patent then N to the beginning, containing 101 acres.

Signed/ RICHARD HILL (LS)
SIMON ROUSE (LS)

Wit:

Wm. Smyth
Edward Griffith

12th March 1794: RICHARD HILL & SIMON ROUSE, Executors of Levi Hill, late of Craven County to William Adams for 135 pounds, ten shillings a certain parcel of land situated lying and being in the County and state aforesaid, bounded as follows: Beginning at a cluster of pine (at) William Adams corner, running south thirty-one west to the river then down the river to Wiggins Creek and then up the creek to Eaves corner then with William's line thirty-one poles then south forty one west along the same line of the Mill Branch and then south thirty-three west to the beginning, including patent granted to Elizabeth Lingfield (sic) for 175 acres being part of a patent granted to Francis Lingfield (sic).

Signed/ RICHARD HILL (LS)
SIMON ROUSE (LS)

Wit:

Edmund Perkins
Charles Williams

Comments: Richard Hill 2/ was the brother to Levi Hill 2/, the deceased. Simon Rouse was his Levi's father-in-;aw.

According to abstracts by Ralph Mann's "Craven County Inferior Court Records Selected Item," THE QUARTERLY REVIEW, EASTERN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, VOL. 8, NO. 1 (New Bern: n.p. 1981), P. 47, the following items indicate the completion of settling Levi Hill's 2/ estate and planning for his children.

December 1795
RICHARD HILL 2/ Adm. estate of Levi Hill 2/.

March 1796

RICHARD HILL 2/ , guardian to Richard Hill 3/ and Lydia Hill 3/, orphans of Levi Hill 2/, deceased, Bond 100 pounds (?) for each orphan with FRANCIS HILL 2/ and Fisher Gaskins.

Comments by Robert R. Hill: This was Levi Hill 2/ and his brother Richard Hill 2/, along with Levi's two children Richard Hill 3/ & Lydia Hill 3/. Francis Hill 2/ was the brother to both Levi Hill 2/ & Richard Hill 2/.

Lydia Hill 3/, daughter of Levi Hill 2/, is thought to be the same person named as Lydia Barwick, who was a witness to some of the deeds between the different Hills. The above shows that Francis Hill 2/ was alive on this date (March 1796).

Richard Hill 2/ was listed in the 1790 census of Craven County, N.C. (REF: "The State Records of North Carolina" by Walter Clark, Vol 26: CENSUS 1790, (Goldsboro, N.C., Nash Bros. 1905) Page 428.

In the 1800 Census, Lenoir County 11-Richard Hill 2/. (Ref: Elizabeth P. Bentley, comp., INDEX TO THE 1800 CENSUS OF NORTH CAROLINA (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1977), Page 111.

In the 1810 Census of Lenoir County 293-Richard Hill 2/ (Ref: Elizabeth P. Bentley, comp. INDEX TO THE 1810 CENSUS OF NORTH CAROLINA (Baltimore, Genealogical Publishing Co., 1977) Pages 116, 218.

PROOF OF CHILDREN OF RICHARD HILL 2/ TAKEN FROM ABSTRACTS OF DEEDS OF LENOIR COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA.

Lenoir County Record Book
1738-1866, Vol. 1, Lenoir County Records
(Lovit Hines Collection) 1737-1914, 3 Vols.
287-1, Part 2

from section labeled "Colonial Records"

29 January 1819- Deed Susanna Hill 3/ to John Linkfield Hill 3/ "Her respective share of the lands belonging to her father Richard Hill, deceased, (it being the one-ninth part of the lands...Lot No. 1, on north side of Neuse River and north side of Briery Branch."

Signed/Susan Hill

Wit:

Thomas Hill 3/
Lydia Barwick

Comments by Robert R. Hill: This was Susannah Hill 3/ and

John Linkfield Hill 3/, children of Richard Hill 2/, as was the witness Thomas Hill 3/. The other witness, Lydia Barwick, may have been Lydia Hill 3/, daughter of Levi Hil 2/

6th April 1819- Deed Abraham and Rachel (Hill) 3/ Hardee to John L. Hill 3/ "a certain piece of land...on north side of the Neuse River and adjoining the lands allotted said John L. Hill 3/ on a division of the lands of his deceased father, Richard Hill 2/ , which said tract was set apart to Rachel Hardee, formerly Rachel Hill 3/ as her equivalent share of the lands of her deceased father, Richard Hill 2/.

Signed/ Abraham Hardee
Rachel Hardee

Testors:
Thomas Hill 3/
Susan Hill 3/

Comments: This was Rachel Hill 3/; Susannah Hill 3/; John Linkfield Hill 3/; and the witness was Thomas Hill 3/, all children of Richard Hill 2.

Following from section labeled Lovit Hines Papers 1818-1914

October 20th, 1823 Simon Hill 3/ to Henry Tull "it being his portion of the land of Richard Hill 2/ deceased, North side of Briery Branch."

Signed/ Simon Hill 3/

Wits:
Martin Benders

Enrolled 3rd December 1838

Comments: This was Simon Hill 3/, son of Richard Hill 2/, selling to Henry Tull, his brother in law.

January 1st, 1827 Deed: Richard Rouse and Eliza (Hill 3/), his wife, to Henry Tull "land formerly belonging to Richard Hill 2/, deceased father of said Eliza 3/, wife of Richard Rouse....it being 1/9 part of lands of said Richard Hill 2/, deceased."

Signed/ Eliza Rouse

Registered January 17th, 1827

Comment: This was Eliza Hill 3/, daughter of Richard Hill 2/ , selling land she inherited to her brother in law, Henry Tull, who married her sister, Susannah Hill 3/.

February 21, 1827 Deed: Mary Hill to Henry Tull

Mary Hill of state of North Carolina, County of Lenoir "land on North side of Briery Branch, it being her portion of land purchased of THOMAS HILL 3/ , son of Richard Hill 2/, deceased.

Signed/ Mary Hill

Wits:

Simon Hill 3/

Susannah Hill 3/

Comments by Robert R. Hill: The identity of this Mary Hill is absolutely certain but it probably was Mary Rouse, widow of Levi Hill 2/, who was selling land to her nephew, Thomas Hill 3/, son of her husband's brother, Richard Hill 2/.

Simon Hill 3/ & Susannah Hill 3/ were the children of Richard Hill 2/.

February 26, 1827 Deed: Richard Hill 3/ to Henry Tull

"Richard Hill 3/ of the State of North Carolina, of Lenoir County, to Henry Tull, a tract of land on the North Side of the Briery Branch, it being his portion of the land of Richard Hill 2/, deceased.

Signed/ Richard Hill

Wits:

Simon Hill

Susanna Hill

Comment: This was Richard Hill 3/, selling land to his future brother in law, Henry Tull, who later married his sister, Susannah Hill 3/. Richard Hill 3/ was the son of Richard Hill 2/, and his brother Simon Hill 3/ & sister Susannah (Susanna) Hill 3/ was acting as witnesses.

February 3rd, 1931 Deed: Levi 3/ & Alexander Hill 3/ to Henry Tull

"Levi Hill 3/ & Alexander Hill 3/ of the State of North Carolina and County of Lenoir, to Henry Tull, land on the North side of Briery Branch, it being their portion of the land of Richard Hill 2/, deceased.

Signed/ Levi Hill

Alexander Hill

Wits:

R. C. Rouse

Enrolled 1st December 1838

George P. Lovick, Register

Comments: This was Levi Hill 3/ & Alexander Hill 3/, both sons of Richard Hill 2/, deceased, selling to their brother in law Henry Tull, who married their sister, Susannah Hill 3/.

INFORMATION ON, OR FROM THE CROOM-HARDEE-ROUSE FAMILIES.

Information from the last page of Jonothan Rouse Family Bible shows the birth records of Thomas Hill's 3/ first two sons, (Thomas) Pinckney Hill 4/ and James W.C. Hill 4/.

Their mother was Sally as is shown in the census of 1850. Her name and age in the census (Sally, age 42) corresponds to her name and age in the birth record of the Jonathan and Catherine Rouse children, i.e. Sally Rouse, 11th April 1808.

Thomas Hill 3/, was a son of Richard Hill 2.. Thomas Hill 3/ married Sally Rouse, daughter of Jonathan Rouse and Catherine Hardee Rouse. Their children also included Bright Hill 4/.

On October 1st 1821, Mary Hill (widow of Levi 2/) deeded land to Thomas Hill 3/ on the North side of the Neuse River and north side of Bucklesberry Pocosin, it being her share in the lands of her deceased brother Simon Rouse.

It is thought that Mary Hill was the widow of Levi Hill 2/ and the "aunt" (by marriage) to Thomas Hill 3/ She is thought to have been the daughter of Simon Rouse and had a brother Simon Rouse.

Thomas Hill 3/ had sold his one-ninth portion of his father's land to Mary Hill, who later sold that portion to Henry Tull, who married Susannah Hill 3/. The deed was dated 21st February 1827.

Through the years, Thomas Hill 3/ and wife Sally Hill lived on this place and raised their family. The census records and bible records mentions no other wife.

By the 1860 census, Sally was not listed but a little girl named Alice (Hill 4/), born ca. 1856 is listed. It may be that Sally died after the birth of this child. If so then she is likely to have been buried in the "J.T. Hill Family cemetery on the old Thomas Hill 3/ place. At present, there is no marker for Sally Hill.

In his last years, Thomas Hill 3/ lived with his son Bright Hill 4/ and wife Mary Ann until he moved to Pitt County, NC, where he lived with his daughter Harriett Eliza (Hattie) Hill 5/, who was married to Amos Evans. Alice C. Hill 5/, the little girl of the 1860 census, also moved to Pitt

County, N.C. where she later married William Moye.

Thomas Hill 3/ died on the 18th of September 1877 and was buried on the Evans place near today's Greenville. Among the slides of family pictures that belonged to Charles Herbert Hill (relationship not explained) is one of the stone marking Thomas Hill's 3/ grave, however in recent years Herbert Hill 5/, son of Bright Hill 4/ and others have been unable to locate the stone or the grave.

To honor the memory of Thomas Hill 3/, Herbert Hill 5/, son of Bright Hill 4/, son of Thomas Hill 3/, specified in his will that a marble memorial stone, meeting certain specifications, be placed in Maplewood Cemetery, on the lot where his parents, Alonza Thomas Hill & Neta May Hill are buried. (Relation ship not explained but thought to be descended through Hernert Hill 5/).

This lot is not far-though further to the south-from the lot where Herbert Lee Hill (relationship not stated) and his wife Mollie Hardy Hill are buried. That marble memorial stone has been erected.

Thomas Hill 3/ in the Census Records

1850 Census of Lenoir County, N.C.

Family No. 236 Hill, Thomas (farmer) age 52 male
Sally 43 female
Thomas P. (farmer) 25 male
James W.C. (farmer) 22 male
Bright (farmer) 21 male
John L. (farmer) 19 male
Nathan B. (farmer) 17 male
Penelope 11 female
Jesse 7 male
Noah 3 male
Harriet E. 6 months female

1860 Census Lenoir County, N.C.

Page No. 55 Contentnea District, A. Fields
Schedule 1, 27 June 1860

410/408 Bright Hill age 30 male

Page No. 64 Bear Creek District
Schedule 1, 6th July 1860
P.O. Lenoir Institute

470/467 Thomas Hill age 61 male
Nathan B. Hill 26 male
Noah Hill 13 male
Eliza Hill 11 female
Frank P. Hill 7 male

Alice C. Hill 4 female

1870 Census Lenoir County, N.C.
10th August 1870

161/161 Hill, Thomas age 71 Male Farmer
Hattie E. 20 Female (at home)
Alice C. 14 Female
John T. 14 Male

THOMAS PINCKNEY HILL 4/.

Thomas Pinckney Hill 4/ was a son of Thomas Hill 3/. The Jonathan Rouse Family Bible states that (Thomas) Pinckney Hill/ was born on the 7th of February 1826. In the 1850 Census taken in August of that year he was listed as Thomas P. Hill 4/ and his age was given as Twenty-Five, which indicates a birth of 1825, a slight discrepancy.

The Jonathan Rouse Bible is old, of course, and faded, but several researchers have studied it and decided that 1826 is what was written there.

He is not listed in his father's (Thomas Hill 3/) household in the 1860 Census. This census was reviewed a second time and it is a very difficult document to read because the entries are close together and the ink seems to have been of poor quality and did not hold up too well. The entire census was not checked, only Contentnea, Bear Creek, Kinston District, and Kingston (N.C.). It is possible that he was overlooked in this search.

There is a Thomas P. Hill listed as Family Number 686 in the Bear Creek Mosely Hall District. He is listed as age thirty (born 1830). Lucy Hill, next on that list, is nineteen. It is not known whether this is the Thomas P. Hill that we are concerned with or not, especially since the age does not agree with the bible information, however it is known that often times, information on the census records were not accurate. (Since we are not sure, no generation figures was listed for him).

In Deed Book 9, page 209 of Lenoir County, N.C. Registry, there is a deed from John Fields to Thomas P. Hill, "land adjoining lands of John Fields, Thomas Hill and others.."

This could be the Thomas P. Hill of this family as may be the one in Book 16, p. 402, where Thomas P. Hill and his wife Sarah C. Hill deed to J. W. C. Hill 4/, "a parcel in Moseley Hall Township adjoining land of John Fields, Thomas P. Hill, etc.." on 28th of July 1893.

Now based upon Information from the Jonathan Rouse Family Bible, the 1850 and 1860 Census of Lenoir County N.C. and the

Lenoir County Register of Deeds Office, it is felt that the Thomas P. Hill 4/ and wife Sarah C. Hill, in the last mentioned deed, may be the grandparents of Mrs. Naomi Dail Holder (Branston Beeson). Mrs. Holder's mother was Lula Susan Hill 5/, daughter of (Thomas) Pinckney Hill 4/ and his wife Sallie Bryant.

During the civil war, (Thomas) Pinckney Hill 4/ served in the 61st Regiment, Company E with Franklin Dail, sergeant. The 61st Regiment was first located in Kinston, N.C. and then Petersburg, Virginia.

JAMES WAITSELL C. HILL 4/, SON OF THOMAS HILL 3/.

The birth of James Waitsell C. Hill 4/ is well known among his descendents because he gave a coin of that date (1827) to his grandson. They also have a place name to associate with this ancestor of their for the trunk of J.W.C. Hill 4/ is now in the possession of his great-grandson and has on the bottom the initials "J.W.C. Hill, Falling Creek."

In the 1850 Census he was living at home on the Falling Creek place of his parents. By the time of the 1860 census he was married to Susan Rouse and had three children. He is listed as living next to his cousin John Tull.

It is known that James fought in the civil war and that in August of 1864 he paid Sallie Jackson, who later was to be the wife of his brother, Nathan Hill 4/, for teaching his children Emma Hill 5/ and Jesse Hill 5/. His other child listed in the census as James R. Hill 5/ must have died before the date of this receipt.

After his father Thomas Hill 3/ died in 1877, James Waitsell C. Hill 4/ sold the tract of land that he inherited from his father. Later, on the 28th of July 1893, he bought from his brother Thomas P. Hill 4/ and wife Sarah C. Hill, a tract of land in Mosely Hall Township "adjoining the land of John Fields and Thomas P. Hill 4/, beginning at a stake on the A & E.C. Railroad, 3 acres more or less. Known as a portion Thomas P. Hill 4/ purchased of John Fields." Apparently this is the site of his cemetery which is near to Fields Station and north of the railroad. He and his wife are buried in this cemetery.

An interesting coincidence is that his daughter Emily Hill 5/ married Jesse Bright Holland, son of Charles Bryant Holland and wife Sally Fields. Sally Fields was the sister of John Fields who lived near the railroad and earlier owned this land at Field's Station. The mother of John Fields Sr. and Sally Fields Holland was, according to Ima Mewborn on page 222 #459 of the book "The Heritage of Lenoir County, North Carolina, Mary (Polly) Farmer, whose family were Quakers.

On the 8th of January 1898, James W. C. Hill 4/ bought about 200 acres of land in Vance Township from William H. & Sallie M. Worth. This tract adjoined the lands of Jacob Murphy, W.C. Fields, and J. F. Parrott with right of way by the gin house of said W. H. Worth.

In October 1899, James W. C. Hill 4/ made a deed of gift, retaining a life estate in it, of this tract to his daughter Emily Hill 5/ Holland. In November of 1899 he died. On the 1st of January 1901, Emily C. (Hill 5/) Holland and husband Jesse Bright Holland bought the land adjoining her land, making their tract here complete.

BRIGHT HILL 4/, SON OF THOMAS HILL 3/.

Bright Hill 4/ was the third son of Thomas Hill 3/ and wife Sally Rouse. Sally Rouse Hill, the first daughter of Jonathan Rouse and Catherine, his wife, was born on the 11th of April 1808. Sally's mother was Catherine Hardee, daughter of Sarah Croom Hardee and the granddaughter of Major Croom.

Bright Hill 4/ grew up on his father's place on the present Falling Creek Road and it is possible that he and his brothers swam in the Falling Creek.

In the 1850 census, Bright Hill 4/ was a young man living in his father's home. By the time of the 1860 census he was living alone near friends and relatives in the Contentnea District.

North Carolina withdrew from the Union in 1861 and then joined the Confederate States and in 1862, Bright Hill 4/ enlisted in the confederate cavalry, furnishing his own horse and equipment. He was captured near the end of the war at Amelia Court House, Virginia. He was released on the 27th of June 1865 and came back home to North Carolina.

By the time of the 1870 census he had married Mary Ann White and they lived with their children, Nora Hill 5/; Eva Hill 5/ and Frank Hill 5/ in Kinston Township, N.C., next to her father William White.

In 1872 Bright Hill 4/ & wife Mary Hill bought a Northern portion of her father's recently purchased tract "South of the Briery," which was to be their homeplace. Here their last three children Herbert Hill 5/; Alonza Hill 5/ and Zebulon B. Hill 5/ were born.

On the 26th of December 1876, two days after his forty-eighth birthday, Bright Hill 4/ died. He was buried in the Family Cemetery on his homeplace.

JOHN LINKFIELD HILL 4/., SON OF THOMAS HILL 3/.

In the Lenoir County, North Carolina Census John Linkfield Hill 4/ was nineteen years old and was living in the home of his father.

According to Marjorie Sutton Oliver, who compiled "The Suttons," John L. Hill 4/ was married to Penelope Cox. They were the parents of John Thomas Hill 5/, who was born on the 8th of October 1857. (Ref. The Suttons by Oliver).

John L. Hill 5/ served in the civil war in Company B, 63rd Regiment, 5th N.C. Cavalry (Ref: N.C. Troops, Vol 2 Cavalry by Louis H. Manarin). He was killed near Brooke Church, Virginia on the 12th of May 1864.

JOHN THOMAS HILL 5/, SON OF JOHN LINKFIELD HILL 4/.

John Thomas Hill 5/, son of John L. Hill 4/, was married on the 24th of January 1877 to Martha Jane Sutton, a descendent of Alexander Hill 3/, who was the son of Richard Hill 2/.

Several of their children have family names such as: John Linkfield Hill 6/; Hattie Eliza Hill 6/; Mary Penelope Hill 5/; Noah Bright Hill 6/; and Simon Thomas Hill 6/ (Ref: "The Suttons," by Oliver).

John Thomas Hill 5/ died on the 1st of January 1918 and his widow died on the 18th of September 1932. They are buried in the John Thomas Hill 5/ Family Cemetery at the old Thomas Hill 3/ homeplace on the Falling Creek Road.

NATHAN HILL. 4/

Nathan Hill 4/ was a son of Thomas Hill 3/ and his wife Sally Rouse. He was listed in the 1850 and the 1860 census records. In August of 1850 he was listed as being 17 years old and on the 6th of July 1860 he was 26 years old, so it appears his birthday came after the 6th of July and before the date in August that the 1850 census was taken.

No military service records have been found Nathan Hilland information taken from letters of John Tull and James W. C. Hill 4/, it appears that Nathan Hill 4/ was at home during the war or most of the war. He may not have been healthy for he died before the 1870 census when he would have been 36 years old. Since his brothers were involved in the war, he likely remained at home, caring for the farm etc.

Nathan Hill 4/ married Sallie Kathlene Jackson, who was one of the sisters in the Jackson family. She was the daughter of Jesse S. & Eliza Reid Jackson. She had served as a tutor to the children of Nathan's 4/ brother, James W. C. Hill 4/.

Nathan Hill 4/ & wife Sallie had one child, a daughter named Minnie Eliza Hill 5/, who married John Greene. Their

children were:

- a. Walter Greene (5th Hill generation).
- b. Alice Greene (5th Hill generation).
- c. Lyman Greene (5th Hill generation).

In the 1870 census, Nathan Hill 4/ is no longer living. Sallie Kathlene Jackson Hill, listed as Family #335 on page 42, is shown as living next to her sister Winifred Rountree Jackson Tull. Sallie's child, Minnie Eliza 5/, is listed as being three years old. According to Hill records that have come down in the John Linkfield Hill Family, Sallie Kathlene Jackson Hill remarried on the 25th of January 1874 to Elias J. Turner.

NOAH HILL 4/, SON OF THOMAS HILL 3/.

Noah Hill 4/, another son of Thomas Hill 3/ and his wife Sally, was three years old in the 1850 census and thirteen in the 1860 census. He was killed by one of two marauding Yankee soldiers for refusing to tell where the remaining horses were hidden. (They were hidden in the swamp). He is buried in the family cemetery not far from the site of the home that they burned. His grave is marked by a ground-level, round cement like marker, with "NOAH" inscribed on it.

HARRIETT ELIZA HILL 4/DAUGHTER OF THOMAS HILL 3/.

Harriett E. Hill 4/ was called Hattie and was less than a year old in the 1850 census. Her mother seems to have died after Hattie's little sister, Alice Hill 4/ in 1856. Neither census records nor family records list another wife Thomas Hill, so both Hattie Hill 4/ and Alice Hill 4/ never had the close companionship with a mother or stepmother that many girls enjoy.

In the 1860 census, her older brother Nathan Hill 4/ is listed as living at home. Sometime after August of 1864, Nathan 4/ married Sallie Kathlene Jackson. It is probably through Sallie Jackson Hill that Hattie Hill 4/ met Amos Evans, for Amos was married consecutively to two of Sallie's sisters.

By 1870, Hattie's 4/ brothers, Noah Hill 4/ and Nathan Hill 4/, had died. Hattie Hill 4/ & Alice Hill 4/ and their nephew John Thomas Hill 5/, who was the same age of Alice Hill 4/, lived with their father (Thomas Hill 3/) in their home on Falling Creek Road.

About 1872, Hattie Hill 4/ married Amos Evans. They made their home on the Evans farm near Greenville, N.C. Until her own marriage, Alice Hill 4/ probably lived with her sister Hattie Hill 4/ Evans. Their father, Thomas Hill 3/, must have gone to his daughter's home near the time of his death,

because he died there on the 18th of September 1877 and was buried on the Evans place.

THE JACKSON-HILL CONNECTION

A study of the families of Thomas Hill's 3/ children shows more and more the recurrence of the Jackson name. Mr. Lee Edwards gave a set of Hill papers showing the descendents of John Linkfield Hill 3/ and Susannah Hill Tull 3/, brother and sister to Thomas Hill 3/.

Among the entries was a reference to Nathan Hill 4/, son of Thomas Hill 3/, indicating that Nathan Hill's 4/ wife was Sallie Kathlene Jackson. A review of Hattie Hill 4/ Evans' family seems to suggest that her husband, Amos Evans, was first married to two Jackson sister's, Rachel Esther Jackson and then Mary Eliza Jackson.

A review of the Jackson family shows that a memorial tablet was given to Mr. David Reid Jackson of the Gordon Street Christian Church. Now the second wife of John Tull, son of Susannah Hill 3/ & Henry Tull, was Winifred Rountree Jackson, which led to Mr. C.C. Ware's "The Rountree Chronicles," a book about the Rountree Church, which is the mother church of many N.C. Christian Churches.

In the final pages of the "Rountree Chronicles" there is a genealogy of the Rountree family. There listed as the granddaughter of Jesse Rountree (1765-1831) and Winifred Jenkins Rountree (1765-1840_ was Eliza Reid, who married Jesse Jackson. Among their children were Winifred (Tull); Rachel Esther (Evans); Mary (Evans); Sallie K. (Hill). This seems to suggest that Hattie Hill 4/ had likely known her husband (Amos Evans) through her sister-in-law, Sallie Jackson Hill, sister of his first two wives.

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