

R.152 INFORMATION REGARDING THE CHILDREN OF WM. C. HILL &
SARAH BRANCH, WHO WENT TO TN.,

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MARCH 2000 LETTER FROM VIRGINIA WATSON RE H.R.W. HILL

This info may help someone eliminate this man and his brother as an ancestor. Henry (Harry) Rufus Willie Hill, or H.R.W. Hill as he was referred to, was one of the wealthiest and prominent men in the Southwest when he died in 1853.

Henry was born in 1793 in Halifax Co., N.C., the son of William C. Hill and his wife Sarah of Halifax Co., N.C.

Wm. C. Hill died bet 25 Jan 1803 when he wrote his will & the May Court Sess of 1803 when it was probated, prob in April 1803 in Halifax Co., N.C. His will names his wife, Sarah, two sons, Henry and James and daughter, Martha.

One of witnesses was Wm. Parham & executors were wife, Sarah Hill & brother Richard Hill.

William C. Hill was the son of Robert & Tabitha Hill. Wm. Parham became guardian for Martha, H.R.W. and James C. Hill.

Parham and children moved to Williamson Co., TN. by Jan. 1, 1800 in Leipers Fork (also known as Hillsborough), ca 5 miles south of Franklin, TN.

Henry R.W. Hill married Margretta Eliza McAlister on 8 August 1827 in Williamson Co. and they had one son, James Dick (Nick) Hill. He was born in 1831 in KY and died May 23, 1885 in Nashville, TN.

James Dick Hill married Louise de Sando who went home to France & never came back. No children.

Henry was a wealthy cotton & sugar merchant, land dealer, attorney, and steam boat builder, etc. He died on 17 Sept. 1853 at his sugar plantation near New Orleans of yellow fever.

His property was estimated at \$1,500,000.00 & almost all of it went to his son, James Dick. Live Oak Plantation was its name but he owned several in New Orleans area and property in New Orleans as well as property in Nashville and Franklin, TN.

His wife died before him on 14 April 1853 in New Orleans. Both Henry & wife and son, James Dick, are buried in the Nashville City Cemetery. James Dick spent money like water & dissipated his father's fortune.

The brother, James Clanton Hill born by 1796 in Halifax Co., N.C.; married Mary Dudley 16 Sept. 1830 in Williamson Co., TN.; had one child, Mary James Hill born ca July 1831 and died between 1835 and 13 May 1841. No heirs.

Mary Dudley Hill remarried to Wm. S. Bolling of Williamson Co., TN.

The sister, Martha, born 1791 in Halifax Co., N.C.; married James Wilkins 20 July 1813 in Williamson Co., TN.; died 26 Aug. 1838 in Williamson Co. They had several children who died young/infants, and others names were:

1. Wm. H. Wilkins b. Oct 17 1815.
2. Jane Elizabeth Wilkins d. June 28, 1837.
3. another son.
4. Sarah who married W.B. Duty on Feb. 9, 1832.
5. Rebecca J. Wilkins Boren, died 1843.
6. John C. Willkins d. 1848.
7. James H. Wilkins, Joseph B. Wilkins d. 1844.
8. Robert Franklin Wilkins d. 1848.
9. Mary Wilkins d. 1849.

James & Martha Wilkins operated the original Benton Springs at Leiper's Fork from 1817 - 1850. By 1850 James was living in Holly Springs, Miss.

So, the only heirs from this line of Hills were the Wilkins children. I have a great deal more on this family but thought perhaps if someone was researching these lines it would help to know what happened to them.

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