

R.153 THE FAMILY MOVEMENTS & DESCENDANTS OF JORDAN HILL, OF
FRANKLIN COUNTY, NC INTO TENNESSEE AND TEXAS. .

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The genealogy of this family:

1. Robert Hill & Mary Webb into Isle of Wight County, Va. in 1652. Their son.....
2. Sion Hill Sr (1654-1705) married widow Elizabeth (Green?) Spiltimber, widow of John in Surry County, Va. Their son was.....
3. Richard Hill & Hannah Briggs of Surry & Sussex Counties of Va. Their son was ...
4. Green Hill (b. 1714 in Va. d. in Va, d. -1769 in Northampton Co., NC. He married Grace Bennett. Their son was ...
5. Major Green Hill Jr., b. 14 November 1741, first married first to Nancy Thomas, thought to be daughter of Jordan Thomas. Their son was
6. Jordan Hill of Franklin Co., NC, b. 1801, married Mary Nancy Green.

JORDAN HILL 6/ (6TH GENERATION).

Jordan Hill 6/ (6th generation) is said to have been born in Franklin County, NC on the 17th of October 1765..

Jordan Hill 6/ was a son of Major Green Hill Jr 5/ (b. 17th November 1741, d. 11th November 1825 in Williamson County, TN). His mother was a first wife, Nancy Thomas. Green and Nancy married Oct. 13, 1763.

Green Hill Jr 5/ was a methodist minister, served in the Revolution as a chaplain and was very influential in the NC legislature.

Jordan Hill 7/ died on the 15th of August 1830 in Franklin County, NC. There are reports that they had sixteen children, but if so, all of their names are unknown and has not been confirmed.

Jordan Hill 6/ is listed as married in Northampton County, NC in 1781. That marriage of 1781 is, in my mind questionable.

NOTE: In 1781, Jordan Hill 6/ would only be 16 years old. I am of the unproven theory that the marriage was between 1786 and 1792.

The known children of Jordan Hill 6/ & wife Mary were 7th generation Hills:

1. Ann T. Hill 7/, b. 1793 at Louisburg, Franklin Co., NC, , d, 29th March 1843 in Wake Co., NC, she m. Robert Cannon. had a son Henry Jordan Cannon 8/ (8th generation of Hill lineage). I suspect she was named after her maternal grandmother (Ann??) Long who married her grandfather, Jordan Thomas. (Not proved).
2. Probably a child born ca. 1797...
3. Hannah Hill 7/, b. 25TH January 1797, d. 1873 at Louisburg, Franklin Co., NC.
4. Ellen Geraldine Hill 7/, b. ca. 1800 at Louisburg, Franklin Co., NC..
5. William Green Hill 7/, b. 1801 at Louisburg, Franklin Co., NC, He d. in 1860 in Texas. (see later).
6. probably a child, b. ca. 1805 at Louisburg, Franklin Co., NC.
7. Mary Bennett Hill 7/, b. 7th December 1807 at Louisburg, Franklin Co., NC, m. 1st Andrew P. Lnox in Green Co., AL., 2nd to Jesse Hord, b. ca. 1810 in TN. They lived in Goliad Co., Texas, were in 1850 Census.
8. *** Jordan Hill Jr. 7/, b. ca. 1810 at Louisburg, Franklin CO., NC, married Miss Caroline Mary Bird of Orange county, Oct. 24, 1833 at Greensboro, Alabama,. he went to Texas. (Ref 1950 Brazoria Co., TX. Census).
9. probably a child, b. ca. 1812?? at Louisburg, Franklin Co., NC.
10. a daughter, b. ca. 1814/15?? at Louisburg, Franklin Co., NC, m. -Weston.
11. ** a child, b. ??Louisburg, Franklin Co., NC
12. *** Robert H. Hill 7/, b. ca. 1817 ?? Louisburg, Franklin Co., NC, died 1857, at Goliad County, Texas. He married 1st on 15 Oct 1834 in Greene Co., Ala. to Harriett T. Barker; went to Texas ca 1839 as Methodist minister from Mississippi Conference. Performed 1st protestant marriage in Jackson Co., Texas 21 May 1840. Robert married 2d time in 1840 in Texas to Agnes Menefee; lived in Goliad Co., Texas in 1850. By the 2d wife, He had 5 children, the eldest was Thomas Jordan Hill.
13. *** Benjamin F. Hill 7/, b. in 1817 at Louisburg, Franklin Co., NC. He d. in 1866 (murdered) in Texas (see later). He married Mary Hubert.

** Their birth dates are unknown

Norfleet Hill 7/

Besse Hill 7/

Sallie Hill 7/

*** Their births listed in 1850 Census but is same year as another child was born and is questionable.

Jordan Hill Jr 7/
Robert H. Hill 7/
Ben F. Hill 7/

DETAILS FOR CHILDREN OF JORDAN HILL 6/ (6TH GENERATION).

Reference to child Number 1 above, Ann T (Thomas?) Hill 7/, was born on 18th November 1793, married Robert Cannon on 2nd of May 1810, son of Henry Cannon. She died on 29th of March 1843 in Wake Co., NC. Robert was born on the 7th of March 1780 in Pitt Co., NC. Their child were 8th generation of Hill Lineage

1. Henry Jordan Cannon 8/. 9th October 1811 in Wake Co., NC. He died in Fayette Co., TN. He married SARAH SUSAN PEEBLES 22 Feb 1837, daughter of JOHN PEEBLES and GRIZELDA HILL. She was born 14 Feb 1815 in Northampton CO, NC, and died in Fayette CO, TN. Children of HENRY CANNON and SARAH PEEBLES were 9th generation in Hill lineage:
 - i. ROBERT J. CANNON 9/, b. 1833, Fayette CO, TN.
 - ii. HENRY ETHELDRED CANNON 9/, b. 1840, Fayette CO, TN.
 - iii. WILLIAM D. CANNON 9/, b. 1842, Fayette CO, TN; m. ???.
 - iv. ATLAS P. CANNON 9/, b. 1845, Fayette CO, TN.

Reference to child Number 2 above, Hannah Hill 7/, born 25th of January 1797, married Marmduke Jeffereys in 1813 at Woodville, Franklin Co., NC. Cannon was a MD in Granger Co., TN. & Monroe Co., KY. She died on 14th August 1873 in TN.

Their Child (8th generation of Hill lineage).

1. Mary Annahs (sic) Cannon 8/, b. 1822, d. in Benton Co., Arkansas. She married in 1842 to John Daniel.

Reference to child Number 3 above, Ellen Geraldine Hill 7/, born about 1800, she died in California. She married Joseph John Somervell 1835 at Louisburg, Franklin Co., NC., the son of John & Frances Taylor Sommervell. Joseph was born on the 6th of August 1815 at "Berry Hill," in Mecklenburg Co., Va., which was land he received from his father. He moved to TN with his wife and 6 months old daughter (8th generation of Hill lineage):

1. Mary Bennett Somervell 8/

Reference to child number 4 above,

Wm. G. Hill 7/ (See later)

Reference to child number 6, Mary Bennett Hill 7/,
She married Jesse Hord, known children are: son W. J. Hord,
b. 1842 in Texas, daughter Ann A. Hord, b. 1846 in Texas,
son Jesse Hord, b. 1849 in Texas (REf: 1850 Census for
Golaid Co., TX).

Reference to child number 7, Jordan Hill Jr 7/, He went to
Texas, wife named Caroline, born in NC ca. 1817, known
children: Mary C. Hill 8/ b. ca. 1847 in Texas & Ella B. Hill
8/, b. ca. 1849 in Texas. (Ref 1850 Census for Brazoria Co.,
TX). Jordan Hill Jr 7/ was listed in Capt. John McGill's
Company, of Mounted Volunteers (called into Service of the
Republic of Texas) pn 20th March 1842. (Ref: "Attack &
Counter Attack"-Texas Frontier, 1843 by Joseph Nance, pp.
502 & 593).

Reference to child Number 11 Robert H. Hill 7/,
He went to Texas. Married Agnes Shelton Menefee. Their
children were: 8th generation)

1. Thomas Jordan Hill 8/ b. 1842 in Texas,
2. Lucy Menefee Hill 8/ b. 1845 in Texas, m. William
Meriweather Nov. 20, 1866,
3. Alabama (Allie) Hill 8/ , b. 1847 in Texas, m. James
Meriweather Dec. 21, 1870,
4. Giles Peck Hill 8/ , b. Feb. 9, 1852 in Goliad, Texas (no
date of death). married Celah Vec Adams May 16, 1872 in
Crystal City, Texas. Celah was the daughter of William
Alexander Adams and Janette Kuykendall Adams. Celah was
born Nov. 2, 1853 and died May 16, 1892 in Sonora, Texas.
5. Last child was Robert Hill 8/, (no date of birth), m.
Anna D. Adams April 21, 1867.

(Source: Papers of Ruth Ann Menefee of Edna, Texas, whose
husband is a descendant of Giles Peck Hill. Papers were given
to Barbara P. Smith in 1991.)

Robert H. Hill 7/ was a Methodist (probably) minister. He
was listed in Capt. John McGill's Company, of Mounted
Volunteers (called into Service of the Republic of Texas) pn
20th March 1842. (Ref: "Attack & Counter Attack"-Texas
Frontier, 1843 by Joseph Nance, pp.
502 & 593).

Reference to child number 12, Benjamin F. Hill 7/, see later.

Jordan Hill 6/ apparently inherited some of his father's
traits because he was a (Lay) Methodist minister, a state
legislator in NC and said to be a soldier.

Nancy Thomas Hill, Jordan's 6/ mother, died in 1772 and the

father remarried a second time to Mary Seawell and moved his family from NC to Davidson, later Williamson County, TN. The NC records indicate that Jordan Hill 6/ remained in NC.

WILLIAM GREEN HILL 7/, SON OF JORDAN HILL 6/.

HILL, WILLIAM GREEN (1801-1860). William Green Hill 7/, early Texas patriot, was the son of Jordan 6/ and Mary (Green) Hill.

The father, Jordan Hill 6/ was born in Franklin County, North Carolina, in 1801. William Green Hill 7/ died in Brazoria County, Texas on June 30, 1860. In his nuncupative will he asked to be buried beside his second wife Eliza, who had died in 1847.

Wm. G. Hill 7/ Hill first married Mary Catherine Hall (b. 180?? , d. on 29th April 1829). They married in Madison County, Alabama, on February 1825. She was the daughter of Elihu Hall. They had two children:

1. Mary Sophia Hill 8/, b. ca. 1826, d. 11th December 1832.
2. Thomas E. Hill 8/, b. 1829 in TN., mother died at his birth.

Shortly after the first marriage, Wm. G. Hill 7/ moved to Nashville, Tennessee, because in 1829, the wife, Mary Catherine Hall, died in childbirth.

The son, Thomas Elihu Hill 8/, later served in the Texas state legislature in 1862-63.

In 1830, after the death of his young wife, Mary Catherine Hall, William, 7/ moved to Texas by at least 1834. He was a land speculator in the Robertson Colony, and is listed as one of the first colonists in DeWitt's Colony. (source Masonic records) and settled in what is now Brazoria County.

In 1835, Wm. G. Hill 7/ entered the Texas army as a private in Fannin's Brazos Guards, although he was already known as "Colonel" Hill. He was a member of Capt. John York's company.

He fought at the battle of Concepción on October 28, the Grass Fight on November 26, and the siege of Bexar on December 5-10, 1835.

Wm 7/ was elected a first lieutenant of cavalry in December 1835 and a captain of cavalry on January 1, 1836. He was the first signer of the Goliad Declaration of Independence on

December 20, 1835, and was one of the six signers appointed as a delegation to present the declaration to the General Council at San Felipe.

In January 1836, Wm. G. Hill 7/ was ordered by Travis to contract for uniforms and equipment and to collect recruits for the defense of San Antonio. From June to October 1836 he served in Capt. Washington H. Secrest's company of Columbia (Washington) Cavalry.

William Green Hill 7/ remarried a second time on February 25, 1836, to Elizabeth (Eliza) Martha Westall, the daughter of Thomas Westall.

Elizabeth Westall was already twice widowed; her first husband was James Elijah Brown Austin, the brother of Stephen F. Austin. William and Eliza Hill had six children, 8th generation. Children listed in 1850 census...

BRAZORIA COUNTY CENSUS 1850

Wm. G. Hill	7/ 49 M	Farmer	\$100,000	b. N.C.
Wm. G. Hill Jr.	8/ 11 M			b. 1839 Texas
James W. Hill	8/ 9 M			b. 1841 "
Aeneas Hill	8/ 7 M			b. 1843 "
John B. Hill	8/ 5 M			b. 1845 "
Charles N. Hill	8/ 3 M			b. 1847 "

Wm. 7/ lived in Bernard in a residence known as Waverly and later put together a large plantation between East Columbia and Orozimbo Plantation that he called Osceola.

In December 1836, Hill was elected a senator of the First Congress of the Republic of Texas from the Brazoria District to fill the vacancy of James Collinsworth, who had been elected to the Supreme Court.

Wm. 7/ was a member of St. John's Masonic Lodge No. 5, Brazoria and Columbia. Hill received 960 acres of land for services in various campaigns in 1835-36 and one league and one labor of land in 1838.

In the census of 1860, the year he died, he was listed as a wealthy Texan with property real and personal valued at \$186,862.

William Green Hill 7/ died in Brazoria County, Texas on June 30, 1860. In his nuncupative will he asked to be buried beside his wife Eliza, who had died in 1847.

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BENJAMIN F. HILL 7/, SON OF JORDAN HILL 6/..

Benjamin Franklin . Hill 7/, was born in 1817 in Franklin County, North Carolina. He was killed in Texas in 1866. His wife was Mary Hubert. Ben F. Hill 7/ was a son of Jordan Hill 6/ & Mary Green.

Little is known of his early life, but about 1836, he joined up with his older brother, William Green Hill 7/ in Texas.

In 1839, Benjamin Hill 7/ served as captain with Texas forces at Alcantro, Mexico when, on October 4, the opposing Centralist General Parvón refused to surrender his sword to the Federalist general, but proffered it to Capt. Hill of the "brave" Texans.

In August, 1840, Comanche Indians raided Linnville and were thereafter pursued to Plum Creek and then to the Blanco River by volunteers.

It was Ben F. Hill 7/, who, from Gonzales, reported that Lt. Col. Sweitzer accused Lt. Col. Ben McCullough of holding back for which McCullough challenged him to a duel at Plum Creek and later at the Blanco River.

Ben F. Hill 7/, was a Second Lieutenant in Capt. John McGill's Company, of Mounted Volunteers (called into Service of the Republic of Texas) pn 20th March 1842. (Ref: "Attack & Counter Attack"- Texas Frontier, 1843 by Joseph Nance, pp. 502 & 593).

Hill accompanied a 60 man militia from Texana to Victoria on March 4, 1842, when Victorians became frightened by the news that 41 Mexicans had captured Goliad.

Also listed in the same company were brothers, Jordan Hill Jr & Robert H. Hill.

When an invading force was spotted only three miles from town, the militia and other volunteer companies, from surrounding counties, remained until peace was restored.

Benjamin F. Hill 7/ served as assistant clerk, engrossing clerk and chief clerk in the Eighth Congress First

Legislature of the State and thereafter as chief clerk through the fifth session. He also served as Asst. Secretary of War Marine.

In 1845, he enlisted with John Coffee Hays and others in the U.S. Army to fight as a captain of the Texas Volunteers in the Mexican War.

Ben F. Hill 7/ was elected Sheriff of Bexar County in 1848. He served as adjutant general of the State, the head of the Texas Rangers, 1850-1852.

During the War Between the States, Ben F. Hill 7/ served at Camps McCullough, in Victoria, and Mabry in Austin, both training bases. Later, he was commissioned captain in the procurement division, gathering horses, beeves (sic) and wagons for the Confederacy.

In 1866, while Victoria was occupied, Ben F.Hill, then called Colonel, was in an altercation with, and in self defense, killed a former Union soldier in Victoria.

He was arrested and jailed. A lynch mob of Union soldiers stormed the jail and murdered him.

Benjamin F. Hill 7/ was survived by his widow, Mary Hubert Hill, and children. (8th generation Hills):

1. Thomas Chevallie Hill 8/, who died in Victoria ca. 1872.
2. Mary Hill 8/ (who married Mr. Droulyea of New Orleans)
3. Ellen Geraldine Hill 8/ (who married David H. Heaton of Cuero)
4. Annie Hill 8/ (who married Thomas A. Graves of Cuero)
5. Ben F. Hill, Jr. 8/.

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