

SC.009 BRIEF SUMMARY ON GREEN (BERRY) HILL OF UNION
COUNTY S.C.

(SEE DATA SC.006 AND SC.007 FOR ESTATE OF HIS FATHER, THOMAS
HILL).

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"THE HOLLIS-HILL CONNECTION THROUGH GREEN BERRY HILL, OF
UNION COUNTY S.C.," BY JEANNETTE M. CHRISTOPHER. On the
tombstone of M. Caroline Hollis, in the cemetery of
Padgett's Creek Baptist Church, it is recorded that she was
born March 30, 1819, died May 19, 1899, and was the wife of
Wesley Hollis.

Claude Sparks, in his "History of Padgett's Creek Baptist
Church," made the notation that she was the daughter of GREEN
HILL & JANE HILL.

[Note by Robert Hill...The 1860 Census of Union County list
Green Hill as GREEN BERRY HILL]. The given name of
Greenberry was quite popular among Maryland Families, and
the name was (based on Maryland Archives & L.P. Hill
information) after a General Greenberry Ridgley, who was
quite popular among the citizens.

The use of this given name was by no means restricted to the
Hill family and is often a sign that the particular family
using it had its original roots in Maryland, however one
must be careful not to get mixed up with the Hills of Surry
County, Virginia, who often used the name Green Hill.

The name of Berry has been used occasionally by this Virginia
line but was not as popular as those of Maryland Families. I
have no other details].

There are no deeds, and there is no estate indexed in the
Union County Courthouse in Green Hill's name but on November
10, 1874 ...

Elizabeth Gordon, Mary A. Ray, Hillard Hill and Sarah Ray, by
her attorney, W.S. Gregory, legal heirs of GREEN HILL,
deceased, deeded 199 and 1/2 acres, part of the Green Hill
homestead, to Wesley Hollis for \$ 578.55.

The tract was bound by Hillard Hill (who was living in
Spartanburg County, South Carolina, in 1871), by Major
Fant, by Gilliam Huckaby, and the estate of W. M. Ray.
Witnesses to the deed were D.H.Sheldon and R.M. Stevens, and
the deed was proved by R.M. Stevens in Richland County, S.C.
on December 6, 1911.

Wesley and Caroline Hollis sold this same tract to Simpson E.

Ray and Richard C. Ray on January 1, 1878. Both deeds were recorded in 1911.

"Green Hill, died June 22, 1870" and "Jane Hill, wife of Green Hill, Daughter of Aaron Starnes, died January 2, 1874, aged 75 years," are buried at Padgett's Creek Baptist Cemetery.

Green Hill was the son of Thomas Hill, who died in Union County S.C. in 1825. Heirs named in Thomas Hill's estate file (BOX 14, PKG 21--and listed in my data.SC.006 and SC.0077,

Heirs named were his widow, Mrs. Miriam or Muriam (Murphy) Hill, Sampson Gilliam and wife (Drucilla), Hosea Canady and wife, James Willard and wife, John Huff, in his own right and as guardian for the children of his late wife, Martha Huff, Green Hill, William Hill, Bird Hill, Berry Brooks and wife and Ira Casey and wife.

Map 10 of "Land Grant Maps," published by the Union County Historical Foundation, shows this Thomas Hill on Elisha's Creek of Enoree River, adjoining Jesse Dodd, Tilman Bobo, James Ford and Moses Nix. No acreage and no date entered.

In 1797, Thomas Hill Senior, of Union County, for \$ 300 deeded 200 acres "whereon I now live" on the north side of Enoree River to John O'Dell Hill also of Union County. The land had been granted to Thomas Hill on December 24, 1772.

[Note by Robert Hill: The Casey family, and John O'Dell Hill were connected to the Henry Hill family of Maryland. Mr. L. P. Hill suggest that this Thomas Hill was part of that Maryland family. See entries below].

Thomas Hill (Sr.?) served in the Revolution in Brandon's Regiment, and was probably related to Henry Hill who, with his wife Elizabeth, sold 100 acres adjoining Thomas Hill on the north side of Enoree River to John Hill in 1798.

All of the parties to the deed were of Union County, and the deed was witnessed by John Pearson, John Hendricks and a Robert Hill, names that indicate that this Hill family was related to the Hill family of Newberry and Laurens Counties and who came to South Carolina from Maryland in the 1770s.

In 1820, John O'Dell Hill, with dower release by wife Margaret Hill, sold 362 acres on the north side of Enoree River to Captain Bernard Glenn of Union County, land that had been granted to Thomas Hill Senior and Henry Hill. Thomas Hill, father of Green (Berry) Hill, married Mariam (or Miriam) Murphy, the daughter of Simon and Sarah (Duke) Murphy, who came to Union County S.C. from Virginia.

/s/ Jeannette M. Christopher

Note by Robert R. Hill Sr. (Note entered November 1988)
There was a William Hill, who received a land grant on 8th of February 1773. This land was located on the fork of Broad River and Saluda River, a little Southeast of the above Thomas Hill Sr.'s grant.

At that time this was in Berkley County, S.C. but now in today's Union County. After discussions with L.P. Hill & Gordon Meador, we first thought that the Thomas Hill, who's estate papers are enclosed, was Thomas Hill Jr., son of Thomas Hill Sr., and perhaps he was, BUT no one has been able to prove this or tie him into the Thomas Hill Sr. or Henry Hill Families, though we are convinced he is somehow related to them.

I am of the opinion that this Thomas Hill (father of Greenberry Hill) was in Union County all his life, but Gordon Meador cannot find him in the 1800 Census.

The same thing happend to my Moses Hill, but in the adjacent Fairfield County, yet other records show he was in Fairfiled County all along, I do not feel that absence of Thomas Hill from the 1800 Census is sufficent alone to rule him out of being in Union County in 1800.

This particular Thomas Hill & wife Miriam Murphy, named their oldest son William Hill. He named another son Byrd Hill and then Greenberry Hill and did not use the often given name of Henry, Robert, or John, as did the Henry Hill Family line.

Now since a popular custom of the times was to often name the first son after the paternal grandfather, I am of the opinion that this Thomas Hill (m. Miriam Murphy) may be a son of William Hill, who received the land grant in February 1773.

This has not been proven but the fact that none of the other members of the Henry Hill descendents (of Maryland) named a son William or Greenberry suggest to me that he was of a different member of the family, and probably William Hill. If this assumption is correct, then Greenberry Hill was a grandson to William Hill.

Also of interest is a James Hill, who had a grant in what was today's Union County. I at first thought it was the James Hill, the 2nd son of my Moses Hill of Fairfield County, but it is too early to be him and his grant is not located w here his land was.

1850 Census of Union County, S.C., Family # 194, Page ???
age occupation Value of born
real esate
GREEN HILL 60 planter \$ 3512 SC

Jane 51? (went to school) SC
Hillard (son) 28 laborer SC
Elizabeth Gordon (dau) 33 (went to school) SC
Miriam Hill (dau) 29 SC

Could not copy rest as the archives closed up and they rushed us out

1860 Census of Union County, S.C., Page 262, dwelling # 1281
age born Real Estate Value/Personal

GREENBERRY HILL 71 SC (\$ 5545 \$ 12,000
Jane (wife) 60 SC
Elizabeth 42 SC (cannot read nor write)

I had intended to check out the 1870 Census but did not get a chance. Green Hill died in 1870.

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