

SC.027 INFORMATION ON THE FAMILY AND DESCENDENTS OF HENRY HILL AND WIFE ELIZABETH PEACH OF FREDERICK COUNTY MARYLAND, PROVIDED BY VIOLET ARMSTRONG OF SHELBYVILLE, ILLINOIS.

Copied and Entered by Robert R. Hill Sr. in December of 1988.

NOTE: While this data has also been placed into the Maryland Disk, it should be noted that the descendents of Henry Hill moved into South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Kentucky and back into Illinois, Missouri and Kansas and probably other states as well, and could just as easily been placed in any one of the above states.

The following data is copied EXACTLY as was given to me but the problem is that Violet Armstrong has a computerized program that list the individuals by a number. My computer has no such program and there are places that the relationship of certain individuals is unclear. Other times I understand the different relationships, and at that time I make my own entry to explain the relationships. Such entries are made in bold print.

I must say that Henry Hill that married Elizabeth Peach is thought to be the wrong Henry Hill. It is thought that Henry Truman Hill married Elizabeth Peach.

Robert Hill

(HENRY) HILL/PEACH

Henry Hill b. 1706 Frederick Co., Md., married Elizabeth Peach 1731, his will was proven 1773 Frederick Co., Md.

Note by R. Hill: Think Elizabeth Peach m. Henry Truman Hill.

children:

1. Robert Hill
2. Joseph Isaac Hill (father of Henry Hill that m. Alice Ridgely (went to Newberry Co., SC).
3. Henry Truman Hill (Often confused with the above nephew, Henry, son of brother Joseph. Both went to Newberr Co., SC). Henry Trumam Hill came to SC about 8 years before nephew, Henry & wife Alice).
4. Philip Hill
5. Thomas Hill
6. John Hill, b. 1735/36 Antietam married Elizabeth Bucher, d. 6 January 1803, Loveland, Clermont County, Ohio.
7. Elizabeth Hill
8. Catherine Hill
9. Ann Hill

THE CHILDREN OF HENRY TRUMAN HILL

31. Joseph Hill
32. Westall Hill, married and raised a family near Bowling Green, Warren County, Kentucky. He was born 13th June 1782, died 1854 in Warren Co., Ky.
33. Thomas Hill, married Mary Robinson. (He was born 13th June 1782, died 1854).
(following are children of # 33 (Thomas Hill))
331. Thomas Hill m. America Whitman 11/12/1814 in Kentucky
332. Basil Hill m. Nancy Hess
333. Henry Hill m. Ruth Adams
334. Alcey Hill m. Wm. Davis
335. James Hill m. (?) Cayle
336. Joseph Hill m. Mahaly Hedrick
337. Sarah Hill m. David Rogers
34. Drucilla Hill m. John Casey
35. Ruth Hill m. Henry Whitmire
36. Sarah Hill m. Nathan Fowler, 2nd m. to Wm. Whitmire
37. Elizabeth Hill m. Thomas Whitmire
38. Henry Hill, b. 1765 m. Eleanor Hendrick, d. 1803 in South Carolina.
(Children of # 38, Henry Hill)
381. David Hill, b. in S.C., d. 1834 Newberry Co., S.C., m. Mary Ray, b. 1799 & d. 1829.
(Child of # 381, David Hill)
3811. John Hill, b. 1828, d. 1888 in Laurens Co., S.C.
(Child of # 3811, John Hill)
38111. Ida B. Hill
(Jacob Joseph Hill was son of # 6, John Hill).
61. Jacob Joseph Hill, b. 27th December 1765 Frederick Co., Md., d. 3rd January 1838 Warren Co., Ohio, m. Mary (?).
(Child of # 61, Jacob Joseph Hill)
611. Rebecca Hill, b. 1787, Md., d. 1845, m. Jesse Goddard.
35. Ruth (Hill) Whitmire moved to Franklin County, Missouri in 1820, where Henry died on 5th February 1836.
(children of Ruth Hill # 35)
351. Thomas Whitmire
352. William Whitmire
353. Sarah Whitmire
354. Phoebe Whitmire, b 11 Aug. 1811, m. Rev. David Clark, s/o Jacob & Mary Hearst Clark.
355. Moses Whitmire
356. Drucilla Whitmire b. Newberry District S.C. on 24 Sept. 1816, m. 28 Jan. 1840 Franklin Co., Missouri to Randolph Walker

Apperson.

357. John Whitmire

358. Frederick Whitmire

359. Henry Whitmire m. Mary Whitmire
(children of # 354, Phoebe Whitmire)

3541. Austin Whitmire Clark
(child by her second marriage)

3561. Phoebe Elizabeth Apperson, b. 3rd
Dec. 1840, Franklin Co., Mo., m.
George Hurst s/o William G. &
Elizabeth Collins Hearst. George
Hearst moved to California and was
in the U.S. Senate until his death
in 1891.

(child of # 3561, Phoebe E. Apperson)

35611. William Randolph Hearst

35. & 36. Ruth & Sarah Hill, daughters of # 3, Henry
Truman Hill, married twin brothers, William &
Henry Whitmire, b. 22 July 1776 in Newberry
District, South Carolina.

37. Elizabeth Hill, daughter of # 3, Henry Truman
Hill, married Thomas Whitmire, brother to the
above (twins)

(children of Elizabeth Hill Whitmire, # 37).

371. Christopher Whitmire m. Katherine French

372. Nathan Whitmire

373. William Whitmire

374. John Whitmire

375. Peggy Whitmire

376. Phoebe Whitmire

377. Polly Whitmire

21. Nathan (Hill?), son of # 2, Joseph Hill), b. in S.C. in
1799, married Mary Hill, she d. 1802. He died 1873 age
77 in Warren Co., Kentucky.

(child of Nathan (Hill?))

211. Elizabeth R. (Hill?) m. Hugh Barclay in May 1854
Bowling Green, Ky. Her father (Nathan Hill # 21)
was a son of Joseph (Isaac) Hill (# 2) & owned
large number of Negroes, and a large farm east
of Bowling Green, Ky. Her parents were natives
of S.C. and immigrated to Ky. ca. 1824. (Ky.
Genealogy and Biography by Thomas Westerfield,
Vol. 2, p 149).

5. Possibly this Thomas (Hill) married Elizabeth Roe 19
February 1757 in St. John's Parish, Queen Ann's County,
Md.

37. Elizabeth Hill married Thomas Whitmire, a s/o
George Whitmire. The (four) Whitmire brothers
(Wm., Henry, Thomas & Moses) with their families

moved to Franklin Co., Missouri in 1821.

their children

- 371. Christopher Whitmire m. Katherine French
- 372. Nathan Whitmire
- 373. William Whitmire
- 374. John Whitmire
- 375. Peggy Whitmire
- 376. Phoebe Whitmire
- 377. Polly Whitmire

George Whitmire, the father of the above Whitmire boys, was born in Stuttgart, Germany, and came to this county in 1776 aboard the ship "Sally," from Rotterdam and Crowes. He did not remain long in Philadelphia, where he had landed, but followed friends, who had preceded him to Newberry District, S.C.

He was commonly called by his middle name of Frederick, and it is under that name that record of his service in the Revolutionary War is found in the HISTORICAL COMMISSION, Columbia, S.C., where according to Indent 3192 there was issued on 3rd July 1786 to Mr. Frederick Whitmire for duty in Brandon's Regiment per account audited.

The farm that he bought when he settled in S.C., lies between Duncan's Creek & the Enoree River, in a section that was formerly in Newberry District, but has been cut off into Union County. The farm is still owned by some of his descendents (what date?) and nearby a prosperous little village named Whitmire for the family has sprung up on the Seaboard Airline Railway (today, 1988, known as Seaboard-Coast Line Railroad or today, C & X R.R.).

He lived to be 90 years of age and lies buried in the old Duncan's Creek Baptist Church, which is about a mile from his old home and is across Duncan's Creek in Newberry County, S.C. In 1774 he (George Whitmire) married Phoebe Hagood, daughter of Rev. William Hagood.

333. Henry Hill & Ruth (Adams) Hill & their family.

- 3331. Martha Hill m. James Wagner
- 3332. Thomas Hill m. Nancy Turner
- 3333. Josia A. Hill b. 1831 m. Elizabeth Casey
- 3334. Sarah J. Hill (twin) b. 1834 m. John E. Prater
- 3335. Margaret Hill (twin) b. 1834 m. John Casey
- 3336. John Hill m. Emiline Brents
- 3337. Basil Hill m. Julia Patton
- 3338. Wilmuth Hill m. Daniel Chumley
- 3339. Levi Hill m. Annie Harris
- 33310. James Hill m. Viola Dook
- 33311. Mary Hill m. Frances Dook (?)

3332. Children of Thomas Hill & Nancy Turner

33321. Lewis Hill
33322. Frances Hill
33323. Ruth P. Hill
33324. Josia M. Hill
33325. Anderson V. Hill
33326. Cora A. Hill

3333. Children of Josiah Hill & Elizabeth
Casey

33331. Martha Hill d. at age 19
33332. Sarah Hill m. Glass
33333. Ettie Hill m. Henry Minnis
33334. Amanda Hill m. Sharp
33335. Emma Hill m. Lundy
33336. Levi Eugene Hill

33334. Children of John E. Prater & Sarah Hill

33341. Henry Prater m. Osa Killiam

333. Henry Hill, son # 33 Thomas Hill, married Ruth Adams 12 Feb. 1825 by consent of guardian John Kekman. Another report gives John Heckman as guardian of Ruth instead of Henry.

34. Drucilla Hill married John Casey, a son of Levi Casey, who d. 31 January 1807 in Georgetown, Washington, D.C. while serving as a member of Congress from S.C. Levi Casey is buried in Arlington Cemetery. He was a grandson of Abner Casey from Ireland 1738 to Roanoke River area (of Virginia, then to S.C. before 1749. Levi was a Lt. Colonel in the Revolutionary War. John Casey came to Fayette County, Illinois soon after 1830 from Warren Co., Ky. He was born 22 May 1777 in Newberry District, S.C. and died on 10th May 1848. Both are buried in the Casey Cemetery located near Ramsey, Illinois, near the Shelby, Fayette County, line.

(The above information on Drucilla came from Belle Davidson. Drucilla was her 3rd great grandmother).

NOTES:

HILL/PEACH (QUESTIONABLE PRACH AS WIFE)

1. Jacob Duckett, Joseph Peach, Greenbury, Charles & Samuel Cheney, Benjamin Cheney, Richard Duckett, John Henton, Dr. Hill, Clement & Clement Hill Jr. were all taxables in Prince George Co., (Md.) in Patuxant 100, on the lower precinct of the above (was) Thomas Hill 1733.

2. Freeman & Freeholders of all Saints Parish, Frederick Co., Md.: Robert Lee, Jacob Duckett before 1769.
3. Undated Documents: Prince George Co., (Md.) recommend Jacob Duckett for Office of The Justice, Signers were HENRY TRUMAN HILL, JOSEPH HILL.
4. Levin Hill, a prisoner for his brother's debts. After 1738, Ann Arundel Co., Md.
5. Captain Hill 1746-1752.
6. Captain Adam Hill 1760 Queen Anne's Co., Md.
7. 1760, St. Luke's Parish, Queen Ann Co., Md., signers to collect for the unhappy sufferers at Boston. James Massey, John Massey, Moses Massey, John Scrivener (along with others).
8. Levin (HILL) s/o Henry Hill married November 10, 1722.
9. Henry Hill Jr., s/o Henry & Mary Hill, m. January 9th 1720/21 (to) Sarah Galloway. And again (possibly) into the Quaker religion). Henry Hill & Sarah Galloway of Ann Arundel Co., Md. were married on 4 November 1738. They were m. at the home of Henry Hill.
10. Henry Hill m. 12 March 1748 to Mary Thomas.
11. Robert Pleasants m. 7 Feb. 1760 to Mary, widow of Henry Hill. She was d/o Philip Turner. All the above notes from:
THE BLACK BOOK BOOKS
HALL OF RECORDS COMMISSION (published by the
Genealogical Publishing Co & in St. Paul's Parish,
Baltimore Co., Md.).

WEST RIVER MEETING on Western Shore of Maryland.
(Genealogical Publishing Co.).

11. Levin Hill, s/o Henry Hill m. Eliza Hawkins, d/o Gerrard Hawkins, both of Ann Arundel Co. West River.
12. Joseph Hill m. 17 July 1724 Sarah Richardson, both of Ann Arundel Co, West River (in Md.).
13. Henry Hill Jr., s/o Henry & Mary Hill m. 9 January 1720/21 to Sarah Galloway, d/o Samuel & Ann Galloway both of Ann Arundel Co., Md.
14. Henry Hill m. 4th November 1738 Sarah Galloway both of Ann Arundel Co., Md. (they were m. at Henry Hill's home).

NOTE: Something is wrong here unless the date of the second marriage was the date they married into the Quaker Religion. I know nothing of their customs but if I am wrong then we

have two different dates for the marriage of Henry Hill & Sarah Galloway, the 1st being 9 January 1720/21 and the other 4th November 1738.

Robert Hill Sr

15. Henry Hill m. 12th March 1748 to Mary Thomas, both of Ann Arundel, West River (in Md.).

16. George Hill m. Joan Britain on 6 December 1711 St Pauls Parish, Kent Co., Md.

17. West River Meeting was located as the name implies, near West River in southern Ann Arundel Co., Md. It was located near the Calvert Cliffs, a range of bluffs fronting on the bay & is sometimes confused with Cliffs Meeting. West River meeting became the central meeting of Friends (Quakers) in the Chesapeake Bay area. It is the parent of the Baltimore yearly meeting. The site of the meeting house is at the intersection of State Routes 468 & 255, near Galesville. There was (or is) a sign which reads "Old Quaker Burial Grounds."

HILL/PEACH (???)

HENRY HILL AND ELIZABETH BRUNTS INFORMATION

Henry Hill was born between 1760-1770 in Maryland or South Carolina. He married Elizabeth Brunts, probably in S.C. ca. 1785. They were in Kentucky by 1801 as William Hill was born there (near Louisville). By 1816 he (Henry) was in Montgomery County, Illinois. He and John Lee (m. Sarah Hill) and Levi Casey (m. Chloe Hill) came in a group with their families. They built Henry's cabin first, then John Lee's and then Levi Casey's. Later when the land was surveyed, Henry's cabin was in Montgomery County, Illinois, and Lee & Casey's cabins were in Bond County. How Chloe & Sarah were related are unknown at this time. (I believe they were sisters, R. Hill). Evidently, Levi Casey was the first to come to Shelby Co., Illinois, ca. 1821 with John Lee & Henry Hill with some of his family arriving next, ca. 1823.

WILLIAM HILL SR., SON OF HENRY HILL & ELIZABETH BRUNTS

William Hill Sr. was a native of Kentucky, and a son of Henry Hill, who was a native of Maryland or South Carolina. He was married to Elizabeth (Bruntz), probably a native of the same state with himself. After marriage they settled in Kentucky, near Louisville and some time later they came with their family to Montgomery County, Illinois, arriving there at a very early date. (How early?) There Henry Hill died, being 90 years old at the time of his decease, his wife having died previously in Shelby Co., Illinois, at the home of a daughter. She also was 80 years of age when she died. Henry Hill & wife were members of the regular Baptist Church. They

had a large family.

William Hill Sr. was one of the elder children and arrived at manhood and married in Montgomery County, Illinois to Miss Cynthia Scribner, a native of Tennessee. She was quite young when her father, William Scribner, removed to Montgomery Co., Illinois, during pioneer days. Her father and mother in their last years moved west of the Missouri River, where they passed away at a very advanced age. They were pioneer farmers wherever the located.

WILLIAM & CYNTHIA (SCRIBNER) HILL

After the marriage of William Hill Sr., they made their first permanent settlement in what is now Ridge Township, Shelby County, Illinois, there procuring Government land, which they improved until it was in a fine state of cultivation. Later they purchased land in Flat Branch T. (town?), Shelby Co., Illinois, and there Mrs. Hill died while in middle life. Later Mr. Hill came to make his home with his son, William Hill Jr. and died here at the age of 64 years. He had for many years been a member in good standing of the Baptist Church. Politically he affiliated with the Democratic party, his sympathies having been with that party all his life.

THE ABOVE HISTORY FROM "PORTRAIT & BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD OF SHELBY & MOULTRIE COUNTIES, ILLINOIS," (Chicago, Biographical Publishing Co., 1891, Page 423).

FAMILY GROUP SHEET FOR HENRY HILL

HENRY HILL

B: 1765 in Maryland, to S.C., to Ky., To Illinois.

D: 1838-1845 Montgomery Co., Illinois.

M: ca. 1785 in South Carolina.

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME: ELIZABETH BRUNTS

B: 1765 (same as above ???)

D: 1835 in Shelby Co., Illinois.

children:

1. F Sarah Hill, b. ca. 1786 in S.C., m. John Lee.
2. M John Hill, b. 6 January 1789 in S.C., m. Sarah Casey in Warren Co., Ky. on 4th March 1813, he d. 24th May 1865 Montgomery Co., Illinois.
3. F Chloe Hill, b. 10th January 1792 in S.C., m. Levi Casey on 8th October 1811 in Warren Co., Ky. She d. on 28th September 1851 Shelby Co., Ill.
4. M Thomas Hill, b. 1796, m. Nancy Massey. He d. on 2nd October 1854.
5. M Henry Hill Jr., b. 1798 in Kentucky, m. Mary Prater on 23 January 1821 in Bond Co., Ill. He d. 4th April

1855.

6. M William R. Hill, b. 1801 in Kentucky, m. Cynthia Scribner on 8th July 1823 Bond Co., Ill., he d. 12th February 1864 Shelby Co., Ill. (See FGS below).
7. F Elizabeth Hill, b. 1804-1810 in Ky.
8. M Peter Brunts Hill, b. 14 April 1808 Warren Co., Ky., m. twice, 1st to Peggy Tolly on 10th June 1852 Shelby Co., Ill., 2nd time to Mary Bryson. He d. 23 April 1875 Montgomery Co., Ill.

FAMILY GROUP SHEET FOR WILLIAM R. HILL

WILLIAM R. HILL

BORN: 1801 near Louisville, Kentucky.

DIED: 12th February 1864 in Shelby Co., Illinois.

BURIAL LOCATION: Tolly Cemetery, Shelby Co., Illinois.

HIS FATHER: HENRY HILL HIS MOTHER: ELIZABETH BRUNTS

DATE OF MARRIAGE: 8th July 1823, Bond County, Illinois.

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME: CYNTHIA SCRIBNER

BORN: 1804 in Maury Co., Tennessee.

DIED: 24th June 1847 in Shelby Co., Illinois.

BURIAL LOCATION: Tolly Cemetery, Shelby Co., Illinois.

HER FATHER: WILLIAM SCRIBNER HER MOTHER: Unknown

children:

1. M Peter Brunts Hill, b. 1825 Shelby Co., Illinois, m. Peggy Tolly on 14th December 1848, She died & Peter m 2nd time to Mary Bryson on 10th June 1852 in Shelby Co., Illinois.
2. M William Hill, b. ca. 1827 in Ridge Township, Shelby Co., Illinois, m. Susannah Tolly in Shelby Co., Illinois on 10th August 1850.
3. F Margaret Hill, b. 1829 in Shelby Co., Illinois, m. 4th June 1846 to James Bryson in Shelby Co., Illinois.
4. M Henry Hill, m. Nancy Fletcher on 19th February 1854 in Shelby Co., Illinois.
5. M Levi Hill, b. 10th March 1832 Shelby Co., Illinois, m. to (not given) on 9th December 1852 Shelby Co., Illinois.
6. M John Hill, b. 1837 Shelby Co., Illinois.
7. F Martha Hill, b. 25th December 1840, m. Andrew Hill (no relation) on 17th August 1856 Shelby Co., Illinois, he d. Shelby Co., Illinois, no date given. (note says Quote..."Grandmother of # 1." This is not understood ?
8. F Sarah Hill, b. 1841 Shelby Co., Illinois, m. a Hogge, she d. 29th March 1870 Greenwood, Kansas.
9. M Joseph Hill, b. 1843, d. 3 April 1902 Shelby Co., Ill.

FAMILY GROUP SHEET ON A JONATHAN HILL, SUSPECTED TO BE SOMEHOW RELATED TO THIS HILL FAMILY LINE BUT AS YET UNDETERMINED.

JONATHAN HILL

B: 2 April 1785 in Georgia.

M: 14 June 1807 St Clair Co., Illinois.

D: 11 June 1845 Shelby Co., Illinois.

WIFE: NANCY (BANKSTON) OR BANKSON

B: 14 November 1790 in Georgia.

children:

1. M John Hill, b. 1808 in Illinois, d. 15th March 1856 Bethany, Moultrie Co., Illinois.
2. M James Hill, b. 1809 Illinois, m. 27th July 1827 to ??? (Name not given), he d. 5th March 1864 Bethany, Moultrie Co., Ill.
3. F Nancy Hill, b. 1811 Illinois, m. Cavil Daniel on 27th September 1849.
4. M William Hill, b. 28th October 1813, m. Martha Ward on 23 November 1830 Shellyville, Shelby Co., Illinois.
5. M Hiram Hill, b. 1815, d. 1821 Fayette, Ill.
6. M un-named son, d. 1821 Fayette, Ill.
7. M un-named son d. 1821 Fayette, Ill.
8. F Sallie Hill.
9. F Judy Hill.
10. F Annie Hill.
11. M Moses Hill, b. 22 June 1829, killed in civil war.
12. F Jemima Hill, b. 21 December 1832.

PETER BRUNS (BRUNTS) HILL

1808-1875

(Source: Vol 5, No. 3 of what?? Was not given)

Peter Bruns Hill was born on 14th April 1808 in Warren County, Kentucky, the son of Henry Hill & Elizabeth Bruns. When Peter was 15 years old his father moved to Montgomery County, Illinois. In 1829 when Peter was 18 years old, his father settled in Ridge Township, Shelby County, Illinois. On the 17th of March 1829 Peter married a neighbor girl named Penelope (Penny) Scribner in Shelby County. Peter's brother William married Cynthia Scribner, a sister to Penny. Peter was a well educated man but Penny could neither read or write.

Peter & wife were listed in the 1830 Census of Shelby County with one son under the age of ten. In 1840 they were in Montgomery County with five children, three boys and two girls. They had 10 known children and they were:

1. John Hill.
2. Elizabeth Hill m. Haller.
3. Lewis Hill m. Mary Whitmore.
4. Henry H. (Hill?) maybe Henry Hiram Hill??
5. Mary Hill m. Richard Gipson (their daughter Annie was the one who gave the following article to Mr.

- E. S. Easterday of Nokomis, Ill.).
6. Chloe Hill m. Dr. Joseph Fellers.
7. Nancy Jane Hill.
8. Faithy Hill.
9. Darcus Hill.
10. Darthuly Hill.

COPY OF A MARRIAGE LICENSES.

STATE OF ILLINOIS)

SHELBY COUNTY) The people of the state of Illinois, to
all whom shall see these presents, GREETINGS, Know ye that
Licences for promission (Permission) is truly granted to any
Licensed Minister of the Gospel, Judge or Justice of the
Peace, to join in marriage Peter B. Hill & Penny Scribner,
both of the county of Shelby and state of Illinois.

In Testimony whereof I do hereby set my hand & seal this 17th
day of March 1829.

signed by/ Jo. Win ??? (clerk)

A CERTIFICATION OF THE ABOVE MARRIAGE LICENCES FOLLOWS.

STATE OF ILLINOIS)

COUNTY OF SHELBY) I, Dwight Campbell, County Clerk, do
hereby certify the copy to be a true, perfect and complete
copy of a marriage record now on file in my office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and
attached the seal of said County at my office in Shelbyville,
Illinois, the 26 Day of March A.D. 1981.

signed by/ DWIGHT CAMPBELL
County Clerk of Shelby County, Illinois

The Old Settlers of Montgomery County, Illinois held their
first meeting on July 2, 1873 and elected Peter B. Hill as
their President. It was at this meeting that Peter was asked
to write his life story.

Peter's wife Penny died on 20th February, 1875 and Peter
(died) on the 23rd of April 1875 in Nokomis, Illinois. Both
are buried in the Nokomis Cemetery.

In 1912, Isaac Hill was elected President of the Old
Settlers. He was a descendent of Peter Hill.

In the following article written by Peter Bruns Hill, he
mentions Levi Casey and John Lee. Levi was a son in law of
Henry Hill and it is believed that John Lee was also a son-
in-law. Levi Casey married Chloe Hill and John Lee married
Sarah Hill. Both men were married in Kentucky and moved with
their families to Illinois and settling in Shelby County at
an early date.

MEMORIES

Written by Peter B. Hill of Shelby & Moultrie Counties,
Illinois.

My father Henry Hill emigrated to Illinois Territory with his family in the year of 1816. Stopped in Bond County (Illinois) near the cross roads at what is now called Zion Campgrounds. My father with Levi Casey and John Lee went with all their force with what is called Hurricane near Vanburensburg. They built a camp and went to work to build a house for my father. Got the house raised covered and floored, came back and all hands moved to our new house and lived in camp until the house was daubed and chimney built of stick and clay. We moved in the house.

This cabin was built of round logs 9size 19 by 18 (feet) and the first cabin built on the Hurricane. They then went to work to build a cabin for John Lee, the same size and material, then they immediately built for Levi Casey. Completed his the same way as the others. All hands then went to their respective homes and when the land was surveyed and the counties laid off, my father and John Lee were in Montgomery County and Levi Casey in Bond County (Illinois).

Our neighbors then were Indians. The Kickapoo tribes lived all through this part of the country. Some Pottawatomies, some Osage. They came to see us every day. Deer, turkey were very plentiful; bears, panthers, wild cats and wolves were very numerous, especially the last two named.

Good fat venison, turkeys and honey wasn't noticed, only it came to the table we could rub it on anything we wanted to or rub anything in it (if) we wanted to. My father was a miller. He furnished the meal. We had to go to the American bottom, seven miles from St. Louis and pay one dollar per bushel for corn and travel during the night in warm weather on account of horse flies. We were all poor people.

With the next spring we planted a crop of corn. It was either late planted or an early frost for it was badly frozen. This was in the year 1817. We did our grinding of this crop. Our mill was a block of wood four feet long with a hole burnt in one end and a long pole fastened at the fore end, two forks put under at the proper place and a head on the end. A handle through the hole and it made a good meal if attended to.

To bake this meal the women put the meal in a bread tray poured in water and stirred it with their hands. The coals of fire being hauled out the skillet, leaving the print of their fingers in the bread. I imagine I would like that kind of bread yet. If anyone came to visit us from Madison County or any other place, something extra had to be gotten up. The oven was brought to the fireplace and the dough made as

before described only some hog's fat and a little salt added. It was put in the oven in dodgers about four around the oven and one in the middle in three or four pound lumps. This we called fatty bread. Something had to be done for our visitors. They had to have coffee. It was made this way; take a lot of parched wheat, put it in a piece of deerskin and pound it with the tomahawk until it was ground. Put in about five gallon pot, boil it sufficiently and pour it in tin cups around the table. Our plates were pewter.

My mother was very fond of tea. She made the tea about the same way as coffee but with garden herbs and weeds gathered in the prairie, which made very pleasant tea; sassafrass, sycamore chips and so-forth, all made and drank as coffee.

My father traveling around, two or three years after settling here bought one set of tea cups and saucers and plates. Six was a set then. When father brought them home the people told us we couldn't use the plates, as they would dull the knives so we couldn't.

I will say something about dress; we wore leather deerskin on our feet and on our person. Moccasins, pants, hunt shirts comprised the common dress. Men wore them to meeting, not for fashion but because they had nothing else to wear. They would carry their guns to meeting with them and set them back of the cabin or against a tree. I never saw but two girls wearing leather dresses. It was a very common thing when newcomers came into the country, they would be forced to cut their wagon covers and bed spreads to make shirts to work in before they could raise flax and cotton. They could make out after that on leather.

Our cabins were pretty much of a size (16 by 18). When it came to meetings, they would all go to meetings in these cabins. If it was warm weather a great many came barefooted. The family, a loom spinning wheel, winding blades and congregation all in one cabin. The preachers knew their business. Their mission was to do good and build up the church. They looked through a different kind of spectacles those days.

They were plain, sociable and friendly, their dress was plain home made jeans. They were about one month getting around. Their circuits were very large and they got little pay but said "If we don't get a good support we won't preach." They thought it their duty to preach. They never considered it was a trade to make money. Many women would walk two or three miles to meeting, tie up their shoes and stockings in their handkerchiefs till they came near the house, then put them on.

The first preacher who came dressed a little extra was named Folks. He rode with Martingales and the old Methodist women

thought that too much superfluity, but others thought it wouldn't hurt them and they had better say nothing about it, so it stopped there. The preachers, as well as others, saw hard times.

The people couldn't half work on account of flies. They would only plow mornings from daylight till the sun was up, from a half to one hour high. Travel had to be done in the night.

Finally Saul Beck built a horse mill near or a little south of where Greenville now stands. It was run by a band made of rawhide. We would get ready about sunset and start for the mill. Four of us would go, all on horseback, each with about a three bushel sack of corn under him. Sometimes we had to stay two days and nights and when it came our turn, would hitch up, we might go about two or three rounds when the band would break, then it would be necessary to alight and mend the band. We did from twelve to fourteen hours grinding. If we finished at daylight, we had to stay till night to start home.

When harvest came, the people would come, the men with their cradles, the women with their needles and thimbles for quilting, young folks for flax pulling. Now for getting done by dinner and then draw out the fiddle and dance till midnight barefooted. Next day, somewhere else and so on every day in the week. A keg of whiskey at every place. Then clean off a floor on the ground, put the wheat on the floor and tramp it out with horses. Then take a riddle made of wooden splints, one man would let that wheat down through the riddle and two men with a sheet or blanket would blow the chaff or straw out. Our mills were nothing but corn crackers, cone run of stones found lying around in the prairie and made by most any person that would undertake the job. The mills had no screens or anything to take the lumps of dirt out. So it was not very nice when ground, wither to look at or taste of.

Game and bees were so plentiful. The boys would tree a coon, cut the tree down and apt as not, to find bees in it as well as coons. They found bees in different ways. Sometimes by bear signs scratchin and knawing at the place where the bees went it, sometimes by the bee coming out when the sun would shine. They would chill and fall on the snow round the trees.

Our salaratus of soda and cream of tartar was simply hogs fat. Later we got able to ride to meetings in ox wagons and ox carts that were best when people got married. There were no hardware stores or furniture stores. Our tables were puncheon and bedsteads were made by poles placed in holes in the wall and one leg at the other end, to prop it up.

Our log cabins were so low the first rib was often the door head. Clap board shutters, wooden hinges and in every case, a hole sawed out of one corner to let the cats pass. There was

a story told of a man by the name of Field Garvis, who went to one of those low cabins, he had to stoop to go in and when he raised up he was in the loft. I am not responsible for this story. I did not see it, though I don't doubt it. It could have been the same in many places. He was the tallest man I ever saw. These cabins had no windows.

After a while I got up to be a right smart size, whighes 130 pounds. All that I had was two pons, two dogs and one rifle gun. As that was more than everyone had I thought I was pretty well off. I thought if I had a wife I would be independent so I got married. Then I could see that I needed everything but a wife. I owned nothing but what I have mentioned and not one dime to buy with, so I had to sell my gun that was like pulling teeth but I got fourteen dollars for it. I took the money, went to Greenville to a store kept by William Durley in a very small log cabin, the same cabin the three Blancharts, Samuel, Seth & Elsha kept the first store in Greenville. I bought one large wash pot, one dinner pot, one skillet, knives, forks and spoons, a pair of cotton cards and my money was gone. I came home and so my father gave me three dollars. I got on my pony, rode four or five miles south or southwest of Greenville to a cotton gin where I bought forty pounds of picked cotton. Then we were fixed for living.

Out first two bedsteads, one of these was a fashionable one legged bedstead, the other was constructed by laying clapboards across two small benches. Later we moved a short distance but did not move the bedsteads. Our next two was a one legged affair and a rail frame. Turned upside down the standard served for legs. On this I layed boards, we enjoyed as much good sleep and good rest as if we had been sleeping on a fifty dollar bedstead.

When I first heard of cutting wheat with a cradle I didn't know nor could I think what it was. I had never heard anything called a cradle, only something to rock babies in. I saw it in an advertisement of a furniture store, "cribs for sale" and wondered what that could be. I asked several what they were but they knew no more than I did and I never heard anything called crib, only corn cribs. I never knew it was to crib babies in. I will tell you what we cribbed our first two or three in-a half a bee gum.

Our plows were old barshears with wodden (wooden?) mouldboards. Great many without a scrap of iron, from the plow share to the bridle bits, such collars, large hames with a hole through the hames to attach a rope or rawhide and often wooden clevisis.

We gradually grew out of those old fogga (foogey) way as convinces presented themselves to us and we became able to take hold of them. The first school taught on the Hurricane

was in the year 1822, by Abraham Hatchett, in a small log cabin. Now we live in an age of improvements, school houses, churches and all kinds of agricultural implements, breaking plows, cultivators, riding plows, drills, corn planters, reapers, threshers, steamboats, railroads, telegraph and so on and if you can understand me, you see how the county has improved since 1816.

End

Henry Hill was born ca. 1750/60, probably in South Carolina. He married Elizabeth Bruns and removed to Kentucky, then to Montgomery County, Illinois. In 1830 we find him in Shelby County, Illinois, according to the census. Listed next to him was Peter B. Hill.

Children of Henry & Elizabeth Hill are as follows:

1. John Hill, born 6th January 1789 in South Carolina, married Sarah Casey on 4th March 1813 and died on 24th May 1865 in Montgomery County, Illinois.
2. William R. Hill, born 1801 in Kentucky, married Cynthia Scribner on 8th July 1823 in Bond County, Illinois. He died on 12th February 1864 in Shelby County, Illinois. He and his wife are buried in the Tolly Cemetery.
3. Henry Hill Jr. was born in 1798 in Kentucky. He married Mary Prater on 23rd January 1821 and died on 4th April 1855.
4. Elizabeth Hill was born ca. 1805 in Kentucky, married Colbert Blair on 19th February 1824 in Montgomery County, Illinois.
5. Thomas Hill married Nancy Massey.
6. Sarah Hill married John Lee.
7. Mary Hill married John S. Gordon.
8. Peter Bruns Hill (the writer of the above history).

FAMILY OF WILLIAM R. HILL & CYNTHIA SCRIBNER HILL

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2. William Hill Jr., was born 9th April 1827 in Shelby County, (Ill.), married on 8th August 1850 to Susannah Tolly and he died on 2nd of December 1915.
3. Henry Hill married Nancy Fletcher on 19th February 1854

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4. Margaret Hill was born in 1829, married James Bryson on 4th June 1846.

5. Elizabeth Hill married Preston R. Bryson on 4th June 1846.

Note: Margaret and Elizabeth Hill married brothers, sons of Elisha Bryson, an early settler of Shelby & Moultrie Counties, Illinois.

6. Levi Hill was born on 10th March 1832, married Nancy Roberts on 9th December 1852 and died on 14th July 1904.

7. Sarah Hill was born in 1841, married (?) Hogge and died on 29th March 1870.

8. Susannah Hill was born 1835.

9. John Hill was born in 1837, married Elizabeth Hogg on 1st June 1858.

10. Joseph O. Hill was born in 1843 and married Sultanna Hogg on 24th April 1864.

11. Martha (Patsy) Hill married Andrew Bankston Hill on 17th August 1856. He was the son of William & Martha (Ward) Hill. Martha and Andrew were no relation. Andrew & Martha lived most of their married lives in the Shelbyville area. Both are buried in the Hudson Cemetery. Martha died on 18th July 1925.

BITS OF HISTORY FROM THE EARLY "PROCEEDINGS OF THE SHELBYVILLE CITY COUNCIL" AND "THE SHELBYVILLE DEMOCRAT."

(Contributed by Miriam Herron)

June 11, 1872, Morgan Street north of the methodist Church was opened.

July 7, 1873, The council asked General Thornton to use his old home as a pest house. The General refused.

Note by R. Hill: Believe this was to be as bait for flies and mosquitoes.

FAMILY GROUP SHEET FOR WILLIAM HILL & MARTHA WARD

WILLIAM HILL

B: 28th October 1813 in St. Clair County, Illinois.

M: 20th November 1830 Shelby County, Illinois.
D: 10th November 1854 in Moultrie County, Illinois.
BURIAL: Strain Cemetery, Bethany, Illinois.
HIS FATHER: ?? HIS MOTHER: ??

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME: MARTHA WARD
B: 30th November 1809 Nashville, Tennessee
D: 2nd February 1891 Nelson, Nebraska
BURIAL: 6 & 1/2 miles SE of Nelson, Nebraska.
HER FATHER: WILLIAM WARD HER MOTHER: MILLIE ODUM

children:

1. M James Hill, b. in March 1832, m. Millie Daniels.
2. M Andrew B. Hill (see FGS below), b. 15 April 1834 in Bethany, Illinois, m. 17th August 1856 in Shelbyville, Illinois to Martha Hill, he d. on 15th April 1907 in Shelbyville, Illinois.
3. M John Hill, b. 19th May 1836, m. Sarah Ward.
4. M Jonathan Hill, b. 4th August 1838, m. Zilphia Baker.
5. F Lunicy Hill, b. 16th March 1840, m. William Baker.
6. F Barbara Hill, b. 22 August 1842, m. Peter C. Lee.
7. M William Hill, b. 24 October 1844, m. Mary Ellen Daniels.
8. F Nancy Hill, b. 2 February 1846, m. E.V. Rose.
9. F Margaret Hill, b. 24 February 1849.
10. F Martha Hill, b. 21st August 1851.
11. F Susan Hill, b. 9th August 1855.

Additional Comments: Above furnished by Lucy Baker, from Martha Hill's Bible. Lucy knew only James, Andrew, John, Lunicy & Barbara Hill. Also she said that William Hill (father) was French and no larger than a 14 year old boy (would be).

FAMILY GROUP SHEET FOR ANDREW BANKSTON HILL
(Parents FGS listed above)

ANDREW BANKSTON HILL
B: 6th May 1834 Bethany, Moultrie County, Illinois.
M: 17th August 1856, Shelbyville, Shelby County, Illinois.
D: 15th April 1907, Shelbyville, Shelby County, Illinois.
BURIED: Hudson Cemetery, Shelby County, Illinois.
Places of Residence: Moultrie, Shelby Counties in Illinois & (Nickals??), Nebraska.
OCCUPATION: Minister CHURCH AFFILIATION: Baptist MILITARY RECORD: Veteran of Civil War
HIS FATHER: WILLIAM HILL HIS MOTHER: MARTHA WARD

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME: MARTHA (PATSY) HILL
B: 25 December 1835 Shelby County, Illinois.
D: 18th July 1925, Shelby County, Illinois.
BURIED: Hudson Cemetery, Shelby County, Illinois. (Believe it is in town of Hudson. This is not too clear).
HER FATHER: WILLIAM R. HILL HER MOTHER: CYNTHIA SCRIBNER

children:

1. F Mary Ellen Hill, b. 22nd January 1857 Shelby County, Illinois, m. Thomas Reynolds, she d. on 11th December 1950 Shelby County, Illinois.
2. F Susan Hill, b. 11 October 1859 Shelby County, Illinois, m. Willard Hudson, she d. on 24th September 1899 Shelby County, Illinois.
3. F Cynthia Hill, b. 2nd February 1861 Shelby County, Illinois. m. William Hudson, she d. 8th February 1943 Shelby Co., Illinois.
4. M William Sherman Hill, b. 5th August 1863 Shelby County, Illinois, d. 27th September 1941 Shelby County, Illinois.
5. M John Henry Hill, b. 31st March 1867 Shelby County, Illinois, m. Harriet Elbert, he d. on 6th February 1951 in Shelby County, Illinois.
6. F Sarah Hill, b. 1869 Shelby County, Illinois, m. Thomas Barker, she d. 20th July 1925 Shelby County, Ill.
7. M. James S.R. Hill, b. 31st July 1872 Shelby County, Illinois, m. 19th May 1906 Shelby County, Illinois to Cora Huffman, he d. on 16th October 1957.
8. M Allie Estella Hill, b. 22 September 1878 Shelby County, Illinois, m. Noah Barker.

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(Father of the above Martha Hill that m. Andrew B. Hill).

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FAMILY GROUP SHEET FOR JAMES SAMUEL RALPH HILL

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B: 31 July 1872 Bethany, Moultrie County, Illinois.

D: 16th October 1957 in Morgan County, Illinois.

BURIED: Hudson?, Shelby County, Illinois.

OCCUPATION: Farmer CHURCH AFFILIATION: Christian

HIS FATHER: ANDREW B. HILL HIS MOTHER: MARTHA HILL HILL

WIFE: CORA HUFFMAN

B: 10 March 1889 Fayette County, Illinois.

D: 15 February 1978

BURIED Hudson (Is this the name of the cemetery or the town the cemetery is located in?).

HER FATHER: John Huffman Her Mother: Hannah M. Beeson

children:

1. F Florence Marie Hill, b. 19th April 1907 Shelby Co., Illinois, d. 29th August 1909 same location as birth.
2. F Martha Elise Hill, b. 16th February 1909 Shelby County, Illinois, d. in October 1986 Ft. Collins, Colorado.
3. M Virgil Claude Hill, b. 17th August 1913 Shelby County, Illinois, d. 16th May 1948.
4. M Cecil Kenneth Hill, b. 24th July 1916 in Shelby County, Illinois, d. 24th August 1918.
5. F Violet Maurine Hill, b. 5th July 1919 Shelby County, Illinois, m. 13th October 1943 to ?? husband not listed. This may be her death date???
6. F Mildred Larone Hill, b. 31 May 1923 Shelby County, Illinois.

END OF DATA.