

SC.050 HILL-MOBELY CONNECTIONS IN FAIRFIELD CO/. SC. &
THEIR POSSIBLE CONNECTION TO THE ROBERT HILL/MARY
WEBB FAMILY OF VA..

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Fairfield Co., SC; Information from Mobley researches and
some of my own research in SC Archives in 1987 by myself and
my son.

INTRODUCTION.

This research on the Hill & Mobley families of Craven County
(today's Fairfield County) was very difficult because BOTH
families used the same given names many time over the
different generation, which at times, caused confusion.
There were more than one Richard Hills, Asaph Hills, Abel
Hills, Dorcas Mobleys.

The Mobley family had their origins in Maryland, then
migrated into the area of Lunenburg County, Virginia, where
they met and Inter married into the Hill family. From
there both families migrated into South Carolina. Later
generations moved into Georgia, Alabama and then westward
into Mississippi and the Indian Territory.

THE RICHARD HILL FAMILY OF VIRGINIA & CRAVEN COUNTY, SC.

There is strong evidence to show that Richard Hill and others
of his family were in Lunenburg County, Virginia with the
Mobleys between 1748 and 1752.

The Hills, Mobleys, Meadows, & Halsey families moved from
Virginia unto Craven County, SC, in a section that later
became known as Camden District and finally, about 1785,
became known as Fairfield County, SC. They lived in the
extreme northwest corner of the county, where Chester and
Union counties comes together with today's Fairfield County,
SC.

Among them was a Richard Hill 1/ that was born in Virginia
that came to Craven County, SC in late 1764 or early 1765.
His wife was named Dorcas Mobley.

Richard Hill 1/ received a land grant on Beaver Creek, a
branch of the Broad River in Craven County of 100 acres on
18th January 1765.

Another land grant to him was made in Craven County, SC on
the 1st of November 1768 for 50 acres on Beaver Creek, north
side of Broad River. All adjacent lands vacant. (Reference
Deed Book 15, Page 447)..

One researcher goes so far as to say that this Richard Hill 1/ was a son of a Charles Hill & wife Sarah Bell of Albemarle Parish, Virginia but no proof of that has been given & this relationship is not considered in this document.

There is some evidence to support a connection to the Hills of Surry County, Virginia, where a Robert Hill 1/ & wife Mary Webb came from England into Isle of Wight county ca. 1642, BUT no absolute proof has been found to make this a definite conclusion.

A William Mobley, son of Edward Mobley & wife Susannah, obtained a land grant in Craven County, SC in 1758. Dorcas Mobley, that married Richard Hill 1/, is thought to be a daughter of this Edward Mobley & his wife, Susannah.

No definite proof has been found to show a list of the children for this Richard Hill 1/ & Dorcas Mobley BUT land deeds,, land grants and other records imply that the following were children or grand children:

William Hill Sr. 2, died ca. 1790.

William Hill Jr 3/ (son of above)

ASAPH HILL 2/

Abel Hill 2/

Richard Hill Jr. 4/ , died 1837, son of Wm. Hill Jr. 3/.

Land deeds shows that the widow, Dorcas (Mobley) Hill sold a tract of 103 acres land to Asaph Hill 2/ on Beaver Creek in Craven County, adjacent to Albert Beam, Asaph Hill 2/ and on both side of William Hill's land. (Reference: Deed Book 1, Page 102, recorded 1795).

On the 6th of January 1793, Dorcas Hill also sold 100 acres of land to William Hill Jr. 3/, son of William Hill Sr. 2/. This was for 100 acres, which was part of a 200 acres grant made on 14th July 1774. (Reference Fairfield Co., SC Deed Book L, Page 171, filed in 1798). It was witnessed by William Alsup & a Richard Hill (Richard Hill 2/)?

Note by Robert Hill: I am of the opinion that this William Hill Jr. 3/ was a grandson of Richard 1/, being the son of William Hill Sr. 2/, who had died ca. 1790.

WILLIAM HILL JR. 3/.

William Hill Jr. 3/ son of William Hill Sr. 2/, was born before 1750 and died ca. 1795 in Fairfield County, SC. He was married to another Dorcas Mobley, this one was the daughter of William Mobley Sr & Ann Osborne. Both husband & wife died in 1795.

Estate papers list children as :

Richard Hill 4/, m. Dorcas (Funderburg?). (see later).
Samuel Hill 4/. His guardian was Thomas Meador. **
Elijah Hill 4/. His guardian was Thomas Meador. **
Elizabeth Hill 4/ m. John Alsup or Alsop..
John Hill 4/, moved to Mississippi.
Mary Hill 4/ m. Matthew Housch.
Abel Hill 4/, b. ca. 1774.

** They purchased land from Asaph Hill 2/.

Administrators were: ASAPH HILL, Abel Hill & Thomas Mobley.

The final settlement of this William Hill Jr's 3/ estate was dated 24 November 1804, made by Thomas Mobley and found in Box 4, Package 114 in SC Archives.

ASAPH HILL 2/?

Believed to be son of Richard Hill 1/ & Dorcas Mobley.

It appears (but not proved) that Asaph Hill 2/ was a son of this deceased Richard Hill 1/ and his wife, Dorcas Mobley.

Asaph Hill 2/ had bought land from widow, Dorcas Hill in 1793.

Asaph Hill 2/ was born no earlier than 1767 because he received a land grant from the state in 1788, when SC law required a male to be at least 21 years old.

This grant was near the land of Dorcas (Mobley) Hill on Beaver Creek. Asaph Hill 2/ also was one of the administrators for the estate of William Hill Jr 3/ in 1795, along a son, Abel Hill 4/ & Thomas Mobley.

Asaph Hill 2/ was listed in the 1790 census of Fairfield Co., SC as follows:

Asaph Hill, 1 male over age 15

In the 1800 census for the same county he was listed as:
Asaph Hill, 1 male 26-45, 1 female under age 10. 1 female 26-45. (This indicates that Asaph Hill 2/ was born between 1754-1774).

Asaph Hill 2/ had purchased land from a Joseph Hill, who had bought it from Dorcas Hill. Joseph Hill's relationship is unknown.

In Deed Book 1, Page 221, Asaph Hill 2/ signed a deed,

selling to Samuel Hill 4/ & Elijah Hill 4/ for \$ 300.00, a 98 acre tract of land on Beaver Creek, a branch of Broad River bounded by Dorcas Hill's land to the Northeast. Samuel 4/ & Elijah Hill 4/ were both sons of William Hill Jr 3/.

In Deed Book Q, Page 390, recorded in 1805, Asaph Hill 2/ sold to Buch & Randolph of -- (deed was cut off here).

Asaph Hill 2/ was no longer found in Fairfield County, SC records after 1806. In the 1815 Mississippi Territory Tax List is the following:

John Hill, ASAPH HILL & Elijah Hill.

In the 1840 census of Madison County, Alabama is found:

Asaph Hill, males	females
1-5 years old 1	60-70 1 (b. 1770-1780).
20-30 years old 1	1-5 yrs old 1
	5-10 yrs old 1

This does not seem to be 20-30 yrs old 1
the same as Asaph Hill 2/. 30-40 yrs old 1

RICHARD HILL JR. 4/ & DORCAS FUNDERBURG.

This Richard Hill Jr. 4/ was the son of William Hill Jr. 3/ & Dorcas Mobley, son of Wm. Hill Sr. 2/, son of Richard Hill 1/ & Dorcas Mobley. (Not same one above).

This Richard Hill 4/ went by the name of Junior, simply to separate himself from others with that name that lived in the same vicinity. He was born ca. 1775 in Craven County, SC, and died on 28th October 1837 in Fairfield County (formerly Craven Co.) SC.

Their children were:

1. William F. Hill 5/, born 1880 in Fairfield Co., SC,, wife was named Margaret-- ?
2. Henry Hill 5/, born ca. 1802 in Fairfield Co., SC.
3. ASAPH HILL 5/, born ca. 1804 in Fairfield Co., SC, died after 1873 (in Mississippi?), He married twice, 1st to a Mary Mobley and 2nd to Jennie Stevenson. (See later)
4. Elijah Hill 5/, born ca. 1808 in Fairfield Co., SC, died ca. 1848/1849, married Margaret Price..
5. Matthew Hill 5/, born ca. 1810 in Fairfield Co., SC.
6. Reuben Hill 5/, born ca. 1813 in Fairfield Co., SC, he died in August of 1848, married ca. 1839 in Georgia to Elizabeth Ellen Housch., dau. of Matthew Housch & Mary Hill 4/, the dau. of Wm. Hill Jr. 3/ & Dorcas Mobley.
7. Elizabeth Hill 5/, born ca. 1816/1818 in Fairfield Co., SC, married Nathaniel Achison.
8. Dorcas Hill 5/, born 1820 in Fairfield Co., SC, died between 1850/1860, married a John Stevenson.

Note the marriage of child number 6 above..

ASAPH HILL 5/ SON OF RICHARD HILL JR 4/ & DORCAS FUNDERBERG.

Asaph Hill 5/ was born ca. 1804 in Fairfield County, SC and married 1st to Mary Mobley, dau. of Micajah (Cage) Mobley & wife Elizabeth. Their children were:

1. Elizabeth Hill 6/, born ca. 1826/1827, married David Stevenson. They moved to Mississippi.
2. William Hill 6/, born 1830 in Fairfield Co., SC,. No other data except the 1860 census shows him as 30 years old and was a "school teacher."

The wife and mother, Mary Mobley Hill died ca. 1841 and Asaph Hill married Jennie Stevenson, dau, of James Stevenson and Nellie Weir. They had six children:

3. James S. Hill 6/, born 1840 killed in battle of Seven Pines in civil, war on 30th June 1862. (6th SC Vols).
4. Alexander Hill 6/, born 1842, served in CSA, captured at Garrett Station on 2 April 1865.
5. Sarah Jane Hill 6/, born ca. 1848/1849.
6. David Hill 6/ born 1850.
7. Catherine Hill 6/ born 1853.
8. Martha Hill 6/, born 1856.

Asaph Hill 5/ was a wealthy planter, and he administered his father's estate in 1837. There are several deeds under his name in Fairfield County, SC.

Deeds show he was in Fairfield County as late as 1873, which is the last one found for him.

THE FAMILY OF REUBEN F. (FUNDERBURG?) HILL 5/ & ELIZABETH ELLEN HOUSCH.

Take note of the marriage above for child Number 6.

Reuben F. Hill 5/ was the son of Richard Hill Jr 4/ and wife Dorcas Funderburg. Reuben Hill 5/ was born ca. 1833 in Fairfield County, SC and died in August of 1848. He married Elizabeth E. Housch about 1839, the daughter of Matthew Housch & Mary Hill 4/, the daughter of William Hill Jr. 3/ & wife Dorcas Mobley.

Their children were (6th generation):

1. John Crawford Hill 6/ , born in Fairfield County, SC in April 1840, died in Oklahoma on 3rd December 1910. He married twice, 1st in 1861 in Georgia to Mary Howell, 2nd to Amanda Jane Anderson? He left SC and went to Walker County, Georgia, then moved to Scott County, Arkansas,

- and finally the Indian Territory (Oklahoma). 2.
2. Susannah Hill 6/, born in 1844 in Fairfield Co., SC, married ca. 1872 to a Mr. Mattox, they moved in 1833 to Walker County, Georgia. She died in Walker County, Georgia sometime after 1844.
 3. Henry W. Hill 6/, born 1846 in Fairfield County, SC, died ca. 1891 married a Sarah Hill, who's identity is uncertain, but thought to be a daughter of Alexander & Mary Hill. Henry's uncle, ASAPH HILL 5/. also had a daughter named Sarah Hill 6/ & it could be her. Henry also moved to Scott County, Arkansas.

After the death of Reuben F. Hill 5/, his wife, Elizabeth Ellen Housch is thought to have remarried Jacob F. Hill about 1850. His lineage is uncertain BUT it is speculated that he was the son of William F. Hill 5/, a son of Richard Hill Jr/ 4/ & Dorcas Funderburg.

Jacob F. Hill 6/? was listed in the household of the 1850 census of Elizabeth Ellen Hill as follows:

Elizabeth Ellen Hill	age 28	Born in SC,	Occupation Planter
Crawford Hill	10	"	
Henry Hill	4	"	
Susannah Hill	6	"	
JACOB HILL	20	"	

The children of Jacob Hill 6/? & wife Elizabeth Ellen (Housch) Hill were:

1. James L. W. Hill 7/?, born 1852 in Fairfield Co., SC, died without issue.
2. Matthew W. Hill 7/?, born 1855 in Walker Co., Georgia, died without issue.

Jacob Hill and family moved to Walker County, Georgia. It is said that Jacob Hill was a shrewd business man. He died in 1859.

After Jacob Hill died, the widow, Elizabeth Ellen (Housch) Hill with her sons, moved to Scott County, Arkansas. This was in 1880. She moved from her home, which was near the Indian Territory to the Cherokee Nation at Dwight Mission. Her son Crawford Hill lived close to the Presbyterian Indian School Mission and his children attended school there. The mother, Elizabeth E. (Housch) Hill, died on 8th May 1895 in her 74th year and is buried at Dwight Mission Cemetery.

ANOTHER RICHARD HILL OF FAIRFIELD CO., SC.

This Richard Hill could possibly connect into the Robert Hill/Mary Webb line of Surry Co., Va. , BUT NOT PROVED). Therefore, his lineage has not been established.

Now here is where some research needs to be completed by someone to either prove or disapprove the above connection to Surry County Hill family.

It is said by one source that Richard Hill (Junior) 4/ & wife Margery Gilliam, the son of Richard Hill 3/ & Hannah Briggs of the Surry County, Virginia Hills, were the parents to this Richard Hill in SC. This has not been proved!

If so, then that connection should be correctly established as Richard Hill 3/ was a son of Sion Hill Sr. 2/, son of Robert Hill 1/ & Mary Webb (immigrants into Va).

I admit that the name of SION HILL & RICHARD HILL certainly implies the connection..

This Richard Hill married Mary Mobley, daughter. of William Mobley & Ann Osborne. Their children were:

1. William Edward Hill. b. ca. 1785 m. Elizabeth Cockrell, he d. 9th Nov. 1862. (In Jackson Co., Ga).
2. Dorcas Hill, b. ca. 1788 (estimated) m. Richard Barker.
3. Simeon Hill, b. ca 1792, d, ca. 1857, m. Elizabeth Mobley, dau. of Cullen Mobley & Keziah Mobley.
4. Susannah Hill, b. ca 1794 in Fairfield Co., SC, m. Peyton Mobley.
5. Richard Hill, b. ??, in Fairfield Co., SC, moved to GA,
6. SION HILL, b. ca. 1800 in Fairfield Co., SC, m. Mary Wright and went to Walton Co., Ga. He d. there in 1847. This implies a connection to the Robert Hill 1/ Mary Webb line BUT NOT CONCLUSIVELY.
7. John Hill, listed in father's will but not in final settlement, he . d. before or ca. 1810?
8. Sarah Hill, named in father's will but not in final settlement. She d before or about 1810?

This Richard Hill died in 1810 while making his will and it was witnessed by a David Mobley. but when swearing the witnesses, the name is given as Daniel A. Mobley. No explanation for this discrepancy was given. Both David & Daniel Mobley were nephews to the widow, Mary Mobley, since their father, Thomas Mobley, was her brother.

Distributive shares were give in the amounts of \$ 145.833 to the following on (no date given):

Dorcas Barker
William E. Hill
Simeon Hill
Peyton Mobley
Richard Hill
SION HILL

The following extracts were taken from a letter written to

Mrs. I. S. Jackson of Winder, Ga. dated 14 January 1940 from
Mrs. Benjamin D. Hill Jr. of Washington, DC:

"I have been sure of my decent from Charles Hill, who died in
Spartenbyrg Co., SC and his wife Temperance Webb. Copncerning
Reuben Hill, tho (sic) you may know more than I: at the time
ABEL HILL lived on Main Broad River, McFaden and Hill
Creeks, Abel Hill took out a NC Grant in 1784 for which
Thomas Harrison and Reuben Hill were chain bearers. John
Hill, in 1789 took out a NC grant for which Joseph Ashworth &
Reuben Hill were chain bearers, this grant being located on
Sander Run of Broad River, in the same neighborhood. George
Hill was a neighbor."

"The Abel Hill, George Hill, and John Hill are in the
Rutherford Co., NC Census of 1790, Reuben Hill is not, nor in
York County, SC census of 1790. Later, in 1795. Abel Hill
sells his land in Rutherford County, NC and buys the same
year in Pentathlon District (County), SC Tho there are no
sale deeds for George Hill, he also buys in Pendelton Co., SC
also."

"After this, Reuben Hill appears in the 1800 Census for York
County, SC and makes his first purchase of land in Rutherford
Co., NC in 1805. In York, he must have been a neighbor of
George Hill, who lived on Ashworth Creek, just on the NC
side."

"Now, also after this date of removal by Abel Hill and George
Hill, Charles Hill purchases his land, first in 1798, and it
looks like from the description on the deeds, that Reuben
Hill located near Charles Hill, on Second Broad River, in
Rutherford Co., NC."

"George Hill purchased a warrant for land on Ashworth Creek
of Broad River in 1786 and later, in 1790, at which time
Richard Hill was one of the chain bearers. Richard Hill
appears in the 1790 census for Rutherford Co., NC, though
both had entered a grant in another part of the county in
1783., and his son, William Hill, in 1791, on French Broad
River, both tracts being surveyed at the same date in 1791.
Richard Hill was still on Sandy Run however, in 1794."

"Now, from this pattern it is safe to deduct proof that Abel,
George, John, Reuben and Richard Hill are kin, and, I firmly
believe, are brothers. This does not however connect, either
James or Charles, to the Charles, who was located in a region
to which Reuben moved."

"The census of 1800 say that Abel Hill, George Hill. Reuben
Hill, and John Hill were each 16-45 years of age, that James
Hill was over 45 years of age & Charles Hill was either 26-45
or 16-26 (There being two Charles Hills to mix matters up)."

"I firmly believe that Abel Hill of Anderson District (County) SC, who died in 1803. wife Elizabeth, is but the brother, not the father, since he was 26-045 years of age."

"The Dawson Co., GA. record for Reuben Hill is simple, as it is known that he and many of his married children removed from Rutherford Co., NC He was a Revolutionary Soldier & Pensioner states he was born in York Co., SC in 1764; died in 1858. His wife was Margaret McBryer or McBrier and she was from York Co., Sc also,"

Signed by/ Benjamin D. Hill Jr.

Additional Note:

A Mrs Paul I. Ristroph wrote: "I am trying to trace my line back to Reuben Hill, His children were: Asaph, Scotland, David, William, Arbella & Patsy M."

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, Fl.: There appears to be more than one Abel Hill & Asaph Hill. One family, located in Fairfield Co., SC and another in Pendleton Co., SC & Rutherford Co., Nc.

Following found in the Andrea Collection:

HILL LAND GRANTS BEFORE THE REVOLUTION

Abel, 100a in Craven Co., 2 April 1773.

Note: This Craven County, SC is today's Fairfield Co., SC.

From Andrea Collection:

54. Abel Hill, of Pendelton County, a will signed 18 July 1799, probated 14 March 1803. Wife Elizabeth Hill Ex. with my son Reuben Hill. Son James Hill to have the home place. All my living SONS and all my living DAUGHTERS are to share equal (none are named) /wit. Thomas Cureton, Mary Cureton & Rachel Harkins.

See data on Anderson in # 30

55. George Hill, of Pendelton District & Pickens County, will signed 13 May 1834, probated 23 July 1834, no wife listed. Children: Lewis Hill; Asaph Hill; Melinda Hendrix; Rachel Hill. The above given special legacies. ALL my sons and daughters are to share equal after these have their special legacy, son Lewis to have the land got of William Reid being the John Yager original grant... Melinda Hendrix to have a slave woman... Rachel to have my home place, being the original grant to Dominico Holland... Asaph not to have to pay the \$ 300 advanced to him.
EX: My son in law, Moses Hendricks. /Wit. Susan Huff, Wilson Lesley, Rosewell Hill & C. Packard.

EDGEFIELD COUNTY S.C. WILLS RELATING TO HILL FAMILIES

A different Abel Hill than one above:

81. Abel Hill, (likely kin to # 54 above) will signed 24 Aug. 1818, probated 13 Jan. 1819. My beloved wife (not named) Ex. My estate between my dear children (not named) in equal shares. /Wit. E.L. Cratledge, William Hardy & Robert Crawford.

81a In will of Mrs. Mary Hill, a share is given to daughter in law, Margaret Hill (Perhaps wife of Abel) and her nine children (no surnames given).: Samuel, Priscilla, a dau., John, Elizabeth, William, Mary, ABEL & Sarah.

END OF SC.050 DATA.