

SC.051 GENEALOGY OF COL. WILLIAM HILL OF YORK CO., SC

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COLONEL WILLIAM HILL

William Hill (1741- d. 1st December 1816 in SC) was born in Ireland & originally came to Pennsylvania and then to York County, S.C. in 1762. He had business dealings in Surry County, N.C., but was known to be a resident of York County, S.C. He & a Isaac Haynes were involved in the Iron Ore business in both North & South Carolina.

He had obtained several land grants amounting to over 5,000 acres, mostly in the vicinity of Nanny's Mountain where iron was thought to be plentiful. (Was this in NC or SC?) In 1776 he, in partnership with Isaac Haynes, opened an iron works on Allison's Creek (S.C.) securing a loan from the S.C. treasury.

During the Revolutionary War, In 1780, most of the cannon balls used in the siege of Charleston were supplied by these iron works. Later, in June of that year, the British burned these works. During that war, William Hill left his family and joined General Sumter as a lieutenant colonel of the militia and he fought at Williamson's Plantation, Rocky Mountain and King's Mountain. After the war, he served in the S.C. legislature. From 1785 to 1790 he was a member of the county court of York County, S.C.

In 1787 he rebuilt his iron furnace and employed miners, founders, colliers (sic) and woodcutters. He also became active in transportation schemes since he had to ship his product quite some distance to the nearest river.

Hill was a charter member of the Santee Canal Company (in SC) and a member of the state committee on inland navigation improvements.

In 1798 he continued to operate his iron works and sold fifty horsemen's swords and fifteen field pieces with cannon balls to the state. In 1815 he dictated his memoirs, largely to justify General Sumter. His wife was Jane McCall. They had six children.

Children named in his will:

1. Solomon Hill.

2. Robert Hill.
3. Andrew Hill.
4. William Hill Jr., FATHER'S WILL STATED: "Somewhere in western country."
5. a daughter that m. Alexander Ross. (she appears to be dead at time will was wrote).
6. a daughter that m. Dr. John Allison.

From my S.C. Files: William Hill, (owner of Hill Iron Works in York Co., S.C., was also active in Surry Co., NC) who lives between Biggers Ferry & the Hill Iron Works, his will signed 21 May 1814, probated 2 Jan. 1817, (Actual death date 1st December 1816. Wife Jane Hill (Jane McCall)., Children: Solomon Hill; Robert Hill; Andrew Hill: William Hill Jr., "Somewhere in western country." Grandchildren: a share to each set. Francis Ross, the son of Alexander Ross; Margaret Malvena Allison & Betsey Adelin Allison, daughters of the late Dr. John Allison. EXS: My friends, Solomon Hill & Robert Clendennin. /Wit. Samuel Melton, Robert McElwaine & Hilliriah McCall.

Solomon Hill's 2/ will, (son of above) was signed on the 5th of October 1825, probated on the 18th October 1825 in York County, S.C. naming wife, Nancy Hill Executor with son W.R. Hill, giving equal shares to all my children (not named). It says "My minor son, Albert Potts Hill, to be educated. /Wit. Samuel H. Barry & H.G. Catheart, M.D.

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