

TN.008 SOME MEMBERS OF THE HILL FAMILY THAT SETTLED IN WILLIAMSON COUNTY & DAVIDSON COUNTIES IN TENNESSEE BETWEEN 1786 AND 1830, INCLUDING GREEN HILL & SPENCER HILL.

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Davidson County, Tennessee was created in 1783. The deeds that covered this county covered the area that later became Williamson County, which was created in 1799 from Davidson County and organized in 1800.

Explanation of Poll Taxes

Now in these times all males between the ages of 21 and 51 were required to pay a poll tax. He also paid a tax on each slave, land he owned, stud horses, town lots, merchants tax, billiard tables and sawmills. When a male reached the age of 21, he paid 1 poll tax, even though he may still be living at home with his parents and owned no land. When a male ceases to pay a poll tax on himself, he had reached the age of 51, but he will continue to pay tax on land and other items.

Both the Grantee and Grantor Indexes for the Hill family shows that there were five (5) Hill men that either purchased or was granted land in Davidson County prior to 1800. Those five men were:

1. Allen Hill
2. Dann (Daniel) Hill
3. Green Hill
4. John Hill
5. Spencer Hill

They were not related to each other.

MAJOR GREEN HILL 5/.

The first of these five men that came to Davidson County was Major Green Hill 5/, who arrived on 7th March 1786. This was actually Major Green Hill 5/, born 14th November 1741 in North Carolina, married twice, first to Nancy Thomas and second to Mary Seawell on 3rd June 1773. He died in Williamson County, Tennessee on the 11th of September 1825. Major Green Hill 5/ had a total of 13 children, 7 boys and 6 girls. A brief explanation of the boys will be listed later.

Major Green Hill 5/ was the son of Green Hill Sr. 4/ and his wife, Grace Bennett. Major Hill was a Revolutionary War Veteran.

Green Hill 5/ received 6 land grants from the state of North Carolina. Of these, 2 were for the land that he lived on and later became part of Williamson County.

One grant was for 640 acres on Little Harpeth and one was for seventy-seven acres on Mill Creek, totaling 717 acres. This is the 717 acres that Green Hill 5/ paid taxes on in Williamson County from 1800-1803, 1808-1813 and was described as on Mill Creek and Little Harpeth. In 1804 Green Hill 5/ paid taxes on 710 acres and between 1805 and 1807, it was listed as 713 and 1/2 acres. (Reference Davidson County Deed Book A, Pages 133, 134, 135 and Deed Book D, page 136 also Louise Lynche's "Tax Book I, Williamson County, Tennessee, 1800-1813)."

Major (Reverend) Green Hill Jr. 5/ (5th generation).

A listing for the seven sons for Major Green Hill 5/ are:

1. Jordan Hill 6/, born 17th October 1764-65, married and had children and remained in North Carolina. Wife's name not given.
2. Richard Hill 6/, born 14th September 1771, died 26th January 1772.
3. Green Hill, III 6/, born 5th May 1774, died 13th September 1830 in Greene County, Alabama. He married Mary Long, probably the daughter of Gabriel Long of Franklin Co., N.C. and his wife, Susan Richardson. Mary Long Hill died in 1844 as her estate was settled on the 13th of January 1845 in Greene County, Alabama. Green Hill, III, had a large family but it seems that only two sons are named.; Gabriel Hill (1811-28 October 1878) lived in Greene County, Alabama. married Elizabeth Epps Murphy and had 5 children. A second son seems to have been Nicholas G. Hill, who was one of the administrators of Green Hill's estate along with Mrs. Mary Hill (Green's wife) and Gabriel Hill.
4. John Hill 6/, born 23 November 1778, died between 1850 and 1860 in Haywood County, Tenn; married Rebecca Wade on 22nd April 1809 in Williamson Co., Tenn. He purchased 125 acres in Williamson Co., Tenn on 5th April 1819 from Obediah Wade, who was probably the brother or father to John's wife, Rebecca Wade. John Hill 6/ moved to the area of LaVergne community in Rutherford County, Tenn and helped to establish that community. John Hill 6/ served on the County Court and was one of the first Magistrates of the county.

John's father, Major Green Hill 5/, divided a 640 acre land grant between two of his sons, John 6/ and Thomas

Hill 6/. Court records show that John was quite active in the community before he moved to Haywood County, Tenn. John received a land grant of 75 acres in Haywood County on 9th February 1839. This appears to be when he moved to Haywood County, Tenn as he appears on both the census for that county in both 1840 and 1850. His wife Rebecca was dead by 1850.

Children of John Hill 6/ were: Nancy Hill 7/, born 1811; Henry Hill 7/ born 1828 (sic?); Cary G. Hill 7/ (b. 1811?) as John Hill 6/ gave 100 acres to C.G. Hill 7/ that was part of the land grant John Hill 6/ received and had added to the land, so he was probably a son.

Other possible children were: Thomas J. Hill 7/; Cyrus or Cy Hill 7/; John H. Hill 7/; and Green Hill 7/. They were either John's children or children of his brother, William Hill 6/. They were in Haywood County, Tenn. in 1850.

5. Thomas Hill 6/, son of Major Green Hill Jr. 5/, was born on the 15th of September 1781 and died on the 28th of February 1873. His wife was named Elizabeth---? Thomas Hill 6/ and family settled in the area of today's LaVergne community of Rutherford County, Tenn. He and his brother John Hill 6/ divided a 640 acre land grant given them by their father, Major Green Hill Jr. 5/. Both Thomas and brother John were among the early settlers of LaVergne area.

One of the children of Thomas Hill 6/ was a son, John Hill 7/, who was born on the 17th of March 1804. He married Margaret P.G. G. Roulhac on 28th of October 1833 of LaVergne. They had a large family too. All of the children's names, along with their births, deaths, marriages are said to be listed in the Hill Bible, published in Jeanette T. Acklen's "Bible Records," pages 359-361.

John Hill 7/ son of Thomas 6/, laid out the city of LaVergne and had a rope and bagging factory in Lebanon, Tennessee. He had a store and saw mill, located near his home, which was located where the Tennessee Farmer's Co-op lands are now situated. The name of LaVergne comes from his (Thomas') father in law, Francis (LaVergne) Roulac.

John Hill 7/ built his home "Cherry Shade" in 1833 on part of the land that belonged to his father. In 1852, the railroad station was built directly across from Cherry Shade, and the home was used as a hospital during the civil war, being on a direct line for the railroad and the highway between Nashville and Murfreesboro.

The home was lived in until 1916 when it was sold from the station master (J.R. Park) and changed hands several times until the Tennessee Farmer's Co-op bought it. They built their plant near by and the fumes from the fertilizer plant and the dust made the house uninhabitable. It fell to vandals first and then to fire in 1971.

(Ref: Rutherford Co., Tenn. Historical Society Publication No. 6, pages 60-65 and Publication No. 16, pages 60-69).

6. William Hill 6/, son of Major Green Hill Jr., was born 24th January 1792, died after 1860 in Haywood County, Tenn. He married Nancy Peebles on 25th November 1812. She was born 1795 or 1797 and died after 1860 in Davidson County, Tenn. The Peebles family was of LaVergne and at the time of the marriage, that portion of Rutherford County, Tenn. was probably still in Davidson County as the line changed several times. The children of William Hill 6/ and Nancy Peebles were:

1. Richard Peebles Hill 7/, born 2nd March 1822 near Franklin, Williamson Co., Tenn. He died on 18th of February 1900 in Haywood Co., Tenn. He was a Methodist minister in Rutherford Co., Tenn for a while and then moved to Haywood Co. He was a Methodist minister at Hillville, Haywood County and served as a Magistrate of the county as well. He served in the House of Representative in the 34th (Confederate) General Assembly (1861-1863) from Haywood County. He married Lucinda Caroline Hill on the 14th January 1842 and they had 3 children, Fountain Pitts Hill 8/; John Henry Hill 8/ and Mary M. Hill 8/.

(Ref: (Ref: Davidson County Marriage Book I, 1789-1839, page 37 by E.R. Whitley; "Biographical Directory of the Tennessee General Assembly," Vol. 2, 1861-1901, pages 420; and the 1860 Haywood County Census, page 405).

2. John Hill 7/, born 1828.
3. Martha Hill 7/, born 1830.
4. Rush W, Hill 7/, born 1849. He may be a grandson.

(Ref: 1850 Census of Haywood Co., Tenn, page 127 and in 1860, William and Nancy Hill living with son, Richard Peebles Hill 7/ in Haywood Co.).

7. Joshua Cannon Hill 6/, son of Major Green Hill Jr. 5/, born 10th August 1795, died 12th May 1827 in Williamson County, Tenn. He is buried in Green Hill Jr.'s 5/ Family cemetery with his father. He married Lemiza Lanier on the 27th May 1816 in Williamson County, Tenn.

(Ref: Williamson Co., Tenn. Marriage records 1800-1850).

Children of Joshua C. Hill 6/ were:

1. William Henry Shelby Hill 7/, born 17th March 1817, died 9th January 1894.
2. James Green Hill 7/, born July 1891, died 11th August 1841.
3. Rev. John Lanier Hill 7/, born 6th September 1821, died 13th August 1852 in Lebanon, Tenn.
4. Mary Elizabeth Hill 7/, married Rev. William Burr of the Tennessee Methodist Conference. A descendent of Mary E. Hill Burr, Mrs. Laura Burr Ferguson, widow of General F. D. Ferguson of Birmingham, had the original Green Hill Bible. Her son, Mr. Hill Ferguson had the bible in 1927 in Birmingham, Ala.
5. Robert Fletcher Hill 7/, born 10th March 1826, died 2nd July 1859.

The above William Henry Shelby Hill 7/ served in the 34th (Confederate) General Assembly, Tennessee House of Representatives from Williamson County, Tennessee.

THIS CONCLUDES THE LISTING OF THE CHILDREN OF MAJOR GREEN HILL

DANIEL HILL 2/.

Not related to the above Hill family.

The second Hill man in Davidson County, Tennessee was Dann (or Daniel) Hill 3/, who was a son of William Hill Sr. 2/ and Susannah Smithers, originally of Caroline County, Virginia but later of Surry County, North Carolina. This Hill family was in no way related to the previous Hill family.

Daniel Hill 3/ served in the Revolutionary War and lived on 320 acres in Williamson County, Tennessee. He fathered 8 girls and 1 boy, William Hickman Hill 4/.

Dan Hill 3/ purchased 100 acres 3 miles from Nashville on the 10th of January 1792. This tract seems to have remained within the borders of Davidson County but Dann Hill 3/ moved to Williamson County by 1802 and had 320 acres on Spencer Creek, which is near Franklin and on which he paid taxes.

SPENCER HILL

(Not related to the previous Hill families).

The third man in Davidson County, Tennessee was Spencer Hill

who purchased 180 acres "on the waters of Mill Creek" from Elisha Fly on the 5th of December 1796. This is the same 180 acres that later was in Williamson County, Tennessee and on which Spencer Hill paid taxes for from 1800 till 1805 and from 1812 till 1813. On the 1806 tax list, Spencer Hill paid taxes on 338 and 3/4 acres and in 1807 he paid taxes on 296 acres and between 1808 and 1811 he paid taxes on 316 and 1/8 acres, all on Mill Creek.

(Reference: Davidson County Deed Book D, Page 420 and "Tax Book I, Williamson County, Tennessee, 1800-1813," by Louise G. Lynch).

Early Williamson County Tax Lists (1800-1813) shows Spencer Hill and his Mill Creek lands, which were increased at one time to 335 acres. He bought another parcel of 400 acres in Bedford County, Tennessee, leaving that in 100 acre parcels to four of his children in his 1813-1816 will.

Of all the Hills listed in Davidson and Williamson County, Tennessee, only two had property close to each other, they were Green Hill and Spencer Hill. (They were not related, only very close friends).

The following information was gathered by Robert R. Hill Sr. in May 1987.

SPENCER HILL OF HERTFORD AND NORTHAMPTON COUNTIES, N.C PRIOR TO MOVING INTO WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

Note by Robert Hill: This Spencer Hill just might be some way connected (cousin etc) to the family of Spencer Hill (Revolutionary Soldier) who was born in 1762 probably in Shenandoah or Bath, County Virginia and who was the son of Francis Hill. I wonder if the unknown father of this Spencer Hill could be related to Francis Hill, the father of the Spencer Hill, who lived in and around Bath-Shenandoah Counties, Virginia and who moved westward into what later became Nicholas County, West Virginia.

My reason for this line of thinking is that the Bath County-Shenandoah County, Virginia area is not too far from Northumberland County, Virginia, which was the birth place of the following Spencer Hill (b. 1756-57) and who moved to N.C. & then Tennessee. Also it should be noted there is only about a 6 year difference in the births of the two Spencer Hills. (Could be an error and thus be the same man???)

These facts plus the two names of Spencer Hill from the same general areas of Virginia (both having been born within 6 or 7 year period) causes suspicions of a family connection. I admit there is no proof of this theory.

SPENCER HILL SR. (b. ca. 1756 or 1757- d. 1816) is believed to have been originally from Northumberland County, Virginia and appears to have been married twice, first to Mary Denney and second to Penelope _____?

Following data has not been proven to be an absolute fact and no records have been found to show a marriage to Mary Denney by Spencer Hill or that Spencer was born in Northumberland County Virginia, but there are a few real good genealogical clues that leads us to believe that his wife was indeed Mary Denney. One such clue is that a son named Spencer Hill Jr., named a daughter MARY DENNEY HILL, probably after his mother. (This taken from his will of 1861 in Henry County, Tennessee).

Other items that tend to show a Virginia connection were: St Stephen's Parish Chronicles in Northumberland County, Virginia lists two children born of SPENCER HILL & MARY HILL. They were:

1. William Hill, son, born 23rd November 1782.
2. Nanny Hill, daughter, born 11 December 1784.

Mary Denney's father was William Denney, thus the name of their first son, WILLIAM Hill, after him. The date and place of Mary Denney Hill's death has not been determined. Also the exact location of Spencer Hill between the years of 1785-1789 is not known.

Spencer Hill is located in the 1790 Census of Northampton County, N.C. Prior to 1790, a few land deeds places Spencer Hill in Hertford County, N.C. His last location prior to 1790 was Northumberland County , Virginia in 1785.

A fire had long ago destroyed the old Hertford County N.C. Courthouse and it's records, but a 1785-1786 tax list was saved and Spencer Hill does not appear on it, thus his residence in Hertford County, N.C. in 1785 and 1786 is doubtful. He probably arrived here in 1787-1789, just prior to his residence in Northampton County N.C., which is shown in the Census of 1790.

While Spencer Hill obviously lived first to Hertford County, N.C., he is believed to have purchased 210 acres of land in Northampton County, N.C. prior to the 1790 census.

In any case, in 1796 the 210 acres in Northampton County, N.C. was sold and the family moved to Davidson County, Tennessee. In 1796 he bought 180 acres on Mill Creek, near Harpeth River in Tennessee. In 1799 Williamson County Tennessee was formed and this 180 acres became part of the new county (Williamson County).

Spencer Hill was released from the "Poll Tax" in 1807 in Williamson County, Tennessee and poll tax were assessed to

all males 21 to 50 years of age, thus assuming he had reached age 50, this would project his birth to be ca. 1756-1757.

Now to summarize the known facts: It appears that Spencer Hill Sr. and 1st wife Mary Denney had three children:

William Hill, Nanny Hill and Spencer Hill Jr.

Apparently Mary Denney (his wife) died because he was later remarried to a woman named Penelope----? and the remainder of the children were her's, all born after 1790. They were:

Joseph b. 1791; Jonathan b. 1793; Benjamin b. 1795; Jeremiah b. 1799; and Hezekiah b. 1800.

Spencer Hill was listed in 1790 Census N.C. but he died in Williamson County, Tennessee. His will was proved in April of 1816. His wife Penelope Hill and son Jonathan Hill were executors. The children named in the will (written 6 May 1813) were:

1. William Hill, born ca. 1782-1783.
2. Nanny (Fanny?) Hill, born ca. 1783-1784.
3. Spencer Hill Jr., born 1787.

children 4 thru 9 by 2nd wife.

4. Joseph Hill, born 1791.
5. Jonathan Hill, born 1793.
6. Benjamin Hill, born 1795.
7. Jeremiah Hill, born 1799.
8. Hezekiah Hill, born 1800.

All of the children can be found on Tennessee Census Records in Williamson, Bedford, Rutherford and Henry Counties in Tennessee, as well as early tax listings and the 1820-1860 Census.

NUMBER 1, WILLIAM HILL (SON OF SPENCER HILL).

William Hill, was born ca. 1782-1783 in North Carolina and died in Henry County, Tennessee between 28th January 1850 when he wrote his will and July of 1854 when it was probated. His death is believed to have been in June of 1854 (Ref: Henry Co., Tenn., WPA records, Wills and Inventories, 1844-1856).

He married Mary Phillips, daughter of Benjamin Phillips of Rutherford County, Tennessee and a Revolutionary Soldier. They were married before 1821 because a child named William Hill Jr. was born in 1821.

William Hill moved from Williamson County, Tennessee to Bedford County by 1812 as he appears on the tax list for that county in 1812. On the 5th of June 1816, William Hill

purchased 35 acres which apparently bordered the 100 acre tract that he inherited from his father, both tracts lying on Weakley's Creek.

(Ref: Bedford Co., Tenn. Deed Book H, Page 285).

By 1835, William Hill and family had moved to Henry County, Tennessee, in which year he appears on the tax list with 250 acres of land.

NUMBER 2, FANNY HILL (DAUGHTER OF SPENCER HILL SR.)

Fanny (some sources list her as Nanny Hill) was born ca. 1783-84, apparently in North Carolina. Her mother was the first wife to Spencer Hill Sr., Mary Denney.

Fanny Hill married William Black on 30th December 1806 in Williamson County, Tennessee.

(Ref: Williamson Co., Tenn. Marriages 1800-1850).

Fanny Hill inherited 100 acres in Bedford County, Tennessee from her father and she and her husband moved there to live, which they did for the rest of their lives. William Black purchased to 100 acres adjoining him from Fanny's brother, William Hill, on the 20th February 1821, it being the 100 acres that William Hill had inherited.

(Ref: Bedford Co., Tenn. Deed Book Q, page 272).

They had one known son, Thomas Hill Black, who was mentioned in Spencer Hill's will of 1813.

NUMBER 3, SPENCER HILL JR. (SON OF SPENCER HILL & 1ST WIFE MARY DENNEY).

Spencer Hill Jr. was born in 1787 in North Carolina. He died after 1860 in Henry County, Tennessee as he was on the 1860 census for that county and listed as aged 74. He was still head of his household.

He married Elizabeth (Betsey) G. Ozburn on the 9th of February in 1807 in Williamson County, Tennessee. She was born in 1790 in North Carolina and died between 1850 and 1860 in Henry Co., Tenn.

(Ref: Williamson Co., Tenn. Marriage Records 1800-1850 on micro film in Williamson Co. Historical Society).

Spencer Hill Jr. moved from Williamson County to Bedford County, Tennessee by 1812 as he appears on their tax list in 1812. He lived on 68 acres which he inherited from his father. The 68 acres was a land grant to Spencer Hill Sr. on

1st June 1815 and was records in the Tennessee Land Grants Book 1, Page 563. Spencer Hill Jr. added to his original 68 acres and continued to live in Bedford County until 1834 when he moved to Henry County, Tennessee as he appears on the tax list for that county in 1834 and 1835 with 120 acres. He was Constable of the Circuit Court in 1842.

NUMBER 4 JOSEPH HILL, (SON OF SPENCER HILL & 2ND WIFE PENELOPE JANE)

Joseph Hill was born in 1791 in North Carolina and died in 1851 and was buried at Palestine Cemetery in Henry County, Tenn. He married Rebecca Moore ca. 1812. She was born in 1795 in North Carolina and died in 1873 in Henry County, Tennessee.

Joseph Hill also inherited 100 acres of land from his father in Bedford County, Tennessee and they lived there for a spell until moving to Henry County, Tennessee. In 1834 he appears on the tax list for Henry County and also in 1835 when he shows having 180 acres.

Joseph Hill sold his 100 acres of inherited land on the 19th January 1835 to a William D. Hill, who was possibly a son or nephew. Joseph was at this time a resident of Henry County.

NUMBER 5, BENJAMIN HILL, (SON OF SPENCER HILL SR. & 2ND WIFE PENELOPE JANE--?).

Benjamin Hill was born on the 17th of November 1795 and died in May of 1818 in Bedford County, Tennessee. He was buried in the Hill Cemetery, Bedford County, Tenn., near Rover, Tenn. and the Kingdom Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

(Ref: "Cemetery Records of Bedford Co., Tenn," by Helen C. & Timothy R. Marsh, Page 12).

Benjamin Hill also inherited 100 acres of land from his father, which adjoined his brothers and sister, William and Joseph Hill and Nanny Hill Black.

NOTE: The Benjamin Hill in Williamson County, Tennessee that married Polly Barnes on 13th February 1823 WAS NOT the same Benjamin Hill, son of Spencer Hill Sr.

NUMBER 6, JONATHAN HILL (SON OF SPENCER HILL SR. & 2ND WIFE, PENELOPE JANE--?).

Jonathan Hill was born in 1793 and was listed in the 1820 Williamson County, Tennessee Census as between 16-26. He died prior to 1840 in Williamson County, Tenn., as his widow appear on the 1840 census. He was married to Elizabeth Holt,

on the 3rd of February 1819 in Williamson County, Tenn. The

marriage bond was issued on 1st February and solemnized on the 3rd of February.

No record of a will, settlement of estate or widow's dower has been found for either a Jonathan or John Hill in the will books or county court minutes of Williamson County.

Elizabeth Holt was born in 1790 in Tennessee and she either moved, died or remarried after the 1850 census as she does not appear on the 1860 census of Williamson County, Tenn.

NUMBER 7, JEREMIAH HILL (SON OF SPENCER HILL SR. & 2ND WIFE PENELOPE JANE ---?).

Jeremiah Hill was born on 28th September 1799 in Davidson County, Tennessee as Williamson County had not yet been created until 26th of October 1799. He died on the 29th of September 1892 in Williamson County, Tennessee. His will was wrote on the 15th May 1883 and probated on the 28th January 1893 in Williamson County, Tenn. (WILL BOOK 20, PAGES 377-379). He is buried in the Fly Cemetery, 16th District on Waller-Ragsdale Road.

(Ref: "Directory of Williamson Co., Tenn. Burials," Vol. 1, Page 96).

Jeremiah Hill married Matilda Fly on the 26th of December 1838 in Williamson County, Tenn. She was born on 19th October 1818 in Williamson Co., Tenn. and died on 14th October 1874. She is buried in the Fly Cemetery but listed under the name of Fly, which was probably a typographical error in the "Directory of Burials."

(Ref: Williamson Co., Tenn. Marriages 1800-1850).

NUMBER 8, HEZEKIAH HILL (SON OF SPENCER HILL SR. & 2ND WIFE PENELOPE JANE--?).

Hezekiah Hill was born on the 29th November 1800 in Williamson Co., Tenn. He died on the 8th of October 1881 at age of 80 years, 10 months and 9 days in Rutherford County, Tenn. and was buried in the Evergreen Cemetery, Murfreesboro, Rutherford Co., Tenn.

He married Ann D. Humphreys on the 28th of June 1821 in Williamson Co., Tenn, a daughter of Benjamin Humphreys (Revolutionary Soldier) and his wife, Jane Lawrence.

Ann Humpherys was born on 13th July 1805 and died on the 15th of October 1858.

Hezekiah Hill was Constable of the 16th District in 1837,

1842 and 1844.

(Ref: Williamson Co., Tenn. County Court Minute Books, Vol. 14, page 352 and Vol. 15, pages 158 and 303).

Hezekiah Hill was appointed Captain in the 44th Regiment of the Williamson Co., Militia in 1825 and he was still living in Williamson County in 1850 and evidently moved to Rutherford County, Tenn. after that time, however he does not appear on that counties census for 1860 or 1870.

This ends the listing of children for Spencer Hill Sr.

ALLEN HILL

(No known connection to other Hill families but may be somehow)?

The fourth known Hill Davidson County was Allen Hill, who was born by 1777. On the 29th May 1798 Allen Hill purchased 54 acres on the north side of Flat Creek, the waters of Big Harpeth. He later sold this 54 acres in June of 1802, both deeds recorded in Davidson County in Deed Book D, page 27 and Deed Book F, Page 120.

Allen Hill appears in 1811 in Williamson County, Tennessee with 180 and 188 acres and in 1812 he held 175 acres, in 1813 he had 177 acres on West Harpeth River, and in 1820 he was on the census for Williamson County, Tennessee.

CLOSE FAMILY TIES TO THE BARNES, NLY, LAURENCE, GRIFFIN, BOON AND TO THE REVEREND GREEN HILL FAMILY, ALL OF WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE WERE EVIDENT. Spencer Hill served as trustee of the Liberty Methodist Church (1807), which was founded by Reverend Green Hill. In fact Green Hill signed as a witness to Spencer Hill's Will, written in May of 1813. Their close relationship apparently started in North Carolina.

Briefly, most of the men mentioned above were associated with each other in North Carolina and present efforts in research deal with Virginia counties that border eastern N.C. as possible counties of residence for Spencer Hill, prior to his locating in Hertford County, N.C.. The Nly, Barnes and Griffin Families have been found in Southampton County, Virginia prior to their move into N.C.

It is believed that there was a Methodist congregation from Virginia, that were, feeling some heat and pressure from established churches when they became aware of Reverend Green Hill's plans to form a new church in Tennessee. This eventually led to the migrations from N.C. into Tennessee.

JOHN HILL

The fifth Hill of Davidson County, Tennessee was John Hill, who purchased 201 acres on Arrington Creek on the 18th of April 1799. In 1800, John Hill paid taxes for 200 acres in Williamson County, Tennessee. The records show more than one John Hill on the tax list from 1801 until 1813, but none show up with a 200 or 201 acre tract on Arrington Creek.

(Reference: Davidson County, Tenn. Deed Book E, Page 129 and "Tax Book I, Williamson Co., Tenn." by Louise G. Lynch).

OTHER HILLS KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN IN TENNESSEE.

ABRAHAM HILL

Abraham Hill married Frankey Roar on 2nd December 1812 in Williamson County, Tenn. He first appears on the Williamson County, Tenn Tax List in 1813, so apparently he was 21 in 1813, or born in 1792. He does not appear on the 1850 Tennessee Census Index, so he was either dead or had moved out of state.

DAVID HILL

David Hill came to Giles County, Tennessee in the fall of 1816, where he stayed for a year and then moved to Williamson County, Tennessee in 1817. He was a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

David Hill was born on the 2nd of April 1771 in Iredell County, North Carolina. He died in Williamson, Tennessee on the 28th of September 1843 and was buried in the John Hill Cemetery, 6th District, Temple Road, of Williamson County.

He married Rhoda Andrews in 1804.

It is known that David Hill had 4 girls and 1 son, Robert Andrews Hill, born 1811 and died after 1874. Robert was an attorney, the a U.S. District Judge. He resided in Williamson County, Tennessee and then moved to Oxford, Mississippi. He married his cousin, Mary A.L.G. Andrews of Giles County, Tennessee in November of 1833.

(References: Letter from Robert Andrews Hill about his family; "1820, 1830, 1840 Williamson County, Tenn. census records"; "Directory of Burials, Williamson Co., Tenn," Page 127 by Louise G. Lynch).

David Hill's brothers were James S. Hill, who died in Iredell County, North Carolina after living in Williamson County, Tennessee for a while; Robert Hill, who married Jane Fisher and who lived in Williamson County, Tennessee; Stephen Hill, who died by 1831 and who had two sons, Thomas M. Hill and Miles C. (or W.) Hill, Joseph L.F. Hill (youngest brother);

Abram Hill; Silas Hill and another brother whose first name is unknown at this time, but who ever he was, he was the father of James Henry Hill of Statesville, N.C. in 1874.

JAMES C. HILL 6/ (6TH GENERATION)

He has family ties to the so called "Surry Co., Va. Hill Family."

This James C. Hill 6/ (6th known generation) was part of the Robert Hill 3/ family of Halifax County, N.C. and descends from the immigrants Robert Hill 1/ & Mary Webb, who came to Virginia in 1642.

His (James) father was William Clanton Hill 5/ and his mother was Sarah Branch, of Halifax Co., NC. Jmmwa' grandfather was William Hill Sr. 4/ and his grandmother is was named Charity Lewis. This William Hill 4/ (b. ca. 1731-1735) was a son of Robert Hill 3/ and wife Tabitha. Thus his great grandparents were Robert Hill 3/ and wife Tabitha, of Halifax Co., NC.

His great great grandparents were Sion Hill Sr. 2/ and Elizabeth (Smith) Spiltimber of Isle of Wight County, Virginia. This was her 2nd marriage.

His great great great grandparents were the immigrants Robert Hill 1/ and wife Mary Webb, who came to Surry County, Virginia from England in 1642.

James C. Hill 6/ was said to have been a minor in 1812 but since his father died in 1803, he had to have been born not later than 1803 or early 1804 at the latest.

He was the son of William C. (Clanton) Hill 5/, who died in between the 25th of January and May of 1803 in Halifax County, North Carolina. His mother was Sarah Branch.

One very important thing that should be remembered is that William Clanton Hill 5/ was definitely a grandson of Robert Hill 3/ and wife Tabitha. This is evident in the fact that in his will, dated 25th January 1803 in Halifax County, proved in May Court 1803, he (William C. Hill 5/) made provisions to care for his Aunt Lucy Arrington, who was a daughter of Robert Hill 3/ before her marriage.

Therefore, the father of William Clanton Hill 5/ was a brother to Lucy Arrington and they were in turn the children of Robert Hill 3/ and his wife Tabitha and proves we are speaking of the correct William Hill 4/.

N.C. land deeds, shows a William Hill selling land to his sons, Richard Hill 5/, Lewis Hill 5/, William Clanton Hill 5/ & Sion Hill 5/ provide the proof that this was William

Hill 4/, and the father of these children and was the husband of Charity Lewis.

Now in his 1803 Will in Halifax County, N.C., William Clanton Hill 5/ named his brother Richard Hill of Franklin County, N.C. as the Executor of his will. It was Richard Hill 5/ with his wife Lydia Watkins that witnessed a deed in Nash County, N.C. on 14th April 1782, between his father, William Hill 4/, now of Chatham County, N.C., and his brother Lewis Hill 5/.

This clearly links Richard Hill 5/ with a wife Lydia Watkins as the brother to Lewis Hill 5/, who married Rebecca Watkins, sister to Lydia Watkins. Others deeds show this same William Hill 4/ selling land to his sons William Clanton Hill 5/ and Sion Hill 5/, proving that William Hill (the father) was William Hill 4/ (son of Robert Hill 3/) and this information, along with the Will of Richard Lewis and his widow, Ann Lewis Williams, shows that Charity Lewis (their daughter) was the mother of Richard Hill 5/, Lewis Hill 5/, William Clanton Hill 5/ & Sion Hill 5/.

William Clanton Hill 5/ named three children in his will, Martha Hill 6/, James Hill 6/ and Henry Hill 6/.

End of inserted data by Robert R. Hill

James C. Hill 6/ also had a brother Henry W. Hill 6/ and who was a minor in January of 1812 and a sister, Martha Hill 6/, who was 21 year old in 1812. In January of 1812, Martha Hill 6/ wanted a division of the estate of her father, but James C. Hill and Henry W. Hill had guardian, William Parham.

References: Williamson County, Tenn. Will Book 2, Page 14"; "Miscellaneous Records, " Vol. 6, Page 78 and "Middle Tennessee Crossroads," Vol 4, No. 2, page 45" BOTH BOOKS by Louise G. Lynch; "Roach, Roberts, Ridgeway," page 207 by Marielou Fair Roach; "Southside Virginia Families," by John Bennett Boddie, Vol. 2, page 168.

James C. Hill 6/ died on 21st of June 1832 and was buried in the Franklin Burying Grounds with Masonic Honors.

Reference: "Obituaries of Williamson County, Tenn.," page 3, by Louise G. Lynch; "Excerpts from Newspapers," page 56 by Louise G. Lynch; Williamson Co. Tenn. Will Book 5, page 79 and page 101, and Will Book 7, page 5; "Wills and Inventories, Book 2, 1812-1818," page 5 for guardianship records for James C. Hill.

James Hill's 6/ wife was Mary Dudley and they had one child, a daughter named Mary James Hill 7/.

Reference: "Williamson Co., Tenn. Will Book 7, page 5, and

HEMP HILL

Hemp Hill was in Williamson County, Tenn in January of 1818 and was listed under "credits" in the settlement of the estate of William Hulme, deceased.

HUGH HILL

Hugh Hill married Polly DeMoss on the 23rd of January 1809 in Williamson County, Tennessee. (Ref: Williamson Co., Tenn. Marriages 1800-1850).

JACOB HILL

Jacob Hill was born in 1798 in Tennessee. He married Jane Limon, probably on the 28th of November 1819 in Williamson County, Tenn; bond issued 27th November. They lived in Madison County, Tenn. at the time of the 1850 census, page 564. Jane Limon Hill was born in 1804 in N.C. Children:

1. Louisa Hill, born 1833.
2. Leonidas Hill, born 1834.
3. Charles Hill, born 1830.
4. Anna Hill, born 1833.
5. Amanda Hill, born 1838.
6. Eugenia Hill, born 1844.

JAMES S. HILL

James S. Hill died in Iredell County, N.C. between the 14th of October 1831 when he wrote his will and August 1833 when it was probated in Iredell County, N.C. and in Williamson County, Tennessee (Will Book 5, Page 42). James S. Hill left his 274 acres of land that he called "Mountain Place" in Williamson County, Tenn. to his brothers David and Robert Hill of Williamson County, Tenn. The 1/3 of the plantation was left to his nephews, Thomas M. Hill and Milas (sic) (Miles?) C. or W. Hill, sons of his deceased brother, Stephen Hill.

James first appears on the 1801 Williamson County, Tenn. Tax list with 274 acres on the Big Harpeth and may have lived here himself at that time. By 1804 he was shown as the same land but with an agent (David McEwen) to take care of taxes and who continued until 1811 when his brother Robert Hill becomes the agent. James S. Hill never pays a poll tax, so he was over 51 in 1801, which makes his birth ca. 1750.

(Ref: "Tax Book I, Williamson Co., Tenn. 1800-1813," by Louise G. Lynch; "Miscellaneous Records, Williamson Co., Tenn., Vol 2, page 17; and her "County Court of Williamson Co., Tenn. Lawsuits, 1821-1872, page 95).

JOHN HILL

John Hill died by April of 1831 in Williamson County, Tenn. He had 5 minor children in 1831 and whose guardian was Jabez Owen. They were:

1. Green Hill
2. Mary L. Hill
3. Richard Hill
4. Catherine Hill
5. John Hill

(Ref: Williamson Co., Tenn. Court Minutes, Vol. 12, 1831-1840, page 108).

JOHN D. HILL

John D. Hill died by April of 1818 in Williamson County, Tenn. His wife's name was Nancy and she died by April of 1832 in Williamson County, Tenn.

John owned 272 acres where the road leading from Franklin to Murfreesboro crosses the road, leading from Nashville to Huntsville, on Wilson Creek of Big Harpeth, and appears in the tax list from 1803 until 1813. He reversed his name in the tax records to D. John. He was a member of the Wilson Creek Primitive Baptist Church from its early establishment in 1800, along with another John Hill, possibly a cousin. He sold 160 acres on Wilson Creek to the Commissioners of the Baptist Church on 15th of February 1817. Children for John D. Hill and wife Nancy were:

1. Elizabeth (Betsey) Hill
2. Richard John Hill married Meda Jordan on 20th October 1827, Williamson Co., Tenn.
3. Thomas Jefferson Hill, a minor in 1829.
4. Sucky Hill married Johnson Jordan.
5. James Franklin Hill, minor in 1829, married Elizabeth W. Payne or Layne on 13th December 1832 in Williamson Co., Tenn.
6. John W. M. Hill, married Emily S. Hamilton on 5th November 1829 in Williamson Co., Tenn. They had a son named Albert Gallatin Hill, born 8th March 1843 in Williamson Co., Tenn. and died on 18th August 1910 in Rutherford Co., Tenn. He served in CSA (Co., D, 20 Tennessee Infantry.

JOHN P. HILL

John P. (possibly Petersborough) Hill was born between 1750 and 1760 and died after 15th October 1835, probably in Williamson County, Tennessee. He was a Revolutionary Soldier and applied for a Revolutionary War Pension on 15th October 1835 and was between 70 and 80 years old on the 1830 Census

for Williamson County, Tenn.

A young John Petersborough Hill appeared on the 1809 Williamson County Tax list, paying 1 poll tax and nothing on property, so he probably had just turned 21 in 1809 making his birth to be about 1788, or he just moved to the county in 1809 and was between 21-51 in 1809.

There is a record of John Hill (Petersburg) being a purchaser, along with "John Hill" at a sale on the 14th May 1813. Since the word Petersburg was in parenthesis, it could mean he lived at a community called Petersburg.

(Ref: Wills and Inventories," page 8).

In 1871, a Henry Rash (died intestate in 1855) the heirs asked for division of land, the 191 acres in 16th district, adjoining lands of Elizabeth Vaughan, Mary McMurray, Samuel H. Barnes and the heirs of John P. Hill.

(Ref: "County Court of Williamson Co., Tenn, Lawsuits 1821-1872," Page 164 by Louise G. Lynch.

ROBERT HILL

Robert Hill was born in 1774 in Iredell Co., North Carolina and died on the 31st of July 1850 at his home, "Hills Valley" in Williamson County, Tenn. He was a brother to David Hill of Williamson County, Tenn. and of James S. Hill.

He married Jane Fisher of Iredell Co., N.C. She died on the 24th of June 1856 at her home "Hills Valley" in Williamson County, Tenn.

Robert Hill served as agent for his brother James S. Hill on his 274 acres on Big Harpeth from 1811 until 1813 and probably even later. Robert Hill inherited 1/3 of the plantation called "Mountain Place" when James S. Hill died.

The children of Robert Hill and wife Jane Fisher were:

1. Dorothy Lewis Fisher Hill, eldest son (sic) married ----Jackson and lived in Williamson County in 1874.
2. James Blackman Hill, born 1810, died after 1874, married Narcissa Hughes on 19 May 1831 in Williamson Co., Tenn.
3. John H. Hill, born 25 January 1814 in Williamson Co., Tenn., died 27th July 1896 in Williamson Co., Tenn. He is buried in John Fly Cemetery, 6th District, Temple Road, Williamson Co., Tenn. (Ref: Directory of Burials, Williamson Co., Tenn. Vol ?, page 145). John H. Hill married 1st Susan A. Cox on 17th July 1839. She died 22nd December 1840 and is buried in Johnson-Reynolds-Hughes Cemetery.

John's 2nd marriage was to Susan E. Hughes on 2nd February 1842, daughter of James Hughes and wife, Mrs. Susie Hughes. He lived 7 miles west of Franklin on 15 June 1875 when his mother-in-law, Mrs. Susie Hughes died at his home. Children of John H. Hill were:

- a. Infant son, no dates but probably a son by 1st wife.
 - b. James H. Hill, born 7th March 1844, died 26th November 1846.
 - c. Tobitha (sic) C. Hill, born 1846.
 - d. John Robert Hill, born 17th July 1848, died 9th May 1921, buried Mt. Hope Cemetery, Franklin, Tenn.
4. Margaret C. Hill, eldest daughter, died 25 February 1847, married Abijah Byers and had two infant children when she died, Robert H. Byers and James E. Byers.

Robert Hill married a 2nd time to Eliza C. Perkins on 23rd January 1823 in Williamson Co., Tenn. The following apparently was their daughter.

5. Esther J. Hill, born 1824, died 28th January 1847, age 23, unmarried.

(Ref: Williamson Co., Tenn. Will Book 9, Page 430 for Will of Robert Hill; "Early Obituaries of Williamson Co., Tenn.," by Louise G. Lynch, pages 67, 94, 55, 57, 104, 33; The 1850 Census for Williamson Co., Tenn, page 344; "Middle Tennessee Crossroads," Vol. 3, page 79 by Lynch; "Williamson Co., Tenn. Marriages 1800-1850,"; The 1860 and 1870 census of Williamson Co., Tenn; "Newspaper Excerpts, 1822-1835" page 65; "Middle Tennessee Crossroads," Vol. 4, No. 2, pages 40-42).

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