

R.129 JONAS HILL OF NC. SC & FRANKLIN CO., TN.

(Same as R.129 document)

Entered in February of 1998 by Robert R. Hill Sr of Brandon, Fl:

Source of Information: My own interpretation of data provided to me by Ray Hill of Kansas City, Missouri. Lots of Information taken from Abbreviated Declaration of Jonas Hill's Application to get a pension for his service in the Revolutionary War.

JONAS HILL

It appears that Jonas Hill was born in Granville County, NC about 1763. Some say he had a brother named Henry Hill.

Little is known of Jonas' early life except that about 1781, he was in Surry County, NC where he entered the "militia" at he age of 18 as a "Private" in Captain Dyer's Company for a three month tour in the American Revolution.

After his three month tour, he returned "home" in Surry County, NC for a "short time" when he "again" reentered the militia.

Sometime later in Surry County, NC, but still in 1781, Jonas states he "Entered service of the United States as a Private in Captain Hickman's Company for a tour of three months. [Note: It doesn't say militia. I wonder if he joined the "Regulars of the Continental Army?"

In 1781, from Surry County, NC, Jonas Hill states that he remained in the service for an additional one to two months under Captain Locke's Company.

Another entry in 1781 from "East Tennessee" Jonas states immediately after the close of the war (Revolutionary War) he removed into East Tennessee & fought Indians. He then states he moved to SC (Pendleton County).

Ray Hill states that Jonas Hill was listed in the 1790 Census for Pendleton County, SC with wife and 2 males, both under age 16.

1792 from Pendleton County, SC is the following:
28 December 1792, Benjamin Perry sold 300 acres on Wolf Creek of 12 Mile Creek to Jonas Hill (land) next to James Bruce & Francis Bradley. (Part of a) Original 640 acre grant to B. Perry (on) 4th December 1786 (now in Pickens Co., SC).
Wits: Nathaniel Perry & Robert Carter.

Ray Hill states that Jonas Hill previously lived in the area

of the Little River and close to land purchased by Asa Hill on 30th March 1801 from Thomas Fields, said land adjacent to Isaac Hill.

19th May 1794 Jonas Hill and Abraham Duke witnessed a deed from Jones Bishop of Pendleton County, SC to Christopher Harmon of Elbert County, Georgia for 148 acres on Mill Creek and Wolf Creek of 12 Mile River (next to Perry's land)

In Pendleton County, SC on the 15th of October 1797, Jonas Hill & Charles Bradley witnessed a deed from Henry Burk to William Rose for 1070 acres of land on Keowee River of the Savannah River, on Shoal Creek & Cornhouse Creek of Keowee River.

As previously stated, Jonas Hill is listed as having a brother named Henry Hill. The following deed may be that brother.

Ref: (Pendleton Co., SC Deeds 1790-1800) 26 January 1796, Henry Hill sold a Negro woman (slave) to Benjamin Barton. Witnessed by JONAS HILL & William Marchbanks.

In Pendleton County, SC on the 5th April 1796, Jonas Hill sold 200 acres of land to Samuel Bradcut on Wolf Creek of 12 Mile River, close to (lands of) John Cantrell, Solomon Palmer, Howell Miller, Henry Walbanks & William Miller.

In Pendleton County, SC on the 25th of March 1799, Henry Hill bought 130 acres from Donald Clark on the East side of Keowee River, including mouth of Suder Creek, Witnessed by JONAS HILL & James McKinney. Henry Hill & Jonas Hill are thought to have been brothers.

At some unknown date, Jonas Hill applied for a Pension for his service in the American Revolution. For some reason, it was rejected.

Then (no date listed) but in Pendleton County, SC Jonas Hill sold to John Powell part of a tract-- (rest of document unreadable).

On the 12th of April 1802, Jonas Hill was living in Pendleton County, SC on Cornhouse Creek of Little River of Keowee River near (land of) Frederick Williams in John Powell deed of 150 acres to William Nicholson, (original) grant to Jonas Hill on 2nd December 1799. Witnessed by Isaac Hill & Joshua Robins.

One thing is for sure. Jonas Hill got the original land grant on the 2nd of December 1799 and apparently sold it to one of the three men, Frederick Williams, John Powell or William Nicholson.

1782-1804 from Pendleton County, SC, Jonas Hill states he "resided for 22 years from thence to.." [Note: It would be very interesting to have a copy of this declaration]. This is where he moved to Franklin Co., TN ca. 1804.

Jonas Hill must have moved to Tennessee about 1803-1804 because he stated in his 1833 declaration that he lived in Overton County, Tennessee for about two years before moving to Franklin County, Tennessee. In 1833, Jonas Hill, from Franklin County, Tennessee, made his second attempt (filed another declaration) to obtain a pension for his service in the Revolutionary War. He states he lived here about 20 years. For some unknown reason, both attempts to get the pension were rejected. It appears that he was confused with his life's chronology which could not be proved.

Other records of Franklin County, Tennessee records that shows the presence of Jonas Hill was the 1812 Tax List, the 1820 census and the 1840 census. For some unknown reason, he was not listed in the 1830 census for Franklin County, Tennessee.

The name of Jonas' wife is unknown but it is suspected that her maiden name was Perry, who apparently died because in June of 1808, probably in Franklin County, Tennessee, Jonas Hill married a second time to Mary Barnes.

Children Listed for Jonas Hill & first wife were:

1. Jonas Hill Jr. born 25th February 1787
2. (Questionable son) Perry Hill, born 178x (listed in Granville Co., NC by Ray Hill, but I think it was in SC??). Wife was named Sarah, he died in 1840 in Franklin Co., TN.

[Note by Robert Hill of Brandon, FL: Using the chronology that Jonas Hill gave and the 1790 census of Pendleton Co., SC with an adult male & female female and 2 males under 16, I suspect the birth of the two sons above were in SC not Tennessee]!

3. Reuben Hill (questionable son)
4. George W. Hill, (questionable son) born August 1808. [Note: If this birth date is correct, do not think he was son of Jonas Hill because he remarried in 1808. It could be that his first wife died in childbirth and Jonas remarried in same year].

In Morgan County, Alabama, on the 3rd of December 1832, Henry Hill swore under oath that "his brother, Jonas Hill "formerly of Surry County, NC was a soldier in the United States service during the Revolutionary War. [Note: This apparently was made to support the second attempt by Jonas Hill to get a pension for his service in the Revolution,

which was filed in 1833. This also proves that Henry Hill & Jonas Hill were brothers].

On the 1st of April 1837, the County Court of Franklin County, Tennessee, gave Jonas Hill \$ 40.00 to care for Rebecca "Becca" Hill, a pauper for one year, to expire April 1848. Was this a granddaughter or a niece?

Based on a declaration by Mary Barnes Hill, her husband, Jonas Hill died on the 31st of August 1838 in Franklin County, Tennessee.

Franklin County Court January Term 1841, Mary Hill, administrator of James (Jonas?) Hill estate (her deceased husband) Sureties (by) Merdith Cutchins & Thomas J. Williams. Comm. Court (sic) set aside (for?) 1 year provisions. Witnesses: George Garner, Henry Garner Sr. & Meridith Cutchins. [Note: This appears to be in the Court of Common Pleas and the estate was asking for (and received) a 1 year period before a final closing of the estate].

The following is thought to have been in Franklin County, Tennessee on an unknown date:

Mo date listed for Estate Sale: Buyers were M. Catchins, May Adair, George Deehard, MARY HILL, L. P. Williams, Martha Hoozier, Champ Guinn, J.C. Crabtrewe & Allen Frost. [Note: This appears to be the selling of items that were part of the estate of Jonas Hill, who died on the 31st of August 1838. No date was listed but it was probably in 1839 or 1840].

Little information is known about his family except that the widow, Mary Barnes Hill moved to Van Buren County, Arkansas and remarried (her second) to David Castlebury. [Note: Did she move with some of the children]?

Jonas Hill & his first unknown wife appear to have had at least two children (listed below):

1. Jonas Hill Jr, born 25 February 1787, he died in Ohio on the 18th of February 1859. He was married in 1811 to Mary Marcum, born 8th February 1795 in Washington County, Tennessee. She died on the 5th of August 1875 in Union County, Ohio. Their children were:
 1. Nancy Hill, born 19th November 1815 in Franklin County, Tennessee, died 6th June 1861.
 2. Charlotte Hill, born 14th July 1817, died 7th November 1889.
 3. Elizabeth Hill, born 4th of May 1819, died on 8th May 1859.
 4. Martha Hill, born 22nd of June 1821, died 21st of December 1899, married Peter Vore.
 5. Temperance Hill, born 4th of February 1823, died

7th April 1895.

6. Pricila (sic) Hill, born 9th October 1825, died ??
7. Daniel M. Hill, born 7th of September 1827, died ??
8. Nathan Hill, born 19th October 1829, died 15th July 1833.
9. Asa Hill, born 29th October 1831, died 19th July 1832 [Just 4 days after brother Nathan's death].
10. Celia Hill, born 23rd of November 1833, died ??
11. William Hill, born 6th November 1835, died ??
12. John M. Hill, born 11th December 1839.

[Note: Source of above: LDS Church Files, Salt Lake City, Utah also information from Deloris Loretta Parish, P.O. Box 665, Heyburn. ID (Idaho) 83336 & Genealogical Index of Miami Valley Pioneers by Brent ---?? b

2. Perry Hill, born in 178-?, married Sarah (possible Johnson?).
3. Reuben Hill.
4. George W. Hill born between 1800 & 1808, married twice, 1st unknown; 2nd marriage to Nancy Scott on 20th January 1840 in Franklin County, Tennessee.

Mary (Barnes) Hill, widow of Jonas Hill, was married a second time to David Castlebury on the 3rd of March 1846 in Van Buren County, Arkansas by John Sanders, JP. She stated she was 51 years old (born ca. 1792). She outlived her husband, David Castlebury.

Then 11 years later, in her 1857 from Van Buren County, Arkansas, Mary Castlebury made her declaration for Jonas Hill's military service in the Revolution. This was the third attempt, two by Jonas Hill and this one.

There is an inconsistency in her age. If her age was 51 in 1846 (as she stated) and then 11 years later (in 1857), would make her about 62 years old. In her 1857 deposition, Mary Barnes Hill (m named now Castlebury) said she was age 65, (born ca. 1792). [Note: In these times, people often lost track of their true age unless these was a record in a family bible. It could be that this inconsistency was one of the reasons she did not get the pension]?

Children for Jonas Hill and 2nd wife, Mary Barnes, based on information by Sharon Minton Hill:

[Note used 1792 & 1795 for birth of Mary Barnes, 2nd wife].

1. Margaret Ann Hill, born 31st May 1813 in Franklin County, Tennessee, died 13th November 1901 in Center Ridge, Arkansas, buried in Grandview Cemetery, Center Ridge Ark. She married in 1832 to Thomas Jefferson Williams in Franklin Co., TN. [Note: Jonas age 50 at time of Margaret's birth. about 18 to 21].

2. William Hill, born in December 1816, married Milinda Perry (no known proof of this relationship. possibly a son of Perry Hill). [Note: Jonas' age ca. 53 at time of William's birth, Mary was ca. 21 to 24].
3. Henry Jonas Hill, born ca. 1818, married Rebecca --? [Note: Jonas' age 55 in 1818, Mary was 23 to 26 yrs old]..
4. Claybourn (Claiborne?) Hill, born 1820. [Note: Jonas's age about 57 in 1820, Mary was about 25 to 28].
5. Bailey Hill. born??, married 1st to Sarah Perry, 2nd to Malissa Kitchens. [Note: Jonas' & Mary's ages ??].
6. Elizabeth Hill, married Solomon Perry. [Note: Jonas' & Mary's age ??].
7. Nartha Ann Hill, born 15th February 1826 in Franklin County, TN. died 13th April 1897 in Oklahoma, buried San Bois Cemetery in Kenia, Haskell County, OK. She married ca. 1843 to Leroy P. Williams in Franklin County, TN., 2nd marriage to ca. 1859 to Bumpass Brinkley. [Jonas's age at birth of Mary was ca. 63 in 1826, Mary was about 31 to 34].
8. Scarlet Anderson Hill, born ca. 1827 in Franklin Co., TN., died 21st November 1862 in St. Louis, MO., buried in National Cemetery in St. Louis, Grave #282. She married 25th March 1842 to Minerva Guinn in Franklin Co., TN. [Note Jonas's age ca. 64 yrs old when Scarlet was born, Mary was ca. 32 to 35].
9. Mary Skiney (sic) Hill, born ca. 1829 in Franklin Co., TN., died ca. 1848 in Franklin Co., TN., married ca. 1830 to John Littleton Williams. [Note: Jonas's age at birth of Mary in 1829 was ca. 66, Mary was ca. 34 to 37].
10. Jesse Calloway Hill, born ca. 1832 in Franklin Co., TN., married ca. 1854 to Mrs. Martha Reed (widow) of Conway County, Arkansas. He married 2nd time to Mary Holmes ca. 1860. [Note: Jonas' age at time of birth of Jesse was ca. 69 yrs old, Mary was ca. 37 to 40 yrs old].
11. Elizabeth Hill, born ca. 1837 in Franklin Co., TN., she married ca. 1849 to Richard D/ Spence in Conway Co., Ark. [Note: Jonas Hill was a man of about 74 yrs old at birth of Elizabeth, Mary was about 42 to 45].

Comment by Robert Hill Sr: Jonas Hill fathered children as late as his age of about 75 years old, primarily due to the wife being much younger. Jonas Hill died in 1838, a year after the birth of daughter, Elizabeth in 1837. Wonder if he died from exhaustion OR "nervous breakdown" with all of those children around. Maybe the wife wrung his neck! Ha!