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Hall County history

Hill family came from Virginia, S.C.

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The hill family of Virginia emigrated to South Carolina where Richard Hill received a land grant:

"100 acres granted to Richard Hill, on Beaver Creek, a branch of Broad River, Jan. 18, 1765..." Another grant received by Richard Hill was recorded in Craven County, S.C. "Nov. 1, 1760 (1768?) Unto Richard Hill 50 acres on Beaver Branch on north side of Broad River..."

There is much evidence in the form of courthouse records that prior to moving to South Carolina Richard Hill and other members of the family were in Lunenburg County, Va., along with allied families: Moberleys, or Mobeys, Meadows and Halseys or Halsells.

William Edward Hill, son of

Richard Hill Sr. and Mary Moberly, was born in Fairfield District, S.C., 1785, and died Nov. 9, 1862. He is buried in the family cemetery at his old homeplace near Rockwell Church, Barrow County. He married Elizabeth Cockrell, born 1794 and died Oct. 3, 1888. The couple was married in Fairfield District, S.C. Dec. 18, 1823.

William E. Hill was a soldier in the War of 1812, volunteering at Winn's Old Field, Fairfield Dist., S.C. He was described at the time of enlistment as having fair complexion, blue eyes, five feet, 10 inches in height.

After the War of 1812 William E. Hill lived in Fairfield District, S.C. for a few years and then removed to Jackson County, Ga., and settled near

Jug Tavern, now Winder, along with a brother Zion, or Sion, Hill. William later moved to Rockwell. While a resident of Jackson County, he applied for bounty land which was due as an 1812 War veteran. The application was dated Dec. 10, 1850. William was granted eight acres and on an application dated June 23, 1855, he was granted eighty acres. William E. Hill at that time was 70.

Elizabeth Cockrell Hill, the widow, received a pension after her husband's death. She was 70 when her application was approved.

Children of William Edward Hill and Elizabeth Cockrell Hill were:

1. Starling E. Hill, born Dec. 16, 1724, and died Oct. 24, 1864. He married Lucinda Ann

Stewart, daughter of Reuben and Charity Hale Stewart. Starling E. Hill enlisted in Co. I, 39th Ga. Infantry, Confederate Army, Athens, and was captured at Fisher's Hill, Va. He died Oct. 24, 1864 at Point Lookout, Md. and is buried in the Confederate Cemetery, grave No. 609. Children of Starling and Lucinda Ann Hill were Charity Elizabeth, married Joseph LaFayette Gunnin; William Alexander Hill, married Mattie Elizabeth Attaway; and John Emanuel Hill, married Callie Lucy Ella Hill.

2. Moses R. Hill, son of William E. and Elizabeth Hill, was born Oct. 8, 1826 and died Dec. 22, 1862. He enlisted in the War Between the States and died and was buried Richmond,

Va.

3. Cicero Sandford Hill, son of William and Elizabeth Hill, was born May 12, 1828 and died July 23, 1894. He married Margaret White. Cicero enlisted in Co. E, 16th Ga. Volunteer Cavalry. He received an arm wound in the War Between the States. Children of Cicero and Margaret were: Lula, W. Elbert, Mary Ellen, married Joe Wiley, Elizabeth, Clara, Margaret, Robert L., Carter A., Richard Y., Carrie, Anna, Hugh, Rosaena, Rilla.

4. Susan Ann Hill, daughter of William and Elizabeth Hill, was born May 29, 1830. She was married to Jas. Wills. Their children were: J.A. and William Wills.

5. Alexander Abel Hill, son of William and Elizabeth Hill, was

born August 14, 1832 and died June 3, 1887. He married Margaret E. House. Alexander Hill enlisted in Co. E 16th Ga. Volunteer Cavalry. Children of Alexander and Margaret Hill were: John William, Margaret Elizabeth, Benjamin Hershel, Henry Moses, Robert Alexander, Susan, Pearl, Paul C. Hill.

6. Nancy E. Hill, daughter of William and Elizabeth Hill, was born Oct. 16, 1836. She died Oct. 11, 1892. She was married Feb. 26, 1857 to Joseph Robert Shields who also served in the Confederate Army. Their

children were: Emma Jane, Elizabeth Charity, John W., James Camellus, Robert Alexander, Susan Ellen and Emory Shields.

7. Lucy A. Hill, daughter of William and Elizabeth Hill, was born March 16, 1840.

8. John P. Hill, son of William and Elizabeth Hill, was born Dec. 22, 1834 and died Jan. 6, 1863 while in the Confederate Army. He died of smallpox and was buried at Richmond, Va.

Many descendants of William Edward and Elizabeth Cockrell Hill live throughout Northeast Georgia.