

THE HILL FAMILY OF BEERSHEBA SPRINGS, TENNESSEE

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The Ben Hill family that has lived in Beersheba since the early 1900s can trace and document its ancestry for six generations to the elder Hill who was one of the earlier settlers of this part of Tennessee. Prior to this, the roots of the Hill family can be traced back to Hancock and Jasper counties in Georgia; thence to Edgecombe County (formerly part of Martin County), North Carolina, thence to St. Mary's, Charles County, Maryland, thence to Charlestown, Massachusetts, thence to England.

In attempting to summarize the history of this family, we list first the direct line of descent. Secondly, we detail the families of those in the direct line. This is followed by brief descriptions of the women and that of their families who married into the direct line. We conclude with biographical information which will show something more about some of those in the direct line of descent.

Our clearly documented history begins with Isaac Hill, Sr., who was born and raised in St. Mary's, Charles County, Maryland. He was born 22 July 1748 and married Lucinda Wallace who was also born and raised in St. Mary's; her date of birth being 1746. Isaac and Lucinda were married in 1773 and their first child was born 7 February 1774. Here follows the direct line:

ISAAC HILL, SR. - Born 22 July 1748, Died 28 July 1825

Married: (1) Lucinda Wallace (Born 1746, Died 23 September 1798)
(2) Lydia White (Jones) (Hill), Widow of Hugh Jones and William Hill, respectively (Born 1759, Died 12 June 1838)

Children by Lucinda Wallace:

Henry John Alexander Hill - Born 7 February 1774
Married Susannah Swales (Savage), Widow of Sterling Savage

Mary Ann Hill
Married (1) Thomas Webb
(2) _____ Tucker
Lived in LaGrange, Georgia

Lucinda (Lucy) Hill
Married Etheldred May

Martha Hill
Married David Morgan

Lawrence (Larry) Hill
Married Betsy Goodwin
Lived in Monticello, Georgia

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Isaac Hill, Jr.
Married Penelope Clark
Lived in Alabama

Benjamin Hill
Married Rebecca Wallace
Benjamin and Rebecca Settled in Warren County,
Tennessee

Wright Hill
Married _____
Settled in Moberly, Randolph County, Missouri

John Hill
Married Sarah Parham
John and Sarah had nine children and lived in
Troup County, Georgia

Whitmell Hill
Married (1) Elizabeth Pace
(2) Bidy Christian
Whitmell settled in Warren County, Tennessee

Abraham Webb (Asa) Hill
Married Elizabeth Barksdale
Asa and Elizabeth had thirteen children. They lived
in Muscogee County, Georgia, until 1834, and then
went to Texas.

Allen Hill
Married Annie Parham (Sister of Sarah Parham Hill)
Allen was a Baptist minister. He and Annie had
eleven children.

Elizabeth Hill
Married Mitchell Watkins

Sarah Hill
Married Sylvanus Knight

HENRY JOHN ALEXANDER HILL Born 7 February 1774, Died 1 August 1825

Married Susannah Swales (Savage) Born 31 December 1767, Died 23
September 1846. Susannah Swales (Savage) was widow of Sterling
Savage who was married previously and with four children prior to
marriage to Susannah. Susannah and Sterling Savage had one
daughter, Brittania, who married Isaac Smith.

Children:

Ervin Hill Born 17 July 1796, Died 15 April 1836
Married Eleanor Morgan

Isaac Hill Born 20 December 1797, Died 1871
 Married (1) Eliza Hill Born 4 February 1800,
 Died 8 November 1859
 (2) Millie Douglas Harrison
 (3) Margaret Christian

Asa Hill Born 18 June 1799
 Married Levisa Hill Born 1802 Died 1839 (or 1849)
 NOTE: Asa went South with a drove of stock in
 1847 and never returned.

Jesse P. Hill Born 17 March 1803
 Married (1) Cornelia Smartt
 (2) Frances Rogers

Melchesedek Hill (M.D.) Born 22 November 1804 Died
 3 August 1861
 Married (1) Mary J. A. White
 (2) Hardenia Read

Lucinda Hill Born 5 July 1807
 Married Samuel Killian
 Lucinda and Samuel went to Texas

Hugh Lawson White (H.L.W.) Hill Born 1 March 1810,
 Died 18 January 1892
 Married Virginia Ann Dearing

Children by Polly Johnson, Consort, Born 19 January 1787,
 Died 18 January 1892

Harriett, Born 22 September 1808
 Sally, Born 30 March 1811
 George Washington, Born 22 April 1814
 Andrew Jackson, Born 25 April 1816
 William Carroll, Born 1 April 1818
 Elenza Grundy, Born 1 February 1822

ERVIN HILL Born 17 July 1796, Died 15 April 1836

Married Eleanor Morgan Born 1799, Died 1860. Married 7 March
 1816. Eleanor and Ervin were first cousins as Eleanor was
 daughter of David Morgan and Martha Hill and Ervin was son of
 H.J.A. Hill and Susannah Swales (Savage).

Children:

John Alexander Hill Born 14 December 1816. Killed at the
 Battle of Monterey, Mexico 22 September 1846.

Martha Hill
 Married David Woodlee

(Children of Ervin Hill - Continued)

Jesse J. Hill Born 22 August 1822, Died 26 October 1846
and was buried in the Gulf of Mexico while returning from
the Mexican War.

Ervin Lafayette Hill Born 17 November 1824, Died 26 October
1869

Lawson (Hugh Lawson White) Hill Born 12 February 1826.
Killed by Marion Tate in California during gold rush
of 1849.

Benjamin Winslow Dudley Hill Born 17 May 1828, Died
25 December 1913.

Henrietta Hill Born 22 December 1830, Died 2 April 1908.
Married George W. Martin

Johnathan P. Hill Born 1833, Died 1888.
Married Vesta Scott.

Susannah Hill Born 31 July 1834, Died 1879.
Married Isaac Barnes.

Henry Hill. Died while a student at Irving College. His
death caused by drinking cold water after becoming over-
heated while driving the cattle to pasture.

ERVIN LAFAYETTE HILL Born 17 November 1824, Died 26 October 1869.

Married Susannah Brock Born 23 May 1825, Died 30 June 1903.

Children:

Ervin (Irvin) Bowen Hill Born 19 March 1845, Died 14
March 1933.

Married Jane Stepp Born 14 January 1850, Died 5
January 1926. Married at Dunlap, Tennessee,
15 December 1870.

John Alexander Hill Born 11 June 1847, Died 11 August 1881.

Jesse J. Hill Born 29 October 1849, Died _____.

David Lawson Hill Born 8 February 1852, Died August 1936 at
Francisco, Alabama.

Napoleon Leander Hill Born 8 October 1855, Died 2
August 1895.

Married Harriet Hillis

Isreal Hill Born 7 March 1859, Died 2 May 1920.
Married Damie Kinder in Oklahoma.

ERVIN (IRVIN) BOWEN HILL Born 19 March 1845, Died 14 March 1933.

Married Jane Stepp Born 14 January 1850, Died 5 January 1926.

Children:

Martha Hill Born 4 January 1870, Died 17 January 1900.
Married Bud John Christian.

Lafayette Hill Born 14 March 1872, Died 19 April 1900.
Married Melissa Watson.

Francis Marion Hill Born 26 December 1873, Died 20
October 1958.

Married (1) Susan Clendenon
(2) Amanda McGregor

James Henry Hill Born 27 January 1876, Died 5 July 1933.
Married Eliza Christian

Benjamin Jefferson Hill Born 22 March 1878, Died 25
June 1953.

Married (1) Lula Smith
(2) Minnie Belle Clendenon

Virginia Hill Born 10 November 1880, Died _____
Married John Bess.

BENJAMIN JEFFERSON HILL Born 22 March 1878, Died 25 June 1953

Married (1) Lula Smith Born 16 November 1875, Died 8 October
1908.

(2) Minnie Belle Clendenon Born 20 October 1882, Died
10 February 1971.

Children by Lula Smith:

Morgan Franklin Hill Born 15 November 1899, Died 31 January
1985.

Married Clara Parson

Sarah Mabel Hill Born 10 March 1901, Died 1 January 1959
Married Wiley Tate

Marcus Hayes Hill Born 27 November 1903, Died 10 October
1974

Married Robbye Etta Hobbs

Marshall Marion Hill Born 20 June 1905
Married Winona Maude Fults

Bennie Baxter Hill Born 26 July 1907

Married (1) Imogene Jordan
(2) Marean Campbell (Crabtree)

BENJAMIN JEFFERSON HILL..(Continued).Children by Minnie Belle Clendenon

Carrie Lee Hill Born 26 June 1910
Married Carl Houston Willis

Marjorie Eliza Jane Hill Born 5 January 1912
Married Rodney Allison Petersen

Charles Raymond Hill Born 24 December 1913, Died
23 April 1914

Irving Rhonel Hill Born 24 December 1913, Died
6 June 1914

James Benjamin Hill Born 8 December 1915
Married (1) Frankie Fay Fults
(2) Jewel Rymer (McGinnis)

Susan Pauline Hill Born 11 January 1918

Richard Harding Hill Born 2 October 1920
Married (1) Thelma Rollings
(2) Ada Mae Martin (Bouldin)

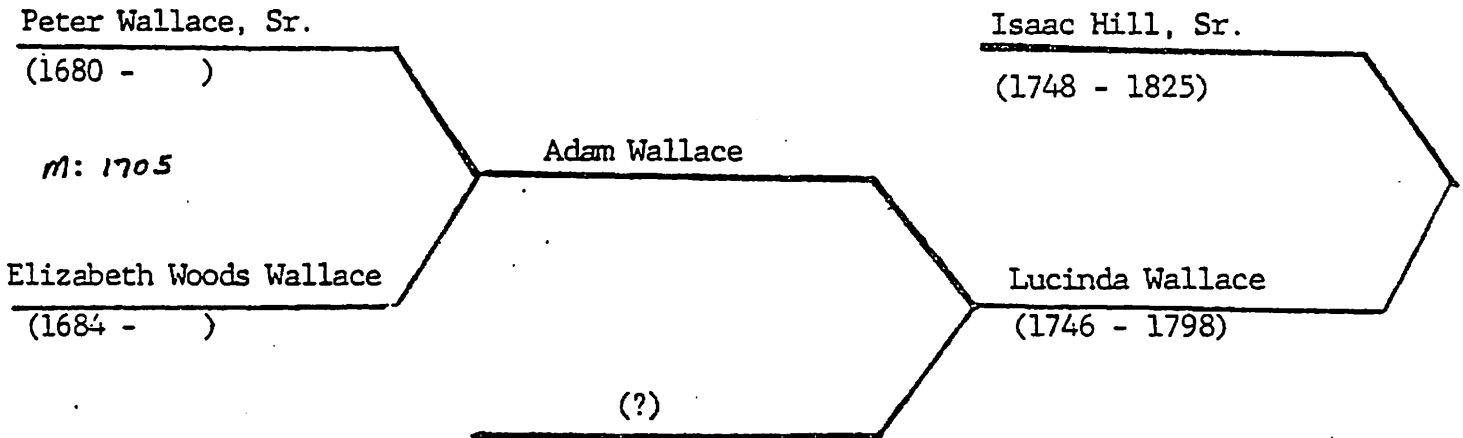
Ira Waymon Hill Born 8 March 1923
Married Ruth Rhea (Pinkie) Tubb

While doing Hill family research, we have encountered in a number of places (and this information has taken various forms) the following ancestry of Isaac Hill, Sr. The research is attributed to Mark Hill, who was Professor of History at the University of Pennsylvania. He died in 1955. Thus, if correct, the writers are the twenty-second generation to this line, as shown below:

1. Sir John Hill, born 1334, died 1407, England. Served on the King's Bench. Married (1) Mathilda, Married (2) Virginia Derborough 13 Oct., 1387.
Issue: John, Robert, Ralph, Isabella.
2. Robert Hill, died 1423, Married Isabella Fitchell, 24 March, 1383.
Issue: Robert, Jr., John, Elizabeth.
3. John Hill, born 26 Sept., 1401; died 14 Oct., 1434, married Cecily Sturton 19 April, 1422.
Issue: Jeanettehe, Sir William of Hertz, Ralph, Robert.
4. Ralph (or Roulfe) Hill, born 1432, wife's name unknown.
Issue: Robert, Eleanor, Elizabeth.
5. Robert Hill, Married Alice Stourton.
Issue: Giles, Margaret, Jane.

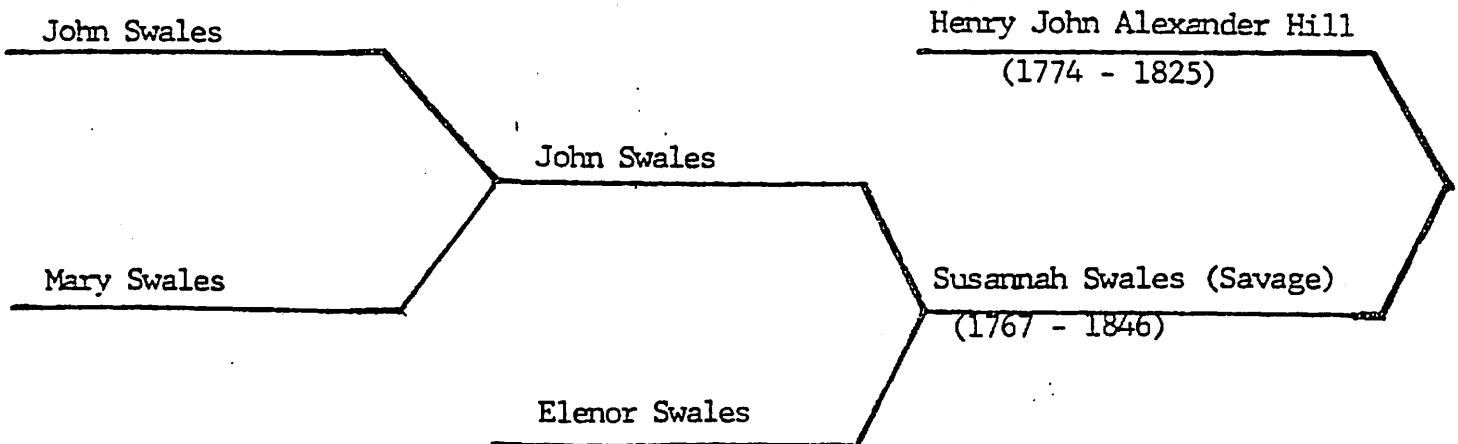
6. Giles Hill born 1468, married Agnes Brent.
Issue: Robert, Hugh, Baldwine, Boyce, Anthony, Maud, Dorothy,
Jane, Anne.
7. Robert Hill, married Margaret Fountlerly.
Issue: Giles, Peter, John, Agnes, Dorothy.
8. John Hill, born 1529, died 1611, married Margaret Rodney.
Issue: John, Thomas (who sailed to Plymouth Colony
7 June, 1637), Moses, Ralph, Jane, Mary.
9. Moses Hill, born 1552, died 1605, went to Ulster, Ireland 1573
as a Representative of The Crown, wife's name unknown.
Issue: Peter, Arthur, Samuel.
10. Samuel Hill, born 1590, became Treasurer of Birmingham, England,
wife's name unknown.
Issue: Ralph, Robert (Robert married Mary Webb; he was born 1615
Northumberland County, England, married Mary Webb of Kent
Co., England 1642, came to Isle of Wight Co., Virginia
1642.)
11. Ralph Hill, born 1608 Summerset, England, died 29 April, 1663,
Charlestown, Mass., married Margaret Toothaker of Charlestown,
Mass.
Issue: Ralph Jr., Jane, Nathional, Elizabeth, Johnathan,
Martin. (Ralph Sr. landed in Charlestown, Mass. in
1632.)
12. Ralph Jr. Hill, born 1635, Charlestown, Mass., died 1692,
married Martha Toothaker (Cousin).
Issue: Elizabeth, Timothy, Deborah, Samuel.
13. Samuel Hill, born 18 Feb., 1672, died 4 Aug. 1755, married
Sarah Aitler.
Issue: Deborah, Ralph, Martha, Abraham, Sarah, Samuel, Jr.,
Hannah, Uralle, Elizabeth.
14. Abraham Hill, born 1698, died 1760 Charles Co. Maryland, wife's
name unknown.
Issue: Henry, John, Asa, Benjamin, Isaac.
15. Isaac Hill, born 22 July, 1748 St. Marys Charles Co., Maryland,
Married Lucinda Wallace.

As for the women (and their families) who married into the direct line, we begin our summary with Lucinda Wallace. The following diagram shows what is known of Lucinda Wallace's ancestry:



Other children of Peter Wallace, Sr., in addition to the Adam Wallace, were: William, Susannah, Andrew and Peter, Jr.

Isaac and Lucinda's son, Henry John Alexander Hill, married the widow of Sterling Savage, Sr., namely, Susannah Swales Savage. The following diagram shows what is known of Susannah Swales' ancestry:



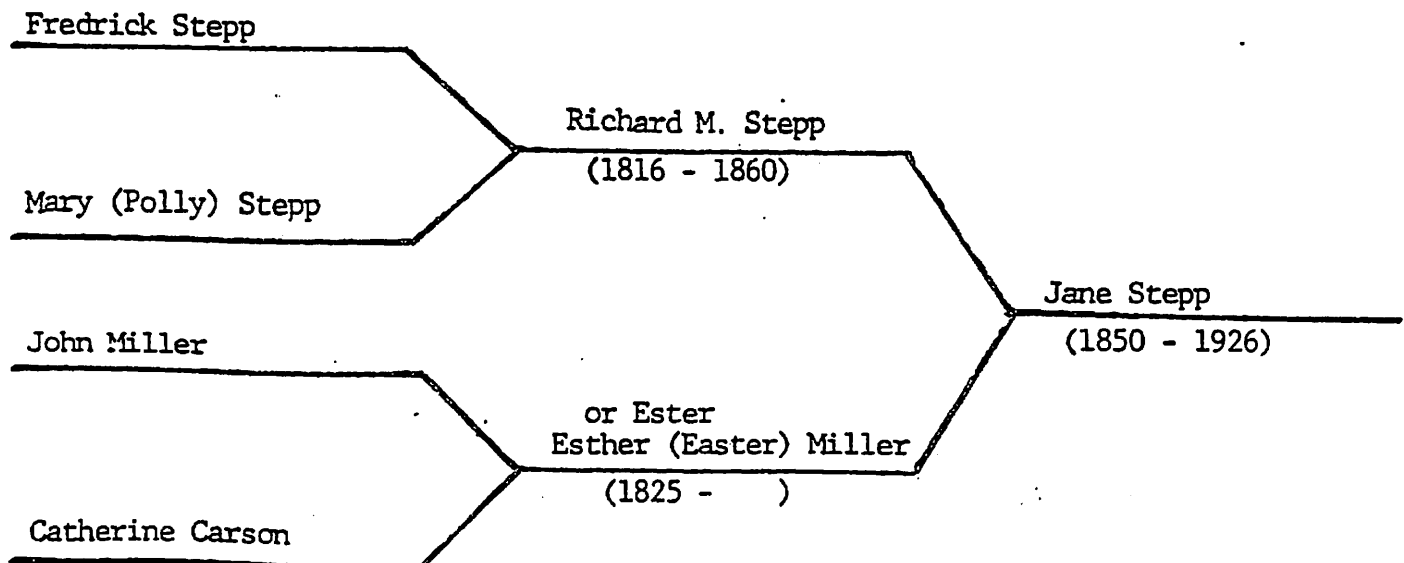
According to the will of John Swales, he and his wife, Elenor, had the following children in addition to Susannah: Sons Francis Swales, Robert Swales, John Swales and Joseph Swales and daughters Ann Swales, who married Rueben Smith, and Mary Swales, who married a Greenwelk. Susannah was born 31 December 1767.

Susannah Swales was married first to Sterling Savage, Sr. They had one daughter, Brittainia Savage, born 20 June 1793, prior to Sterling, Sr.'s death in 1794. Prior to his marriage to Susannah, Sterling, Sr. had been married previously and had four children by his first wife. These children were as follows: Sterling Savage, Jr., Jesse Savage, Loveless Savage and Elizabeth Savage. Only Brittainia, Sterling, Jr., and Jesse lived to adulthood and had families of their own.

Henry John Alexander and Susannah's son, Ervin Hill, married his first cousin, Eleanor Hymen Morgan, daughter of David Morgan and Martha Hill (sister of Henry John Alexander Hill). No investigation has been made thus far into the ancestry of David Morgan. The ancestry of Martha Hill (Morgan) is that of Henry John Alexander Hill, her brother.

Ervin and Eleanor's son, Ervin Lafayette Hill, married Susannah Brock. All attempts made thus far in trying to determine the ancestry of Susannah Brock have not been successful.

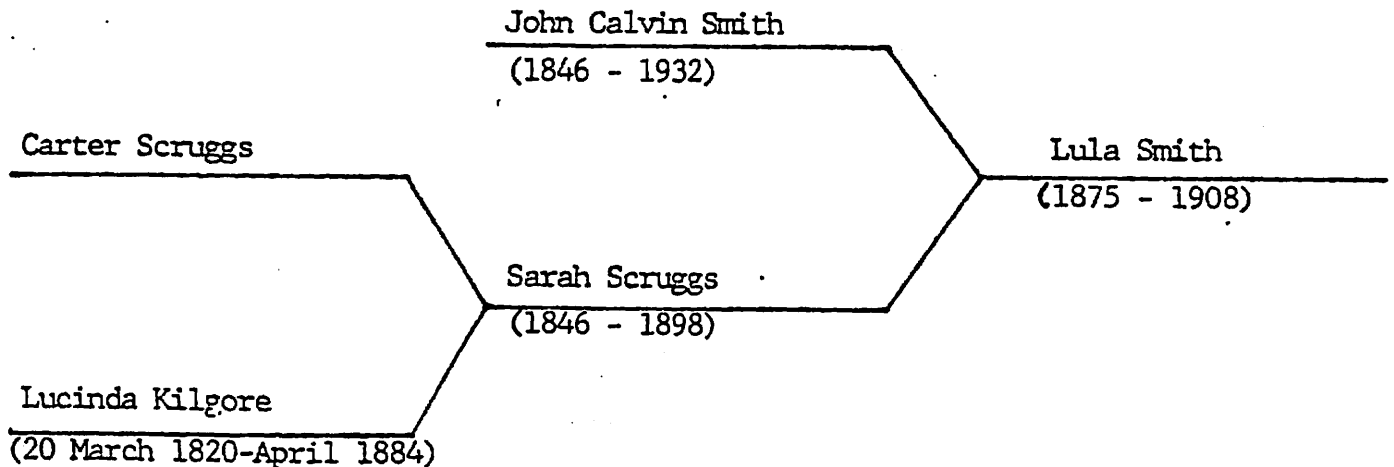
Ervin Lafayette and Susannah's son, Irvin Bowen Hill, married Jane Stepp. The following diagram shows what is known of Jane Stepp's ancestry:



According to the will of Fredrick Stepp, he and his wife, Polly, had the following children, in addition to Richard M. Stepp: Nancy Stepp, who married William R. Nunly, and Catherine Stepp, who married a Forrester.

Richard M. (McDonald) Stepp married Esther (Ester or Easter) Miller, daughter of John Miller and Catherine Carson Miller; and they had the following children: John Stepp, born 1841; Adeline Stepp, born 1843; Mary (Manerva) Stepp, born 1844; Fredrick Stepp, born 1845; Sarah (Sally) Stepp, born 1847; Jane Stepp, born 14 January 1850; William C. Stepp, born 1851; and Terrissee (Tennpee) Stepp, born 1854.

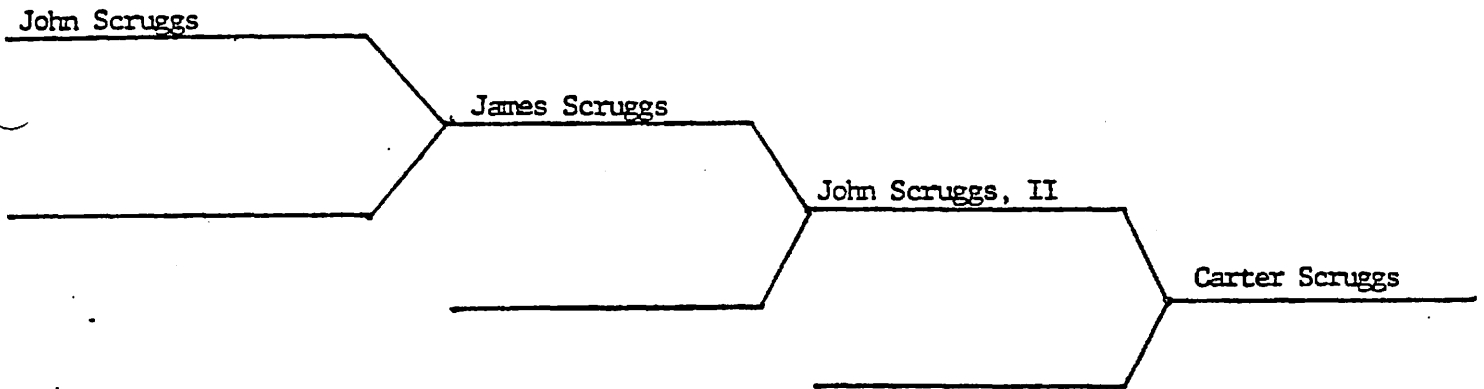
Irvin Bowen and Jane's son, Benjamin Jefferson Hill, married twice. His first wife was Lula Smith, born 16 November 1875. They were married 16 November 1898. She died 8 October 1908. The following diagram shows what is known of Lula Smith's ancestry:



Carter and Lucinda (Kilgore) Scruggs were the parents of ten children as follows: Nancy Scruggs, born 1840; John Scruggs, born 19 February 1844; Sarah Scruggs, born 13 July 1846; Martha Scruggs; James Scruggs, born 9 December 1848; William Scruggs; Thomas Scruggs; Milly Scruggs; and two other children who died young.

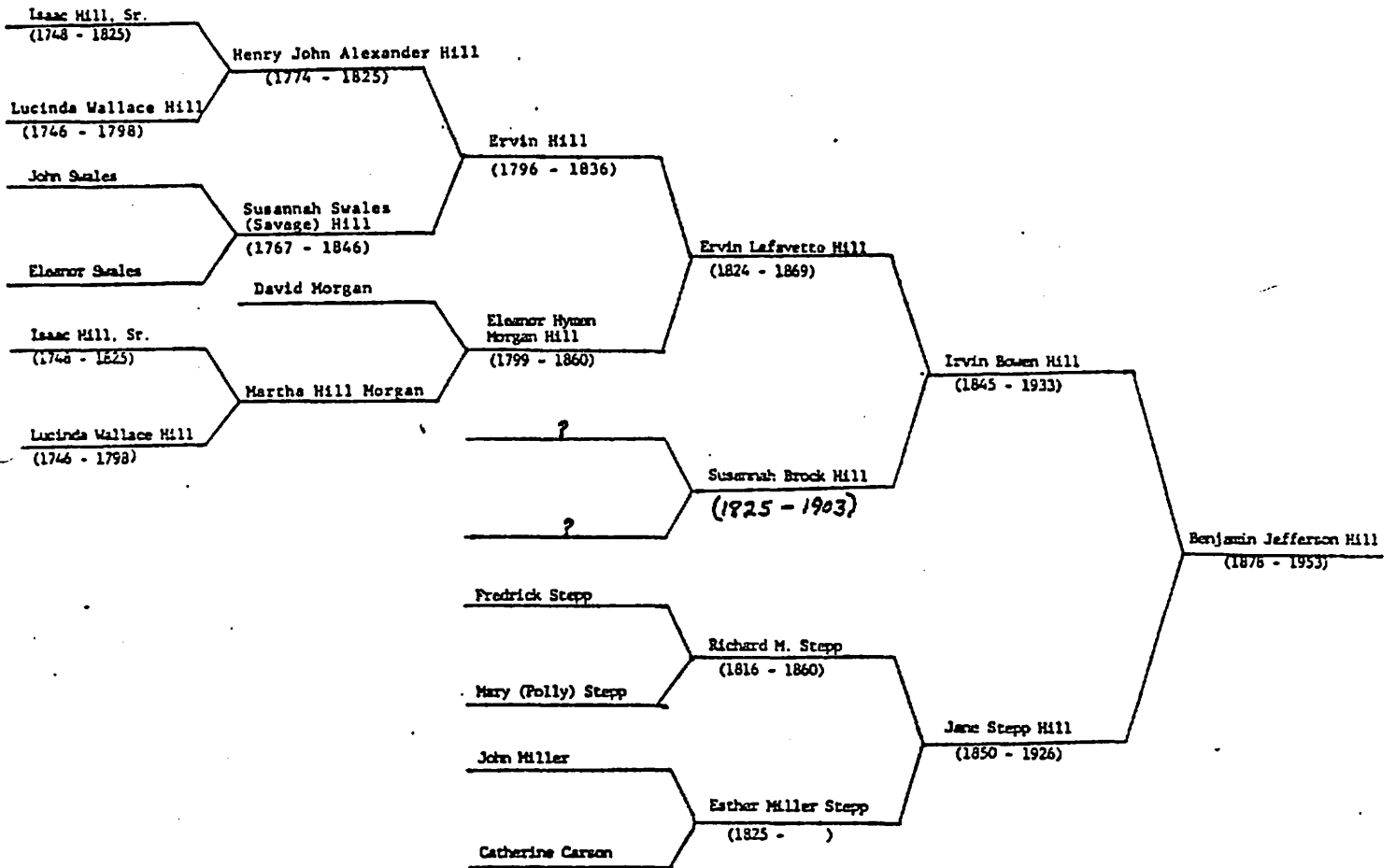
Sarah Scruggs married John Calvin Smith (1846-1932), who came to Beersheba Springs sometime during the Civil War. John and Sarah (Scruggs) Smith were the parents of twelve children as follows: Lily Smith; Laura Smith; Winnie Jane Smith, born 1872; Martha (Mattie) Smith; Mary Smith; Lula Smith; John E. Smith, born 1877; Nora Smith; Tim Smith; Ida Smith; Della Smith ; and Frank Smith.

Fragments of the ancestry of Carter Scruggs are as follows:

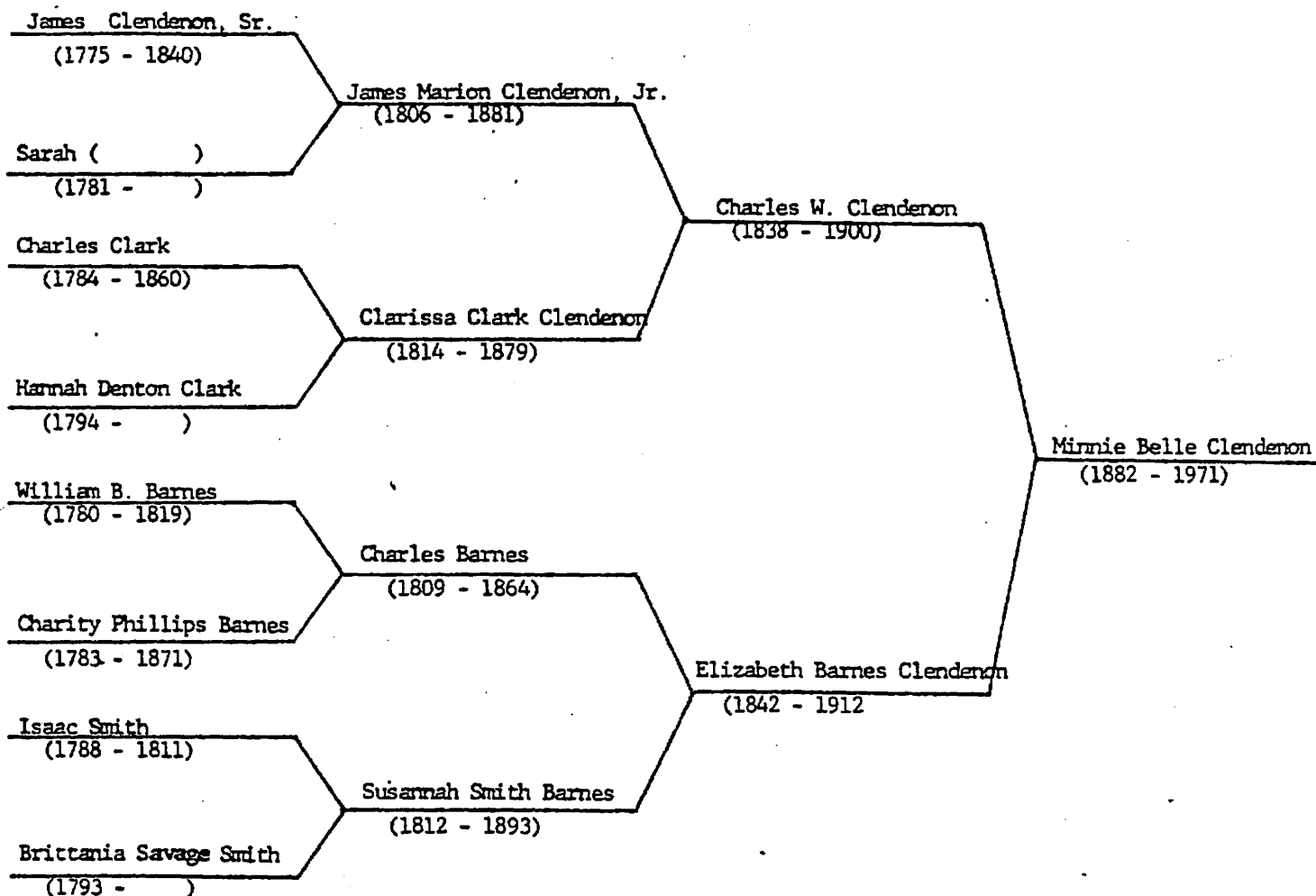


The first John Scruggs and his son, James Scruggs, both died in the service of their country while encamped at Valley Forge during the bitterly cold winter of 1777-78 while serving in the Revolutionary War. John Scruggs, II, son of James Scruggs, was the father of seven children as follows: Elizabeth Scruggs; Nancy Scruggs; Matilda Scruggs; George Scruggs; James Scruggs; William Scruggs; and Carter Scruggs.

The foregoing ancestry of Benjamin Jefferson Hill, in outline form, is as follows:



Following the death of his first wife, Lula (Smith) Hill, Benjamin Jefferson Hill then married Minnie Belle Clendenon, who was born 20 October 1882. They were married 21 March 1909. The ancestry of Minnie Belle (Clendenon) Hill is outlined as follows:



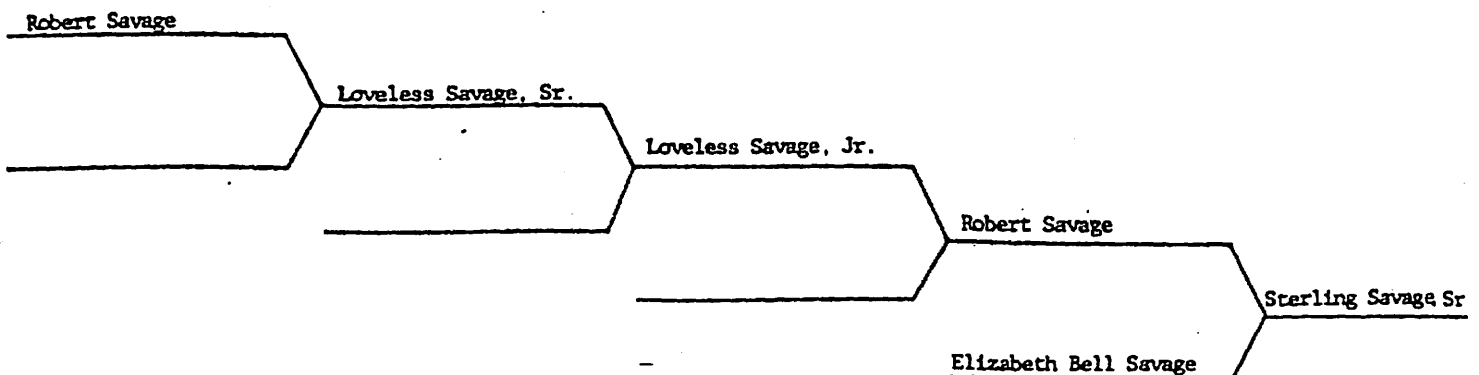
James Clendenon, Sr., and wife, Sarah Clendenon, were both born in Virginia. Nothing further is known of their ancestry. James and Sarah Clendenon were the parents of eleven children as follows: John Clendenon; William Clendenon; James Marion Clendenon, Jr. (6 March 1806 - 15 January 1881); Mary (Polly) Clendenon; Elizabeth (Betsy) Clendenon, born 1813; Samuel Clendenon; Davidson Clendenon; Griffin Clendenon; Rebecca Clendenon; Jackson Clendenon, born 1823; and Matilda Clendenon.

James, Sr., and Sarah's son, James Marion Clendenon, Jr., married Clarissa Clark, born 12 November 1814 and died 25 January 1879. Clarissa Clark was the daughter of Charles Clark (10 March 1784 - 25 September 1860) who married Hannah Denton (16 September 1794 -). Charles Clark was the son of Norris Clark. Nothing further is known of these lines.

James Jr. and Clarissa Clendenon were the parents of five children as follows: Sarah Jane Clendenon, born 30 July 1833; Francis Marion Clendenon, born 1 November 1835; Charles W. Clendenon (18 April 1838 - 18 April 1900); James Newton Clendenon, born 5 November 1840; and Sallie Clendenon.

James, Jr. and Clarissa's son, Charles W. Clendenon, married Elizabeth Barnes, daughter of Charles and Susannah (Smith) Barnes. Charles Barnes was the son of William B. Barnes born 1780, in North Carolina, died 1819 in Warren County, and Charity (Phillips) Barnes, born 24 August 1783 in Georgia and died 8 May 1871. Nothing further is known of either of these lines. William B. and Charity (Phillips) Barnes were the parents of eight children as follows: Thomas Barnes, born 3 May 1800; Mary Barnes, born 5 April 1805; Sarah Barnes, born 1807; Charles Barnes (1 April 1809-4 January 1864); William B. Barnes, Jr., born 23 January 1812; Jesse Barnes, born 1813; Millery (Mildred) Barnes, born 3 August 1816; and Eliza Barnes, born 1819.

William B. and Charity's son, Charles Barnes, married Susannah Smith, born 22 October 1812 and died 8 May 1843. Susannah Smith was the daughter of Isaac Smith (2 February 1788 - 19 December 1811) who married Britannia Savage, born 20 June 1793. Nothing further is known of the ancestry of Isaac Smith. However, it will be recalled from the earlier discussion of Susannah Swales (Savage), widow of Sterling Savage, who married Henry John Alexander Hill, that Britannia Savage was the daughter of Sterling and Susannah Swales Savage. The ancestry of Susannah Swales (Savage) Hill was presented earlier. The ancestry of Sterling Savage, Sr., is outlined as follows:



Robert and Elizabeth Bell Savage were the parents of seven children as follows: Warren Savage; Britton Savage; Sterling Savage, Sr.; Robert Savage; Nannah Savage; Lucy Savage; and Betsy Savagè. Sterling Savage, Sr.'s first wife is unknown with that union resulting in four children as follows: Jesse Savage; Sterling King Savage, Jr.; Loveless Savage; and Elizabeth Savage. Both Loveless and Elizabeth died young.

Following his first wife's death, Sterling Savage, Sr., married Susannah Swales and they had only one child, Britannia Savage, born 20 June 1793. Britannia married Isaac Smith and they had four children as follows: Susannah Smith (22 October 1812 - 8 May 1893); Andrew Jackson Percy McDonough Smith, born 1 January 1815; Isaac Smith, Jr., born 27 May 1817; and Caroline Smith.

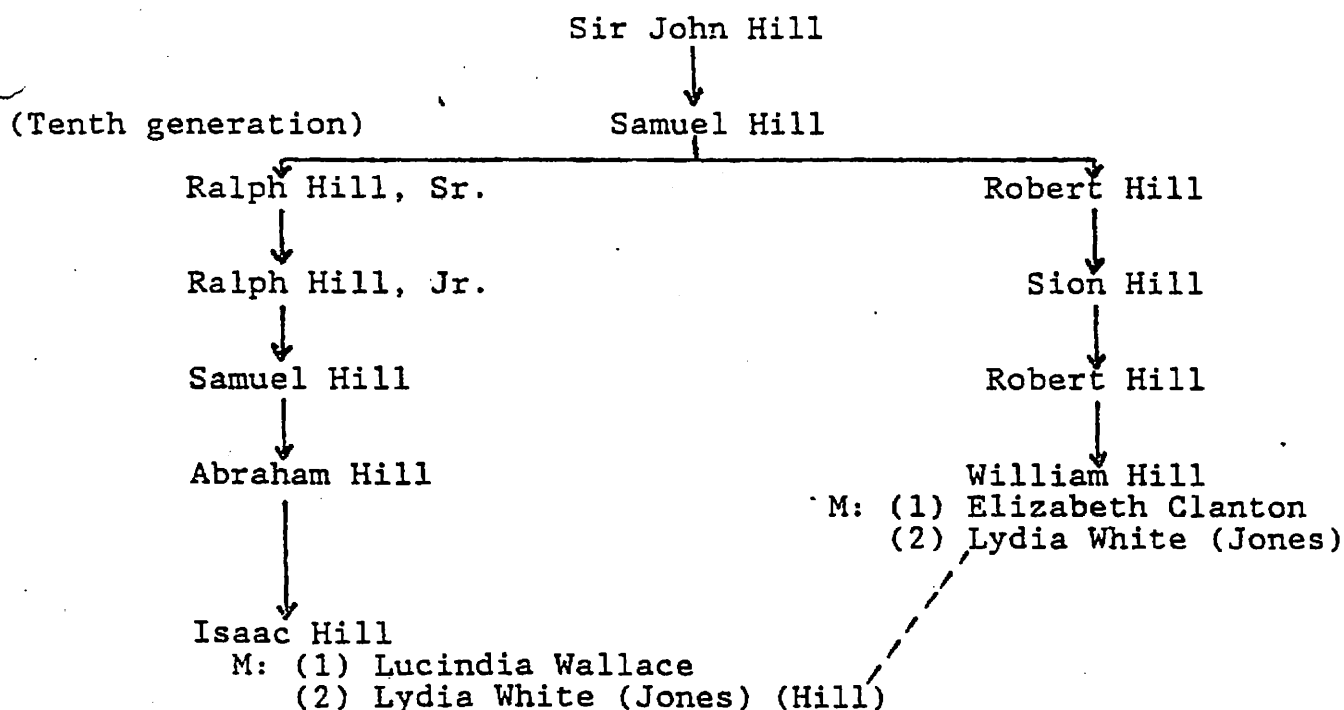
Charles Barnes and Susannah (Smith) Barnes were the parents of twelve children as follows: Isaac Barnes, born 12 August 1829; William Carroll Barnes, born 16 March 1831; Britannia Barnes, born 1833; Andrew Jackson Barnes, born 1835; Mary Jane Barnes, born 1836; Melchesidak Barnes, born 1840; Elizabeth Barnes (20 March 1842 - 5 November 1912); Louvisa Barnes, born 1844; Celinda Caroline (Cal) Barnes, born 1847; Lawson C. Barnes, born 21 January 1849; Campbell Barnes, born 13 June 1852 and Addison Barnes, born 11 October 1856.

Charles W. And Elizabeth (Barnes) Clendnon were the parents of eight children as follows: Lawson Clendenon, born 1866; Louvisa Clendenon; Elizie Clendenon, born 1869; Martha Clendenon, born 1871; Caroline (Callie) Clendenon, born 1874; Marion Clendenon, born 1875; Minnie Belle Clendenon (20 October 1882-10 February 1971); and Susan Clendenon, born 1878. It was Minnie Belle Clendenon who became the second wife of Benjamin Jefferson Hill which completes our summary of the women (and their families) who married into the Hill family.

We conclude this sketch with some biographical and anecdotal facts regarding some of those individuals in the direct line. In any Hill family history, Isaac Hill, Sr., must be placed at the center of the stage. Isaac Hill, Sr., married his first wife, Lucinda Wallace, in 1772. Between 1772 and 1798, a span of twenty-six years, they had fourteen children. He served in the Revolutionary War from 1 August 1780 until 15 November 1783. He served in the capacity of drummer; and his unit was 3rd Company, 3rd Regiment of the Maryland Troops. Following his Revolutionary War service, Isaac and Lucinda and their children moved to Martin County, North Carolina, and settled near Tarboro on the Tar River. Isaac and his growing family operated a farm and, in addition, ran turpentine and tar. The tar was used in the manufacture of sails for boats. Following Lucinda's death of 23 September 1798, Isaac was elected Sheriff of Edgecombe County serving from 1798 to 1800. By this time, the southern portion of Martin County had been split off and named Edgecomb County. Around 1800, Isaac, his fourteen children and the families of those who were married by this time, migrated with other families to the northeastern portion of Georgia. There, they settled in Hancock and Jasper counties.

The town of Hillsboro in Jasper County is named for Isaac Hill. About 1810 or so, Isaac married for his second wife Lydia White (Jones) (Hill), widow of Hugh Jones and William Hill, respectively. Lydia and Hugh Jones had seven children prior to his death in 1798. Having been left with a sizeable estate and some young children and with one of the estate's appraisers being the recently widowed William Hill who had nine children by his wife Elizabeth Clanton Hill, Elizabeth having died giving birth to their ninth child, William and Lydia were soon married to mutual benefit. William and Lydia had two children: Eliza Hill, born 4 February 1801, and Louvisa Hill, born 1802. William Hill died in 1809. Sometime thereafter, around 1810 or 1811, Lydia White (Jones) (Hill) married for her third husband Isaac Hill, Sr. According to a statement by a grandson of Isaac Hill, Sr., there was no relation between William Hill, Lydia's second husband, and Isaac Hill, Sr., Lydia's third husband. This is shown to be in error by examining the following ancestry of William Hill:

It will be recalled that Isaac Hill, Sr., is of the "Sir John Hill" line. At the tenth generation in this line, there was a Samuel Hill who had sons, Ralph, Sr., and Robert. It was this Samuel Hill that was the common ancestor to Isaac Hill, Sr., and William Hill, as shown by the following diagram:



Samuel Hill, born ca 1590, Northumberland Co., England, became treasurer of Birmingham, England, wife's name unknown, had son's Ralph, born 1608, and Robert.

2. Robert Hill, born 1615, Northumberland Co., England, died 1682 in Surry Co., Virginia. (Isle of Wight Co.), married 1642 Mary Webb, born Kent Co., England. Came to Virginia 1642 and had sons: Sion Hill, born 1654, died 1703 Surry Co., Va., married 1677 Elizabeth (Smith) Splitimber, widow of John Splitimber, and Robert Jr., born 1667/70, married Elizabeth Halleman, died 1740, Brunswick Co., Va.
3. Sion Hill and Elizabeth (Smith) Splitimber's children were: Richard, born 1680, Surry Co., Va., died 1723, married Hannah Briggs.
Robert, born 1682, Surry Co. Va., died 1765 Halifax Co., NC. married Tabitha Green.
Sion Jr. born 1685, Surry Co., Va., died 1772 Maryland, married 1708/9 Elizabeth Brownie, married 2. Hannah Green.
Capt. Thomas, born 1686, Surry Co., Va., died Va., married 1768 Priscilla Gray.
William, born 1690, Surry Co. Va., died 1778, Northampton Co. N.C. MD.?
Michael, born 1693, Surry Co., Va., married Elizabeth Mitchell.
4. Robert Hill married Tabitha Green. Children:
Green, born 1714, Will, Jan. 17, 1831 Northampton Co. N.C., married Grace Bennett.
Sion, born 1716, died 1780 Wake Co. N.C., married Sarah...?.
Abner, born 1719, married...?.
Tabitha, born 1721, married John Chapman.
Lewrsina, born 1724, married Mr. William Arrington.
Ann, born 1726, married Mr. Steed.
Mary, born 1728, married William Bryant.
Thomas, born 1730, (twin) married Sarah Ethridge.
Agnes, born 1730, married Charles Arrington, changed later to Harrington.
William, born 1735, Halifax Co., N.C., died 1809 Jasper Co., Georgia, married Elizabeth Clanton.
Milbry or Mildred, born 1737, not married at time of father's death.
5. William and Elizabeth (Clanton) Hill's children:
William Clanton, born ca 1757, Chatham Co., N.C., died 1803, Halifax Co., N.C., married Sarah...?.
Herbert, born 1759.
Richard, born 1761 (deed 1790, land Franklin Co., N.C.).
Henry, born 1763, (deed of land Jan. 1, 1801, wit. Enoch Hill, Chatham Co.).
Enoch, born 1765.
James, born 1769, married 15 Sept., 1806, Christianna Lassiter, sister to Benjamin Lassiter.
Elizabeth, born 17 Feb., 1785, died 14 July, 1852, Carroll Co., Ga. Married 5 May, 1801 in Greene Co., Georgia Benjamin Lassiter.

5. William and Elizabeth (Clanton) Hill's children (Continued):

Sion Lassiter, born 3 Feb. 1796, died 21 Aug., 1871, Dale Co., Ala.

Isaac Abner, born 1800 (5 April) died 31 Aug. 1833, Harris Co. Ga. Married 21 Nov., 1822 Isoble Cox.

All children born Chatham Co. N.C.

Sometime around 1812, Isaac and Lydia with her two young daughters, Eliza and Louvisa, by William Hill, moved to Warren County, Tennessee, to join his oldest son, Henry John Alexander Hill. They moved into the house with H.J.A. Hill and wife, Susannah, which was situated adjacent to the Indian Mound on the banks of Collins River just out from what was then known as Morrison's Crossroads, now known as Irving College. After living with H.J.A. and wife for about two years, both families, over a period of time moved on--H.J.A. and Susannah on up the valley now known as Hill's Creek where H.J.A. built the house that came to be known as the H.L.W. Hill homeplace, and Isaac and Lydia out on Cumberland Mountain where he operated a small farm and a stage coach way station known as Hill's Tavern. He died 28 July 1825 at age 77 and was buried, at his request, in the orchard adjacent to his home there on Cumberland Mountain. The grave is well preserved until this day being marked with a beautiful head and foot stone. He was buried among some of his slaves, having owned approximately 35 to 40, and perhaps other travelers whose lives expired as they traveled along this route in their migration to the western lands. Sometime after Isaac, Sr.'s death, Lydia returned to Georgia where she died 12 June 1838.

The lives of Isaac, Sr., and his oldest son, Henry John Alexander (H.J.A.) Hill, were intertwined to a very large degree. H.J.A. grew up in Martin County (later Edgecombe County), North Carolina, where he assisted his father with the farm and the distillation of tar and turpentine. One day H.J.A. was making repairs to one of the kilns and fell through the earthen structure with one of his legs going into a vat of tar. This left him a cripple for life with that leg being somewhat crooked and drawn. However, as will be seen, he led a very active life in spite of his teenage injury.

H.J.A. married the widow Susannah Swales (Savage) while still living in Edgecombe County, North Carolina, inheriting Susannah's step children and the one child, Brittania, that Susannah had by Sterling Savage, Sr. As recounted earlier, H.J.A., Susannah and family migrated to Georgia with Isaac and family around 1800. By this time, two of Susannah's step children, Loveless Savage and Elizabeth Savage, had died leaving only two of Sterling Sr.'s children by his first wife, namely Jesse and Sterling, Jr. After staying in Georgia for only a year or so, H.J.A. led a party of some thirty men, Jesse Savage being among this group, into the Tennessee wilderness to reconnoiter land on which to settle, farm and build homes. Some of this land, if not all, was obtained through land grants, military and otherwise, from the state of North Carolina since what came to be called the State of Tennessee was at one time part of North Carolina.

During this survey or reconnaissance, each man selected a parcel of land with the group then returning to Georgia for their families. It was about 1802 when the men and their families located in the area that came to be known as Hill's Creek (named for H.J.A. Hill) and Morrison's Crossroads.

H.J.A. was a natural leader and, as a result, came to be elected in 1807 to three consecutive terms to the Tennessee House of Representatives. During his tenure as a representative, he became friends with Hugh Lawson White, a member of the House of Representatives from Knoxville. H.J.A. named his seventh (legitimate) child Hugh Lawson White Hill in honor of this friend.

During this same period, he was also friends with another member of the House of Representatives, Joseph McMinn. After H.J.A. introduced the bill to split off the southern portion of White County to form Warren County, he was also responsible for naming the town of McMinnville. He chose this name in honor of his friend, Joseph McMinn, who would later become governor of the State of Tennessee.

Around 1812-1815, H.J.A. served as the first minister of the Shiloh Church. However, it would be later that Shiloh Church became affiliated with the Methodist denomination or faith. Paradoxically, it was also at this time that H.J.A. began to have children by his consort, Polly Johnson, born 19 January 1787, thus making her thirteen years younger than himself and twenty years younger than Susannah, his wife. Nonetheless, the story told is that Polly was a friend of Susannah's who was persuaded to accompany her as the family moved from Georgia into the Tennessee wilderness. Evidently, Susannah acquiesced to this arrangement in her later years as seen by the order of birth of the children. First, there were six legitimate children, then the child Harriett by Polly, then the legitimate child H.L.W., followed by five more illegitimate children. The family Bible of H.J.A. Hill records all these births and of which mother. Both families or sets of children also grew up together although in later years they tended to go separate ways.

During H.J.A.'s prime, he owned some 50,000 acres of land, most of which he had relinquished by the time of his death in 1825. Although it is told that his son, H.L.W. Hill, famous and affluent in his own time, donated the land for Center Hill Cemetery where H.J.A. and Susannah are buried; this land most certainly belonged to H.J.A. at one time and the writers suspect that it was in fact H.J.A. Hill who donated the land for this cemetery. Research will have to be done to reconcile this issue.

It was noted earlier that H.J.A. was crippled during his teenage years when he fell into the vat of tar. This leg continued to bother him throughout his adult life. Given that he was so active in spite of this injury, the leg became infected when he reached the age of 50. The infection progressed to the extent as to require amputation. It was Dr. Wallace Estill of Winchester who performed this operation. He was assisted by H.J.A.'s son, Melchisedek Hill, who practiced medicine in McMinnville. However, the operation did not stem the infection as H.J.A. died nine days after the operation at age 51 on 1 August 1825, four days following his father's death of 28 July 1825.

During H.J.A.'s life, he had moved from the Indian Mound area near Irving College on up the valley and built a home along the main tributary of a creek which came to be called Hill's Creek, named after H.J.A. Hill. H.J.A. built a grist mill on this creek, such building still standing until the early 1950's. The house he built across from where he came to be buried stood until the middle part of the 1900's, his son H.L.W. Hill having raised his family there.

H.J.A. Hill and his stepson, Jesse Savage, also operated a toll road which became known as Hill's Trace. Following a dispute over the management of this road, Jesse Savage struck out on his own and obtained the necessary legislative approval to establish and operate what came to be called the Savage Road.

When Jesse's younger brother, Sterling Savage, Jr., moved his family to the Tennessee area in 1807, Sterling, Jr. moved on up the valley into a gulf to settle and build a house. This region came to take the name Savage Gulf in honor of its first settler, step-son of H.J.A. Hill.

As H.J.A.'s children grew to adulthood, his second son, Isaac Hill, married for his first wife, Eliza Hill, daughter of William and Lydia, who would have been, by virtue of Lydia's marriage to Isaac, Sr., a step-sister to H.J.A. Hill. H.J.A.'s third son, Asa Hill, married the other daughter, Louvisa Hill, of William and Lydia. The fifth son, Melchisedek Hill, was educated at an academy and became a medical doctor who practiced medicine as a physician in McMinnville for a number of years. H.J.A.'s seventh legitimate child, H.L.W. Hill, was elected, himself, to three terms to the Tennessee House of Representatives followed by one term to the U. S. House of Representatives. H.L.W. was also elected to the Constitutional Convention. H.J.A.'s third illegitimate child, George Washington Hill, went to Texas and became a rather prominent citizen in his own right with both Hill County, Texas, and the town of Hillsboro, Texas, being named for him. Elenza Grundy Hill, the last of H.J.A.'s illegitimate children married John Bess and had a sizeable family. Elenza Grundy's mother, Polly, eventually married a brother of John Bess, husband of Elenza Grundy. By the time of Polly's death, there had come to be placed an iron fence around the burial plot of H.J.A. and Susannah Hill. The legitimate children would not let Polly be buried inside this iron fence. Thus, her children did the next best thing and had her buried at the head of H.J.A. Hill's grave just outside the iron fence. Today, the iron fence has passed into history. However, Polly's grave, as well as those of H.J.A. and wife, Susannah, are well marked and located on the uppermost part of the hill known as Hill's Creek Cemetery with the name having only recently been changed to Center Hill Cemetery.

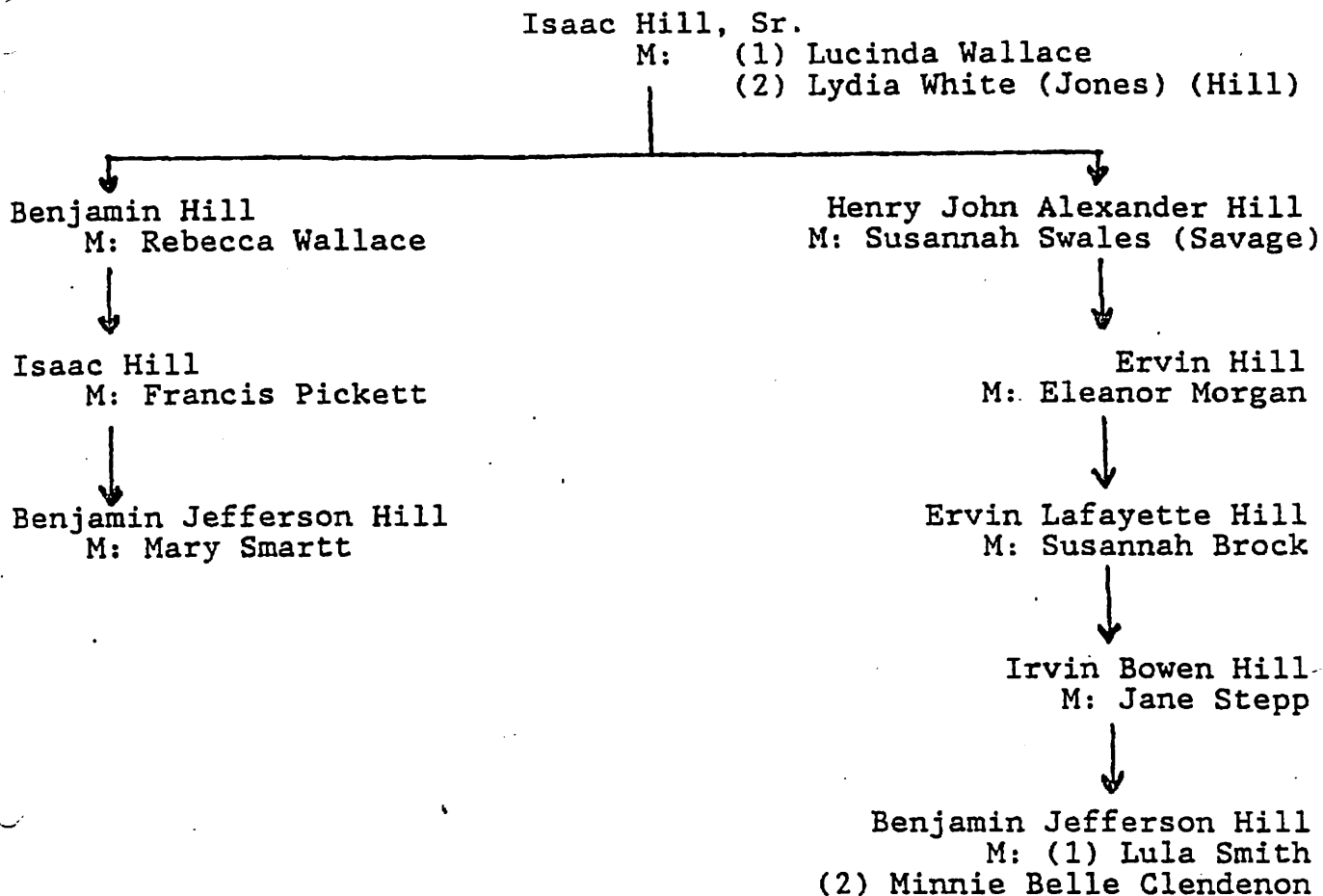
The Hills following in the main line of descent from H.J.A. prospered or failed to prosper in direct relationship to how the region prospered or failed to prosper. Along about 1840-1850, the region or valley tied its economic livelihood to the brandy industry. The entire valley became one massive orchard. The Civil

War interrupted, albeit only briefly, this growing and thriving industry. As this industry prospered, the government came to tax the product. Gradually, over time, a few, and then most, came to withhold a portion of their daily run and not declare it for tax purposes. Revenue agents came to police this tax collection process.

Informers soon followed in a natural evolutionary process with a sort of "gurilla war" being waged by the makers and orchard owners against the agent cooperatives with some lynchings following as a consequence. Thus, in a way, success of the industry and the viable climate and geography led to the eventual demise and collapse of the brandy industry, since it threatened to overwhelm the social, moral and governmental fabric that held man to his land. In short, groups taking the law into their own hands threatened the very existence of the legal and political structure and soon came to embellish the area with a moral blemish or stigma. When this is played against the larger context or backdrop of the times prevailing around the turn of the century and on into the era of World War I, the twenties and thirties and resulting economic depression, prohibition and general failure of man's institutions of government, it is easy to understand the poverty conditions that came to prevail in this area.

Our great-grandfather, Irvin Bowen Hill, was born and raised in these times. He was a boy of fourteen at the outbreak of the Civil War. Caught up in the patriotic fever of the moment, he enlisted in the 5th Regiment (later designated the 35th Regiment), Tennessee Volunteers, formed in McMinnville by men from Warren and surrounding counties. They trained briefly at Camp Smartt and were then ordered to Bowling Green, Kentucky. It was during a skirmish around Bowling Green that Irvin Bowen had a horse shot from under him resulting in his being crippled when his mount fell on him. Detailed to light duty as a hospital orderly around the regimental physician's tent, Dr. William Carroll Barnes came to see that he would not soon recover well enough from his injury to be able to return to active duty. This was coupled with Dr. Barnes learning of his youthful age of 14. These two factors influenced Dr Barnes to send Irvin Bowen home on medical discharge.

The custom prevailing at this time was for volunteer units to elect their officers. At the formation of the 5th Regiment, Tennessee Volunteers, the group elected Benjamin Jefferson Hill their Colonel and Commander. Irvin Bowen Hill enlisted at the rank of Private and had been promoted to Sergeant by the time he was injured and discharged. However, during his short tenure, Irvin Bowen came to have such respect and admiration for his Colonel that he named a son, later in life, Benjamin Jefferson Hill, in honor of his respected Regimental Commander. Whether he knew it or not, and this is very doubtful, he was also related to Colonel Benjamin Jefferson Hill who would end the Civil War as Brigadier General. The following diagram portrays this relationship:



Irvin Bowen's son, Benjamin Jefferson Hill, with wife Minnie, would later name one of their sons James Benjamin Hill in continuation of this respect and honor for Colonel (General) Benjamin Jefferson Hill. And, indeed, it was a respect that continued throughout Ben Hill's adult life as evidenced by the large oval portrait of Colonel Hill which hung on the living room wall of Ben Hill's home until his death. This portrait, minus frame, was recently recovered from Ben Hill's old trunk which was left in possession of one of his children.

In conclusion, the above sketch represents only a very brief summary of the ancestry of the Ben Hill family of Beersheba Springs. The writers continue to do Hill family research in preparation for a much more elaborate and expanded version of his history. Any and all materials, regardless of how seemingly insignificant they appear to the owner, are welcomed by the writers as this investigation is pursued. Where requested, such items will be returned to the owner with the expressed appreciation of the writers.

RHW/KD

March, 1988

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Hill influential in formation of Warren County

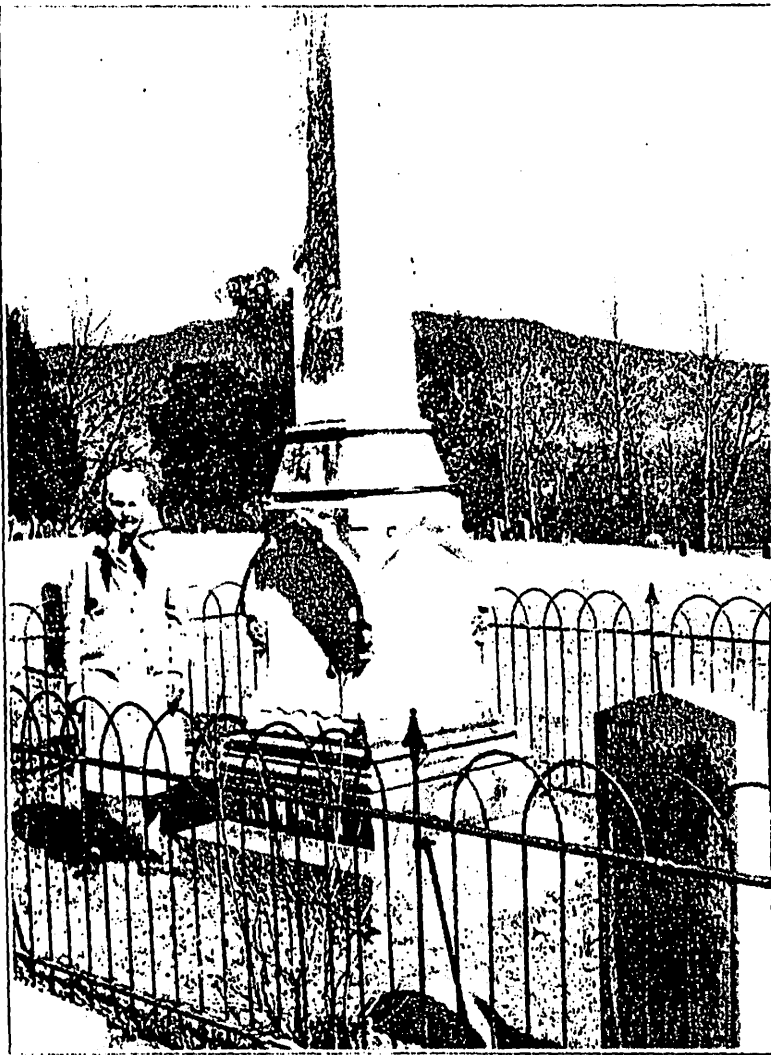
BILL CATHCART
Standard Staff

One of the most prominent of the early settlers in Warren County was Henry J.A. Hill. From opening one of the earliest roads into Middle Tennessee to serving as Warren County's first representative in the Tennessee General Assembly, Hill helped shape the history of a frontier settlement.

In 1801, Hill came from North Carolina to the area now known as Hill's Creek in northern Warren County, clearing a road from East Tennessee as he came. In 1802, he brought his wife and children to the home he had built on the Collins River near Washington College.

His part of the state was not officially opened for settlement until 1806, but Hill was here before that.

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Bill Cathcart photo

Stella Roach stands next to the large white granite obelisk that marks the grave of Hugh Lawson White Hill, son of pioneer settler Henry J.A. Hill, who served in the state legislature as well as the U.S. Congress.

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When White County (including what is now Warren) was created from Smith County in 1806, Hill was elected to the General Assembly.

As the representative of White County, Hill presented a petition to the state legislature from the citizens of White County on Nov. 4, 1807, asking that a new county be formed south of the Caney Fork River.

On Nov. 26, 1807, the General Assembly passed a bill creating Warren County, and Hill was selected as the first representative. He served three consecutive terms as Warren County's member of the legislature, serving until 1814.

Walter Womack credits Hill's friendship with state Sen. Joseph McMinn for the name of McMinnville in his authoritative history, *McMinnville at a Milestone*. Interestingly, many historians have claimed the name was chosen in honor of a Revolutionary soldier killed in the Battle of Bunker Hill.

Womack also notes a close friendship between Hill and fellow politician Hugh Lawson White led to the name of Hill's most famous son — Hugh Lawson White Hill, born in 1810.

Henry J.A. Hill passed away in 1825, but his son, Hugh L.W. Hill, carried on his father's tradition of leadership and political involvement.

Just as his father, Hugh served three terms in the Tennessee legislature, from 1837 until 1842. Then in 1847, he was elected to the U.S. Congress, where he served one term. In 1870, Hugh was a delegate to the Tennessee constitutional convention.

Hugh died in 1892 and was buried in the Hill's Creek Cemetery where a 12-foot obelisk marks his grave. There are large tombstones all over the Hill family plot. One very unique grave contains two of

Hugh's young children. It is a large sarcophagus formed by thick limestone slabs.

Longtime Hill's Creek resident Stella Roach says that according to legend, the rocks were placed there to keep the grave from being robbed.

In 1937, Stella and her late-husband, Tom, moved into the house that had long been the Hill family home. The Roaches lived in the house until the 1970s, when it was replaced with a modern brick home.

"That old house had five fireplaces in it," Mrs. Roach said. "One in every room."

The old house also had a pulley system on the back porch that would carry a bucket down to the spring, let it fill with water, and then be pulled back up to the house.

Mrs. Roach remembers the grist mill founded by Henry J.A. Hill in 1807.

"That mill was still being used some when we moved here," recalls Mrs. Roach. "Uncle Jeff Lytle ran it then."

The mill has long since been torn down, but the millstones are preserved as a relic in Mrs. Roach's yard.

Without a doubt, Henry J.A. Hill left a lasting legacy in Warren County.

Family History Report

1 George Lawson HILL

Birth: 8 Sep 1873
Death: 7 May 1947

Spouse: Icie Foster ASHBURN
Birth: 7 Dec 1876
Death: 11 Aug 1968
Marr: 25 May 1897

Children: Ida Louise (1898-1974)
Mary Rankin (1899-)
Virgil Anderson (1901-1969)
Martha Emma (1903-1989)

1.1 Ida Louise HILL

Birth: 4 Mar 1898
Death: 17 Feb 1974

Spouse: Robert FOSTER
Birth: 28 Dec 1893(?)
Death: 9 Apr 1928
Marr: 25 May 1919

Children: Dorothy Louise (1921-1958)
Robert Hill (1923-)

1.1.1 Dorothy Louise FOSTER

Birth: 31 Jul 1921
Death: 6 Nov 1958

Spouse: Charles Bernard SCHAERER
Birth: 23 Jun 1912
Death: 20 Jun 1996
Marr: 6 Nov 1958

Children: Laura Foster (1961-)

1.1.1.1 Laura Foster SCHAERER

Birth: 2 May 1961 (?)

Spouse: Joseph Shelby LAY Jr.
Birth: 9 Feb 1957
Marr: 19 Dec 1980

Children: Laura Elizabeth (1992-)

1.1.1.1.1 Laura Elizabeth LAY

Birth: 1 Jul 1992

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1.1.2 Robert Hill FOSTER Sr.

Birth: 9 Nov 1923

Spouse: Bettye Jean CHARLES
Birth: 19 Mar 1926
Marr: 21 Dec 1946

Children: Robert Hill (1951-)

1.1.2.1 Robert Hill FOSTER Jr.

Birth: 11 Jul 1951

Spouse: Leda Denice STARK
Birth: 4 Aug 1951
Marr: 21 Dec 1971

Children: Robert Hill (1976-)
Hollie Nicole (1979-)

1.1.2.1.1 Robert Hill FOSTER III

Birth: 25 Feb 1976

1.1.2.1.2 Hollie Nicole FOSTER

Birth: 18 Jun 1979

1.2 Mary Rankin HILL

Birth: 23 Oct 1899

Spouse: Chester Lee STONE
Birth: 6 Mar 1890

Children: Mary Hill (1944-)

1.2.1 Mary Hill STONE

Birth: 29 Apr 1944

Spouse: Nicolas Glennon BEEHAN Jr.
Birth: 24 Nov 1938
Marr: 24 Feb 1974

Children: Shannon Stone (1975-)
Nicholas Glennon (1976-)
Brendon Hill (1976-)

1.2.1.1 Shannon Stone BEEHAN

Birth: 4 Feb 1975

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1.2.1.2 Nicholas Glennon BEEHAN III

Birth: 29 Mar 1976

1.2.1.3 Brendon Hill BEEHAN

Birth: 29 Mar 1976

1.3 Virgil Anderson HILL

Birth: 28 May 1901

Death: 26 Jun 1969

Spouse: Sarah Grace CLACK

Birth: 3 Mar 1901

Marr: 11 Jul 1924

Children: Harry Lawson (1925-)
Margaret (1929-)
Mary Elinor (1934-)

1.3.1 Harry Lawson HILL

Birth: 13 Jul 1925

Spouse: Nancy MASON

Children: Nancy Lawson (1953-)
Thomas Anderson (1956-)

1.3.1.1 Nancy Lawson HILL

Birth: 8 Feb 1953

1.3.1.2 Thomas Anderson HILL

Birth: 28 Jan 1956

1.3.2 Margaret HILL

Birth: 31 Mar 1929

Spouse: Paul LINDSAY

Children: John Wyatt (1953-)
Mark Peay (1954-)
Rebecca Jane (1955-)

1.3.2.1 John Wyatt LINDSAY

Birth: 2 Feb 1953

1.3.2.2 Mark Peay LINDSAY

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Birth: 4 Jul 1954

1.3.2.3 Rebecca Jane LINDSAY

Birth: 15 Jul 1955

1.3.3 Mary Elinor HILL

Birth: 9 Mar 1934

Spouse: William James WEAVER Sr.

Birth: 29 Aug 1931

Death: 2 Jul 1996

Marr: 18 Dec 1954

Children: William James (1955-)

Angela Grace (1957-)

Amanda Sue (1961-)

1.3.3.1 William James WEAVER Jr.

Birth: 28 Sep 1955

Spouse: Grace WOOD

Birth: 13 Sep 1946

Marr: 1 May 1982

1.3.3.2 Angela Grace WEAVER

Birth: 21 Jul 1957

Spouse: David John PETERSON

Birth: 26 Jul 1953

Marr: 16 Jul 1994

1.3.3.3 Amanda Sue WEAVER

Birth: 7 Sep 1961

Spouse: Ralph Glenmore KINDER Jr.

Birth: 24 Oct 1958

Marr: 24 Feb 1990

1.4 Martha Emma HILL

Birth: 30 Dec 1903

Death: 18 Sep 1989

Spouse: Hollis Honsley NUNLEY

Birth: 21 Dec 1900

Death: 5 May 1956

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Icie Foster spouse of 1

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CHARLES

Bettye Jean spouse of 1.1.2

CLACK

Sarah Grace spouse of 1.3

FOSTER

Dorothy Louise 1.1.1
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Paul spouse of 1.3.2
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Nancy spouse of 1.3.1

NUNLEY

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PETERSON

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William James Sr. spouse of 1.3.3
William James Jr. 1.3.3.1

WOOD

Grace spouse of 1.3.3.1