

Welcome. Here we are at the 2011 Old Settlers Day Event, reading the Old Settlers Gazette and thinking about the old settlers of this area. I am a sixth generation product of more than one old settler family and I would like to tell you about some of these old settler families. I will tell you of how these settlers intertwine and about how they came to be here in Pulaski and surrounding counties. These ancestors came from eastern states such as North and South Carolina, Virginia, etc. and first migrated mostly to states like Tennessee and Kentucky. Many moved on shortly but many stayed for several years before they moved on to Missouri and neighboring states. As I researched the reason there was such a movement, I discovered the common consensus leaned toward people feeling that the east was getting too crowded and they were feeling the unrest of the people against the governmental regulations and maybe the impending feeling of war. Many just wanted to see the new lands and find a place to make a new beginning for themselves and their families. Let us look at some of these families.

I will start with my paternal grandmother's family, the Hill family. The first Hill ancestor that I have proven to be my family is Robert Abner Hill. Robert was born 1814 in Tennessee. He married Mary "Polly" Rhea, in 1834, born 1813, also Tennessee. One research source feels that Robert's father is David Hill but I have not proven this. The family came first to Phelps County but shortly moved on to Pulaski County around 1841. Their children were: 1. Martha Jane, born 1837 in TN and married first William Roberts who died soon after. She secondly married Joseph Michael Ray. The children of these two marriages were: Mary Emoline Roberts, who married William Spencer Bryant and had 12 children, Eliza Alice Ray, married Charles Hutton, and Lucy F. Ray who married William Golden Coffee. 2. Charles Talbert, born 1837 TN, and married Sarah Elizabeth Ray, born 1854. The only information I have on Charles is that they moved to the area around Licking and had the following children: Charles David, George T., William Abner, Michael Foster, Etta (Hill) Crow, Cora (Hill) Johnston, Washington C., James Claude, Effie C. (Hill) Cause. 3. Abner Huston (Jack) born 1840 TN, married first Susan Unknown, no child; married second, Martha Ann Gan (age 15), born 1878; married third, Elizabeth Catherine Crismon, no child. Jack and Martha's children were: Mary Hill, John A. Hill and Martha Ann Hill. Jack was de-

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scribed as dark skinned, 5'6" tall with dark eyes and hair. Abner Huston served in the Civil War. He joined the Confederacy but went AWOL after a while, went home and joined the Union, Missouri Calvary, Co. H, Reg. 10. He became ill due to cold and exposure on the march to Memphis and Corinth, MS, where he was treated after fighting the battle of Corinth and being captured by Sterling Price under General Wilson. Enlisted August 15, 1862 and discharged August 15, 1865. 4. Nancy Hill, born 1842 TN died 1928, married first unknown, married second August 17, 1879 to Richard Davidson Gaddy, born 1812. Known children Harmon C. Gaddy, born 1879 and Andrew C. Gaddy, born 1881 and there may have been more. 5. John D. Hill, born 1846 MO, married first to Isabelle (Hancock) Long, no child, married second to Martha Jones, born 1855. Children of John and Martha were: Lutilia B, born 1881, Johnny W., born 1882, Hosea F., born 1885, Ode L., born 1887, Wesley L., born 1890, Elva, born 1893, Ida Mae, born 1896. John moved to Wheeler County, Texas when an old man with some relatives and is buried there. 6. James Washington Hill, born 1849/died 1935. (This is my 2nd gr grandfather.) Jim was married five times as follows: 1. Lulie Agnes Conn, married 1868. 2. Elizabeth (Brittain) Vance. 3. Nancy Ann Bryant, daughter of David P. Bryant and Susan Jackson, (This is my great grandmother.) 4. Mary (Halterman) Carroll, 1898. 5. Nancy (Stanley) Rook Relerford. Children of Jim and Elizabeth were: Robert Lilburn, George E., married Emma Jackson and Missouri Ann, born 1872, married 1891 to John Byret Newberry



James Washington Hill, 1859-1935, farmed bottomland along the Gasconade. Courtesy of Glenna Scott.

in Monett, MO. Children of Jim and Nancy Bryant were: Clonia Florence, born 1876, married James Franklin McDaniel, born 1872, (my grandparents), Martha Jane, born 1880, married first William Roberts and second Joseph M. Ray. Eva Cornelia, born 1884/died 1929, married Perry Rigsby. Susie Jane, born 1885/died 1960, married Norbenas (Bud) Crossland and they had 13 children. James (Jim) was small but a distinguished looking man who was considered to be a very honest person. He was a hard worker and worked at all kinds of jobs. He would work at anything to provide for his family, including road work and farming; and he worked in the railroad round house in Newburg. He was also considered an excellent operator of the farm machine called a steam thrasher. Although he was guilty of moving around a lot he was well respected by the people who knew him. 7. George E. Hill, born 1851/died 1933, married first Mary Unknown, no child, married second Phoebe E. (Storie) Church, born 1869/died 1953, daughter of Smith and Mary Ann Storie. Children were: William Frank Hill, born 1894, married Ora Ethel Adams. Mary Elizabeth Hill, born 1899/died 1986, married William Cleveland Anderson. Sophia Angeline Hill, born 1901/died 1989, married first Pete Church and second Fred Gray. Grocia Hill, born 1906/died in 1919 with influenza when the epidemic hit in the area.

I have more information on current generations. If you would like to see these names, please contact me.

As I mentioned above, my paternal grandparents were Clonia Florence Hill, called Loney, and James Franklin



Clonia (l) and Susie, children of Jim and Nancy Bryant. Courtesy Glenna Scott.

McDaniel, called Jim. I have traced the McDaniels all the way back to 1792 in Virginia. William H. McDaniel and Sally Russell McDaniel, married in 1816, both born in VA in 1792, moved to Tennessee with two children. James W., born 1818 in VA, married Matilda Jane Munday, and Nancy Ann Coleman, born 1823 in VA, married Cyrus Yancy Barlow. They moved to Wilson County, TN before the next child was born who was William Henry, born 1826 in TN, married Sarah Ann Polly Lewis. Next came Eliza Ann, born 1828, married Jacob B. Hall, then Edward, no information. William and Sarah had twelve children, six of whom died as infants or toddlers. They moved to Greene County, Missouri during the period before 1852 when my great-grandfather and two brothers were born near Springfield. The Reverend told his family that he had moved from Tennessee because the Lord was persecuting him with bad health, the death of his babies, his baldness, etc. because he was refusing to answer the call to preach. So he moved to Missouri to leave it behind but the Lord was still bothering him and he caved in and became a preacher. William Henry was a Methodist minister and they lived close enough to Wilson's Creek Battlefield that they could hear the guns and noise



My grandparents, James and Clonia McDaniel. Courtesy of Glenna Scott.



Locally famous and much photographed Portuguese Point. Courtesy of Michael Roark.

of the battle. When the battle was over, Reverend McDaniel went to the field and helped to tend to the wounded and pick up the dead. They next moved to Pulaski County and later the edge of Laclede County. There Sarah died and William married a widow, Nancy Evelyn Davis. Nancy had three Davis children and then William and Nancy had three or four more children but I will not attempt to list all these



The wages of time and neglect have worked their destruction on this house where James Washington Hill and Nancy Ann Bryant Hill lived and farmed in the late 1800s. The field behind the house runs from the back of the house to the Gasconade River whose cliffs can be seen on the other side of the river. The field ran along the river on both sides of the house and saw many good crops in the rich river soil through the years. The working of these crops plus raising children and keeping house finally took its toll on Nancy Ann and she went to her maker in 1892. The picture of the area to the right of the house is where Nancy Ann rests. It is grown up with tall grass and no headstones can be found but she is there nevertheless. It is reported that other people are there but who they are is unknown. Looking north up the hill from the front of the house there is an area called Portuguese Point (post card at upper left.) The house can be seen from the pull over on Highway 28 and also from the Point Steak House.

children here. Most of the people that William's children married have heirs still living around Laquey, Hazelgreen,

and Richland and are primarily farmers and cattle ranchers. My lineage is as follows, William and Sally TO



The three son of James Franklin McDaniel and Clonia Florence Hill. Twins Leslie Lloyd and Weslie Floyd flank James William, my father.

William H and Sarah TO William Iverson and Cornelia TO James Franklin and Clonia TO James William and Edith Hudson, my parents. Some of the names linked are Barlow, Burgess, Williams, Percy, Travis, Hendrix, Randolph, Jones, Odle, Johnson, Bryant, Branson, Scott and, of course, McDaniel. Please contact me for further information.

Thank you for your attention and I hope you enjoyed reading about some of the old settlers.

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