

Comments by Werner Dill/Switzerland

on

MY DILL ANCESTORS

by Ellis Harold Dill

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~dill/dillfamily.pdf>

Origin of the Dill name

The Essay written by Ellis Harold Dill indicates in its introduction that the earliest Dill families are of Danish origin. Descendants appear to have migrated to Germany, Holland, England, Scotland, Ireland and America. It also mentions the various spellings that have evolved.

Some Dill Family Lines

The following pages in the Essay mention some Dill family lines and their provenance and geographic distribution in the US.

Being of a Dill line in Switzerland of which some ancestors have emigrated to the British Colony of Carolina and in later periods also to other parts of the US, I feel that the document should somehow reflect that the Dill immigration into North America - although mainly through England, Scotland and Ireland - occurred through a variety of other migration paths within Europe first and subsequently to North America. Holland is mentioned as an example. There is no doubt that many Dill from Germany reached North America too. The German Dill line spread into Switzerland (Till) from where some of my ancestors have migrated to North America in different periods. Below are some facts:

1. The Dill line from Denmark into Germany extended further into Switzerland
2. Spelling in Switzerland went from initial Tyll to Till to Dill. The T... is due to the local phonetic perception in the 16th beginning 17th century.
3. Niclaus Till emigrated in 1736 with his family from Pratteln/Switzerland to Charlestown S.C. Whereas Niclaus died 10 days after arrival, his wife and surviving 4 children belonged to the first settler families in Orangeburgh S.C. There are still many Till families living in Orangeburgh today
4. Subsequent generations of Niclaus Till moved from South Carolina to Alabama. Hank Williams has some Till ancestry in his family tree.
5. The spelling in the US of this family line remains Till, whereas in Switzerland the family has adopted the standard form of Dill in the 18th century.

Some supporting links:

According to an historic document found at the State Archive in Liestal/Switzerland a Fridli Tyll born 1593 in Augst an der Bruck (community of Pratteln/Augst), applied in 1621 for Swiss citizenship in Pratteln. His ancestors came from Schwaderloch, a small village across the river Rhine in southern Germany. Schwaderloch or Swatterla in local dialect, was at that time of Austrian Habsburg possession.

<http://www.hls-dhs-dss.ch/textes/d/D1748.php>

<http://borisbrooks.com/genealogy/archives/till-fridli.htm>

Fridli and his wife Barbara Fretz had 8 children of which the first born was Hemma Tyll of 1624. The Church only began keeping records of births from 1626 onwards. But Hemma's death record on 2nd of April 1696 states that he was 72 years and 2 month old. The year of birth 1620 as stated in the link "pennywind" is therefore incorrect. Henna or Hemma is the same but Hemma is clearly how it is written in old German writing.

Hemma married to Anna Syber and together they had 9 children of which the youngest was Jacobus Till of 1662.

Jacobus Till married Catharina Spielhoferin who gave birth to 5 children, the youngest one being **Niclaus Till of 1695** who **emigrated in 1736** with his wife Anna Maria Düring and 6 children **to the British Colony of South Carolina**. Arriving in Charlestown, Niclaus died 10 days later. But his wife and 4 children who survived the Atlantic crossing by boat became **first settlers of Orangeburgh S.C.**

<http://www.ogsgs.org/ffam/ffam.php?f=till>

Many Till families still live in Orangeburgh today, maintaining their spelling whereas the family line back in Switzerland adopted the standard spelling of Dill for those born after 1700.

<http://pennywind.com/Genealogy/Tyll%20or%20Till/Tyll.htm>

The Till families spread from Carolina also to Alabama. The Till family of Butler County.

<http://freepages.family.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ehend/Default.htm>

[http://pennywind.com/Genealogy/Tyll or Till/Hank Williams Ancesters.htm](http://pennywind.com/Genealogy/Tyll%20or%20Till/Hank%20Williams%20Ancesters.htm)

In later years some other members of the same Swiss Dill family line in Pratteln emigrated to the U.S.

- Nicholas Dill, 1723, emigrated to Piney Run Frederick County MD in 1749

<http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/m/u/l/John-P-Muller-MO/WEBSITE-0001/UHP-1035.html>

<http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/m/u/l/John-P-Muller-MO/WEBSITE-0001/UHP-1034.html>

- Johann Jakob (John) Dill, 1853, emigrated to Burns Anoka MN in 1881

<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:KD3H-DJ2>

(see 4. in the following link)

<http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/s/u/n/D-E-Sundeen/GENE9-0003.html>

- Emanuel Dill, 1855, emigrated to Burlington Des Moines, IOWA

<http://www.germanimmigrants1880s.com/index.php?id=1436090>

<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:ML1G-XWG>

OTHER REFERENCES TO DILL

I have found tis webpage with references to Dill in pages 24, 81 and 139.

<http://www.gutenberg.org/files/37520/37520-h/37520-h.htm>