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## Descriptive Summary

### Unit ID

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### Unit Date

1893-1963, n.d.

### Language

The materials in the collection are in English.

### Abstract

The Henry H. Hill collection consists of historical and genealogical research compiled by Hill during his lifetime in southwest Virginia. Hill (1880-1954) was an alumni and professor at Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

### Creator

Hill, Henry Harris, 1880-1954

### Extent

1.0 Cubic Feet 5 boxes

### Repository

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## Source of Acquisition

The collection was donated to Special Collections in May 1980. Additional materials were received in the early 2000s.

## Processing Information

The processing, arrangement, and description of the Henry H. Hill Collection was completed in 2004. Additional materials were integrated in 2017, and the arrangement was updated.

## Preferred Citation

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# Biographical Note

A native of Scottsville, Virginia, Henry Harris "Bunker" Hill was associated with Virginia Polytechnic Institute (VPI) as a student and professor for more than half a century. He received his B.S. in Chemistry in 1907, and his M.S. in the same subject in 1909. In 1907, Hill was appointed Assistant Chemist, and in 1913 Associate Chemist of the Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station. Before retiring from VPI in 1950, he served seven years as the head of the Agricultural Chemistry department.

Henry Hill was involved in the community, serving as Elder in the Presbyterian church, as well as being an officer in the Montgomery County Democratic Committee for several years. Hill also served as the Executive Secretary of the VPI Alumni Association, along with being the publicist for the Athletic Association.

Hill was born to Richard Allen and Mary (Harris) Hill on May 31, 1880, in Scottsville, Virginia. He married Olivia C. "Dibbie" Tutwiler (1899-1974) on June 13, 1922, and they had a daughter, Meta Turwiler Hill (1923-2017). He died on December 24, 1954, and is buried alongside his wife in Westview Cemetery in Blacksburg.

External Sources:

"H. H. Hill" in the Virginia, U.S., Select Marriages, 1785-1940, Ancestry.com, <https://www.ancestrylibrary.com/discoveryui-content/view/2756449:60214>, accessed April 2, 2024.

"Henry Harris Hill" in the Virginia, U.S., Death Records, 1912-2014, Ancestry.com, <https://www.ancestrylibrary.com/discoveryui-content/view/2094725:9278>, accessed April 2, 2024.

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# Scope and Content

The Henry H. Hill collection consists of historical and genealogical research compiled by Hill during his lifetime in southwest Virginia. Research includes Hill biographical information (1941-1950), Blacksburg history and Montgomery County (1798-1951, n.d.), Virginia Polytechnic Institute (VPI; 1891-1952, n.d.), American Civil War history (1863-1963, n.d.), and genealogical information and biographical sketches (1821-1950, n.d.). These materials comprise almost exclusively of photocopies and typescripts, so the dates reflected above are from the original source of the typescript and not the actual dates of the material. The dates of the material are included in the contents list.

Additionally, glass plate negatives and film negatives depict VPI campus views, cadet life, individuals, art works, and VPI footballs players, teams, and events.

# Related Archival Materials

Virginia Tech Special Collections and University Archives also has collections of Henry H. Hill's family: Olivia

## Keywords

Blacksburg (Va.)

Civil War

Faculty and staff

Local/Regional History and Appalachian South

Montgomery County (Va.)

Students and alumni

University History

United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865

Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College and Polytechnic Institute (1896-1944)

Virginia Polytechnic Institute (1944-1970)

## Rights Statement for Archival Description

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## Arrangement

In 2017, this collection was arranged into series based on the previous organization by material types.

Series I: Henry H. Hill Biographical Information, 1941-1943, n.d., includes a folder of biographical materials about Hill, created in the early 1940s.

Series II: Blacksburg History and Montgomery County, 1936-1951, n.d., contains compiled research notes on local history, primarily photocopies.

Series III: Virginia Polytechnic Institute, 1895-1913, 1950-1952, n.d., includes research files on the history of the university, in particular, the case of three dismissed faculty members in 1891. This series also contains the collection of glass plate and film negatives.

Series IV: Genealogical Information, 1821, 1939-1950, n.d., consists of photocopies and typescripts of research on a number of local/regional families, including, but not limited to: Appersons, Blacks, Prices, and Prestons.

Series V: Subject Files, 1863-1963, n.d., comprises research materials (again, mostly photocopies and typescripts) relating to local Civil War history and other topics of interest to Hill.

## Description of Subordinate Components

### Series I: Henry H. Hill Biographical Information

**Unit Date** 1941-1943, n.d.

#### Personal Files

**Unit Date** 1941-1943

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

#### Scope and Contents note

Biographical abstracts and copies of correspondence letters.

#### Draft of "Recollections of a Very Eventful Life," by H. H. Hill

**Unit Date** n.d.

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

### Series II: Blacksburg History and Montgomery County

**Unit Date** 1936-1951, n.d.

**Compiled Notes on the History of Blacksburg (original typescript source date: 1798-1951)**

**Unit Date** 1936-1951, n.d.

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

**Scope and Contents note**

Contents

- William Black's petition to the 1797 General Assembly (photocopy)
- Assembly Act establishing town (January 13, 1798)(photocopy of typescript)
- Letter from Joseph E. Penn to Harvey Black (1871)(photocopy of typescript)
- "In Old Blacksburg," by Dr. Conway (typescript of 1916 reprint)
- Notes from Mrs. Robinson's book "1833-1933" (photocopy of typescript)
- "Customers of a Blacksburg Store in 1866-68" (photocopy of typescript)
- Correspondence letters (1 original, 1936), typescripts of articles, and a newspaper article from the Montgomery News Messenger (1951) (photocopies)
- Miscellaneous items (photocopy of typescripts)

**Notes on the Blacksburg Presbyterian Church (photocopies of typescripts)**

**Unit Date** 1938, n.d.

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 4 (folder)

**Notes on Montgomery County**

**Unit Date** n.d.

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 5 (folder)

**Scope and Contents note**

Contents

- Copy of the deed of Old St. Peter's (photocopy of transcript)
- Excerpt taken from "Mineral Resources of Virginia," by Thomas Leonard Watson. (typescript)
- "Issac Shelby, to his Uncle John," taken from the Draper Manuscripts (photocopy of typescript)
- Miscellaneous notes (2 items)(photocopies)

**Series III: Virginia Polytechnic Institute**

**Unit Date** 1895-1913, 1950-1952, n.d.

**Charges and specifications concerning 1891 incidents involving three dismissed faculty members versus the VPI Board of Visitors (photocopies of transcripts)**

**Unit Date** n.d.

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 6 (folder)

**Depositions in the 1891 case involving three dismissed faculty members versus the VPI Board of Visitors (128 p.)**

**Unit Date** n.d.

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 7 (folder)

**VPI (photocopies of typescripts)**

**Unit Date** 1891, 1950-1952 (original typescript source date), n.d.

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 8 (folder)

**Arrangement note**

## Contents

- "History of the College" through 1891 (typescript)
- Notes on the Henderson Infirmary (typescript)
- Article: "Virginia Tech's 'Highty Tighties'" by H. H. Hill (photocopy)
- "The Virginia Tech Campus is Rich in Historic Memory" by H. H. Hill (photocopy of typescript)
- "The Marauding Cadet and the Presbyterian Pastor" (photocopy of typescript)
- Roster of the second Virginia Regiment Band (VPI Cadets) (photocopy of transcript)
- Correspondence letters (1950-1952)(photocopies)

### **Glass Plate Negatives & Negatives**

**Unit Date** 1895-1912, n.d.

#### **Arrangement**

Glass plates and negatives are of varying sizes and as a result, not all items depicting the same subjects could be placed together in the same boxes. The list below groups images by subjects and indicates the box-folder for each item. All items are glass plate negatives, unless otherwise noted in the title.

## **Cadets**

### **Band**

**Unit Date** 1893

**box-folder** 5 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

### **Battalion of Cadets**

**box-folder** 3 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

### **Cadet**

**box-folder** 5 (box)

**Container** 4 (folder)

### **Cadet band (2 copies)**

**box-folder** 5 (box)

**Container** 2-3 (folder)

### **Cadets & Cannon**

**box-folder** 3 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

### **Cadet Drill**

**box-folder** 3 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

## **Campus**

### **"Breaking Dirt for the Alumni Gate" (2 copies)**

**Unit Date** 1912

**box-folder** 3 (box)

**Container** 4-5 (folder)

**"Bird's-Eye View of Grounds and Buildings" (2 copies)**

**box-folder** 3 (box)

**Container** 17-18 (folder)

**Campus View**

**box-folder** 3 (box)

**Container** 19 (folder)

**Campus View**

**box-folder** 5 (box)

**Container** 5 (folder)

**Campus View-Farms**

**box-folder** 5 (box)

**Container** 6 (folder)

**Building Construction**

**box-folder** 3 (box)

**Container** 15 (folder)

**Construction [film negative]**

**box-folder** 3 (box)

**Container** 16 (folder)

**Construction**

**box-folder** 5 (box)

**Container** 7 (folder)

**Construction Workers (First Library?)**

**box-folder** 3 (box)

**Container** 8 (folder)

**Faculty Row/YMCA/Barracks/Academic Building**

**box-folder** 3 (box)

**Container** 6 (folder)

**Farm Building**

**box-folder** 3 (box)

**Container** 7 (folder)

**First Library (3 different plates)**

**Unit Date** Pre-1953

**box-folder** 3 (box)

**Container** 9-11 (folder)

**Preston and Olin Building**

**Unit Date** Pre-1913

**box-folder** 3 (box)

**Container** 12 (folder)

**(Preston and Olin?) Building**

**box-folder** 5 (box)

**Container** 8 (folder)

**"As the Shops looked in the Old Days" (Shops)**

**box-folder** 3 (box)

**Container** 13 (folder)

**Shops**

**box-folder** 3 (box)

**Container** 14 (folder)

**Snow Drift**

**Unit Date** 1895

**box-folder** 5 (box)

**Container** 9 (folder)

**Snow Storm (3 different plates)**

**Unit Date** 1895

**box-folder** 5 (box)

**Container** 10-12 (folder)

**Football**

**Football**

**box-folder** 3 (box)

**Container** 20 (folder)

**Football Player (Patrick?)**

**box-folder** 4 (box)

**Container** 6 (folder)

**Football Player in VAMC jersey**

**box-folder** 4 (box)

**Container** 8 (folder)

**Football Players with Puppy**

**box-folder** 4 (box)

**Container** 7 (folder)

**Football Players (2 different plates)**

**box-folder** 5 (box)

**Container** 15-16 (folder)

**Football Players, Practice**

**box-folder** 5 (box)

**Container** 17 (folder)

**Football Practice [film negative]**

**box-folder** 4 (box)

**Container** 9 (folder)

**Football Team****Unit Date** 1895**box-folder** 5 (box)**Container** 13 (folder)**Football Team****Unit Date** 1896**box-folder** 4 (box)**Container** 1 (folder)**Football, Team of 1905 (3 copies)****Unit Date** 1905**box-folder** 4 (box)**Container** 2-4 (folder)**Football Team****box-folder** 4 (box)**Container** 5 (folder)**Football Team****box-folder** 5 (box)**Container** 14 (folder)**Two Football Players in VPI Jerseys (2 copies)****box-folder** 4 (box)**Container** 10-11 (folder)**People****"Bunker" Hill, Price Hall****Unit Date** 1920s**box-folder** 4 (box)**Container** 12 (folder)**"Dad"****box-folder** 4 (box)**Container** 13 (folder)**Faculty****box-folder** 4 (box)**Container** 14 (folder)**"Frith" [image of drawing]****box-folder** 4 (box)**Container** 15 (folder)**Olivia Tutwiler (later Hill) (2 copies)****box-folder** 4 (box)**Container** 16-17 (folder)**Postcard (unidentified man)**

**box-folder** 4 (box)  
**Container** 18 (folder)

**University Presidents Portraits (McBryde, Lomax, Minor, Buchanan, Conrad)**

**box-folder** 4 (box)  
**Container** 19 (folder)

**Robert E. Lee Portrait**

**box-folder** 5 (box)  
**Container** 18 (folder)

**Series IV: Genealogical Information**

**Unit Date** 1821, 1939-1950, n.d.

**Compiled genealogical information on the Lybrook and Apperson families (photocopies, typescripts)**

**Unit Date** n.d.  
**box-folder** 2 (box)  
**Container** 9 (folder)

**Compiled genealogical information on the Black family (photocopies, typescripts)**

**Unit Date** n.d.  
**box-folder** 2 (box)  
**Container** 10 (folder)

**Compiled genealogical information on the Price family (original typescript source date: 1944-1948) (photocopies, typescripts)**

**Unit Date** n.d.  
**box-folder** 2 (box)  
**Container** 11 (folder)

**Compiled genealogical information on the Preston family (original typescript source date: 1939-1946)(photocopies, typescripts)**

**Unit Date** n.d.  
**box-folder** 2 (box)  
**Container** 12 (folder)

**Biographical Sketches (original typescript source date: 1821, 1940-1950)(photocopies of typescripts)**

**Unit Date** n.d.  
**box-folder** 2 (box)  
**Container** 13 (folder)

**Scope and Contents note**

Contents

- J M. McBryde
- Harvey Lee Price
- Harvey Black
- "The Big Four"
- Colonel John Brown
- Brig. General William M. Browne
- Professor Jno. E. Christian
- William Christian - pension plea (1821)
- Major General Patrick R. Cleburne
- Brig. General Xavier B. Debray

- Francis Henderson
- E. B. Kinzer
- General James H. Lane
- Colonel Heros von Borcke

## **Series V: Subject Files**

**Unit Date** 1863-1963, n.d.

### **Civil War (original typescript source date: 1863-1963)(photocopies, typescripts)**

**Unit Date** 1908, n.d.

**box-folder** 2 (box)

**Container** 14 (folder)

#### **Scope and Contents note**

Contents

- "The Battle of Cloyd's Mountain" (typescript)
- "My Horse Comet," by Lt. Col. W. W. Blackford (typescript)
- "Soldiers and Daughters of the Confederacy, including World War I and II soldiers buried in the Blacksburg Westview Cemetary" (photocopy of typescript)
- Newspaper article concerning McCormick's Civil War history (photocopy)
- John W. Mallet (1950)(photocopy of reprint)
- "Recollections of the Rebellion," by James C. Hill (1878)(photocopy of typescript)
- Excerpt from the diary of John S. Apperson (April 29 to May 7, 1863) (typescript)
- "Experiences as a Prisoner of War," by G. W. Finley (1908)(typescript)
- "The Impending Clash" (1935)(typescript)
- Miscellaneous notes and correspondence (photocopies of typescripts)

### **Miscellaneous (original typescript source date: 1942-1943, n.d.)**

**Unit Date** n.d.

**box-folder** 2 (box)

**Container** 15 (folder)

#### **Scope and Contents note**

Contents

- "Recollections of Scottsville, 1870-1886," by John C. Hill (1943)(typescript)
- "John A. North House (Star Tavern)" (1942)(typescript)
- "The Star Spangled Banner and the Printer's Apprentice" (typescript)
- "The Praying Kernels" (typescript)