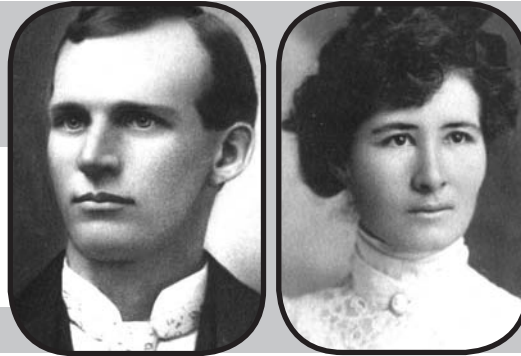


Franklin Herbert & Ida Eoff Hill

Blanche Winterburn (~1881 - 1901)



Franklin Herbert Hill (1867-1957) **Ida Belle Eoff (Hill)** (1879-1958)

Leslie Malcolm (1898 - 1982)
 Harry Arthur (1900 - 1980)
 Erma Marguerite (1905 - 1988)
 Edith Carol (1907 - 1972)
 Jean Franc (1919 - 1991)

HERB HILL WAS BORN at East Haverhill, New Hampshire to Franklin and Sarah Boswell Hill. There were nine children in the family with Herb being the seventh. This rural area where he was raised is hilly and lies between the Connecticut River and the White Mountains. It is not far from the famed Great Stone Face. Herb completed his schooling by studying surveying at an academy.

Tim Quinlin, who as a child had been told of the Great Stone Face by his grandfather Herb Hill, had always wanted to see it. Tim and his wife Julane planned a trip to the area in mid May 2003. On May 3, 2003, a few days before they arrived in New Hampshire, the Great Stone Face crumbled off the side of the mountain the victim of eons of freezing and thawing cycles.

In 1886 Herb left New Hampshire moving to the mountainous area on the border of Colorado and Wyoming eventually settling in the North Park area of Colorado. In 1930 Herb Hill dictated to his wife some of his life story as well as historical information

on the North Park area. Their daughter Edith typed this information. Herb, in his historical notes tells that: "On the 17th of June 1886, amidst the din and clamor of the Bunker Hill Celebration, I left Boston at the age of nineteen, for a visit to my uncle, Nathaniel K. Boswell and my brother Billy Hill of the Boswell Ranch on the Laramie River. Boswell at that time was the Chief Detective for the Wyoming Cattle Growers Association".

Nathaniel K. Boswell was a brother of Sarah Boswell Hill, Herb Hill's Mother. Boswell had been the Sheriff of Laramie who ridded the town of the bad element that had accompanised the building of the transcontinental railroad. He was the first Warden of the Wyoming Territorial Prison and a noted lawman of the Old West. There are several books and a number of articles written on Boswell.

Herb in his historical notes discusses



Edith Hill Quinlin at Boswell Ranch ca. 1970

his early days in North Park. This area of Colorado was first settled in the late 1870s. "My first entry into North Park was during the same summer [1886] when I went to Pinkhampton. My second trip into the Park was made by horseback in 1887. While doing some ditching on several of the ranches, I made my home at the Elton Mansfield Ranch. Mansfield was a brother of Dora Hill, my brother's wife. I spent several winters at this ranch. As there was little to do, we spent most of our time playing cards".

From 1893 to 1897 Herb worked in



Herb Hill and Bob Coe's Cabin – Built in 1891 on Independence Mountain near Pearl, CO.

Montana gold and silver mines and in a reduction mill. He also hauled freight from Billings to Lewiston using sixteen horses on three wagons. Herb returned to North Park in 1897 and was involved in mining in the Pearl Colorado area. On Jan. 24, 1898 Herb married Blanche Winterburn who became the mother of Leslie and Harry Hill. She died in June 1901. Herb then moved into Pearl and operated the Pearl livery barn. Herb was also the mayor of Pearl. He was an expert teamster; he drove a twenty-three horse team to move the major equipment for the building of the smelter in Pearl.

While in Pearl, Herb met Ida Belle Eoff who was the teacher of the first public school in Pearl. Ida had taught school in several

communities in the Ft. Collins Colorado area. Her first teaching position was in the small town of Bellvue, near Ft. Collins. With the money she saved that term, she purchased a pocket watch which is now in the possession of her granddaughter, Catherine Calhoun, and it still keeps perfect time after 109 years. She then taught in Stout, which was inundated when Horsetooth Reservoir was created. During times of drought,



Pearl School 1903–1906; Photo ca. 1925

when the water level in the reservoir drops, the old stone schoolhouse appears to be above the surface of the water. Ida had attended Colorado State Normal the teachers college in Greeley Colorado, now the University of Northern Colorado. She had also attended a Business School in Denver.

Ida was born on April 27, 1879 at Russell in Howard County Missouri. Her parents James and Caroline

Eoff were from families of several generations in Missouri. Ida was the first of the children and by the time her next brother Charles was born in August of 1881 the family had moved to Ft. Collins Colorado. Three more children, making a total of five, were born to James and Caroline while they were living in Colorado. Ida's family lived in Laporte just north of Ft. Collins. Ida graduated from Ft. Collins High School in 1899, the ninth graduating class. At that time, the high school was held in what became Franklin Grade School at the corner of West Mountain and Howes St.

Herb and Ida were married on September 2, 1904 in the home of Ida's parents in Laporte. In 2004 the home was still standing in Laporte but was being used



Grandma Winterburn, Herb, Blanche and Harry at the Hill Ranch ca.

for storage with a more modern home having been built on the front of the lot. They stayed in the Ft. Collins area for several years with their oldest daughter Erma, know as Peg to the family, being born there. At this time Herb laid bricks during the building Routt Hall, the most northeast building on the CSU campus, near College Ave. and Laurel.

In the summer of 1906 they bought the Cowdrey Road Ranch in North Park and



Ida Belle Eoff 1899

they remained there until June 1927. They added to the ranch by Ida taking out a homestead on vacant land adjacent to the ranch. Herb had previously used his homestead claim. While on the ranch two more daughters were born, Edith on June 3, 1907 and Jean on November 19, 1919. Herb said that they finally got out of ranching when the sale of the cattle would no longer pay the bill for shipping them to market.

In 1927 they moved to a house in Walden that was about nine miles from the ranch. A Dr. Bassett the first doctor in North Park, had built this house in 1889. They later built a second house on the same property just south of the Bassett place. Herb had taken employment as the Jackson County Road Overseer in 1923 a position he held until his retirement on April 1, 1948 at the age of 81. Herb was a member of the Odd Fellows and Ida was a charter member of the North Park Rebekah Lodge. Ida had a creed which she frequently recited, "There is so much bad in the best of us. And so much good in the worst of us, That it hardly behooves any of us, To talk about the rest of us." Herb and Ida moved to Ft. Collins in retirement and maintained a home at 829 Peterson St.

Of Herb's children only Harry remained in North Park. Leslie located in Denver and was employed by the Denver Tramway for many years. Leslie married Edith Corbett and had one son Donald. Harry remained principle in the Cowdrey area where he ran cattle and did many carpentry jobs. Erma continued her education completing her doctors degree in chemistry. She was employed by the State of Michigan as serologist eventually becoming the head of that Department for the State.

Edith, following her education at the University of Wyoming and at Denver University, married Jack Quinlin and they followed oil field work from Cut Bank Montana to Houma Louisiana. They finally settled in Denver with their three children Tim, Jack



Herb Hill's 70th Birthday, 1948

department at Colorado State University where both she and Cal had graduated. They had three children Cathy, Steve and



Herb, Ida, and Edith — Cowdrey Ranch 1911

and Martha. Jean married Maurice "Cal" Walter. Calhoun a veterinarian. They lived in Iowa for many years with Jean later returning to Ft. Collins and working in the housing