

## **Nina and Maclovia Hill Papers**

Nina and Maclovia Hill were born to John William Hill and Grace Pearsall Hill in Fayetteville, Texas. Maclovia was born in April 1872 and Nina in April 1874. They were two of seven children. Nina and Maclovia moved to Austin to attend school and stayed with their grandparents, James and Jane Hill.

Maclovia, called by her family Coco or Clovie, graduated from Austin High School in 1888. She was among the first women graduates of the University of Texas, receiving her Bachelor of Arts degree in 1892. She taught in the elementary schools from 1894 to 1902, and began teaching history at Austin High School in 1903. She was involved in the Honor Society and many other student activities, school projects, and organizations. She taught there until she retired in 1941. She died on July 29, 1957.

Nina Hill was a member of the fourth graduating class at the University of Texas receiving her bachelor's degree in literature. She taught for three years in Paris, Texas, before coming to Palm School in Austin in 1899. After teaching there for a year, she transferred to Austin High School where she taught English for 48 years. She was head of the English department for many years and also the sponsor of the senior class. She retired in 1944, and died July 5, 1966.

Their grandfather, James Monroe Hill, was a soldier at the Battle of San Jacinto. In 1835, his family was one of seventeen families to charter a schooner to take them to Stephen F. Austin's colony. They established a farm in Washington County. James M. Hill served in Company H of Col. Edward Burleson's First Regiment, Texas Volunteers. He was one of the few men present at the first interview between Houston and Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna.

He married Jane Hallowell Kerr in Washington County on September 14, 1843. They lived in Fayette County for 41 years then moved to Austin in 1884. A brother, Homer B. Hill, was a physician and also lived in Austin. In 1894, James M. Hill was appointed chairman of a committee to locate the battlefield of San Jacinto and later to purchase that land. He died on February 14, 1904, and is buried in Oakwood Cemetery. The [James Monroe Hill Papers](#) are located at the Briscoe Center for American History, The University of Texas at Austin.

Two of their sons, John William and Frank Webb, opened a groceries and provisions store (Hill & Hill) at 1010 Congress Avenue around 1889. John W. Hill had three other daughters, beside Nina and Maclovia, and two sons: Catharine who married Thomas Oliver, Beth (Elizabeth) who married Lou Slothower, Grace who married Lynn Milam, Ben who married Norma Burbridge, and Harry who married Nena Richardson. John William Hill died in 1927.

Scope and Contents: The collection is arranged into personal and professional materials. Though the majority of the materials are personal in nature, they do give insight into the Hill sisters' lives as teachers in Austin.

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