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The research has not been completed, so there may be errors and omissions.

This record also lacks 1950 federal census data.
Please return to Tuscania1918.org in the future to see if a revised and
finalized version is available.

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

F: = Find A Grave (www.findagrave.org)

NOK = next-of-kin

TUSCANIA

Hill, Floyd Steele
1893 WA – 1960 WA

**Floyd S. Hill, Son
Of Mill Manager, on
Torpedoed Transport**



Floyd S. Hill.

Tacomans Aboard.
William E. Farrar, 3710 51st street.
Floyd S. Hill, 522 North E street,
son of Charles E. Hill, manager of the
Tacoma Mill company.
Gothard W. Xavier, son of the Rev.
Xavier of Parkland.
Harrison F. Bates of Puyallup.
Henry L. Schoonover, Sumner.
Ralph Uphus, Enumclaw.

"Tacoma (WA) News Tribune" Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 1

Hill		Floyd S	250,809	White
(Surname)		(Christian name)	(Army serial number)	(Race: White or colored)
Residence: 522 N E St		Tacoma	WASHINGTON	
(Street and house number)		(Town or city)	(County)	(State)
* Enlisted in NA Ft Lawton Wash Dec 13/17				
† Born in Tacoma Wash 24 yrs				
Organizations Co F 20 Egrs to disch				
Grades: Pvt				
Engagements:				
Wounds or other injuries received in action: None.				
‡ Served overseas: Jan 24/18 to May 28/19				
§ Hon. disch. June 11/19 on demobilization				
Was reported 0 per cent disabled on date of discharge, in view of occupation.				
Remarks:				

Form No. 724-1½, A. G. O. March 12, 1920.

* Insert "R. A.", "N. G.", "E. R. C.", "N. A.", as case may be, followed by place and date of enlistment. † Give place of birth and date of birth, or age at enlistment. ‡ Give dates of departure from and arrival in the United States. § Give date.

3-7688

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Hill have received word from their son Floyd who is now in France.

Floyd was one of the Tacoma boys who was on the Tuscania and survived.

He was taken, among other survivors to England where he was kept for two weeks. From there he was sent to France where he is now stationed with Co. F, 6th battalion, 20th engineers.

For the past few weeks he has been cutting timber and he writes that his feet have not been dry for two weeks. He says, however, that he is feeling fine and likes the life.

Russell J. Hill, the older son of Mr. and Mrs. Hill, is with the spruce division of the signal corps with his headquarters in Portland.

Emmett, the youngest of the three boys, is in South Carolina with the motor division of the quartermaster corps, at Camp Sevier.

Emmett has been granted a 30-days' furlough and will arrive in Tacoma about the 8th. He will be able to visit with his parents for about two weeks.

In order to see his brother, the older boy, Russell J., has applied for a furlough and will try to be in Tacoma at the same time his brother is.

From the "Tacoma (WA) Times" Saturday, 29 Jun 1918 – From Find A Grave 128137929

FLOYD HILL

Floyd Hill, 56, of 614 So. G St., died Sunday in a local hospital. He was born in Tacoma and lived here all his life.

He was a retired employe of the Cummings Boat Co. and a veteran of World War I. Mr. Hill was a life member of the Tacoma Moose Lodge.

Surviving is a brother, Charles E., Olympia.

Services will be announced by the Mountain View Funeral Home.

From "Tacoma (WA) News Tribune" Tuesday, 4 Oct 1960 p 11 – from Find A Grave
128137929

HILL FLOYD STEELE		10-17-60 <i>RD</i>	YC	502 693
Pvt 18 Co 20 Eng			K	141 983 F
522 No E St Tacoma Wash			A	3 653 953
Ssn	250 809	Died <i>10-2-60</i>	T	415 880
Born	12/12/93		R	166 069
Enl	12/13/17	Dte 6/11/19	Ct.	2 722 300
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2-13960

Name: Floyd Steele Hill

Name variations:

Military:

On Tuscania: 20th Eng. 18th/Co. F - private

Serial number: 250,809

Entered service from: Tacoma, Pierce WA

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Floyd S. Hill

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father Chas. [Charles] E. Hill, 522 N. "E" St., Tacoma WA

Returned from war on: "Santa Paula" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Floyd S. Hill

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: father Charles E. Hill, 522 N. "E" St., Tacoma WA (pvt, 18th Co., 20th Engrs, Forestry)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Floyd Steel Hill - b. 12 Dec 1894 Tacoma WA; res: 522 N. "E" St., Tacoma WA. Single. Assistant lumber yard foreman, Danaher (spelling?) Lbr. Co., Tacoma WA. Medium height, slender build.

World War II draft registration (1942): as Floyd Steele Hill - b. 12 Dec 1893 Tacoma WA; res: 13115 N. 11th, Tacoma WA. NOK Chas. E. Hill, Fort Crowder MO. "appendix scar" Height: 5'6" – 130 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted 13 Dec 1917

Discharged 11 Jun 1919

Address: 522 N. "E" St., Tacoma WA

Rank/unit: private, 18th Co., 20th Engineers

Birth & death:

Born: 12 Dec 1893 Tacoma, Pierce WA

Died: 2 Oct 1960 Tacoma, Pierce WA

Find A Grave record: 128137929, presence on Tuscania noted in text

Burial location: Lakewood, Pierce WA

Cemetery: Mountain View Memorial Park

Tombstone:

Father: Charles Emmett Hill, 15 Dec 1859 Redwood, San Mateo CA – 27 Oct 1935 Tacoma, Pierce WA. Son of Joseph Johnson Hill & Ellen Mary Stott. A resident of Tacoma for 52 years at the time of his death, Charles was age 75. He died at his home at 522 N. "E" St. Had retired 10 years earlier from the Tacoma Mill Company. His obituary from the "Tacoma (WA) News Tribune" 28 Oct 1935 p 12 is on his Find A Grave record. Came to Tacoma WA in 1880 to work for a lumber firm. Became its manager & occupied a position of prominence in the industrial & civic life of Tacoma. Born in CA & attended school on the present site of the Palace Hotel in San Francisco. Graduated from St. Mary's College in 1875, then attended a business college. After serving as deputy county clerk in San Francisco, managing a ranch in San Mateo Co. & with a lumber company in Navarro Ridge CA, he came to Tacoma to work for Hanson & Co., the predecessor to the Tacoma Mill Co. Quit his position in 1890 to become Tacoma city clerk. Returned to the Tacoma Mill Co. 1 year later. Also was president & treasurer of the Kanaskat Lumber & Shingle Co. Survived by his wife Addie of a pioneer Tacoma family, 2 sons Floyd S. & Charles E. Hill Jr. Buried in Tacoma Cemetery, Tacoma, Pierce WA.

Find A Grave: 112158739

Mother: Addie Ione Steele Hill, 10 [or 16] Aug 1868 Seattle, King WA – 15 Oct 1939 Tacoma, Pierce WA (at the Hotel Bonneville). Daughter of Hugh Nathaniel Steele & Janet Elder Forrest (later Fuller). Buried in Tacoma Cemetery, Tacoma, Pierce WA. Her father Hugh, born in IN, came across the plains in 1857 to CA & then to Seattle in 1858. Supposedly built the first “skid” road in WA Territory. Went to British Columbia, Canada, in 1859, to the Cariboo gold mines. Her mother Janet, born in England, came to NY with her parents as a child. They came to CA by crossing the isthmus of Panama in 1857. The mining town of Forrest Hill CA near Placerville is named for Janet’s father William Forrest. Hugh & Janet married in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada 18 Sep 1862. Hugh bought the 1st lots sold in Tacoma & built the 1st house out of lumber there in Feb 1869 – the Steele Hotel. Addie, in a letter quoted on her Find A Grave website, said she was the longest continuous resident of Tacoma WA. She arrived at age 6 months in 1869. – Her family is the namesake of Steele Street in Tacoma.

Find A Grave: 112158810

Parents’ marriage: 5 Nov 1887 Portland, Multnomah OR

Spouse: Frances Laurett Kearney Hill, b. ca. 1894 NY. In 1910 Brooklyn NY census, Frances is age 16. She & a sister Helen & 2 brothers (Edward & Richard) are listed as nieces & nephews of Edward & Mary Lawlor. Their father was born in Ireland, their mother in NY.

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage: 20 Aug 1919 in Tacoma, Pierce WA by clergyman John W. Kennedy. Frances Laurette Kearney & Floyd Steele Hill, both residents of Pierce Co. WA.

Spouse: Julia K. --- Armstrong Hill, 1892 MN - . She was listed as married using the name Armstrong in the 1920 Portland, Multnomah OR census.

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage: 14 Apr 1928 Lake Forest Park, King WA. Married by a clergyman Paul L. Dumman (spelling?).

Children:

Siblings:

- Russell Joseph Hill, 27 Sep 1888 Tacoma, Pierce WA – 2 Aug 1930 Tacoma, Pierce WA. He served in WWI as part of the signal corps headquartered in Portland OR. - From the “Tacoma (WA) Daily Ledger” 4 Aug 1930 p 12, copied on his Find A Grave record: committed suicide at age 40 in a house at 1422 S. 43rd St. He had located the boarding place of a woman who had rejected him. He let himself in with a passkey, went to her room, wrote some farewell notes, drank poison & lay down on the bed to die. The woman discovered his body in the evening when she returned home. Buried in Tacoma Cemetery, Tacoma, Pierce WA. F: 128139705
- Charles Emmett Hill, Jr., 18 Sep 1896 Tacoma, Pierce WA – 30 Mar 1961 Olympia, Thurston WA. Referred to as Emmett. Served in WWI; was in SC with the motor division of the Quartermaster Corps at Camp Sevier when Floyd was on the Tuscania. - His obituary from the “Tacoma (WA) News Press Tribune” of Tuesday, 4 Apr 1961 is available on his Find A Grave record. Died at age 64 at his home at Route 7, Box 714A, Olympia WA in the Nisqually area. Lived in Tacoma where he was born until 15 years before his death, when he moved to Olympia. WWI veteran. Survived by his wife Frances. Buried in Tacoma Cemetery, Tacoma, Pierce WA. F: 112548746

Notes:

There are two men named Floyd S. Hill who survived the Tuscania. The other man is from Wisconsin.

Pre-war:

Wartime:

"Tacoma (WA) Times" 19 Dec 1917 p 3 – Floyd Hill was 1 of those who enlisted in the Army in the last 2 weeks

"Spokane (WA) Statesman-Review" 11 Feb 1918 p 1 – among those saved: Floyd S. Hill, father Charles E. Hill, 527 N. "E" St., Tacoma WA.

"Tacoma (WA) Times" 11 Feb 1918 p 1 – among the survivors were 4 men from Tacoma, among them Floyd S. Hill of 527 N. "E" St.

Post-war:

1929 Seattle WA city directory
Hill, Floyd S. (Julia K.), scaler, resident of 12228 Linden

1931 Tacoma WA city directory
Floyd S. (Julia K.) Hill, resident of RD 1, box 177

Obituary:

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Social Security number: 537-01-7220

Censuses:

1900 Tacoma, Pierce WA – 2414 N. 28th St.
Charles E. Hill, 40 CA, Dec 1859, father b. Ireland, mother b. LA, married 13 years, manager, saw mill
Addie I., 31 WA, Aug 1868, father b. IN, mother b. England, gave birth to 3 children, 3 are living
Russel J., 11 WA, Sep 1888, at school
Floyd S., 65 WA, Dec 1893, at school
Charles E. Jr., 3 WA, Dec 1896
& servant Fred Carlstrom, 17 Sweden, Nov 1882, parents b. Sweden

1910 Tacoma, Pierce WA – 522 N. "E" St.

Charles E. Hill, 50 CA, father b. Ireland, mother b. LA, in 1st marriage, married 22 years,
 manufacturer, lumber
 Addie I., 41 WA, father b. IN, mother b. England, in 1st marriage, gave birth to 3 children, 3 are living
 Russell, 21 WA, clerk, lumber office
 Floyd S., 16 WA
 Charles E., 13 WA
 & house keeper Janet Barclay, 36 Scotland

1920 Portland, Multnomah OR – his future wife
 Julia K. Armstrong, 27 MN, married (no husband listed), father b. Denmark, mother b. IL, waitress,
 restaurant
 Boarding with Frank & Hazel McPherran

1920 Tacoma, Pierce WA – 322 N. “G” St. – faint & difficult to read, cannot determine occupation
 Floyd Hill, 26 WA, father b. CA, mother b. WA
 Francis, 26 NY, parents b. Canada [wife]

1930 Tacoma, Pierce WA – 522 N. “E” St. – an “add-on” entry to one on a previous page
 Floyd Steele, 36 WA, father b. CA, mother b. WA, lumberman, lumber manufacturer, WWI veteran
 [son]
 Julia K., 27 MN, father b. Denmark, mother b. IL [daughter-in-law]

1940 Interlaken, Pierce WA – faulty entries
 Floyd Hill, age left blank, no birth place, no occupation listed
 Next line the name is blank under Hill – status of wife is crossed off, age 23, no birthplace or
 occupation