**Dr. William Hill**

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30. Certificates of completion of courses and graduation certificate from Jefferson Medical College for Dr. William Hill
31. Three photos of Dr. William Hill at various ages in his life
32. Photo of son, Henry Otis Hill, published in *The Pantagraph*, November 29, 1992
33. Hand written note about Henry Otis Hill, presumably by Frances Hill (his mother).
34. Summary of Hill family burials at Evergreen Memorial Cemetery, compiled by Carol Straka
35. Partial research summary on Frances Hill (William’s wife)
36. Undated newspaper clippings on Frances (Roach) Hill from Dr. William Hill scrapbook collection
37. Email correspondence between Candace Summers and Kathleen Kirk, April 12, 2021 about Dr. Hill’s first and second marriage and children.
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