

The Frank and Maude Hill House

Frank Hill's ancestors were among the early settlers of Gouldsboro. Records indicate that Thomas Hill and his wife, Rebecca Train, came to the area in 1773. They raised a family of twelve children, ten boys and two girls. Their ninth son, Barney Smith Hill, was appointed the first postmaster in West Gouldsboro in 1841. Barney and his wife Clarissa opened the first inn for summer visitors in the village. His 1862 guest book included the names of Nathaniel Hawthorn and his son Julian, among others.

Barney's family included eight children of which Peter Lyon (born March 22, 1821) was the second son. Peter planned and built the first water-powered tannery in West Gouldsboro. He was a bootmaker and made boots and shoes from the hides cured in his tannery. He was also a musician and, in his younger years, entertained the guests at the summer guests at the family inn with his violin playing for listening pleasure and dancing.

Peter married (1) Frances Ford (12/25/1858) who died in 1881, then (2) Mrs. Hannah Havey. Peter and Frances had six children of which Frank F. was the third child, second son, born about 1864. Frank and Maude were summer residents of Gouldsboro and many residents remember Maude, in particular, for her diligent practices of frugality.

Michael and Patti Riggs are the current owners of this Hill home and have put much effort into restoring and preserving the home.