

Charley Hill

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FIGURE FROM JEKYLL PAST SUCCUMBS AT 99 YEARS

The oldest of the original employes [sic] of one-time-millionaire-island, Jekyll Island, is dead at 99.

Charlie Fisher Hill, a native of the Brookman Community, died at the local hospital Thursday night following a short illness.

He was known to his many friends and relatives as Uncle Charlie and was well known for his unusual agility as a senior citizen. He could be seen most any day over the years making his brisk walk to town and back.

He was the first man to take a delegation to Jekyll in 1889, by way of row boat, to inspect the island for possible purchase by the millionaires. According to a spokesman of the family, Hill was employed on Jekyll that same year. He was a coachman for the Maurice family and remained with that family to witness the growth of the island. He retired when the millionaires left the Island in 1941, giving way to use of the island by the U.S. Armed Forces.

Hill could tell many stories of the outstanding money men of America, members and non-members of the Jekyll Island Club, who gathered on the island annually in the winter. Only recently he was notified of the beginning of rehabilitation of the Maurice Cottage.

Among survivors are a daughter, Mrs. Anna Arnette; a brother, Myers Hill; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services will be held Monday at 4:30 p.m. at Grace United Methodist Church with the Rev. William Ashley officiating. The body will be placed in the church one hour before the services. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

The Brunswick Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.