

DATA.019 MISCELLANEOUS NOTES IN HIS 5TH REPORT TO ME WHILE
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In our first report we discussed the Hill-Moblerley association. Moses Hill appears in conjunction with the Moberleys in the deeds, and Dorcas, daughter of Edward Moberley Sr., married Richard Hill. However, we are not sure whether Dorcas married before or after her father moved to South Carolina. Nevertheless, the Moberley's earlier residence in Lunenburg Co., Va. suggested that some of the Fairfield Co. Hills may have come from there as well. It now appears that this may not be the case, despite similarity of names, which would seem to remove one of our sources of confusion.

The 1748-52 title lists of Lunenburg show in the same district as the Moberleys, Richard, William and John Hill. A little further research in Virginia records allows us to dispose of these men. Virginia patents show that on 5 Sept 1749 Richard and William Hill jointly received a patent of 500 acres at the head of Meherrin (River?) in Lunenburg Co. This is apparently the Richard (x) Hill who deeded personal property to William Watkins on 14 July 1757 (5:169), witnessed by William (x) Moore, William (x) Hill, and whose estate was administered in 1758. The land of these men turns out to have fallen into the new Charlotte County in 1764. There we find a deed of 2 Nov. 1764 in which William (x) Hill of Granville Co., N.C. sold to Benedick Aldreson of Charlotte Co., 150 acres at the head of the Maherrin River, being part of a patent to Richard Hill (3:160, acknowledged). Other sales in Charlotte Co., Va. were made by Richard Hill in 1773 and 1779 and John Hill in 1765 and 1768.

There were about 4 different William Hills in Granville around this time. All of them seem to have been included in the new county of Bute (now Franklin and Warren N.C.) in 1765. Deeds and probates of these counties, as well as the 1771 Bute tax, do not identify our Hills, or show any moving to Fairfield prior to the Revolution.

There were apparently one or two other William Hills in Lunenburg Co., Va. as well. On 7 Sept 1747 William Hill and wife Catherine of Cumberland Parish, Lunenburg Co. sold to Fran. Bressie 362 acres on the west side of Butchers Creek (1:227), witnessed by Walter Campbell, John Speed, David Dodd). This William wrote his name, unlike the one noted above. Also in Lunenburg Co., on 16 July 1764 William Hill of Carteret Co, N.C. sold 294 acres to Hawood Jones of Warwick Co., Va. (10:18). In Carteret we find that on 31 Oct. 1765 William Hill sold 225 acres to Burwell Lanier (G:196),

witnessed by Major Hill, Will. Starkey). What became of him after this is unclear, but it was likely a younger William who left a will in Carteret in 1802.

Note that if Richard Hill of Fairfield Co. S.C. did not come from Lunenburg Co., Va. it is quite possible that he and Moses could derive from the same group of South Carolina Hills. It might then be that Richard's marriage to Dorcas Moberley took place in South Carolina, and it was this marriage that later brought Moses to be associated with the Moberleys in the records.

I was able to locate the will of Richard Hill of Richmond Co., Va. which I could not find previously (WB 4, p.160). He signed by mark "+" and appointed his wife Elizabeth executrix on 13 Nov. 1720, proven 7 Dec. 1722. Witnesses were Daniel Gaines, John (x) Jennings and Danl. (K) Killy. Richard named his son John (all land at wife's decease) and daughters Mary Jennings and Elizabeth Jeffryes.

In Cumberland Co., N.C. I note a Richard Hill, who with wife Frances, made two sales on Buckhorn in 1765-68, then apparently left the county. These sales were to Charles Jones Jr. on 20 Aug. 1765 (3:82) and (3:201), and to John Smith Sr. on 8 March 1768 (3:214). He wrote his name.

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