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Hi Jerry,

I am sorry to be so slow in answering your letter, but I have been working extra hours. Not only that I wanted time to kind of study the data that you sent regarding your family. I really do enjoy going over the information that you sent and as stated before, I will help all I can, but again you give me more credit than I deserve. I certainly am no professional genealogist nor am I an expert in genealogy but will gladly give my opinions based on the data as I see it.

As you probably can surmise, this letter was wrote over a period of days, the date being the date that I finished.

You asked me some questions about myself, well I was a meteorologist for the U.S. Weather Bureau. I was forced into a disability retirement for medical reasons back in 1976. So during the time from 1976 till May of 1989 I spent working and researching genealogy as a hobby. I use to go to the libraries, studying micro-films, researching etc...I loved it.

I was really in very bad health back in the early seventies, but thanks to new drugs, I have improved quite a bit. Due to the rise in the cost of living etc..my pension slowly eroded away so in May of 1989, my money got so low that I had to go back to work.

The weather bureau won't take me back as I still can't pass the physical, so I work as a Security Guard at a condominium. It is an 8-4 job, and my days off are Mondays and Tuesdays, which I spend a lot of my time on those days doing genealogy work, writing letters etc.

I am going on 63 (in June), have two grown children (son & daughter) and have four grandchildren, and I am not too sure that my wife would marry a Hill again either. (I wouldn't dare ask). My hair has got thin, (bald). I am kind, gentle, easy going, rich...you get the picture, I am sure. I also love those cartoons you sent.

Now to genealogy...I am afraid that you are not going to like what I am about to say..I am opening a big can of worms for you but you said you wanted me to be honest with you in

regards to my opinion so here goes.

Your William Hill 4/ genealogy is what I call "Edged in Stone," meaning it is a long stated fact that this particular genealogy has been accepted by many and is going to be awfully hard to change, but this is my opinion....

I am by no means convinced that your William Hill 4/ was a son of Robert Hill 3/ and wife Tabitha and question the marriage to Elizabeth Clanton. Please explain what you base this marriage on?

Neither I am convinced that he is the same William Hill that later married Lydia White Jones, despite the fact that he apparently did move to Georgia, unless he married 3 times. Can you explain the basis for this marriage to Lydia White Jones?

I strongly suspect your William 4/ was a son of a Richard Hill. I also think that your William Hill 4/ married a lady named Charity LEWIS and then he may have married Elizabeth Clanton second. (There is a problem with this 2nd marriage and will be explained later).

My reasons for this thinking is as follows:

One...This particular Hill Family had the habit of naming the first born son after the paternal side of the family and the second son after the maternal side of the family...Note that your William Hill 4/ did not name a son Robert after his supposed father, Robert 3/. To me this is unusual, especially in this particular Hill line, even though I know this custom was not used 100 per cent of the time.

Second....In my opinion Richard Hill, who married Lydia Watkins, seems to be the eldest son, thus my added suspicions of a Richard Hill being the father to your William Hill 4/.

Thirdly....Reference to Will of Richard Lewis, Will #7, Page 6, Halifax County, N.C. dated 23rd November 1759, Will proved in June Court for 1760:

QUOTE "To Nicholas Lewis, land, stock, household goods, 5 shillings; lend daughter CHARITY LEWIS 1 Negro girl & her increase for life of said CHARITY, and at her death, the said Negro and increases to be divided between MY GRANDSONS: RICHARD HILL & LEWIS HILL in an honest manner; son Thomas Lewis all my lease land on the north side of Conway Creek, my second best bed and furniture, horse, etc..and all the hogs and cattle of his brand, Negroes etc...daughter ANN LEWIS 1 Negro girl and my third best bed and furniture; son WILLIAM LEWIS the plantation whereon we now live, joining my son

Nicholas, 1 Negro and my fourth best bed and furniture; (to) lend wife ANN LEWIS 1 Negro and the rest of my estate.

Extr: my wife ANN LEWIS

Wits: John Lockhart, Thomas Thrower" END OF QUOTE.

Comments: There is only one way for this Richard Lewis to be the grandfather to Richard & Lewis Hill (sons of your William Hill 4/) and that was for his daughter to have been the mother of the two (Richard & Lewis Hill) and thus (maybe unless born out of wedlock) was wife of your William Hill 4/. There is no other way.

Another thing of importance this will shows is that Richard Hill & Lewis Hill were the only two grandchildren born by 1759 and in the way they are listed (Richard first) makes me feel that Richard Hill was the eldest and probably named for the paternal grandfather (father of William Hill 4/).

Lewis Hill appears to me to have been the second born son and thus was named for the maternal side of the family, this being the LEWIS' side (wife of William Hill 4/), thus was named LEWIS HILL. (Noted by the both of us that the article by Ralph Willis & friend have left him off completely).

My records shows that Richard Hill m. Lidia (Lydia) Watkins on 11th March 1778 in Bute County, N.C. Allowing him to have been 18 when he married would show a birth of 1760 and 25 would show him born ca. 1753. Now we know he was born BEFORE 1759 so I think we can estimate his birth between 1753 and 1755....because we must also allow for the birth of LEWIS HILL (his brother) who also was born before 1759.

I would say that Lewis Hill was born between 1755 and 1758 (a guess). Now notice that neither your William Clanton Hill nor any other grandchild were not mentioned in the Will of the maternal grandfather, Richard Lewis in 1759, thus none of the other children of your William Hill 4/) was born prior to 1759. The birth date you gave for William Clanton Hill of 1752-1757 appears to be wrong.

Jerry there is one possibility, if William Hill had 2 sons (Richard & Lewis) by Charity Lewis out of wedlock but was married to Elizabeth Clanton and had other children by her. Again why would Richard Lewis call his daughter Charity, "Charity Lewis" in his 1759 will and then the mother some 20 years later call her "Charity Hill" in her will? Remember, in that 1759 will, the grandsons, Richard & Lewis Hill had already been born.

My observations seems to bear out the fact that most men of these times usually married between 18 and 25 years of age,

while the girls married as early as 16 to 24 years of age.

Now I think that you have correctly identified the correct Sion Hill, by selecting the one who married Drucilla Lane...and who we know died ca. January or February of 1795. Your notes say that in the book "Kinfolks of Nash Co., 1778-1854" on page 312, says they were married on October 2nd, 1783.

Remember his will names only wife Drucilla and a Elizabeth, who I think was his daughter and who could have been named after his mother, Elizabeth Clanton???

This suggest to me that he died young with only one child, Elizabeth. Now he died in early 1795. Now allowing for his age of 18 at marriage (on 2 October 1783) suggest to me a birth of ca. 1765. If he was 25 when he married (2 October 1783) suggest he was born ca. 1758, which we know he was not due to that Richard Lewis will, so to me it seems he (Sion) was born between 1760-1765.

It would certainly be good to know from his (Sion's) estate papers or will if (daughter) Elizabeth (who would seem to be a minor) was actually a daughter and just how old she was in 1795 or when the will was wrote or probated. Also who was appointed her guardian if a minor?

Now backing up again...As a result of all this I would estimate your William Hill 4/ as born ca. 1730-1735 and married ca. 1752 to ?? Charity Lewis. His marriage to Elizabeth Clanton, if it occurred was later???

Next, notice the will of ANN WILLIAMS (Will # 342, Page 98, dated 1779 and proved in the August Court of 1785, the children (names not given) of Thomas Lewis and William Lewis cattle, hogs etc..Daughter CHARITY HILL wearing apparels, my son William Lewis, all my crops, Henry Lewis son of William Lewis, silver buttons.

Extrs: my son Thomas Lewis

Wits: John Boutin, Thomas Dazin/Dozier, William Dazin/Dozier

Comments on the above wills : This shows that Ann (Lewis) Williams, was the widow of Richard Lewis, had re-married to Wilson Williams, who also died ca. 1774 (see his will below). This will shows that Ann (Lewis) Williams had a daughter Charity that married a Hill...It also shows she was the mother of both Thomas & William Lewis, who are named as sons in the will of the above Richard Lewis...thus I would say that Richard Lewis's widow (Ann Lewis) must have re-married to Wilson Williams (ref his will below), and this was her will. When she left a legacy to Henry Lewis, son of William

Lewis, and children (un-named) of Thomas Lewis, she was leaving a legacy to her grand children.

Next reference to the will of Wilson Williams, Will # 207, page 366, dated 16th September 1771, proved August Court 1774: Wife ANN WILLIAMS (the above Ann (Lewis) Williams), whole estate, daughter MARY HILL, Henry Potts, gun etc...; residue of my estate to be equally divided between brothers & sisters: Jesse Williams, Eley Williams, Isaac Williams, and Martha Williams.

Extrs: my brother Jesse Williams
Wits: Thomas Nash, Williams Lewis, Thomas Etheridge, John Etheridge.

Comments: This shows that ANN (LEWIS) WILLIAMS' second husband was Wilson Williams, who died ca. July-August of 1774 and it looks as though Wilson Williams also had a daughter named MARY who had married a HILL.

Now reference to second marriage of Ann Lewis to Wilson Williams, this second marriage apparently took place after June of 1760 (approximate date of Richard Lewis' death and before September 1771, when the will of Wilson Williams was wrote.

At first glance one may say that Charity Lewis was the wife of your William Hill 4/ and the mother of Richard & Lewis Hill, but there is a cause for some doubts.

Notice that in her (Charity's) father's will (1759) she is named as CHARITY LEWIS, indicating she was still unmarried, BUT THE TWO HILL GRANDSONS HAD ALREADY BEEN BORN. If she was the wife of William 4/ why does her father call her "CHARITY LEWIS," and not Charity Hill? It could be that the grandsons were born out of wedlock.

The fact that her father addresses her as "Charity Lewis" makes it tempting to rule her out as the wife of your William Hill 4/ BUT when her mother wrote her will in 1779, she is called "CHARITY HILL."

Now here is the big question to me...this will of her mother seems to show that Charity Hill was alive in 1779 since she is named in her mother's will BUT (and if) William Clanton Hill's mother was Elizabeth Clanton, when did she marry William Hill 4/ and when was William Clanton Hill born?

Since Richard Lewis, father of Charity (Lewis) Hill willed the slave and her increase (meaning her children if any born) to his daughter Charity Lewis (for life) and then stated "upon her death" that the slaves (if more than one) were to

be divided between the two grandson, Richard & Lewis Hill, makes me feel SHE IS THEIR MOTHER. I think it is possible that William Hill 4/ either married first Charity Lewis or had children by her out of wedlock.

Now this leads me to think that the children of William Hill 4/ (and wife Charity Lewis) were Richard Hill, Lewis Hill and (MAYBE), Sion Hill, Herbert Hill, Henry Hill, and Enoch Hill were children of Elizabeth Clanton.

Another problem....Now Enoch Hill (as you noted) married first Martha (Patsey) Brantley, a daughter of William Brantley and his 2nd wife Mary Tomlinson. Martha was born on 4th August 1782. Martha (Brantley) Hill died and Enoch Hill remarried a second time to her sister, Sarah Brantley, born 5th January 1784.

(It is too bad we don't have the dates of these marriages, it would sure help a lot).

Now how old was Enoch? Well we do not know of any children belonging to him and his first wife, so I suspect that she died very young and perhaps without any children. I think they were in Chatham County, N.C. They probably were not married very long. A year or two without children in those days without birth control was quite a feat unless she could not bear children.

Enoch Hill & Sarah Brantley (his 2nd wife) must have been married no later than 1803 because we know that Enoch Hill & Sarah had a son, George Hill that was born in (they say) 1804. (They also had William & Amanda Hill).

Now the enclosed article states that Enoch Hill was born in Chatham County, N.C. and he did sign as a witness for a deed (Deed Book L, Page 328 of Chatham County, N.C., dated 31st January 1801) between William Hill Sr. 4/ (of Chatham County, N.C.) and Henry Hill (you say 6/, I say 5/ also of Chatham County).

I think Enoch Hill was born ca. 1765-1767, married 1st Martha Brantley, ca. 1786-1790. She died (maybe no children) and then he remarried Sarah Brantley ca. 1790-1795, had a son William Hill, daughter Amanda and then George Hill born in 1804. I admit this is estimating for the dates, but I think we should always estimate dates if not known, and if they can be estimated from other sources. Gives a person something to work on.

Now on to the marriage of William Hill 4/ to Elizabeth Clanton....I suspect the children of Elizabeth Clanton & William Hill 4/ were: (maybe all except Richard & Lewis, but

I admit that I doubt this): William Clanton Hill, Elizabeth Hill and I suspect James Hill.

The marriage of James Hill to Christianna Lassiter is given by you as 15th September 1806. Using the birth of James Hill that you gave (1769) means he was 37 years old when he married, which, while possible, I think was too old. Allowing him to be about 20-25 shows a birth of ca. 1781-1786.

Now this would allow the daughter Elizabeth Hill to be born on 17th February 1785 and James Hill born ca. 1781-86 and puts them in the same time period. Now what about William Clanton Hill? Well he obviously was not born before 1759 and assuming his mother was Elizabeth Clanton would seem to point out that he was not born until after 1779 (Charity Hill still alive).

You also give his death as being in 1803, well lets start working back from that date. You say he had three children, James, Martha & Henry. This means that (allowing 2 years between children), 6 years passed during the births of the children. You say he married Sarah Branch in 1790 (Halifax Co.) and again allowing him to be 18-25 at that time shows a birth of between 1765-1772.

Now the question to me is...was his mother Elizabeth Clanton, and if so when did she marry William Hill 4/? Was William Clanton Hill the eldest child for Elizabeth Clanton. Unless there is some definite proof, I suspect Elizabeth Clanton is not wife of William Hill 4/. HOW CAN WE ACCOUNT FOR HIS FATHER BEING MARRIED TO ELIZABETH CLANTON WHEN HIS FIRST WIFE (CHARITY HILL) SEEMS TO STILL BE ALIVE AS LATE AS 1779, WHEN HER MOTHER WROTE HER WILL?

I note that you question that article in the N.C. Genealogical Society Journal stating William Clanton Hill married Sarah Branch in 1790 in Halifax County, N.C. Why? Could you explain this.

I suspect or see things one of two ways: Children of William Hill 4/ who married Charity Lewis 1st ca. 1751-1752 and had children:

1. Richard Hill, born ca. 1753-1755, married Lydia Watkins on 11th March 1778 in Bute County.
2. Lewis Hill, born ca. 1755-1757, married Rebecca Watkins. He died 10th July 1795.
3. Herbert Hill, born ca. 1760-1762.
4. Henry Hill, born 1763-1764.
5. Sion Hill, born ca. 1760-1765, married Drucilla Lane, died ca. January-February 1795, one child named Elizabeth

6. Enoch Hill, born 1765-1767, m. 1st Martha Brantley,
2nd Sarah Brantley.

Somewhere Elizabeth Clanton (if in fact they did marry) comes into the picture. From the wills of the Lewis & Williams families it seems to me that the mother & 1st wife, Charity (Lewis) Hill, was alive as late as 1779 and one would think any children born before then was hers BUT???? the marriage of the father (William Hill) in early 1770s to a younger woman could have produced the following children and also help explain the gaps between the births of the children listed above from those of below.

7. William Clanton Hill, born ca. 1765-1772, married Sarah Branch in 1790. He died in 1803. (Father's age ca. 40-45 when William Clanton Hill was born).
8. James Hill, born 1781-1784, married 15th September 1806 to Christianna Lassiter. (Father's age was ca. 51-54 when James born).
9. Elizabeth Hill, born 17th February 1785, married Benjamin Lassiter on 5th May 1801, she died on 14th July 1852 at age 67. (Father's age was ca. 50-55 when she was born).

Another possibility is that all of the children were Elizabeth Clanton's (if she m. William Hill?) but Richard & Lewis were children of Charity Lewis & William Hill out of wedlock. (Don't Hit me).

Now it is possible that the wife Charity (Lewis) Hill died ca. 1780-1783 and William Hill 4/ (probably 50-55 years old) remarried a 2nd time to Elizabeth Clanton after 1779. Thus among their first child was Elizabeth Hill, born 17th February 1785. (This is also reason why I question William's marriage to Lydia White Jones).

If Elizabeth Clanton was young enough, old William Hill 4/, who by 1780 was about 50 years or age, could still sire children to a younger woman and I suspect this is the case here. (Nothing like a pretty woman to make an old man perk up).

This would indicate that William Clanton Hill was born when Charity Hill was still alive, so when did William Hill 4/ marry Elizabeth Clanton (IF HE DID)??? Was Charity a legal wife and was Elizabeth Clanton? If so when did they marry and who's children are who's?

On to other matters: In reviewing your data I have come

across several items that are of great interest but unfortunately, they were things not included or they were abstracted items, which drives me up the wall. Often times the copier has left off what I felt was important data and such was the case here. What is important to the copier isn't necessarily what the reader wants or needs.

Jerry, I know it is difficult and maybe costly to some extent, but when ever or where ever you can get a copy of a will, estate papers, land deeds, by all means try to get the original or the complete document. You be surprised just how much information can be gathered from certain remarks, dates and so forth on them. I think you need to get the will or estate papers of your William Hill 4/ from Georgia if at all possible. Also it seems to me that it is vital to get the will or estate papers (in complete form) of William Clanton Hill, or any other children that your William Hill had. It is the only way that you are going to confirm the names of his children and get dates accurately.

Reference to the enclosed article that you sent entitled "THE HILL FAMILY OF BEERSHEBA SPRINGS, TENNESSEE," by Ralph Wills & Mrs. Delbert (Kaye) Denton: They say that the immigrant Robert Hill 1/ (m. Mary Webb) and a Ralph Hill 1/ immigrant into Massachusetts was a son of Samuel Hill of England, who was part of the Sir John Hill line, of England.

Now regarding this, I am like Win Jacobs, I don't agree or disagree with this, but if my memory was is correct this idea originated from either James Seward or an Erwin Hill, (deceased) of whom both Ralph Wills and I tried to obtain his collection. I am not entirely convinced on that particular point.

From reading your letter and reviewing the information, I am of the opinion that you have got a pretty good grip on a lot of this material. I see no problem with your assessment on the births of the children (NOT) being in Chatham County and some other things too that will be or has been pointed out as we go along.

Let me point out some things that I disagree with, based on the Family Group Sheets that you drew up and enclosed.

First of all, I question the Green Hill 4/ m. (Grace Bennett) as a child to Robert Hill 3/. That Green Hill 4/ was born in 1714 and if he had of died in Northampton County on 17th January 1831 (as they have listed and of which he did not) then he would have been 117 years old. They have the wrong Green Hill listed.

The Green Hill 4/ (son of Robert 3/) is the one that married

Letitia Chapman. For what it is worth, Win Jacobs and I agree on that point.

They have listed as the children of your William Hill 4/ as follows: William Hill 4/ (son of Robert 3/) born 1735...(I say William born ca. 1730-1735, but this is acceptable to me so far).

1. William Clanton Hill 5/, born ca. 1757 in Chatham County, N.C. died 1803 in Halifax Co., wife was named Sarah? (You say b. ca. 1752). (I say he was b. ca. 1765-1770). Wills of Lewis & Williams Families show he was not born in 1759. Question to you...you sent the following: "William Clanton Hill VS wife Sarah Branch, m. 1790 in Halifax Co." End of Quote. This appears to be a law suit, if so what was it? Where did this come from. I do not understand the following underlined.....Halifax Co., N.C. T & C. Co., Sett (Settlements?), Box 47, Published in the N.C. G. S. J. (N.C. Genealogical Society Journal). If you have this please send it. What does T & C stand for?
2. Herbert Hill 5/, born 1759. (Not born until after 1759, ref. Wills of Lewis & Williams Family).
3. Richard Hill 5/, born 1761 (deed 1790, land Franklin County, N.C. I assume this means a land deed confirms his birth in that year?? Regardless this appears to be wrong date of birth. He was born prior to 1759, see wills of Lewis & Williams Families). Lewis Hill, the second son is completely omitted from this list was born before 1759. (I think he was next to eldest and was born before 1759). (Also could be this is where Elizabeth Clanton comes into the picture).
4. Henry Hill 5/, born 1763, (Deed of land Jan. 1st 1801, Wit: Enoch Hill, Chatham Co.). Again does this deed confirm his birth?
5. Enoch Hill 5/?? born 1765.?? (I say 1766-1767).
6. James Hill 5/, born 1769 married 15 September 1806 to Christinna Lassiter, sister to Benjamin Lassiter. (I say b. 1768-1775).
7. Elizabeth Hill 5/, born 17 February 1785, died 14 July 1851 in Carroll Co., Georgia, married 5th May in Green Co., Ga. to Benjamin Lassiter. (16 years between the births of the children 7 and 8??? Something smells fishy in N.C. on this matter).
8. Sion Lassiter Hill 5/, born 3rd February 1796, died 21 August 1871 in Dale County, Alabama (Sion L. Hill in 1830 Census of Putnam Co., Ga.). I question this being the correct Sion Hill.
9. Isaac Abner Hill 5/, born 5 April 1800, died 31 August 1833 in Harris Co., Ga. Married 21 Nov. 1822

to Isoble Cox. (Don't believe this is correct, him being listed as a son.

(They say all born in Chatham Co., N.C.). Both You and I disagree with them on this matter.

The first thing I noted (as your pointed out also) was they left off the son Lewis Hill 5/? They do not list him. He was born prior to 1759, based on will of Richard Lewis, his maternal grandfather. (YOU NEED THE WILL OF WILLIAM HILL 4/) AND LEWIS HILL.

I think you are also correct about Sion Lassiter Hill being the wrong Sion listed as a son of William 4/. I think that the Sion Hill (d. ca. 1795) that had a wife Drucilla (Lane) of Nash County, is the son of your William Hill 4/, and do not think that Sion Lassiter Hill is correct. (Ref: the book "Nash County Estate Records," page 39, the will of Newet Lane, note she is listed as "Drusylla Hill). Sion Lassiter Hill could also be a grandson.

Now Sion Hill 5/ appears to have died ca. January or very early February of 1795, based on the inventory listed on 10th February 1795, (Page 197 of "Abstracts of Early Records of Nash Co., N.C."

Note: They didn't waste too much time in getting inventories back in those days and they usually appointed the administrator very quickly, usually within just a few days after the death of the individual. The inventory followed in a matter of a few weeks or a month.

I would suspect Sion Hill's 5/ death was in January of that year. Note that the taxes on the estate was paid in the 1797 term of court for the years 1792 and 1793. I also noticed on page 286 of the same book (in the index, there was a Green Hill listed too).

You ought to get a copy of the inventory, will and any other estate papers, again they might contain very important information. I also noticed that Drucilla Hill was still alive when the Newet Lane estate was divided on November 24th, 1831.

They also stated that ALL of the children of William 4/ was born in Chatham County, N.C. but as you pointed out correctly, that just is not so. Your land deeds show that William 4/ did not move to Chatham County until ca. December 1779.

Prior to that William 4/ was in Edgecombe County, and in a part that later (in 1777) became Nash County. Chatham County

was not formed until 1771 from Orange County, N.C. I am of the opinion that William 4/ stayed put in Edgecombe County, but his land was located in a portion that was transferred into Nash County when founded in 1777. While the records would appear to say he moved, in reality he did not, until he went to Chatham County and then Georgia.

The above statement (regarding birth of all children) is wrong, and so is some of their history regarding the formation of the counties. Because of incidents like this, I have doubts to the accuracy of the children named and their births. Somehow I smell the James Seward and Tom Barnes papers in this and while they are good, they also have lots of mistakes (in my opinion). I think I know Ralph Willis enough to know he would not print this unless there was just absolutely nothing else to go on.

Another subject: Now I don't want to be pushy but what I was trying to say to you in my letter about checking up on the William Hill of Surry Co., N.C. was not the William Hill that married Susannah Smithers BUT was referring to the William Hill, who's son Richard Hill filed a Revolutionary Application for his deceased father.

Reference to that William Hill (of Surry Co., N.C.) Pension Application made by his son Richard Hill (below):

WILLIAM HILL , R-5016 (N.C. Service) covers the application of a Richard Hill, a son, living in 1857 in N.C. Richard states his father, William Hill, was born in Southampton County Virginia, but resided in Surry County, N.C. when he entered service. States William died in 1840 at age 100, (b. ca. 1740) his widow died in 1846. Another source says he was born on Merherrin River in Northampton County, Virginia. Note: I don't think the Merherrin River is in Northampton County, Va. That county is on "Eastern Shore" east of Chesapeake Bay).

Now according to the son (Richard) this William Hill was born ca. 1740, which is certainly in the same ball park as you say your William Hill 4/ was born (ca. 1735?) and this certainly appears to rule him out as the father to your William 4/.

Also note that this William Hill did not died until 1840..100 yrs old??? stated by the son, Richard Hill. Question is (and I feel he does) just how does this William Hill connect to the Hills in and around Nansemond, Surry, Sussex and Isle of Wight Counties of Virginia?

Again, all I am saying is check him out real close. What have

you got to lose? See if there was a will probated in Surry County, N.C. ca. 1840 for a William Hill. It may name his children and could be of help to you or others. I would check him out myself, but they don't have the information in this area.

His birth in Southampton County, Virginia (formed from Nansemond Co., Va.) certainly makes him eligible to be related to those Hills of Surry & Isle of Wight Counties in Virginia, although in my opinion most of those Hills of Surry Co., Va. moved into the eastern portions of N.C..

From your data it seems that Lewis Hill 5/ had a will dated 23 November 1795 and died ca. May or June of 1760, since his will was proved in the June Court of 1760. It shows he had a son named Richard Hill 6/ and Lewis Hill 6/. (I wrote this but can't find it now so I must have made a mistake).

Next I noticed in the index of the book "Kinfolks of Nash Co., N.C." a listing for what appears to have been several of your Hill ancestors, but you did not include anything of them, too bad. (Herbert, Sion, Green, Drucilla etc..).

Now I noticed that (in red ink) you entered (on page 3 where children of your William 4/ is listed) what appears to be the children of Lewis Hill 5/ & Rebecca Watkins...Henckey?, Green, Guilford, John, Milby or Melba, and a Henry Hill...Are these correct? You then stated that the source was a will... Do you have the will for Lewis Hill? If you do send me copy, I think we may be able to pick it apart for SOME data anyway.

Now if your William Hill 4/ should ever prove to be a son of Robert 3/ (who m. Tabitha), then I am of the opinion that he was one of the youngest children, and probably born between 1730 and 1735.

Note: Milbry Hill m. Matthew Gibbs is not listed on your Page 2, Family of Robert Hill 3/. I believe she was born ca. 1736-1737 but can't find it right now. Also notice the birth dates of the sister, Mary Hill 4/. She is listed as being born in 1735 and married William Bryant. If these birth dates are correct then William 4/ could not have been born in 1735.

Also take note that Green Hill 4/ (m. Grace Bennett) was born 20th November 1714. Robert Hill 3/ and they are listed among your data enclosed that Robert & Tabitha did not marry until 1713 (your FGS) and this makes me question this Green Hill 4/ (or any child born before 1715) being a child (son) of Robert 3/. (Could have been born out of wedlock but doubtful). From data received earlier from Win Jacobs it is my understanding that the Green Hill 4/ (son of Robert 3/) married Letitia Chapman.

Now on that point I must say (again, Win Jacobs and I have had a friendly go around on this) that I do not think that Green Hill (m. Grace Bennett) was the son of Robert Hill 3/. She feels Sion Hill Jr. 3/ was the father. I tend to agree with Boddie when he says Richard Hill 3/ but if not him, then I would have tended to say Robert 3/ until I noticed that marriage date for Robert 3/ and Tabitha.

Other things noted... I noticed that Edgecombe, Nash, Warren, Halifax and Franklin Counties are all together, so it does seem possible (and likely) that Robert Hill 3/ got land in what later was the three counties but his lands were probably all originally in Edgecombe County, N.C. and as the county was divided up, some of his lands were in the new counties.

Again, I feel that your William Hill 4/ did not move around as much as you may think, but again as Edgecombe county was divided up, his land fell into Nash County, thus the records would tend to show him in Edgecombe, Nash and then finally moving to Chatham County, N.C. and finally Georgia.

It is awfully important to get (if possible) the date of all the land grants to Robert Hill 3/, especially the one that is mentioned on the deed between William Hill 4/, who sold the land to William Harries, (meaning 80 acres Southside of Peachtree Creek)... The date of that grant is very important.

Now Robert Hill's 3/ will was wrote 18th June 1762 and proved in April Court of 1765, in Edgecombe County. He probably lived in an area that became Halifax County in 1758, but the fact that the will was probated in Edgecombe County makes me wonder why he is listed in Halifax County.

On separate paper (enclosed) I have tried to list all of the land deeds in chronological order, so as to better understand the events. I have added a few words here and there to make the flow (so to say) more smoother...

Another Item....On page #1, Chatham Co., N.C. Estates 022.508.30 ???? (what is this?) Mathew (Matthais) B. Hill-1809- mentions Charles A. Hill wil Sterlinfrhes (?)

Now most of this I do not understand but Charles Applewaite (Applewhite?) Hill was not a Boston Hill but he was the son of William Hill 5/ (m. Mary Polly Jones)...William 5/ being son of Green Hill 4/ and Grace Bennett. (See below).

Now Jerry, you asked about a William Hill that married Annie Deloach...and then asked if he was possibly the son of Green Hill 4/ & Grace Bennett. Well I do not know who he was but he

was not the son of Green Hill 4/ & Grace Bennett. (See below).

Captain William Hill 5/ was son of Green Hill 4/ and Grace Bennett. He fought in the Revolution as a Captain (DAR Data from Win Jacobs) and married cousin Mary (Polly) Jones. Their sons were (named in estate papers) Charles Applewhite (Applewaite?) Hill 6/, William Bennett Hill 6/, Samuel Hill 6/ and James Jones Hill 6/. William Hill 5/ died in Warren County ca. 1784, where & when his will was probated.

Other comments made from your brief notes:

In reading these notes we have the following...Isaac Hill born 4-6-1803, died 6-7-1883. This is a very frustrating way for a reader to digest genealogical data...which is the day and which is the month? I assume this to be the month, day and year.

Question....do you have a copy of the James Seward collection? If so could you send me a copy, sure would appreciate it. I will pay for copying etc.

Now you asked about Isaac Hill, and who was he? That is a good question. Well as you stated, it certainly could not have been Isaac Hill 7/ (b. 1809 & a son of your Henry Hill 6/ and a brother to William C. Hill 7/. He had to be an earlier Isaac Hill. I will check and see if I can find him.

Well Jerry, after a 15 page letter, I guess that I had best close for this time. I am sure we will be back in touch with each other, meanwhile go ahead and send ANY data that you think we can look at and help to find out about your Hill line.

Another question...what is the name of the book that had the information about Enoch Hill marrying into the Brantley Family? Does it have Hill information and if so can you send a copy. Again I will pay you for copies if you will tell me how much to send, and don't be bashful either.

One last suggestion.... if you want to, send me all of your land deeds, wills etc...I will type them up, put them in chronological order, send them back to you along with a printed copy. That way we both can profit from it. Just a suggestion.

Regards from

Robert Hill