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Hi Jerry,

Your letter dated January 22, 1990 was received with special interest. You are very kind in all of your remarks and you are going to cause me to get "fat headed" if you don't stop. Seriously, I do hope you can put some of my information to some good.

While I do have a computer, I am not using it as a lot of people do. I have no graphics to make up charts so I do it manually. Neither do I have any genealogical "software or any other genealogical programs. I simply use it as a word processor, making up my own format by (trying) to file it according to the state that the event occurred or where that person (or persons) lived.

I try to study the articles and data sent, sort things out and put down facts as I understand them. I was very bad in my early days of my researching of not copying down my sources of information, dates and places it was researched at such places as in Columbia, S.C. and other places. Naturally I was especially interested in S.C. data as that is where my Hill line came from but that has now changed.

My problem is that I have so much data on hand, and no real good organized file system. Often times I had received data, looked it over, put it aside and then later in time entered it into my computer. Thus the entry dates are not in any chronological order but randomly entered.

Win Jacobs has (and still does) criticize my not dating the entries and so forth. I have tried to correct that situation, thanks to her. The problem is there is so much to date so what I am doing is to date it as I call it up. (My computer tell me what date it was entered and I just put that down). Eventually it all will be dated. She must have been an old school teacher but as I told her, I sure am no "professional writer" nor am I trying to be. She is a sharp genealogist.

Earle Luck and Mr. Gookins told me (and I agree) that Win leans too much on that book "East Goes West." That is a natural as she had lots of input in the book and it is her line.

I just want to kind of collect all Hill data and have it on file and pass on to others. While I do attempt to write correctly, one must forgive me for my spelling and other errors.

My own research has come to a halt, so much so that I have lost (some) interest in researching and seem to be concentrating on entering other data and trying to analyzing the information, such as what you sent. Perhaps that way I can get a fresh look at my problems and who knows, I might stumble onto something that will help me later.

My problem with researching is that here in Tampa, the library is so crowded with tourist that they limit a person the use of the micro-film readers. It also seems to have mostly data on Florida, Georgia and the New England states. The parking is very bad, priced way too much to spend for the results I would get. That is why I love to receive data (such as yours) regarding Virginia, North and South Carolina, Kentucky etc...Again many many thanks.

There is a small town about 30 miles away named Bartow that has a lot of genealogy data for ALL of the southern states but the problem there is they are in such a small building that you find yourself sitting almost in someone elses lap. I am too uncomfortable to research there. The same at the LDS church, who's data I often question.

Now Jerry, you sound like you may think I have special genealogical talents but really I do not. I will naturally do my best to try to help you as much as possible by passing on ideas and so forth. It may take me a spell to kind of get my

mind on track with you and so forth but bear with me.

My first request to you (even if you have in the past) is to send me again your line, state your questions and problems. This will help me to settle down and better understand what you are looking for. I am going to concentrate on your line.

One thing that I have noticed but was somewhat hesitant to mention...I question that William Hill, who married Lydia White (she later re-married to Isaac Hill, Ralph Willis' ancestor and who moved to Georgia), was tied into the Robert Hill family. It is my suspicion that he and Lydia White lived up in northern Virginia.

My reason for this thinking is that buried somewhere in all of the data that Ralph Willis sent to me was (I think) a statement that Lydia White owned land (I think that was willed to her) in one of those counties in northern Virginia.

Back to your research: One of the very first things that hits me is that if I were you I would really try to find out about that William Hill, of Surry N.C., who's son Richard filed application to receive his Revolutionary War Benefits. As I told Win Jacobs, his (meaning William) being born in Southampton County, Virginia causes me to feel that he is somehow related to the Robert Hill/Sion Hill families. Richard Hill (son of that William) married Sarah Bray if I remember correctly. He is in the 1850 Census.

Southampton County, Virginia was formed in 1749 from Isle of Wight and Nansemond County. His son Richard stated his father was over 100 years old. While possible, I tend to believe he was either in his eighties or nineties but he seems to be an unknown and I am just shocked that no researcher has picked up on him to research, especially those trying to find all of the loose Hills belonging to those of Isle of Wight and Surry Counties.

Next data you requested about Milbry Hill daughter of Robert Hill:  
NC.4 WILLS OF EDGECOMB COUNTY N.C. (HILL FAMILIES) (ABSTRACTED VERSIONS)  
Collected & Entered by Robert R. Hill in December 1986.

#### ROBERT HILL

Will # 109, page 156, 18 June 1762 April Court 1765  
Wife Tabitha Hill use of 3 Negroes, cows etc. so long as she is my widow and at her death or marriage the same to go to my sons William Hill and Green Hill. Son Sion Hill plantation and land whereon we now live. Son Abner Hill slaves, Son Thomas Hill 50 pounds Virginia currency. Daughters Tabitha Chapman and Agnes Arrington slave each. Daughter Lewraina Arrington money. Daughter Ann Steed (?) slave. Daughter Mary Bryant slave and land. Daughter MILBRY Hill land and plantation on both side of Red Bud Creek, cattle etc. (stock marks are described). My cattle to be equally divided between Agnes Arrington, Mary Bryant and Milbry Hill and my grandson John Chapman.

Witness: Jesse Lee, Thomas Thrower, Wilson Williams.

Executors: sons Abner Hill, Sion Hill and Green Hill.

(Ref. This copied from Book "Edgecomb Co. N.C. Wills" page 22 in Bartow Fla.).

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DATA.NC6 SOME ABSTRACTS FROM THE OLD BUTE COUNTY N.C. RECORDS. BUTE COUNTY LATER BECAME WARREN AND EDGECOMB COUNTIES AND THESE ARE IN FILES OF WARREN COUNTY N.C.

Gathered, Entered by Robert R. Hill Sr. & who made notes etc of his own in January 1987.

(Number 1 very important)

1. Matthew Gibbs & Milbra (Hill) Gibbs, his wife of St. Marks Parish, Craven County., S.C., to Presley Nekms of St. John's Parish in Bute Co., N.C. Dated 4 Sept. 1769. Bond to insure execution of deed to 320 acre tract of land, on BS (both sides) Red Bud Creek, adjacent William Rose, William Hill, & Presley Nelms, which ROBERT HILL gave to his daughter MILBRA and which she and her husband MATTHEW GIBBS have agreed to sell to Presley Nelms. Wit: John Pinnall, THOMAS HILL. Recorded November Court 1769. (Ref. BUTE CO. N.C. RECORD BOOK A, page 21, item 100, filed under VOL. 1 of Warren Co., N.C. Records).

NOTE BY R. HILL...This is Milbry Hill, daughter of Robert Hill, (son of Sion Hill Sr./Robert Hill), who is listed in the Sibling Section on "East Goes West" on page 123, Milbry is named in her father's will.

All of this proves that Milbry Hill married Matthew Gibbs and moved into Craven County, which part they lived in in the vicinity of today's Chester and Fairfield Counties, which is where my Moses Hill lived.

Also living in this area was a Richard Hill, several William Hills, Charles Hill, Sion Hill (who moved to Georgia). Based on the presence of Milbry (a definite link to Robert Hill) and a Sion Hill and Richard causes me to suspect they are part of the Robert Hill/Tabitha line and perhaps my Moses and his family are also related, thus my interest in the Robert Hill line.

Now you mentioned the name Terry....The connection was that Moses Hill (1757/58-1821) had a daughter Elizabeth Harrison Hill (note that name Harrison, a well used Va. name?) Elizabeth Harrison Hill (1793-1838) married Stephen Terry on 4 July 1809 and they moved to what is today's Atlanta. They named their first born child (had 12 children) a son GREEN BERRY HILL TERRY, again a Maryland and Virginia name. Since the spelling of Green Berry is two names I have suspected a Maryland origin but who knows.

Moses Hill had a daughter Rebecca, who married Dr. John Trezevant DeGraffenreid and they moved to Alabama (Greene County). The DeGraffenreids were from Virginia too.

Well I guess this is enough for now. I know that I will be definitely keeping in touch with you again soon.

Regards from

Robert R. Hill

PS...I am collecting more data to send to you...bear with me please.