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Hi Jerry,

I want to start off by apologizing for not writing or contacting you sooner, but on the 14th of May I was admitted to the hospital and had a "quadruple" heart bypass operation and I have not been in any way physically or mentally able to do much of anything until now. I am still have not gone back to work and just now starting to feel some better. I went through the operation ok, but do to my being a diabetic, my recovery was (and is) horribly slow.

On top of that my printer has been in the shop since the latter part of April (under warranty). I still do not have it back and I am using a loaner until I get my own returned. All of this caused me to get way behind in my correspondence, so I hope you will understand.

I have received the last two packs of data you sent (received in early May and early July), relating to your Hill Family and the land deeds etc. I have skimmed through the land deeds but naturally I will be going through them more thoroughly at a later time. It will take a little time (as you know).

Now to begin with...several researchers have children of Robert Hill 3/ wife Tabitha born ca. 1712-1714 up in Virginia but I think they are wrong and so does East Goes West, who has Robert 3/ & Tabitha marrying ca. 1721.

My following remarks are based on my opinion, using the land deeds and my small amount of knowledge on this family....

Ok.. First Item....I do not agree with William Q. Hill's data on that William Hill that married Ann DeLoach. If he (William) was truly b. ca. 1712 in Surry County, Virginia then (to me) that rules him out as a son of Robert Hill 3/ (wife Tabitha) because Robert & Tabitha did not marry until ca. 1721, some 9 years later. Same goes for the Green Hill (m. Grace Bennett). Green was born in 1714, way before Robert Hill 3/ married Tabitha.

William Q. says they married on 25th March 1746. The children of William Hill & Ann DeLoach are given by the two of you as:

- a. William Hill (I estimate birth ca. 1747-1749, based on the marriage dates given above, and assuming him to be the eldest child).
- b. Ann Hill
- c. Cecila (Hill) Phillips

Page four of your Information on the Hills shows that this particular William Hill's will was wrote on 3rd September 1748, proved in November Court of 1748 naming the above children. William Q. Hill says he died in Chatham County ca. 1792-93.. Appears to be wrong! (I think Wm. Q. has the wrong Wm. Hill here).

2nd item.....Regarding Richard Hill (wife Lydia Watkins) a new list from the DAR shows that someone has joined the DAR by filing application (& has been accepted) on his Revolutionary Service. You would do well to get a copy of that DAR Application...It might help to prove if he was part of your family line. Maybe you can talk Win Jacob in getting it for you.

3rd item.....Now Jerry, I feel that you may be wrong in stating that William Hill Sr. (you list as 4/ and found on the land deeds) is the father of William C. Hill 5/. Somewhere, probably beginning with that William Hill Sr. 4/ & said to be the son of Robert 3/) there is some confusion. Now I realize that this is just a discussion, based on my own observations and my own approach. It is not factual but I think you should give some very serious thought to the following comments.

In the book "East Goes West" (Page 122) they have William C. Hill (wife Sarah...I think Sarah Branch) as the child of Robert hill 3/ (wife Tabitha). If Robert & Tabitha married ca. 1721 and William was the eldest child (as has been often stated) then his birth was probably ca. 1722-23.

Now for a moment, lets suppose you are a generation off....In my mind, the son of Robert Hill 3/ & Tabitha is the William C. Hill 4/ that married Sarah Branch, and who appears to have died ca. 1803 in Halifax County, N.C. FORGET THAT WILLIAM HILL SR. YOU HAVE LISTED AS 4TH GENERATION!

In other words, I suspect the possibility that you are somehow adding a William Hill too many (Wm. Hill Sr. & you mark him as # 4). Try dropping him and go directly to Henry Hill and change him to 5/ instead of 6/. THEN CORRECT THE REST OF YOUR FAMILY GENERATIONS...

Wm. C. Hill's 4/ will names three children as Martha 5/, James 5/ & Henry Hill 5/. I think your Henry Hill (you list as 6/, is actually Henry Hill 5/, who then named two sons (in

his will, according to you) William C. Hill 6/, after HIS FATHER.

This is supported or proven in the fact that William C. Hill 4/ mentions his aunt Lucy Arrington in his will (dated 1803).

Fourth Item.....Now in Chatham County, Book D, (dated??? 6-12-1789) William Hill Sr. of CHATHAM COUNTY, to William C. Hill of Halifax County, sold 250 acres in Chatham County to William Clanton Hill. (Seal William H. Hill). Now Jerry, this looks to me like this William Hill Sr. is actually William H. Hill, unless that "H" is a mark, but from my way of reading it, it is not a mark. I suspect this William H. Hill was the father of Isaac Hill. Note Isaac named first child William H. Hill (b. 1850), probably after his father.

I do not think William H. Hill Sr. was the father of this William C. Hill (of Halifax County). I suspect he was a cousin. Remember this William C. Hill 4/ (son of Robert 3/) died in 1803.

What also appears odd in this Chatham County Book D, deed, is that one William Hill was referred to as a Senior, so there must have been a Junior, but (in my mind) it does not mean it was William C. Hill, fact is I don't think it was. If it were so, I think he would have called himself Junior. This may be a case of two cousins dealing (or two different Wm Hill families but still related and could explain how a Herbert Hill, Enoch Hill & Isaac Hill get into the picture later, being sons of this Wm. H. Hill Sr.

Now note the Deed in Chatham County Book K, Page 211, dated 30th December 1795 between William C. Hill of Halifax County and Herbert Hill of the County of Chatham...Here William C. Hill 4/ (of Halifax County) sells his land in Chatham County (250 acres) to Herbert Hill. It was witnessed by a Henry Hill / (probably related to Wm. Hill Sr. and Wm. C. Hill 4/ such as a uncle or cousin).

Since Wm. C. Hill 4/ was selling the land, it appear it was he that had signed the deed as William C. Hill. (Again, I think this William C. Hill 4/, is the son of Robert Hill 3/ & Tabitha and William C. Hill's uncle or cousin signed as a witness.

As yet, I do not fully understand the relationship of Herbert & Isaac Hill but I suspect they were sons of this William Hill Sr. I feel like they were nephews or cousins to Wm. C. Hill 4/. Henry Hill 5/, (son of Wm. C. Hill 4/) was also related to that William Hill Sr., (probably a nephew of his) who I think was in the family but was not the father of your

Wm. C. Hill 4/. (Clear as mud eh?)

Now I noticed that in the 1850 Census of Chatham County, N.C. is listed the following: (Date of Census unknown..Wm. C. Hill married Elizabeth Foushee 29th July 1839? (was that 1838, note birth of daughter Elizabeth).

William C. Hill	(age 47, b. ca. 1803) farmer
Elizabeth	age 42, b. ca. 1808
Elizabeth	age 11, b. ca. 1839 (Jerry note this)
	Here is proof of that daughter Elizabeth that you had as questionable
Julia A.	age 10, b. ca. 1840
Isaac N.	age 8, b. ca. 1842
Lydia & Mary	age 2, b. ca. 1848 (twins)

Note your Thomas West Hill was not born when this census was taken...Was this before his stated birth date or is that a wrong data?

Now this is probably the same William C. Hill who paid \$213.00 to Thomas W.C. Prince (of Alabama) on Oct. 20th in 1835 for land (28 acres) around Ramsey, Chapel Hill Road, Hillsborough Road. Note it is a year before daughter Elizabeth is born in 1839, so was he buying land then for his family to live on?

Now I notice that one of the witnesses here was W. H. Hardin, who I think is actually William Hill Hardin, part of that William Hill line from Boston. There may be some type of over lapping here of the two Hill Families, and I still think ole C.K. Hill's line is in this area somewhere.

I believe this is William C. Hill 6/ and is actually the son of Henry Hill 5/ (son of Wm. C. Hill 4/, Robert 3/, Sion 2/, Robert Hill 1/ (wife Mary Webb). Your Thomas West Hill 7/ wasn't born as yet, but was born (you say) on June 5th 1850??? What was the date of this 1850 Census?

If true, your genealogy (could) or would be, starting with Robert 3/) Wm C. Hill 4/, Henry Hill 5/, Wm. C. Hill 6/, who died you say June 7th 1883 (at age of ca. 75 yrs of age) followed by your Thomas West Hill 7/ & so forth).

Note: Jerry, lets go back to Robert Hill 3/ for a minute...His son Wm C. Hill 4/ had a son named Henry Hill 5/. That Henry Hill 5/ could have named two of his sons William C. Hill 6/ (after his father as well as a son Henry Hill (Jr.) 6/ after himself. If true, then either son William Hill 6/ or Henry Hill Jr. 6/ could very well have been the father of Lewis, Richard, Herbert, Enoch, Isaac, and all of the others unknown. We may be dealing with two William Hills

(one being a Sr. of Chatham County and who obviously had a son William Jr. (somewhere) and the other being Wm. C. Hill 4/ up in Halifax County.

Fifth Item.....Regarding Elizabeth Clanton, Everyone keeps mentioning her but NO ONE has ever found her or that she ever married a William C. Hill or any other Hill. You say that you have not found her among the Clantons. Doesn't that strike you as being odd in view of what has been stated? Quite frankly, I don't understand how ANYONE can make statements such as has been made without some kind of proof, which is sadly lacking. I also think that the William Hill that married Lydia White Jones IS NOT PART OF YOUR GENEALOGY and would drop him completely in your thinking.

While I have no doubt that the Clanton name was somehow important to the Hill family, it doesn't necessarily mean a marriage ever took place between a William Hill and Elizabeth Clanton. (Were the Clantons ever in Halifax County, N.C.)?

You know it could be that the parents of William C. Hill ((Robert Hill 3/) named him Clanton after the maternal side of the family such as a grandmother, uncle etc...or even after their neighbors (who may have been very good friends). That too was a custom often used in the Colonial Days. Without some type of proof of a Hill-Clanton marriage, I just don't see how it can be supported unless there is found some kind of proof of a Wm.Hill-Elizabeth Clanton marriage.

Sixth Item.....You say that Wm. Clanton Hill 5/ (my 4th) named (in his will) a son (your) Henry Hill 6/ (my 5th). Next you say that your Henry Hill 6/ (my 5th) named a son William Clanton Hill 7/ (my 6th). Then you asked "If Wm. Clanton Hill 5/ was not the father of my Henry 6/, then who was he?"

Now be very careful here...I say you are off a generation...Robert Hill 3/ was father to William Clanton Hill 4/, and that Henry Hill is 5th generation (you have him as 6th generation) and so forth.

I am sure this is confusing so I will attempt to draw a chart to explain. Since I have left you confused (I really hope not, but if so let me know) I will knock off for this letter...I will be getting back to you after looking over more of this data.

Best regards

Robert Hill

CHART EXPLAINING MY THINKING ON YOUR GENEALOGY

Starting off with
Robert_Hill_3/_ (wife_Tabitha)

|
Wm._C._Hill_4/_m._Sarah_Branch
b. ca. 1752-1757
d. 1803 in |Halifax Co., N.C.

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Henry_Hill_5/_|_James_Hill_5/_Martha_Hill_5/
b. 25 Nov. 1776
m. Agnes Fike
d. by time of 1840 Census (not listed on 1840 or 1850 Census)

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Signed deeds for Chatham Co. land as a Witness between
father (Wm. C. Hill 4/) & that Wm. Hill Sr., who likely was
a cousin to Wm. C. Hill, thus was probably another grandson
of Robert 3/, by fact that his father was another son of
Robert Hill 3/. This Wm. Hill Sr. may be the father of
Richard Hill, Sion Hill, Lewis Hill. I'm not sure yet about
Enoch & Herbert Hill but they may be sons of this Wm. Hill
Sr. (who I suspect is a cousin to Wm. C. Hill 4/).
Jerry, Remember, anyone of the sons of Robert Hill 3/ may
have had a son named Wm. Hill and who could be this same
Wm. Hill Sr. listed on those Deeds in Chatham Co.)

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Wm._C._Hill_6/_Isaac_6/_Lydia_6/_Rhodia_6/
b. Apr 6 1803 & b. 1809
listed in 1850 m. Nancy
Census of Chatham Co. (Another son Henry Hill 6/ is
m. Elizabeth Foushee questionable).
on 29 July 1839

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Thomas_West_Hill_7/_Julia_7/_Isaac_Newton_7/_Lydia_7/
b. 1850 (Was not b. b. 1842 & Marie 7
when 1850 Census was d. 1863
taken (date?))

|
Robert_Troy_Hill_8/
b. 19 Feb. 1891
d. 21 Nov. 1965
m. Julia Olivia Campbell

|
Leroy_Hill_9/
b. 12 Mar. 1919
d. 14 Feb. 1946
m. Clara Lee Stout

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JERRY_REID_HILL_10/_ (ESQUIRE)
b. 28 Sept 1944
m. 17 Oct. 1969
Judith Carolyn Marley