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Hi Jerry,

I was scanning over some of the data concerning your family line and noted the following. I figured that I had best get it down or I will forget it. Below is an abstract of the Will for William C. Hill...

Reference to Gen. Abstracts of Wills, 1758-1824 for Halifax County N.C. (1970) by Margaret M. Hofmann:

WILL 683 (P. 396 N.C.) WILLIAM C. HILL 5/  
Will Wrote 25th January 1803 Will Proved May Court 1803

WIFE: Sarah Hill, Negroes, bed, furniture. etc..and lend her my land and plantation on the north side of Hill's Road. Daughter Martha Hill and sons: James Hill and Henry Hill bed and furniture each and the residue of my Negroes and my stock, land etc..when Martha comes of age. Three (3) Negroes to be hired out to support my said three (3) children and Aunt Lucrancy Arrington for her natural life.

Executors: my wife and MY BROTHER RICHARD HILL of Franklin County and Marriott Davis. (Now remember this particular Richard Hill and his location).

Witnesses:

William Parham  
George (x) Angle  
Frederick Wiggins

This Will clearly shows that William C. Hill was a brother to Richard Hill of Franklin County, N.C., who was alive in 1803. Now the question is, was this the same Richard Hill that married Lydia Watkins?

On the assumption that he was, then the above Will of William C. Hill shows the following as facts:

1. Richard Hill, Lewis Hill and William C. Hill were brothers, and (for the moment) makes me feel that they had the same common parents.
2. As explained before, I think the mother was named Charity Lewis. The father you have listed (William Hill 4/) son of Robert Hill 3/, I question. Now again the main thing here is this...Do you have the correct

Richard Hill as a brother for Lewis Hill? I have already sent you evidence that their mother was Charity Lewis and not Elizabeth Clanton.

3. There is no question that the above were grandchildren of Robert Hill 3/ & wife Tabitha, BUT was it by his son, William Hill 4/?

If you are right and have the correct Richard Hill (m. Lydia Watkins) listed as a brother to your William Clanton Hill, then the following is awfully important.

Note the will locates Richard Hill in Franklin County, N.C. The 1790 Census has a Richard Hill located in Franklin County, N.C. BUT HE IS LISTED AS RICHARD HILL JR, (meaning to me) that his father was Richard Hill Sr.??

Now based on data that you sent to me, Lewis Hill (brother to Richard Hill) died ca. 10 July 1795, and there was a brief note that in his will was a RICHARD HILL, WIFE REBECCA and children: Hincky, Guilford, John & Milbry (both minors). (I assume Richard was the brother and probably and executor?). Therefore, Lewis Hill would not have been named in the 1803 will of his brother, William C. Hill, since he was dead.

(Again, the big question is...was this the same Richard Hill that you have listed as married to Lydia Watkins)?

4. Now knowing these facts, and IF the Richard Hill that lived in the 1790 Franklin County Census was the same Richard Hill that married Lydia Watkins (and was the same as indicated by the above will) then it would appear that the father of the above was Richard Hill Sr. What do you think?

Do you happen to have a Will for Richard Hill (m. Lydia Watkins) or a Family Listing for him?

Now that I have expressed my opinion, (you asked for it???) I am rather curious as to what you will have to say. Let me hear from you.

Sincerely,

Robert Hill