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Dear Jim,

While I am awaiting your reply to my request showing me that a Moses Hill, who came to South Carolina in the early 1700s existed, I have been reviewing the two books you sent and have some comments to make.

I hope you will not be disturbed by some of the following remarks but I feel it is absolutely necessary for you to know the following information.

Charleston S.C. Office of the Register of Mesne Conveyance DEED BOOK C-6, page 350...

Thomas Hill, planter, of Fairfield County S.C.," to Joseph Kershaw of Camden District, S.C., lease and release for 10 shillings (lease) and 200 Pounds Sterling (release) current money of S.C., 415 acres in St. John's Parish, Berkley County, bounded by George Hall, Rene Ravenal, Peter Oliver, Samuel Edgar, John Pearse and John Richbourgh. Granted to George Hall 8th August 1753 by James Glen, Governor of S.C. and recorded in Grant Book OO, page 232. Tract was willed (in 1753) by George Hall "to his daughter Margaret who married Jonathan Hill and on demise of Jonathan and Margaret Hill devolved and became the property of THOMAS HILL, a party of these presents, as son and heir to said Jonathan and Margaret Hill." Wits: Joseph Kershaw Jr., and Jno. Craven. Proved by James Kershaw of Camden District, J.P. on 9th December 1789. Recorded in Charleston on 20<sup>th</sup> February 1790 by Thomas Greene, Deputy Registrar.

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As you can see, Thomas Hill apparently inherited the above land, located in Berkley County, S.C., from his father and mother, who had inherited it from his maternal grandfather, George Hall. The land where Thomas Hill was living was first known as Camden District but had become Fairfield County when this document was drawn up. Based on the above, it appears to me that Margaret Hill had died before Jonathan Hill had died.

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Charleston Deed Book S-4, page 145... March 11th, 1772...

William Barefoot and Mellie (or Mollie) Barefutt, (Barefoot) his wife, to JONATHAN HILL, both of Craven County S.C., for 800 pounds, 200 acres, part of a 300 acre tract granted to William Newitt Barefoot and Noah Barefutt, (Barefoot) brother on 9th January 1752. Located on Wateree River adjoining land surveyed for Nowil Gibs. Wits: Joseph Kershaw, John Chesnut, Richard Sutton. Parish of St. Marks, Craven Co.-William Newitt Barefoot reserved his 100 acres of the grant, dated 12 March 1772. Wits: Jonathan Hill and John Pain. Recorded in Charleston 28th June 1775. (Wateree River is Eastern Sections of Fairfield County, while Moses Hill lived on Little River in the Northwestern portions of the County).

(Note by Robert R. Hill Sr.) The following information was provided by Mrs. Charles Wilson, of Fredonia Kentucky, who was a great granddaughter of Thomas Hill. She states that the information comes from the Thomas Hill Bible. It supports information found in the LDS Church Records, to a certain degree and along with the application that Thomas Hill filed for "Revolutionary Pension Benefits," offers quite a genealogy for this family. Some new and additional data has been added to the bible record to make the picture more complete and accurate).

THOMAS HILL

Born: 6th March 1758

Where: Near Monk's Corner Berkley, Co., S.C., St. John's Parish.

Died: 5th January 1837

Where: Caldwell County Kentucky

Buried: Hill Cemetery, Fredonia, Caldwell Co., Ky.

Married: Probably Camden District ca. 1775-1776.

WIFE: Patience Harrison (daughter of William Harrison & Ann Kirkland children  
Jaene (Jane?) Hill born November 18, 1754 believed to be a sister, not a daughter of Thomas Hill's.

1. Mary Hill (dau.) born July 18th, 1777 Camden District S.C., died 17th March 1837 in Caldwell County, Kentucky. Never married. She is buried in Hill Cemetery, Ferdonia, Caldwell Co., Ky.
2. Elizabeth Hill (dau) Not listed in the above bible, She was born on 18th July 1779, married Michael McDonald in Green County, Tennessee. She is mentioned in the will of her father, Thomas Hill.
3. Thomas Harrison Hill (son), born April 29th, 1782 in Camden District, S.C. Nothing is known of him except that in the 1820 Census of Caldwell County, Kentucky he is listed with two boys under 10, one male 20-45 and one male over 45, plus three (3) females 16-26 and two females 26-45.
4. Christiana Hill (dau.) born Feb. 8th, 1784 in Camden District, S.C. (m. a Wilson). His name was Samuel Wilson and they married in Logan County, Kentucky. They had two children, John H. Wilson, born 1816 in Logan County, Ky. And Americus Hill, born 1829 in Caldwell County, Ky.
4. Jonathan Hill (son) born Aug. 30th, 1786 in Camden District, S.C. He died prior to 1836 as no mention of him is made in Thomas' will, although a share is set aside for the children of "my deceased son, Jonathan."
5. Nancy Hill (dau.) born Sept. 27th, 1789 in Camden District, S.C. (m. a Bennett). Actually she married twice, the first time to James White and had two children, Patience Jane White, b. 7 July 1829, d. 10<sup>th</sup> January 1834 and Thomas Hill White, b. 21st July 1832. Upon the death of James White, she remarried to Bryant W. Bennett in 1843.
6. Sarah Hill (dau.) born Aug. 20th, 1792 in Camden District, S.C. She married a McDaniel.
7. William Hill (son) born Feb. 7th, 1795 in Camden District, S.C. He died in 1822.

Note by Mrs. Wilson....the relationship of Jaene (Jane) is unclear but believe she was a sister of Thomas Hill...(Note by Robert Hill...her birth date supports this fact instead of her being a child...it was 4 years before birth of Thomas Hill).

NOTE by Robert Hill: There is a Jonathan Hill with a son Moses in Georgia. I can't find the info or date right now, but I wonder if he is the son (Number 4??). Also The Harrison & Kirkland Families originally came from around Fairfax County Virginia.

Kirkland Genealogy shows that William Harrison married Ann Kirkland, who was the daughter of Captain Richard Kirkland. Captain Kirkland moved from Maryland to Fairfax County Virginia. About 1745 he removed from Fairfax County Virginia to Craven County S.C. (later known as Camden District).

The S.C. part of the Kirkland record shows that Ann Kirkland married William Harrison and had a son Reuben Harrison and daughter Patience Harrison. Other children named in his will, (proved 15 April 1774 and recorded in Charleston) were:

daughter, Mary McKenny

son, James Harrison

son, Willibee Harrison

son, Reuben & daughter Patience received land adjoining Cager (Micajah) Pickett, whose daughter Elizabeth (Pickett) Whitehead m. Samuel Mobley.

(NOTE by Robert Hill: I have a copy of the land sale made by Thomas Hill and wife Patience to her brother Reuben Harrison. (Reference Fairfield Co. Deed Book K, pages 425-427). The sale was dated 1st September 1795. I suspect that it was just before they moved to Kentucky. Now Reuben Harrison is listed among Fairfield Court Records as having served on juries along with Moses Hill..he also was a neighbor of Moses Hill in 1800 Fairfield County Federal Census, on Page (machine stamped) 199. Reuben Harrison is listed just before Moses Hill. I also know there was a Reuben Harrison Jr.,

and I do not think this is Jr. I have been in touch with a descendent of Reuben Harrison and he shows that Junior was born just after 1800. I have previously had suspicions that it is Reuben Harrison Sr. that Moses named his daughter Elizabeth HARRISON Hill after...being a relative or good friend. Also James Hill, son of Moses, named a son William Henry Harrison Hill, and it was not after the President of that name... much too early. I now think the Harrison name was after Captain William Henry Harrison, an officer in the French-Indian War in Virginia. I have a suspicion of a James Hill (b. in New England) that was in the "Norfolk Draft in 1756," and was in his company. James Hill might be a very important clue for me. (End).

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Other remarks:

Item 1.... I do not believe that Moses Hill (my 4th great grandfather) was a twin brother to your Thomas Hill. If it proves out later that he was a brother, I think you will find him no twin.

The birth of Moses Hill was taken from the information that was inscribed on the tombstone of his widow, Savilla N. Roden, who died in Green County, Alabama on 23rd of July 1844. Moses Hill had died some 23 years before Savilla. Moses died on 1st July 1821 in Fairfield County and is buried in what was the front yard to his house.

There are no dates on his tombstone, it only shows he was a Private in the S.C. Militia as a Revolutionary Soldier. His family went to Green County, Alabama ca. 1831 and his wife died there on 23 July 1844.

Inscribed on her tombstone, along with her dates, is a statement that she was the widow of Moses Hill Esquire, of Fairfield County, S.C., who "died on 1st of July 1821 at age of 63 years." End of Quote.

By subtracting that age of 63 from 1821 one arrives at the year of birth as being 1758, BUT suppose he was born after July in 1757 and had died in 1821, prior to reaching his birth day in 1821, then he could have been born in 1757 and was still aged 63 when he died on the 1st of July 1821.

That plus the knowledge that your Thomas was born in March of 1758 makes it impossible that my Moses Hill was born 1758 unless he was a twin and we have had no such knowledge nor are there any twins known in the Moses Hill Family. Fact is we have had no knowledge that my Moses and your Thomas are even connected, until you sent your data, which now brings up several questions. We have researched this some time ago but with no results, thus the reason for our interest in your showing us how you arrived at such a conclusion.

So because of all of this, it appears to me that there is a 50/50 chance that he (Moses Hill) was born in either 1757 or 1758. (I personally suspect 1757 but have no proof as yet).

One common point of interest is that BOTH Moses and your Thomas Hill named their first born sons, Thomas. A custom of those times was to name the first born male after the paternal grandfather, suggesting that both of their fathers may have been named Thomas Hill (which is our belief that a Thomas Hill came over with the Irish and settled up and around the Little River area of today's Fairfield County).

Another thing, there is a "Stick Pin" that has been passed along to the eldest male child in the Moses Hill Family. The story goes that Moses Hill's mother gave it to him since he was the eldest male, with instructions to pass it on down to the first born sons. That was given to my 3rd great grandfather (Thomas), and then his son and my 2nd great grandfather (Nathan).

When Nathan Hill died, his widow Judith Hill gave the pin to her second son, William Stewart Hill because his name was Stewart, (her maiden name). It should have gone to my great grandfather Woodward D. Hill, who was the eldest. A relative in Chicago has the pin to this day.

The point of this is to show that Moses Hill appeared to be the eldest son, and did not seem to be a twin.

Item 2....Page 4 of your Book one: That Richard Hill that you have listed at the bottom of the page as a "Possible Child" well I feel very confident that that Richard Hill is a part of the Robert Hill/Tabitha Hill Family of Halifax County, N.C. and who's members are known to have moved into Old Craven County S.C., later becoming Camden District, then eventually divided up in Fairfield, Chester, Union, Kershaw Counties.

The children of his (Richard) was named William, Simeon, Richard, Shoen (Sion?) John, daughters Dorcas, Susannah and Sarah are a tip off to that connection along with the fact that a daughter named Milbry Hill and her husband Matthew Gibbs also lived in the same area. I strongly suggest dropping this Richard as a possible child. That Richard Hill married Mary Mobley.

Item 3....On page 61 of Book two, you state Quote: "According to records compiled several years ago in Winnsboro, Fairfield County seat by Cousin Miriam Gordon, he (meaning your Thomas) still owned land in South Carolina, selling more in 1804 and disposing of his last holding in 1822 to Moses and George Washington Hill." End of Quote.

I am of the opinion that your cousin has become mixed up with the Thomas Hill (my 3rd great grandfather and son of the deceased Moses Hill) with your Thomas Hill. On 11th of January 1822, Thomas Hill (eldest child of Moses Hill) was involved in two transactions, one being he sold land to his two brothers, Moses (Berry) Hill and George Washington Hill, both of whom were the administrators of Moses Hill's estate. If your deeds shows a Stephen Terry and Spisby Glenn as witnesses, then she has got them mixed up.

Your Thomas Hill may have been involved in the 1804 (I have no knowledge of) sale but that one on 11th of January of 1822 was between the three sons of the deceased Moses Hill, who died on 1st July 1821. I have a copy of that deed. The witnesses I know of...Stephen Terry married a daughter of Moses Hill's, Elizabeth HARRISON Hill, thus was a brother in law to Thomas Hill. The other witness was Spisby Glenn, who had a daughter (Susannah Glenn) that had married James Hill, the second child of Moses Hill and who lived in Union County. If this is the deed that you have, then this was not your Thomas Hill.

From my research on your Thomas Hill and Jonathan Hill, their land was not on or in the Little River area but was in the eastern sections of what later became Fairfield Country and bordering on and in Kershaw County, South Carolina.

Item 4....Reference to your Book one, page 4, under the Children of Jonathan Hill....Note that there is a four (4) year gap between the birth of Jeanne Hill (Harrison?) and your Thomas Hill..It is possible that my Moses Hill was born in 1757 but not between July and December of 1757 as your Thomas Hill was born on 6th March 1758.

(This gives some reason to suggest that they (Moses & Thomas) are not brothers, unless Moses was born before July of 1757, but if he was then he was 64 years old when he died on 1<sup>st</sup> July 1821).

It does appear that a 1757 birth of Moses would fill that gap between Jeanne and your Thomas Hill. If it proves out later that he was a brother to your Thomas, I think you will find out he was not a twin brother.

Item 5....Note the Application that Thomas Hill made dated 28th August 1832 in Caldwell County, Kentucky, a copy that I have sent to you previously. On that application Thomas Hill states that he was born on 6th March 1758, near Monk's Corner, St. John's Parish in Berkley County, S.C. That solves his birth date for a fact. He also states that he arrived in Caldwell County only three years (3 yrs) prior to the application, so he came to Caldwell County, Kentucky ca. 1797.

He (Thomas) states he moved from Berkley County to Camden District, S.C. but he does not say when, only that he was there when the Revolution broke out in 1776 and that was where he signed up for military duty.

Now there is a record between Jonathan Hill and a Francis Kinloch, dated 4th February 1756 for 600 acres in Craven County, S.C. (I am unable to tell who was selling or buying).

Another record shows that Jonathan Hill obtained 200 acres in Craven County, S.C. (later Camden District) on 16th January 1758. I suspect this is was just before he made his move from Berkley County (St. John's Parish) into Craven

(later Camden District). Remember Thomas Hill states he was born 6th March 1758 in BERKLEY COUNTY (ST. JOHN'S PARISH) S.C, so his father Jonathan Hill must have still been in Berkley County at the birth of Thomas Hill.

The above records do not say where in Craven County the land was but on 23rd of May 1765, it appears that Jonathan Hill obtained 100 acres on "Lynches Creek." Exact location unsure but believe it is in the eastern sections of (today's) Fairfield County.

On 30th August 1768 he got another 250 acres on Wateree River,...which today is the border between Fairfield County on the west bank and Lancaster & Kershaw Counties on the east bank.

Now if you will take note of the information that I sent to you (from a bible record) it states that all of the children of Thomas Hill was born in Camden District. This plus the above land deeds etc...indicates to me that Jonathan Hill moved from Berkley County, South Carolina to Craven County (later Camden District) ca. 1758 or early 1759, just after Thomas Hill was born.

From the following information it is quite clear that Jonathan Hill moved into Camden District about 1758 or 1759 and he died there in 1772 (probably ca. November of 1772). Reference to the "Journal of the Court of Ordinary for 1771-1775," by Brent Holcomb on page 72 Probate Records of S.C., 2:47) we find:

"Citation granted to Joseph Kershaw to administer on the estate & effects of Jonathan Hill, late of Camden, planter, deceased, as "great creditor," to be read in said Parish Church of St. Mark's. Dated November 10th 1772

In "Probate Records of S.C., VOL. I; Index to Inventories," by Brent Holcomb & Inventory Book Z, Pages 293-294, shows an Inventory of Jonathan Hill's Estate. (Provided by Mrs. Christopher and found by us in July 1986).

(Note by Robert Hill, The above was provided to me by Mr. Jonathan Butcher, a genealogist that was working for me.

Now as I understand with Eli Kershaw listed as "great creditor," this indicates that Kershaw was owed a lot of money and I assume that is the reason why there was little left of Jonathan's estate and as I understand was all sold off. Do you have any estate papers that you care to share with me?

I do hope that the above information and comments will be of some help to you. There is quite a bit more to discuss with you and suggest that you not be in to big a hurry for your book three. I have a lot more that I think will be of interest to you. All I ask is for you to exchange data with me.

Regards from

Bob Hill