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Dear Win,

Well I am finally back again. I feel certain that you have been wondering why I had not wrote or answered your letters but believe me I just cannot type anymore and I certainly don't write letters by hand. This computer has spoiled me.

This letter was actually started on 16th April 1990 but since there was no way to print the letter, I just kept adding to it. The date of this letter is when it was completed.

I had not forgot you nor have I gave up on genealogy but I have had constant troubles with my printer ever since I first purchased it two years ago. I have taken it back several times to get it fixed but with no success, so I finally had enough of it so this time I took it in and jumped all over the "Panasonic Company" that made it. This time it they were a bit more patient and saw it "act up."

They took it in and sent it back to the factory (under warranty) and that is why I have not wrote to you sooner. It has been gone since the early part of April (sent to Illinois somewhere). So please forgive the long absence of letter writing on my part. I have wrote to no one at all since it left.

I have received all of the information that you have been sending and believe me Win, I do really appreciate it very much. You apparently have access to a lot of data that I don't seem to find in and around Tampa. I wish I had those books by Boddie (Historical Southern Families) as well as those regarding Isle of Wight County and Surry County Virginia.

In your letter dated April 4th, along with details on the Lt. William Hill Family (of Boston)...you commented that (under item 4) there was a footnote to the line item which "embeds" Sion Hill as marrying Elizabeth Marriott..and that the footnote refers to a D/B which actually is a recording of the 1707/09 Will in Surry County, Virginia for Mathias Marriott. You say this will DOES NOT specify Sion Hill, merely: "my daughter Elizabeth Hill." You then go on and say "It is somewhat significant that no other Mr. Hill has been proposed as her husband EXCEPT SION HILL Jr."

Again it is obvious that Elizabeth Marriott was married to a Hill but who, when & why has someone taken it upon themselves to specify that it was Sion Hill with out proof instead of supposition?

With all of the different Hills in that area having wives named Elizabeth, there is in my mind, too much doubt for that Sion Hill/Elizabeth Marriott marriage to be accepted or true without a document showing their marriage to be a fact.

Another subject:

There is something that I am going to take a look at....it is going to take me some time but might be of some help to you...there is a Hill/Glenn connection in my Moses Hill line and I think it is with a John Glenn of Virginia. Could it be related to that second marriage of Hanniniah Elizabeth (Halbert) (Hill) to John Glenn Jr.? I will try to find out more about this connection to the Glenn Family.

One thing I must call to your attention is this...as you know, I am not part of this William Hill 4/ Family but as a collector of Hill data, I am naturally very interested in all information. Often times you mention a fact related to this William Hill line that I am not aware of. When this happens, I will probably ask questions of you. I may or may not make no comment at all, but it isn't that I am intentionally ignoring you or your comments. I am sure you will understand that.

Another subject:

I know nothing at all of Mr. R. Voyt Hill or his book, so far that reason I have no intent to obtain it and am somewhat hesitant to comment on it too much. From what you say, he appears to be the type of person that may have a lot of good data to offer, but will not give you the information required to substantiate it. Then he again, he may be the type that simply (so to say) "just goes off the deep end." That can really cause problems if he has published it in his book.

As I understand, he says that a William "T" Hill married Hannah Bridges, a sister of Thomas Bridges. Despite the fact of his being peculiar, this ought to be looked at by going back to the original document.

I would like to suggest the possibility that the "T" in the middle name may be a MARK and not his name. My Thomas Woodward always made his mark as a "T" but it was not his middle name. (Example, he signed as "Thomas "T" Woodward," the T being his mark. In other words it appears that there was a signature AND A MARK). This is a possibility that the same thing has happened to the above but going back to the

original document is the only way it will be proved one way or another.

Another Item.....You also mentioned finding a will of a William Hill, dated 6th August 1771 in Bute County, N.C. The date of probate was unknown. You say it shows his wife as Elizabeth and names 7 children, 3 sons including a William Hill Jr. and 4 daughters and gave their married names. Could she be a Marriott? Could you by any chance provide me a copy? I am very interested in it.

Now then you say that one of the daughters of this William Hill was Cynthia Bridges and that at the bottom of the letter was a Thomas Bridges as a D.S. (probably Deputy Sheriff). That D.S. may also stand for "District Surveyor." Just a passing comment based on my experience.

May 1st:

Another Item: Now right off hand, I tend to agree with you that Winkfield Shropshire and his wife Catherine Hill owning land next to a Gustovoe Hill may be significant. Could it be that this Catherine Hill was a daughter of Gustovoe Hill instead of William Hill as you suspect? It seems to me there is a need to identify this Gustovoe Hill.

Reference to the book "EARLY FAMILIES IN N.C. COUNTIES OF ROCKINGHAM & STOKES WITH REVOLUTIONARY WAR SERVICE, (Rev. 1989) by James Hunter DAR Chapter, Madison, N.D.... IF I WERE YOU, I would be cautious about making a rapid change in your line of thinking, simply because of the omission from this book of Thomas, Joab, John & sister Polly Hill, especially if there are official documents, such as land grants, deeds, wills etc... After all North Dakota (location of this DAR Chapter) is a long ways from North Carolina and their research may not be too complete.

Regarding this matter....One of the first things that hit me was that Stokes County N.C. was formed in 1789 from Surry County, N.C. Did the authors of the above book bother to check the records of Surry County? Note that 1789 is AFTER THE REVOLUTION thus anyone living in what is today Stokes County was (during the war) actually living in Surry County, N.C. Stokes County did not even exit during the Revolution or prior to 1789.

The same can be said for Rockingham County...it was formed from Guilford County in 1785, which was right at the end of the Revolution, thus anyone that fought in the war that lived in what is today Rockingham County, actually lived in Guilford County, N.C. Did the authors check out the records of Guilford County? If they did not check out these two counties, then that could explain why the above Hills were

omitted from the book.

May 3rd:

Now reference to your next letter, dated 23rd April 1990... You mentioned the fact that Rowan County, N.C. was the parent county for 37 counties in N.C. and ought to be researched out for more definitive records to some of the Hills. I do totally agree with that.

Next item...In your enclosed data you marked (under Matthew Hill Sr.) as being a son of "William Hill & Mary Hill of Rowan County, N.C." and then asked "Could this be the William Hill of York County, S.C.?" I do not think so for the following reason....

Colonel William Hill of York County, S.C. was married to Jane McCall, He was born in 1740 (Ireland or England, I forgot which)... He came first to Pennsylvania, then to South Carolina, where he died 1st December 1816. He owned & operated a large Iron Works during the war. I think I have some data on him but not in front of me.

You enclosed some data about a Matthew Hill Sr...and his family. One of the first things that struck me was this...Matthew Hill Jr had a son named Terry Hill (1802-1850) who had a son Henry Hill, who married Elizabeth Hardin.

I thought at first that it was this Henry Hill that married Elizabeth Hardin was part of C.K. Hill's Family line. I wrote him sometime ago about Henry Hill marrying Elizabeth Hardin but he ruled it out, says dates not right. I still think that somehow there is a connection to his line here. (By the way I have no dates for this Henry Hill).

Could it be that Henry's wife, Elizabeth Hardin, was a daughter of William Hill Hardin, (son of Mark Hardin & Franky Hill, dau. of your William Hill line). Remember, William Hill Hardin had married into those Hills from Boston...having married Maria Hill on 22 May 1797, and who was part of the Boston Hills (Page 14a on their data that you sent to me).

May 7th

Win, you mentioned something in your letter that has really hit home with me...it isn't exactly a pleasant thought but you mentioned the fact that sooner or later you will not be able to actively do research. That is true with all of us and that caused me me to think on this subject and so I ask this question of you...If and when your time comes, what will happen to all of your data? That information should really be recorded or passed on to someone is interested in the Hill line, and that will actively continue the research and not have the data simply lost. Think about it. Ralph Willis and

I have already ran in that with a Edwin Hill, who's data has been lost. It is a real tragedy.

Well here it is the 8th of May...I just checked with Panasonic and they say that I have a bad "Memory Board" and they shipped one to Tampa today...Gads that's almost a month, they sure take their time.

Also today (May 8th) I received a letter that you had dated February 25th, 1990, telling me that you would be home after March 5th???? It was post marked April 31st.. It seems to have been a letter that you intended to send earlier and I gather along with some enclosed material of which there was none. I assume it got lost but some of the contents are (to me) somewhat confusing..... Here is a quote of the letter from beginning to end:

QUOTE

"Hi Bob

From a view of "name hanging" the enclosed Summary write-up by Ralph H. Willis illuminates some murky obscured Hill connections, which we both have looked very distrustful!

Chart on page 16 will "show" why it seemed as if someone was "entangling" William Hill 4/ (sic) that "questionable" 15-Generation Hill Chart. Mr. Willis has done us a service "illuminating this murky situation, and has provided us a frame to begin "gathering" together in a meaningful interpretation of all this vast bits and pieces of evidence which are "floating" around."

"Much of the problem is caused by tunnel vision researchers dropping & ignoring these "cross-over" lines. I am just as guilty because I did not pay attention sooner to the Maryland Hills."

"Mr Willis has not yet corrected that 117 year life span for Green Hill 4/., s/o Robert & Tabitha Hill. As we've discussed before, I am growing more and more convinced that this son, Green Hill, is not the one b. 1714 and married Grace Bennett. It is still a "speculative" suggestion that he m. Letitia Chapman. I lean very much in this direction."

"Unfortunately, Ralph Willis has "hit one one of those stressful times in life-his elderly mother, out of town, is requiring more and more of his time and attention; but I think we have sufficient data to "run" with even though we still lack much of the all important citations!"

"Bob, this time around, that 15 Generation Hill chart does not seem so far fetched and I'm willing to consider it with less jaundiced eye. What's your thinking? I expect to be home

after March 5th."

END OF YOUR LETTER.....Win, I do not have the Summary by Ralph Willis nor do I have a 15 Generation Hill Chart so I don't know how to respond. There was absolutely nothing enclosed with this letter as you implied????

I do however agree with you that the son Green Hill 4/ (s/o Robert/Tabitha Hill was not the one that was born in 1714 and who married Grace Bennett. I also tend to agree with you that he married Letitia Chapman, but again we do need the evidence or proof.

Another subject....I am updating and making some corrections to some S.C. Hill data that I will be sending to you soon, so bear with me. It may help others that have ancestors that went to Georgia from South Carolina.

Well, I guess that I had best close for now. Again many many thanks for the data you have sent and forgive the long delay in writing to you. When ever that happens, you will know that there is a good reason for my not indulging myself in genealogy.

Sincerely,

Bob Hill