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Hi Win,

Again I want to thank you for all of the material that you have sent. It makes real good reading and lots of good genealogical thinking. Naturally you are up on this genealogy of the William Hill family more than I, so lots of your comments have been noted but I will make no comments on them due to lack of knowledge.

I have taken note of the fact that the Shropshire DAR records were from the James Hunter DAR Chapter in Madison, N.C. NOT North Dakota...Did I say North Dakota? Sorry about that.

I am gradually feeling better, enough to start going over all of the material that you sent me regarding R. Voyt Hill's information. As I stated before I have never seen any of his material but since you offered quite a bit of criticism on it I decided to go over what you sent and kind of use my own impartial judgement to kind of form my own opinion. It didn't take long for me to agree with you.

It was great of you in sending me this material and certainly enlightens my knowledge on the matter, but it is very difficult for me to jump in and start criticizing with out the complete document. At first I thought his (RVH's) so called William T. Hill was your William Hill Jr. or Sr. (I think it is but I'm not sure HE knows who he is).

I am absolutely lost as to who he (RVH) thinks William T. Hill is because on page IX he states...Quote "Neither was this William T. Hill a descendant of the William Hill born in 1737 in Caroline County, Virginia. The William Hill born in 1737 also had a daughter named Polly Hill." End of Quote.

Now this William (1737-1792) seems to be Rev. William Hill Jr. son of William Hill Sr. (1710-1787) born in Caroline County, m. Susannah Smithers and who died in 1787 in Surry County, N.C.). This statement (at least to me) says that RVH is convinced that William T. Hill was not Rev. William Hill Jr. nor was he related to the William Hill Sr. and Jr. lines from Caroline County. At the same time he names some of their children into this so called William T. Hill line. He (RVH) also has used N.C. land deeds etc..from the family of the two William Hills (from Caroline County, Va.) into the so called William T. Hill line. He even discusses the fact

that his William T. Hill married Hannah Bridges and not Hannah Halbert, whom is known to have married Rev. William Hill Jr.

For what ever the reason, he seems to be mixed up with a William (T.?) Hill of Rockingham County to the Rev. William Hill Jr. family. (I think he is talking about the same William Hill Jr. but doesn't realize it).

I do not think there is much that can be done to get him to acknowledge his errors and as far as I am concerned will consider his work as "flawed" and will not use it.

Another thing that I noted was that R. Voyt Hill has "Rockingham Fever" as just about everyone he names seems to have been born in Rockingham County, N.C. (Note: I have to say there are errors in "East Goes West," page 106, note birth of Thomas Hill (22 Dec. 1759) is listed as Guilford County. Guilford County was not formed until 1771 so this is wrong! James Hill is listed as being born 25 July 1761 in Rockingham County, which is wrong. It was not formed until 1785. Mary Hill is listed in EGW as born ca. 1764 in Guilford County, but it was not formed until 1771.

He (RVH) says (on page VIII) that based on a leaf from the family bible, James Hill (his forebear) was born in 1761 in Rockingham County, N.C. (I note that you said this disagrees with Pension record. What does it say, Guilford County, Orange, Bladen, Johnston, Granville or Rowan County)?

Guilford County itself was not formed until 1771, from Orange and Rowan Counties. Orange County was not formed until 1752 from Bladen, Granville and Johnston Counties, so depending on what area this family lived in, up until 1785 (when Rockingham County was formed) they could have been born in any of the above named counties, but certainly not Rockingham County since it was not formed until 1785.

He (RVH) goes on and says that Thomas Hill (brother of James Hill) was born in Rockingham County N.C. in 1759 and Joab Hill (younger brother to James) was born ca. 1775 in Rockingham County, which still had not been formed. To me he seems to be mixed up and is displaying a careless genealogical record based on hear say evidence from others.

I would like to see that bible record and assuming it is true, then apparently someone made the entry AFTER 1785 when Rockingham County had been formed. The person making the entry simply must have put down the county that was in existence at that time, not stopping to realize that the location of the births was in another county prior to the forming of Rockingham County, which was not in existence when

the births occurred. (I have had the same thing happen in my family in S.C.).

Now in my mind, I am of the opinion that RVH's William T. Hill is the same man as Rev. William Hill Jr. (1737-1792) and thus is, in fact, talking about your William Hill Sr.'s line, even though he does not realize it (or does he????).

Now what does bother me and we both must consider the possibility that it is quite possible that Abner Hill or someone else in the family had knowledge that he (Rev. Hill) was named William T. Hill but we may never know since no proof has been given. At the same time, I don't want to rule out that possibility but will simply keep it in mind and put it aside, awaiting proof, if we ever get it.

Following from the Andrea Collection on Hills in S.C.:

51. UEL HILL, will signed 22 Aug. 1832, probated 3 Nov. 1832...My deceased wife is spoken of but not by name...one child listed, Elizabeth, wife of James Hughes. My grandchildren and named as: Ann, wife of Willis Palmer; Catherine, wife of Singleton Hughes; Julie, wife of W.G. Williams; Thomas Hughes; James Hughes Jr; & Pamela Hughes. Nephew, William P. Hill Ex. with my brother, Joshua Hill & Abner Perrin. I am guardian to my two nieces, children of Alsa Hartsfield: Miss Sarah Ann Hartsfield & Miss Miriam Hartsfield. /wit. Jacob B. Britt, R.W. Corley & A.W. McCraven. UEL HILL WAS IN REVOLUTION AND NOTE HIS LAND GRANTS. (listed below)

Uel, 133a on Bold Branch in 96 Dist., 3 Dec. 1787.

Uel, 120a in Abbeville, 4 Feb. 1793 & 470 at Long Canes on 4 Sept. 1797.

William, 476a at Long Canes in Abbeville, 3 July 1809.  
(Is he related to Uel Hill)?

Other items of interest for you: This is a quote from the Andrea Collection

30. HILL ITEMS FROM HISTORY OF ANDERSON CO., S.C.  
(PENDLETON)

- a. Joshua Hill with Joseph Woodall or Wadall, William Hammond, James Martin & Samuel Taylor were the first settlers on 6 & 20 Creek.
- b. Elizabeth Hill wed William Halbert and they had a daughter, Susannah H. Halbert, who wed in Virginia in 1786 to Peter Acker & came then to reside in old Pendleton District.

NOTE: The two above, a. & b., were children of William Hill of Surry County Virginia. (This may be N.C.)

Win, Notice Andrea questions the Surry Co Va.  
connection!

Another matter...I found this in the Andrea Collection: The following was in the South Carolina Newspaper known as the Camden Chronicle:

26. HILL ITEMS FROM FILES OF THE CAMDEN CHRONICLE  
Miss Margaret Ann Hill, the daughter of Green Hill, was recently married in Raleigh N.C., to William T. Bain of Pittsburg.. Issue 21 Sept. 1833.

You see, I think East Goes West (and others) have the right idea about who this particular Green Hill was...but in his affidavit I think Rev. Bains has the wrong William Hill listed. It all gets back to that word "Elder."

I have looked up the word Elder and this is what is in my dictionary....

1. one living in an earlier period;
2. one who is older:Senior <the child trying to please his --s>;
3. one having authority by virtue of age and experience <the village --s>;
4. any various church officers i.e. A: a Presbyterian B: a permanent officer elected by a Presbyterian congregation and ordained to serve on the session and assist the pastor at communion; C. A minister.

As seen from the above the term Elder could mean something other than a church minister, officer or official and I have already showed you another "Elder" William Hill in Surry County, N.C. other than your William Hill Sr. (Remember the one who fought in the Revolution, born in Southampton Co., Va.) and who's son Richard Hill filed his Pension papers?

I am of the opinion that Rev. Bain's wording of Elder in his affidavit has caused a lot of this confusion and was based on someone else's thinking (which was wrong). I will give you what I think is a good possibility, bear with me....

One of the most important items in RVH's book (to me) is found on Page 339. In a letter from James Hill to Edwin P. Hill dated 30th December 1912...The bottom paragraph where he (James Hill) questions the connecting of his family line (RVH says William T. Hill) to Sion Hill. He (James) starts to explain why but you then cut it off and did not send the following pages. (Do you have them? What does James say about this)? Can you send the next two or three pages (Pages 340, 341, 342)?

What is important is that this shows that even as far back as 1912 someone was trying to connect Sion Hill to your William Hill Sr. line and some 14 years later, James Hill was questioning this so called connecting of his family line to Sion Hill (of Surry Co., Va. Hills) as I and others are doing today.

Rev. Bains made his affidavit on the 3rd of February 1926...Note that on 30th December 1912, James Hill wrote a letter to Edwin P. Hill, and questions the fact that he (Edwin P. Hill) connects his (James' line) to the Sion Hill Family....(On Page 339 of RVH's book).

This proves that someone (Edwin P. Hill at least) had made that connection as early as 1912, or some 14 years prior to Rev. Bains 1926 statement. It could be that Rev. Bains was simply using that same line of thinking when he connects the Elder (church official) William Hill line to the Sion Hill line and (as indicated by James Hill) was wrong! I still feel it is wrong!

Now consider the following:

1. No proof has been found to show that Sion Hill Jr. was ever up in Caroline County, Virginia, which had to be if (Elder?) William Hill Sr. (b. 1710) was his son. Fact is that is completely out of line of this families migration to N.C. (look at map).
2. The name of Sion Hill does not appear anywhere in this William Hill SR.'s family, which appears to contradictory to the custom of the Surry County Hills (i.e. Robert, Richard, Sion), naming the first born male after the paternal grandfather. William Hill Sr, named his first son, William Hill Jr. and suggest to me that (as Joshua Hill says) William Hill Sr. was also a son of a William Hill.
3. Note the testimony of Joshua Hill in the Papers that Mr. Luck talks about. Now note that James Hill questions it too, that's two members of the family that question this Sion Hill connection. That to me is hard to overlook!

I am convinced even more that Rev. Bains was led astray by someone else's opinion when he connects this so called Elder William Hill Sr. line to the Sion Hill line. I don't think that the two families are in anyway connected.

I guess this is long enough and will sign off for now. Will be getting back to you later.

Robert R. Hill