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Hi Win,

Gradually I am regaining my strength and know I am improving as I am also regaining my interest in genealogy. I had several things that I had wanted to discuss with you prior to my going into the hospital but so help me I just can not remember them now. However I have just stumbled on to a thought, strictly speculative on my part and want to share with you.

One thing that I remember that I wanted to talk with you about was that I have (from EGW) that Sion Hill Jr. 3/ was born 1682 in Surry County, Virginia, died after 1762 married twice, 1st being between 1707-1709, 2nd marriage ca. 1713. Is this correct?

If one were to say or find out that the William Hill (b. 1710 & m. Susannah Smithers) was not his son, would there still be a record of Sion Hill Jr. 3/ having a son named William Hill 4/? My explanation for this question is below.

I know you are aware of the DeLoach-Hill connection in Northampton County, N.C. Ann DeLoach was apparently married to a William Hill and another daughter (Martha) married a Harmon Hill. I suspect this was a marriage of two brothers to two sisters. Have you any other information on these two particular Hills?

William Q. Hill says that this particular William Hill was QUOTE "b. ca. 1712, probably Surry Co., Va., d. after 1793, probably Chatham County, N.C., m. 1st ???, 2nd Annie DeLoach on 25th March 1746, (another source says September 3rd, 1748 which I think is wrong) dau. of William DeLoach. (This William Hill is the father of William C. Hill (C for Clanton), whose will you have marked, Halifax Co., N.C. William C. (Clanton) Hill mentions his aunt Lauraney Harrington, she was a sister of William Hill above)." END OF QUOTE.

Stated as Children of William Hill & Ann DeLoach were:

1. William Hill (I estimate birth ca. 1747-1749).
2. Ann Hill

3. Celia Phillips.

I have difficulty with a lot of what William Q. says about this...I do not think this William Hill was the son of Robert Hill 3/(Tabitha)..because Robert & Tabitha did not marry until ca. 1721 in Isle of Wight Co., Va., some 9 years AFTER the stated birth of this William Hill (by William Q. Hill) in 1712. I also suspect this William Hill (m. DeLoach) may have died ca. 1748-1750, even though he is mentioned in his mother in law's will.

I wonder if this could be William Hill 4/, the son of Sion Hill Jr. 3/ (instead of your William Hill Sr.) As you know I think researchers have the wrong William Hill listed as son of Sion Hill Jr. 4/.

I admit that I am having a problem in this line of thinking because of the fact of so many William Hills and the fact that I think Harmon Hill was a brother to this William Hill and cannot place Harmon Hill anywhere. I do not have him (Harmon Hill) listed among any of the Hills from Virginia, however I would bet both William & Harmon Hill are related to those Hills from Isle of Wight and (or) Surry, Virginia somehow.

Now meanwhile, back in April (just before I got sick) you sent me two (Abstracted Deeds) from a book entitled "Abstracts-Sampson-Duplin Deeds," Deed Book 9, showing on 21 October 1794 that a Green Hill (wife Feraby) sold land to Furnfold Wood and it stated that the land was originally granted by patent to FRANCIS HILL and transferred by deed from him the "said Francis Hill, his brother."

(I think it came from Mr Jerome D. Traver, 410 Merrimac Trail (#2), Williamsburg, Va. 23185).

Another deed (dated 24 October 1794) shows Green Hill to Sion Hill, sold 75 acres...land granted by patent to Francis Hill, originally "transferred by deed from him the said Francis Hill to Richard Hill, his brother.

At the bottom of the deeds was a note stating "SEE NOTES 3, 12, 15k, 21, 24e and 24f." These notes were not included and could be very significant in tying this group together or at least to explain certain events. I have called the library and they do not have this book. Do You have this book?

The first deed seems to show that Green Hill was a brother of the original owner, Francis Hill. The second deed shows that Francis Hill (original owner) transferred land to another of his brothers, a Richard Hill, thus showing that Green, Richard & Francis Hill were all brothers.

Now the second deed shows only that Green Hill sold the land to a Sion Hill, who may have been his son. (possible brother).

To me it looks like Francis Hill got a grant and had split it in two parts and gave his two brothers (Green & Richard) half.

I have gone over what records I have to see if I can find a Francis Hill listed among families with children and who would show up as a brother with a Green and Richard Hill, especially among those Hills of Isle of Wight, Surry and Sussex Counties of Virginia and can find none, but I am sure they are somehow connected. If it were not for Francis Hill, I would swear that they were sons of Robert Hill 3/ (wife Tabitha).

It is too bad that a deed or date, showing the transactions of this Francis Hill cannot be located. It would also be interesting to see the transaction showing when Richard Hill got the land from brother Francis Hill and then how and when Green Hill got his land from brother Richard Hill. All of this could help to pin these Hills down.

I just wonder if that name of Francis Hill ties in somehow with this DeLoach-Hill Family? Note there is a Francis DeLoach and since they married into the Hill line (William & Harmon Hill) if there is a connection. Timewise it would seem possible. We don't have a list of the children of Harmon Hill, or do we?? (I don't).

In order to pin down these Hill, the following questions come to my mind.

1. What date did Francis Hill get this grant?
2. When did Green Hill get the land from brother Richard Hill.
3. How was Green and Sion Hill related? (I suspect father and son myself).

If you can shed any light on these questions, it may help us to connect this group in Sampson County, N.C. down.

Sincerely,

Robert Hill

PS...Reference to your Post Card and Hirman Hill (b. 15 May 1779 in NC-d. 1869 in Miss)...m. Mildred Anne Shelton....I

have quite a bit on him and his family...He was a son of a William Hill (of Maryland) who finally settled & died in Chester County, S.C. This William Hill data was largely solved by the 1880 Census when it showed (data by his grandchildren) that THEIR PARENTS (children of William) were born in Maryland, Virginia, N.C. & S.C.

A descendent has worked all of this family data up very well.