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Dear Win,

I have received two or three letters from you since I last wrote, including some genealogical data and (as usual) it is very much appreciated.

I wish I had the books that you often mention and send copies or at least part of them. I don't have them and the local library doesn't have all of them and what they do have, you can't take them out. I am thinking of joining that Genealogical Loaning Library in Atlanta, cost \$ 20.00 for the year and then \$ 3.00 per book for two weeks. I guess that I have got cranky because (to me) there are some very arrogant, inconsiderate and stupid people that go to the library that causes so much disturbances that I just don't like to go anymore.

You said that you saw two pieces of evidence (both wrong?) that supports MY THINKING about "100 year old William Hill and son Richard Hill of Surry County, N.C. What was this evidence and why was it wrong?

Now Win, this is not my thinking and it certainly is no theory. It is a Revolutionary War Application made by Richard Hill, who stated his father was William Hill who died at age of 100. Now what I did say (and think) is that this William could also be called "ELDER." That terminology doesn't necessarily have to relate to a church person or officer you know, it could be an elderly man too.

As I had explained before, I have my doubts that he lived to be 100, probably lived to be in his nineties BUT that is what the Application of his son Richard Hill stated. Since he was said to have been born in Southampton County, Virginia (originated from Nansemond County) causes me to think he ties into that Robert Hill/Mary Webb Family line somehow.

With all of the researching going on for all those different William Hills, I am surprised that no one has ever researched this (so called) 100 year old William Hill, also why no one has inquired of the DAR about him and asked if anyone has ever filed on his ancestry. If I was personally interested in a William Hill or that particular Hill line (meaning Robert Hill/Mary Webb line), he would certainly be one that I would be researching.

You wrote that William Hill 3/ needed to be added as a son of Sion Hill Sr. 2/, who had 3 sons (3rd generation). Who were they? I would like to have there names as this is news to me. You say the three named sons, Green Hill, 4th generation.

Again, in the same letter (back in December) you mentioned a DeLoach Family of Isle of Wight County, later in Halifax County, N.C. having ties to the Hill Family. If my memory is correct that too was a William Hill, but I can't find it right now. I too had noticed that Hill-DeLoach connection and had called it to Jerry Reid Hill's attention about a month ago, which brings me to a subject that I need to discuss with you. Here goes...

That abstracted will you sent for William C. Hill was very important because it showed William C. Hill had a brother named Richard Hill, who Jerry Hill says is the one that married Lydia Watkins. If Jerry is correct in his family listing (and for the moment I am assuming he is) that is very important for his research. It definitely ties William C. Hill in with a brother Richard Hill & Lewis Hill, who mother was not (in my opinion) Elizabeth Clanton.

Frankly Win, I think there is something badly wrong on the data furnished us on William C. Hill and that entire family line of Jerry Reid Hill's. I have told him my opinion, a lot being based on the following information. Too much emphasis has been placed on Elizabeth Clanton marrying a William Hill and then they being named as the parents to William C. Hill. Is there any proof? I have seen none and will explain my doubts.

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

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

Now this is very important because it clearly shows that William C. (Clanton) Hill was a brother to Richard Hill. If Jerry Reid Hill has the correct listing of children, this means that Lewis Hill, Richard Hill and William C. Hill were the grandsons of Robert Hill 3/ and wife Tabitha, and that their father was a son of Robert Hill 3/. Question is WAS THAT FATHER NAMED WILLIAM HILL 4/?

I am not too sure that Jerry Reid Hill has his family line correct BUT I am of the opinion that Charity Lewis was the mother for the three named above and if he is correct in naming the correct Richard Hill as a brother to William C. Hill, then his mother WAS NOT (in my opinion) Elizabeth Clanton. I seem to remember that a William Hill is connected to this Lewis Family but can't find it now.

Now I agree that William Clanton Hill (or William C. Hill) was a grandson of Robert Hill 3/ BUT, AND THIS IS A BIG BUT, who was his father? Was it William Hill 4/ or another son of Robert Hill 3/?

Note the Will of William C. Hill...he names brother Richard Hill as Executor (OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, N.C.) and the 1790 Census for Franklin County, N.C. does show a Richard Hill listed BUT AND THIS IS A BIG BUT....HE IS LISTED AS RICHARD HILL JR.

Now notice the following facts: First, the Will of Richard Lewis shows two grandsons, Richard Hill & Lewis Hill being born by 1759...next, note the Will of William C. Hill shows brother Richard Hill was of Franklin County and was appointed as executor of his will.....Third, the 1790 Census shows Richard Hill of Franklin County was a Richard Hill Jr., indicating his father was Richard Hill Sr.... Fourth, If Jerry is correct and this William Hill 4/ is son of Robert Hill 3/, and WHO HE SAYS is the father of William C. Hill, (also Richard & Lewis Hill) named no son Robert after his own father and did not seem to follow the customs of the family or times by not doing so.

When you put the information from the Will of William C. Hill, and then locating and noting the Richard Hill in Franklin County N.C. in the 1790 Census being a JR. and the fact that no Robert Hill is named as a child in William C. Hill's family, causes me to have strong doubts that they were the children of a William Hill but instead were children of a Richard Hill Sr. I then wonder if Jerry is working on the correct Hill line.

I wonder if the son of Robert Hill 3/ was the William Hill that seems (in my mind) to be related to the DeLoach Family up in Halifax County?

Based on the following, one thing appears certain in my mind, Richard Hill and Lewis Hill's mother was NOT Elizabeth Clanton as Jerry R. Hill has stated (and as do others). A Richard Lewis was married to a woman named Ann Lewis, he died and she remarried to a Wilson Williams. Richard Lewis and his widow Ann (Lewis) Williams and her second husband Wilson Williams, were kind enough to leave us researcher wills...I told Jerry he ought to get the complete wills...See Below.

Reference to Will of Richard Lewis, Will #7, Page 6, Halifax County, N.C. dated 23rd November 1759, Will proved in June Court for 1760:

QUOTE "To Nicholas Lewis, land, stock, household goods, 5 shillings; lend daughter CHARITY LEWIS 1 Negro girl & her increase for life of said CHARITY, and at her death, the said Negro and increases to be divided between MY GRANDSONS: RICHARD HILL & LEWIS HILL in an honest manner; son Thomas Lewis all my lease land on the north side of Conway Creek, my second best bed and furniture, horse, etc..and all the hogs and cattle of his brand, Negroes etc...daughter ANN LEWIS 1 Negro girl and my third best bed and furniture; son WILLIAM LEWIS the plantation whereon we now live, joining my son Nicholas, 1 Negro and my fourth best bed and furniture; (to) lend wife ANN LEWIS 1 Negro and the rest of my estate.

Extr: my wife ANN LEWIS

Wits: John Lockhart, Thomas Thrower" END OF QUOTE.

There is only one way for this Richard Lewis to be the grandfather to Richard & Lewis Hill (said to be sons of Jerry R. Hill's (said) William Hill 4/) and that was for his daughter to have been the mother of the two (Richard & Lewis Hill) and thus (maybe unless born out of wedlock) was wife of William Hill 4/. There is no other way.

Now assuming this is the Richard Hill named in the Will of William C. Hill as Executor and of Franklin County, then Richard Hill, Lewis Hill & William C. Hill were brothers and had the same parents. The Will of William C. Hill, leaving a legacy to his aunt, Lurancy Arrington, proves they were grandchildren of Robert Hill 3/ and wife Tabitha BUT IT DOES NOT PROVE OR SAY THE FATHER WAS WILLIAM HILL 4/, only that he was a son of Robert Hill 3/.

Another thing of importance, this will shows that Richard Hill & Lewis Hill were probably the only two grandchildren

born by 1759 and in the way they are listed (Richard first) makes me feel that Richard Hill was the eldest and, if they were following a custom often used in those days, Richard could have been named for the paternal grandfather (father of Jerry's William Hill). Was the father of William C. Hill named William, Robert or Richard Hill? The William Hill 4/ that Jerry R. Hill is using named, no son Robert, which is unusual for that particular Hill line, especially if his father was Robert Hill 3/.

Now Lewis Hill appears to me to have been the second born son and thus was named for the maternal side of the family, this being the LEWIS' side (wife of a William Hill 4/?), thus was named LEWIS HILL. (Jerry & I both noted that the article by the old researchers as well as Ralph Willis & friend have left Lewis Hill off the family listing completely).

My records shows that Richard Hill m. Lidia (Lydia) Watkins on 11th March 1778 in Bute County, N.C. Allowing him to have been aged 18 when he married would show a birth of 1760 and an age of 25 would show him born ca. 1753. Now we know he was born BEFORE 1759 so I think we can estimate his birth between 1753 and 1755....because we must also allow for the birth of LEWIS HILL (his brother) who also was born before 1759.

Narrowing it down a bit more, I would estimate that Richard Hill was born between 1755 and 1758 (a guess based on allowing a year after marriage of parents). Lewis Hill was probably born between 1757-1758.

Now notice that neither William Clanton Hill nor any other grandchild was mentioned in the Will of the maternal grandfather, Richard Lewis in 1759, thus I feel none of the other children of (said to be) William Hill 4/) was born prior to 1759.

Therefore the birth date gave for William Clanton Hill of 1752-1757 appears to be wrong. It is possible that Jerry Reid Hill has the wrong Richard Hill listed as being the brother to Lewis Hill and William C. Hill. Again I ask, could the father to William C. Hill, Richard & Lewis Hill be another son (other than William Hill 4/) of Robert Hill 3/ and wife Tabitha?

As I understand it, Lewis Hill died ca. 10th July 1795, because when his will was proved, it named his wife as Rebecca (Jerry says she was Watkins, sister to Lydia, wife of brother Richard Hill). Children named were: Henry Hill, Hencky Hill, Guilford Hill, John Hill, Milby Hill, (John & Milby were minors).

What proof or evidence is there that a William Hill ever

married Elizabeth Clanton, other than that middle name Clanton being assigned to the said son William? Something is badly wrong here! I have seen no proof of this, just an assumption based on William's middle name being Clanton.

Back to the wills.....Ann Lewis, widow of Richard Lewis and mother of Charity Lewis Hill remarried Wilson Williams. Finding Charity's name in the mother's will rules out Charity (Lewis) Hill being dead in 1779, and if this is the correct William Hill and father to William Clanton Hill, then his mother was Charity Lewis, not Elizabeth Clanton.

When I found this my first reaction was of a possibility that William Hill (or Richard Hill) had 2 sons (Richard & Lewis) by Charity Lewis out of wedlock but was married to Elizabeth Clanton and had other children by her. Again why would Richard Lewis call his daughter Charity, "Charity Lewis" in his 1759 will and then the mother some 20 years later call her "Charity Hill" in her will? Remember, in that 1759 will, the grandsons, Richard & Lewis Hill had already been born.

Note this:

THE WILL OF ANN WILLIAMS (Will # 342, Page 98, dated 1779 and proved in the August Court of 1785, the children (names not given) of Thomas Lewis and William Lewis cattle, hogs etc..Daughter CHARITY HILL wearing apparels, my son William Lewis, all my crops, Henry Lewis son of William Lewis, silver buttons.

Extrs: my son Thomas Lewis

Wits: John Boutin, Thomas Dazin/Dozier, William Dazin/Dozier

Comments on the above wills : This shows that Ann (Lewis) Williams, was the widow of Richard Lewis, had re-married to Wilson Williams, who also died ca. 1774 (see his will below). This will shows that Ann (Lewis) Williams had a daughter Charity that married a Hill...It also shows she was the mother of both Thomas & William Lewis, who are named as sons in the will of the above Richard Lewis...thus it would appear that Richard Lewis's widow (Ann Lewis) must have re-married to Wilson Williams (ref his will below), and this was her will. When she left a legacy to Henry Lewis, son of William Lewis, and children (un-named) of Thomas Lewis, she was leaving a legacy to her grand children. Note she does not mentioned any grandchildren named HILL. They were grown by this time.

Next, reference to the will of Wilson Williams, Will # 207, page 366, dated 16th September 1771, proved August Court 1774: Wife ANN WILLIAMS (the above Ann (Lewis) Williams), whole estate, daughter MARY HILL, Henry Potts, gun etc...; residue of my estate to be equally divided between brothers &

sisters: Jesse Williams, Eley Williams, Isaac Williams, and Martha Williams.

Extrs: my brother Jesse Williams

Wits: Thomas Nash, Williams Lewis, Thomas Etheridge, John Etheridge.

Comments: This shows that ANN (LEWIS) WILLIAMS' second husband was Wilson Williams, who died ca. July-August of 1774 and it looks as though Wilson Williams also had a daughter named MARY who had married a HILL.

Question....Win, wasn't there a Mary Williams said to have married a William Hill????

Now reference to second marriage of Ann Lewis to Wilson Williams, this second marriage apparently took place after June of 1760 (approximate date of Richard Lewis' death and before September 1771, when the will of Wilson Williams was wrote.

It seems to me (from data somewhere that I have seen but can't find it now) that Charity Lewis was the wife of a William Hill, and if so, they were (or appear to be) the parents of Richard Hill, Lewis Hill and William C. Hill. This is the same family that Jerry R. Hill says were the brothers to Enoch Hill and possibly a James and Henry Hill. I think James & Henry were sons of William C. Hill.

Notice that in the will of Richard Lewis (1759) CHARITY is named as CHARITY LEWIS, indicating she was still unmarried, (at least when the will was wrote on 23rd January 1759) BUT THE TWO HILL GRANDSONS HAD ALREADY BEEN BORN. If she was the wife of William 4/ why does her father call her "CHARITY LEWIS," and not Charity Hill? It could be that the grandsons were born out of wedlock.

The fact that her father addresses her as "Charity Lewis" makes it tempting to rule her out as the wife of William Hill 4/ BUT when her mother wrote her will in 1779, she is called "CHARITY HILL." Again, were they born out of wedlock?

Now here is the big question to me...this will of her mother's seems to show that Charity Hill was alive in 1779. Since she is named in her mother's will she was alive BUT (and if) William Clanton Hill's mother was Elizabeth Clanton, when did she marry William Hill 4/ (IF IT IS WILLIAM 4/) and IF SO, when was William Clanton Hill born? His birth dates given in the past appear to be wrong as it seems to have been after 1759, based on the will of Richard Lewis, his maternal grandfather.

Since Richard Lewis, father of Charity (Lewis) Hill willed the slave and her increase (meaning her children if any born) to his daughter Charity Lewis (for life) and then stated "upon her death" that the slaves (if more than one) were to be divided between the two grandson, Richard & Lewis Hill, makes me feel SHE IS THEIR MOTHER. I think it is possible that the father (William Hill 4/?) either married first Charity Lewis or had children by her out of wedlock.

Now this could mean that the children of (William Hill 4/? and wife Charity Lewis) were Richard Hill, Lewis Hill and William C. Hill and (MAYBE), Sion Hill, Herbert Hill, Henry Hill, and Enoch Hill were children of Elizabeth Clanton. I would have to see some documentation to believe this though. Jerry R. Hill says that a Sion Hill is connected to this William Hill 4/?? (a son) and if so, I think that Jerry has correctly identified the correct Sion Hill, as the one who married Drucilla Lane...and who we know died ca. January or February of 1795. His notes say that in the book "Kinfolks of Nash Co., 1778-1854" on page 312, it says they (Sion & Drucilla) were married on October 2nd, 1783.

I also noticed that Drucilla Hill (wife of Sion Hill) was still alive when the Newet Lane's (her father) estate was divided on November 24th, 1831. He named her as a daughter and who's name was given as Drucilla Hill. The will of this Sion Hill names only wife Drucilla and a Elizabeth, who I think was his daughter.

This suggest to me that Sion Hill died young with only one child, probably Elizabeth. He died in early 1795 and allowing his age of 18 at marriage (on 2 October 1783) suggest to me a birth of ca. 1765. If he was 25 when he married (2 October 1783) suggest he was born ca. 1758, which (if he is a brother to William C. Hill) we know he was not due to that will of Richard Lewis, so to me it seems he (Sion) was born between 1760-1765. Mother was Charity Lewis???? she was still alive then.

Another subject:

You asked me again if I still have doubts about Rev. Bain's Affidavit, well the answer is yes, I still have not changed my thinking.

All of this data in the DAR Application is ok, but then beyond the Application, things or based on the acceptance that Sion Hill Jr. was the father of BOTH Green Hill 4/ and your William Hill Sr. 4/, which I just can't see or accept. Nothing has been shown to me to accept this as a fact.

I also noticed on that DAR Application that you had to make several changes in dates, marriages, indicating that the

originator of the information was in the same shoes that Rev Bains was in...they told what they were told as being fact, but without any proof. I think some wacky ancestor gave Rev. Bains this information, and it is wrong. Everyone wants to be connected to a famous man, but they don't have proof.

Note: I have the same situation on my Woodward line, but research in S.C. and England has proved it to be wrong, and it is even in the Congressional Records. My 5th great grandfather (Thomas Woodward) was a S.C. Regulator and fought in the Revolution and every Woodward in S.C. connected to his family, but a lot of them are wrong. This is similar to your William Hill Sr. being a son of Sion Hill Jr...it is (so to say) engraved in stone and will be hard to change BUT I SAY IT IS WRONG!

QUESTION....Tell me why you feel that Bains is right in his statement and yet you refuse to accept the Joshua Hill Foster papers? Why is he (Joshua Hill) so wrong and Bains is so right? Rev. Bains lived later, in more modern times, than Joshua Hill Foster did, so why not believe the man that lived to closer to the facts?

Joshua Foster Hill also was talking about his great grandparents wasn't he? The point being (to me) is what is the difference in the approach and why do you take Rev Bain's statement over the great grandson of Joshua Hill Foster? At least the Joshua Hill papers places him (William Hill Sr.) in the right location (northern Virginia), while Bain's application implies just the opposite.

One contradicts the other doesn't it?. I have not seen the complete Christ Church Parish Records of Middlesex County, and for that reason I don't quite accept what Mr. Luck says (in full) but he has some good points on the matter, and I tend to agree with him, BUT MOSTLY FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS.

Now your William Hill Sr. is said to have been born (ca. 1710) up in and around Caroline County, Virginia. I have never heard you are anyone else dispute that fact...Now show me some evidence or proof that Sion Hill Jr. 3/ was ever up in northern Virginia (where your William Hill Sr. was born) OR that William Hill Sr. (b. ca. 1710) was born down near or around Surry, Isle of Wight or Sussex Counties of Virginia and I may change my opinion of his not being a son of Sion Hill Jr. 3/, but it is going to have to be real good hard proof. As long as that fact exist, I will never feel that Rev. Bain's statement is correct or that he has the correct William Hill connected to the proper Green Hill.

Sorry, I don't mean to be contrary but (as you feel about the Foster Hill papers) I am just not convinced that Bains has

made the right connection to the correct William Hill (your line) and I think your line comes from the Hills of Maryland or Northern Virginia AND NOT those of Isle of Wight, Surry or Sussex County, Virginia.

Again, I ask you to take a look at a map of Virginia, and look where Caroline County, and King & Queen Counties are. (Remember King & Queen County is where William Hill is said to have married Susanna Smither (Smithers). Note that King & Queen County borders Gloucester County, which is where she was from. (Tends to Agree with the Joshua Hill Foster papers too).

Caroline County is certainly not very close to Isle of Wight, Surry or Sussex County. Gloucester is not too far, but, and considering the fact that the Sion Hill line appears to have moved (southward) to N.C., how does one explain the birth of a so called son of Sion Hill Jr. 3/ (meaning William Hill Sr.) being born (well north of) where Sion lived or migrated?

There is no record of the said father (Sion Hill) ever being in northern Virginia NOR HAVE I SEEN ANY record of William Hill Sr. ever being in and around Surry, Isle of Wight or Sussex Counties in Virginia. The theory given to us (and the one that you believe) just does not seem to fit a migrating pattern that Sion Hill Jr. lead and who ended up in N.C.

Now look at a map of N.C. and see where Surry County, N.C. is compared to Warren, Franklin, Wake and Halifax Counties, N.C. It isn't exactly in the ball park (so to say) with Warren, Wake, Franklin and Halifax Counties of N.C. of Northeastern N.C.

I am of the opinion that the ancestors of the Robert Hill/Mary Webb line moved into the area of northeastern and eastern N.C., while those of your William Hill moved more into the western or northwestern parts of N.C.

I have never seen nor heard of any evidence that Sion Hill Jr. 3/ (or any member of that family) ever lived up in or around Caroline County, Virginia.

Since your William Hill Sr. 4/ was born there, as well as other reasons, I do not think he was a son of Sion Hill Jr. 3/. Thus it is still my contention that the Rev. Bain document is not correct due to the fact that either he is not speaking of the correct William Hill or had himself confused by some ancestor, who mistakenly connected him with the famous Green Hill. He probably was told that, since Green Hill was a famous man, by some wacky ancestor, who thought they knew their facts when they did not.

I don't enjoy taking this stand and will eat crow if and when I am proved wrong, but (at this time) I don't think anyone has enough evidence on Sion Hill Jr. to name ANY of his children or his wives, much less have someone state your William Hill Sr. was his son. Show me the proof and I will eat crow! All of the evidence given to date lies in that Rev. Bain's document, and just suppose that it did not exist? What would be said then of your William Hill Sr.'s ancestry and where would you say his line originated?

Well, I will close for now, but we all must keep informing each other of our ideas, findings etc...even though we do not always agree. The main thing is to try to sort this all out and get our Hills lined up correctly.

Regards from

Bob