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Hi Tom,

I want to start off by apologizing for being so slow in response to your letter dated 17th of December 1989. First reason was due to all the Christmas Holiday going celebration and my working but a lot of it was due to the fact that my printer has been in the shop and therefore I just gave up on all of my correspondence. I do trust you will understand.

I received your request for data on my Hill line and wanted to know how I connect into the William Hill line. I have no knowledge that my Hill line is connected to the William Hill Family line or for that fact any other Hill Family. That is the reason why I have been collecting any Hill data, hoping that I may tie into one of the Hill Families that has been researched. My family line descends from Moses Hill (1757-58/1821) of Fairfield County, S.C. who served as a Private in the S.C. Militia during the Revolution. Where he came from or who his parents are is still a mystery. His wife was Savilla N. Roden, who's family originated in Maryland. If you still need this information let me know and I will send on to you.

In your letter you stated that you were thinking about joining the SAR but there was no local chapter near by. Why not join as a "Member at Large?" We have one or two in our chapter that are "members at large." They come to the meetings when ever they want and they also go over to the meetings at the St. Petersburg Chapter too. Contact the Registrar-Genealogist of the nearest local chapter and he will advise you how to go about it and provide you with details. I believe you only pay dues to the National and State Chapters, not the local chapter, thus can save a little money.

It is my understanding that you can visit any chapter in the nation when ever you want. Of course you can do the same when you are a regular member of any chapter too. Another chapter member is always welcome to visit any chapter any given time.

As you asked, I inquired of our members and there is no one related to the William Hill family in our chapter.

Recent events have made me become a little more suspicious that there may be a tie in with that large and confusing Hill line that originated in Surry County, Virginia (the Robert Hill-Mary Webb line), through his grandson Robert Hill (wife Tabitha) of Halifax County, N.C. Robert Hill being a son of of Sion Hill Sr. and Elizabeth Spiltimber but I have no actual proof.

I do not know if you are aware of it or not but there is quite a bit of discussion going on about William Hill (m. Susanna Smither) being the son of Sion Hill Jr. as the book "East Goes West" claims. I happen to be in the group that feels this is wrong and will enclose some data on this subject for your interest.

One good reason for my thinking is that William Hill was said to have been born ca. 1710 in Caroline County, Virginia, which if you will note is up in northern Virginia. I have not seen ANY records showing that Sion Hill Jr. or any members of his family ever being in northern Virginia or the area of Caroline County, Virginia.

For Sion Hill Jr. to have been his father, he (Sion Jr.) would have had to have been in Caroline County when William Hill was born (1710). What scanty records I have seen shows that he was still in Surry and Sussex County, Virginia at that time, later moving southward into N.C.

The movement of most of this Hill Family (of Surry County & Isle of Wight County, Va.) was southward into N.C. Some members appeared to have moved into Brunswick County, Virginia and southwestward into Wake, Franklin, Edgecombe,

Halifax, Bertie and Surry County, N.C. BUT CAN YOU SHOW ANY DOCUMENTS THAT SION HILL JR. WAS EVER UP IN NORTHERN VIRGINIA? No one has yet. There are other reasons but I won't go into that now but note the enclosed data on this subject.

As stated, I am enclosing data that relates to William Hill and what I think relates to this subject and hope you will enjoy it.

Sincerely,

Robert Hill