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Dear Mr. Hill,

Your letter dated 23rd July 1990 requesting information on the Hill Family of Middlesex County, Virginia has been received. I don't know if I can help or not but will be glad to try.

There is a little history in my Hill-Terry connection to Atlanta. Elizabeth Hill (dau. of my Moses Hill) of Fairfield County, S.C. married Stephen Terry and they move to what is today's Atlanta. They originally lived on a plantation in DeKalb County, but today's Fulton County. At one time it was about 4 miles south of Atlanta, but (as I understand it) is in Atlanta city limits known as Lakewood Park.

Mr. Hill, may I inquire what your FULL name is? I am presently researching a William C. (Clanton?) Hill 6/, who was apparently a son of Henry Hill 5/, son of William Hill 4/Sarah (Branch) Hill, son of Robert Hill 3/Tabitha Hill of Halifax County, N.C.

Robert Hill 3/ was son of Sion Hill Sr. 2/, son of Robert Hill 1/Mary Webb (emigrants) of Isle of Wight County, Virginia. I am trying to help another person on this project and wonder if by chance you are related.

William C. Hill 6/ moved into Chatham County, N.C. then to Georgia.

I would like to also request a copy of that will of your Thomas Hill (wrote 1798, proved 1800) in Randolph County, N.C. as well as your complete Hill genealogy. I collect as many Hill lines as I can and put them in my computer. (It is a hobby). It also may help others.

Another subject....You know better than I your family line but with that date of the 1766 Land Grant in Rowan County, N.C., I am skeptical of your Thomas Hill being related to the Hills of Middlesex County, Virginia. May I inquire as to what you base that connection on?

Randolph County, N.C. was formed in 1779 from Guilford County, N.C. Guilford County was formed in 1771 from Orange & Rowan County. Be sure and look in all of these counties for deeds etc...I have noted that in 1766 the land grant was in

Rowan County.

As shown above, the area of today's Chatham County (adjacent to Randolph County) N.C. was settled by some Hills that were connected to the Robert Hill/Tabitha Hill line of Halifax County, N.C., who's roots were up in Isle of Wight, Surry & Sussex County, Virginia. The given name of Thomas was often used in this Hill line & I suggest checking this Hill line out. There was a William Hill (of Boston) who's family settled around that area too.

Now regarding a Virginia connection up in Virginia, Middlesex County, Virginia was formed in 1763 from Lancaster County, and assuming you are correct, there is a good chance that your Hills came from some other county rather than Middlesex County. There were a lot of Hills up in nearby (old) Essex County, Virginia and I would certainly take a look at them if I were you.

The Hill Family of Middlesex County that married into the Needles Family later moved into Culpeper County and were the descendents of the CSA civil war General, General A. P. Hill. I will enclose what information I have on them. (Labeled VA.36).

Other Data that I have shows:

Marriage Bond (Middlesex Co., Va.)

Leonard Hill & Sarah Thacker, 4 October 1752.
Needles Hill & Letitia Morgan, 4 October 1758.

Note: Thomas Hills were among the Leonard Hill line...

Spotsylvania Co., Va. Marriages

Thomas Hill married Elizabeth Gray (Grayson?) on August 30, 1726.

The following are some brief notes of Hill data that I have in Middlesex County, Virginia.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY, VIRGINIA

3rd November 1684 THOMAS HILL assigned his grant of 345 acres on the south side of the Rappahannock River to William Cheyney. (DEED BOOK P.S. 1A, Page 87). P.S. = photostat

21 June 1693 Power of Attorney, LEONARD HILL, merchant of London, "at present in Virginia," to Thomas Harwar. (DEED BOOK P.S. 1A, PAGE 309). P.S.= photostat

3rd October 1709 Bond, LEONARD HILL stated that he was 60 years old (DEED BOOK 3, PAGE 211). THIS INDICATES A BIRTH IN 1649.

5th February 1714 Deed; WILLIAM HILL & FRANCES, his wife, made an agreement for the equal partition of 150 acres in Shell Neck, land of John Needles, deceased. John Needles, the father of Frances, left the land to his son William Needles, who died without issue. (DEED BOOK 3, PAGES 510-512). WILLIAM & FRANCES HILL undoubtedly the parents of NEEDLES HILL; NEEDLES HILL Marriage Bond: Letitia Morgan, 4 October 1758, Middlesex County, Virginia. (Note: There is also a Thomas Needles Hill among the records).

7th March 1731 Will of RICHARD HILL was proved. Wrote 18th January 1731/32. Mentions nephews, William, Russell, Thomas & Needles Hill; sister Rebecca Whitaker; brother, William Hill; Niece, Judith Hill; sister in law, Frances Hill; Executors, Roger Jones, Churchill Jones. No Signatures of Witnesses. (WILL BOOK B, PART 2, PAGES 166-167).

1760 Inventory, WILLIAM HILL, deceased. (IN WILL BOOK E, PAGE 46).

26 February 1776 Inventory, NEEDLES HILL, deceased, by court order of 24 July 1775. (WILL BOOK F, PAGE 77).

18 June 1784 Inventory, LETITIA HILL, deceased, by court order of 24 March 1784. (WILL BOOK F, PAGE 282).

30th July 1787 Mortgage; WILLIAM HILL to John Jackson for the land mentioned in next item. Witnesses=Dudley Vaughan, Thomas Boss (or Bass), John Minter. (DEED BOOK 10, PAGE 68).

27th August 1788 Deed; WILLIAM HILL and SARAH, his wife, sold 132 acres in Christ Church Parish, bounded by John Rose, to John Jackson. No Witnesses shown. (DEED BOOK 10, PAGES 88-90).

In Addition, there are numerous bonds:

- 1689 Thomas Hill (Deed Book P.S. 1A, Pages 200-201). P.S. = photostat.
- 1700 Richard Hill (Deed Book 2, Page 374) torn.
- 1701 Leonard Hill (Deed Book 2, Page 399 (cannot read poor photostat)).
- 1706 Richard Hill (Deed Book 3, Page 121).
- 1708 Leonard Hill (Deed Book 3, Page 188).
- 1719 William Hill (Deed Book 3, Pages 499-500).
- 1762 Needles Hill (Deed Book P.S. 8A, Page 354). P.S. = photostat
- 1787 William Hill (Deed Book 10, Page 68).

FOLLOWING GENEALOGY INFORMATION FOUND IN WM. & MARY
QUARTERLY, (SERIES 1) 1899-1901 VOL. 8 & 9 ON PAGE 257.

In York County, Virginia, a jury returned a special verdict on 19th September 1726, which shows that Thomas Vines was the son of Thomas Vines and Mary, his wife, that she Mary, was the daughter of Thomas Hill and Eleanor Charles.

Thomas Hill of York County, was married to Eleanor Charles. In a Deed dated 21 March 1693, Thomas states he was a son of John Hill, who made his will on 9th December 1670. The deed was to Samuel Eaton for 170 acres, a part of 600 acres called "Essex Lodge," first taken up by Captain William Brocas, a member of the Virginia Council in 1635, and sold by him to Thomas Hill. In 1658, it is stated that Thomas Bushrod purchased goods of Mr. Thomas Barber for Mrs. Mary Hill, of "Essex Lodge." In 1661, there is a deposition that Thomas Bushrod married the relict and executria of Thomas Hill. In 1657 Thomas Hill patented 500 acres on (the) Potomac due him for emigrants, viz: Captain Thomas Hill, three times, Mary Bushrod twice, John Hill, George Hill, Thomas Hill, Mary Hill and Francis Hill. From this it is inferred that Captain Thomas Hill was the first husband of Mrs. Bushrod, and the other Hills (were) their children, the son Thomas being the patentee.

Abraham Piersey, of the Council of Virginia, who married Frances, the widow of Captain Nathaniel West, brother of Lord Delaware, left "the best estate that ever was yet known in Virginia" to his daughter Mary, who married Captain Thomas Hill. (Sainsbury MSS., 1638-39). Captain Samuel Matthews married the widow Frances about the same time. (Neill's Virginia Carolorum). It is not certain that this Captain Thomas Hill was of "Essex Lodge." Thomas Bushrod lived during his life at "Essex Lodge." His brother, Richard Bushrod, was ancestor of General George Washington's nephew, Judge Bushrod Washington. During the siege of Yorktown in 1781, "Essex Lodge," since called "Washington's Lodge," was the headquarters of General Washington.

I do hope that some of this information will be of some help to you & your research. If I can be of any further help please let me know.

Sincerely,

Robert R. Hill