

letter to Wm Corn 1-24-1994

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Dear Mr. Corn (Bill),  
Your letter dated 18th January 1994 was received inquiring about a John Hill of Rockingham County, N.C. Upon receiving your letter, I checked over my files of the different John Hills that I have and could find nothing. Then I went to my Miscellaneous files, where my information is from many different sources, some of them from unknown sources. I found one that was dated back 1986. (see below) NUMBER 12 (May 18th 1986)

JOHN HILL SR.

B: OCTOBER 1787 GUILFORD CO., N.C. (VETERAN OF WAR OF 1812)

M: JUNE 1800

D: AFTER DECEMBER 1809 IN DAVIDSON CO., TENN.

Lived on Buffallow Island Creek

WIFE: MARY --?

Children:

1. Micajah Hill.
2. John Hill Jr.
3. Unity Hill.
4. David Alexander Hill.
5. Margaret (Peggy) Hill m. Alexander Joyce.
6. Dutton Hill.

Source: Unknown

Not being able to find anything else, I played a hunch and went into the family of a William Hill Sr. 1/ (b. 1710 in Caroline County, Va.). His wife was Susannah Smither. He moved his family down into N.C. and settled in Surry County, N.C. (and I am sure you are familiar with him, and his family).

Rev. William Hill Jr. 2/, son of William Hill Sr. 1/, was born in 1737 in Caroline County, Virginia. He died on the 29th of September 1792 in Rockingham County, North Carolina. He married in January of 1758 to Hannah (Elizabeth) Halbert in Carolina County, Virginia.

Hannah was born on the 17th of September 1742 in Carolina County, Virginia and died in North Carolina. She was a daughter of Joel Halbert & Elizabeth Frances Jones.

Now before going on, I must say that there appears by various persons with different birth dates for John Hill. Where did you get your birth date of 29th May 1782 from? To me that seems to be fairly correct, but then take note of the different dates given to his birth.

William Hill Jr. 2/ & wife Hannah had eleven children:

1. Thomas Hill 3/, oldest son of William Hill Jr. 2/ & Hannaniah Halbert. He was born on 22nd December 1759 in

Rowan County, N.C., married Catherine Shropshire. He died on the 5th of April 1849 in White County, Tennessee. Both he and his wife are buried in Anderson Cemetery in White County, Tennessee. Catherine was the daughter of Winkfield Shropshire and his second wife, Jane Jones. Catherine was born in September of 1760 in Rowan County, N.C. She died on the 14th of February 1854 in White County, Tennessee. He and his wife were free will Baptist.

2. James Hill 3/, second child, born 25th July 1761 in Guilford County, (today's Rockingham County), N.C., married Nancy Royalty on the 6th of June 1789 in Surry County, N.C. She was the daughter of Isham & Catherine Royalty. She was born on the 22nd of February 1768 in Albemarle County, Virginia and died after the 8th of September 1834. James Hill 3/ died in Claiborne County, Tennessee in 1833 or 1834.
3. Mary Hill 3/, born ca. 1764 in Rowan County, N.C. (today's Guilford County), N.C. She married 1st to Osburn Childs on the 18th of February 1805 in Stokes County, N.C. No other data given.
4. Elizabeth Hill 3/, born ca. 1768 in North Carolina, married John Moore ca. 1795. No other information.
5. William Hill III 3/, born on the 23rd of September 1773 in Surry County, N.C. (now Stokes Co.), married Sarah Geddy in January 1803, daughter of Colonel John Geddy, a staunch Whig. She died on the 4th of February 1833. William Hill III 3/ later married 2nd time to Frances (Conner) Blount, widow of Joseph Blount III. William Hill III 3/ died in Raleigh, N.C. on the 29th of October 1857.
6. Joab Hill 3/, born on the 5th of October 1775 in Surry County, N.C., married Elizabeth Lane and moved to Missouri where he died on the 5th of October (his 72nd birthday) of 1847. (Believe this was ancestor of Win Jacob).
7. Cynthia Hill 3/, born ca. 1776 in Surry County, N.C., married a Mr. Crawford in 1848. No other information.
8. Frances (Franky) Hill 3/, born ca. 1778, married on the 26th of January 1796 to Major Mark Hardin (1776-1812).
9. John Hill 3/, born on the 17th of October 1797 in Surry County, N.C. (Questionable birth date. The father was dead by this time. I suspect a typographical error and birth was 1779)?

(Ref. to a Surry County, N.C. Land Transaction, Book 3, Page 57), A John Hill of Davidson County, Tennessee, sold "all his part of a certain tract on Ash Camp Creek, where the Rev. William Hill Jr. 2/ (deceased) lived and which he (the said John Hill) is entitled to as one of the heirs of said William Hill," containing 464 acres, "undivided" to William Hill 3/ of city of Raleigh, N.C. for 100 pounds. This was John Hill 3/ selling to his

- older brother, William Hill III 3/.
10. Green Hill 3/, born ca. 1782 in Surry County, N.C., No other information. (Questionable son).
  11. Polly Hill 3/, married on 27th of October 1799 in Tennessee to Thomas Gibbons. (Questionable birthdate! Father died in 1792, could not be right)!

The various birth dates for your John Hill are confusing, but assuming that we are speaking of the same John Hill and based on the information regarding the land deed above, makes me think your John Hill was actually John Hill 3/, the son of Reverend William Hill Jr. 2/, son of William Hill Sr. 1/. A through search of the Davidson County, Tennessee records such as land deeds, court files, wills should be made.

I hope this will be of some help to you in your research.

If I can be of any more help, just let me know.

Sincerely,  
Robert R. Hill