

MD.011 SOME BRIEF INFORMATION REGARDING HILLS OF SOMERSET  
COUNTY, MARYLAND AND INFORMATION ON A ROBERT HILL  
AND HIS FAMILY OF SAME COUNTY.

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INTRODUCTION

The areas of both Somerset County, Maryland and Accomac  
County, Virginia was obviously well settled by the Hill  
family.

In Accomac County, Virginia (Eastern Shore) a Henry Hill  
married Mary Denwood; Francis Hill patented "Littleton"; John  
Hill married Alice Brangeman; John Hill was a headright for  
John Price; and Stephen Hill was a headright of Arnold & John  
Elzey. (Reference to Torrence's "Old Somerset on the Eastern  
Shore, Pages 397, 443, 472, 478 and 475).

In 1693, a John & Matilda West sold 100 acres of land to  
Richard Hill, it being the southeast corner of the whole  
tract. In 1710 (Richard) Hill "Liveing on Nuse River in  
North Carolina" sold to Daniel Darby, who in 1722, of  
Somerset County, Maryland, resold to William Lewis.

Richard Hill was the son of a Henry Hill who died in 1688 and  
who left a widow named "Jane," and Richard was their eldest  
son. It was this Richard Hill, son of Henry Hill (of Accomac  
County, Va.) that moved into the area of the Nuse River in  
North Carolina by 1710, when Richard sold a tract of land he  
owned. (Reference: Whitelaw, p. 1101).

ROBERT HILL 1/ OF SOMERSET COUNTY, MARYLAND.

There was a Robert Hill 1/, who's origins are unknown, but  
who resided in Somerset County, Maryland, which borders  
Accomac County, Virginia, who left a Will in Somerset County,  
Maryland in 1731/32.

In 1723 to 1725 records show that Robert Hill 1/ was in  
Bogerternorton, Worchester County, Maryland. Listed with him  
was his stepson, Thomas Riley.

The 1724 Somerset County, Maryland Tax Lists (973B2 Ng)  
National Genealogical Society Quarterly, Sept. 1973, Vol. 61,  
No. 3, P. 198) Bogerternorton Hundred, shows Robert Hill 1/;  
with his step-son, Thomas Ryley, Wm. Bulger, John Morris.

In 1730 and 1731 he was in Baltimore Hundred. With him was his son, Johnson Hill 2/ born ca. 1714. In 1731, listed with him was his step son, Samuel Taylor and his son "William Stephen (sic) Hill 2/, both who fell in the group 12 to 16 and who were taxed 1/2 the normal rate.

Children of Robert Hill 1/ of Somerset County, Md. were:

1. Johnson Hill 2/, by 1st wife, name unknown, born ca. 1680; married at age 16 to Eleanor Hodge, dau. of Robert Hodge; 2nd marriage to a widow Mary Tarr, widow of John Tarr by November of 1696.
2. Neomy Hill 2/, mother was Tabitha White Riley, the 2nd wife of her father, Robert Hill 1/. Neomy Hill 2/ was born ca. 1711 in Somerset Co., Md.
3. William Stevens Hill 2/, his mother was also the 2nd wife of his father Robert Hill 1/. He was born ca. 1715 in Somerset Co., Md. He married Rebeckah Walton, daughter of William Walton. His will was probated on the 21st of June 1776.
4. Robert Hill 2/. (see below)

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Notice that the second wife, Tabitha (White) Riley, mothered at least two of Robert Hill's 1/ children. Whether or not the son Robert Hill Jr. 2/ was her son is not known or if his mother was the third wife, Comfort Taylor.

Now the second wife of Robert Hill 1/ was a widow Tabitha (White) Riley, widow of Lawrence Riley. They married sometime after the 3rd of September 1710, when Tabitha Riley made a deed of gift to her children. (Somerset Deed Book 11, Page 125).

Maryland Calender of Wills, Vol. 3, page 161 or PR. CT. (Progrative Court) 2-12, page 240:

Will of Laurence (Lawrence) Riley, Somerset Co., Md., dated 19th October 1709, proved 10th November 1709:

"To wife Tabitha, extx, dwelling, plant during life, then to pass to son Thomas at her decease except 100 acres of Poplar Neck. To unborn child, Poplar Neck afsd. In event son Thomas dying without issue, lands to pass to his young brother, if he have one (issue) and his heirs. To daughters: Sarah & Mary Riley, Partners choice in Indian Town ...etc"

After Tabitha (White) Riley married Robert Hill 1/ hey had at least two (probably three) children. They were:

1. Neomy Hill 2/, mother was Tabitha White Riley, the 2nd wife of her father, Robert Hill 1/. Neomy Hill 2/ was born ca. 1711 in Somerset Co., Md.
2. William Stevens Hill 2/, his mother was also the 2nd wife of his father Robert Hill 1/. He was born ca. 1715 in Somerset Co., Md. He married Rebeckah Walton, daughter of William Walton. His will was probated on the 21st of June 1776.
3. Robert Hill 2/. (see below)

Robert Hill 1/ married a third time, to another widow. She was Mrs. Comfort Taylor, widow of George Taylor.

Will of George Taylor of Somerset Co., Md., Prerogative Court W1B, 19, Page 470, dated 8th November 1727, proved 21st August 1728:

"To son Samuel and (his) heirs, dwelling plantation of 400 acres and a Winchester and personalty. To son Matthias and heirs, lands (at) Friends Goodwill at head of George's Creek, personalty. To dau. Comfort, personalty. TO WIFE COMFORT, extx., residue of personal estate. Sons afsd of age at 18, dau. at 16. Son Samuel born April 9, 1719, son Matthias born June 12th, 1725. Test: Joseph Taylor, John Pattey, Walter Taylor." (End of quoted data).

From this will, it is clear that the third wife, Comfort Taylor, was a lady of means and married Robert Hill 1/ sometime after August of 1728. Whether or not she was the mother of Robert Hill Jr. 3/ is not known.

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Excerpt from the Will of Robert Hill 1/ of Somerset County, Maryland, Calendar Wills, Vol. 6, p. 226, dated 6 March 1731/32, proved 21st June 1732.

"To son Johnson Hill, personalty, des. as bought from Newport. To youngest son William Stevens Hill and son-in-law, Samuel Taylor, personalty at age 18, property. Test: Wm. Fassitt Jr., Walter Taylor, Wm. Kennett) Book 20, Page 406 1685."

While Robert Hill 1/ mentioned only three children in his will, he had another son named Robert Hill (Jr.) 2/.

Court records show that it was the third wife, Comfort Taylor Hill, that administered Robert's estate along with her 3rd husband, William Hook.

In the March Court of 1736, William Hook, with Charles

Rackliffe & Edward Round, securities, gave bond to John Hill;

Naomy Hill, William Stevens Hill and Robert Hill (18th March 1736) to pay balance due from Robert Hill's estate, to be paid at full age. (Somerset County, Md. J.R. 1734/36, Page 309).

The father, Robert Hill 1/ was in Mogerternorton Hundred, Dorchester County, Maryland, 1723 to 1725 and in Baltimore Hundred in 1730 and 1731.

Listed with him in 1723/25 was his stepson, Thomas Riley, and in 1730 and 1731, his son, Johnson Hill 2/, born ca. 1714. Also listed with him in 1731 were his stepson, Samuel Taylor, and his (own) son "William Stephen Hill," 2/ both of whom fell in the 12 to 16 group who were taxed 1/2 the normal rate that year.

Robert Hill's 1/ second marriage was to a widow named Tabitha (White) Riley sometime after the 3rd of September 1718, when Tabitha gave a deed of gift to her children Thomas Riley; Sarah Riley; Mary Riley; & Frances Riley. (Somerset County, Md. Deeds, Book 11, Page 125).

When Robert Hill 1/ died in 1732, his son Johnson Hill 2/ and Hutton Hill 2/ were listed as his next of kin (Maryland Inventories, Book 17, Page 424).

Johnson Hill 2/ was born ca. 1714 (from tax list estimate). After his father's death, Johnson Hill 2/ was listed in the household of his step-brother Thomas Riley, in Bogerternorton Hundred in 1733 and 1734.

In 1735, he headed his own household. His brother, William Stevens Hill 2/, was living with him. In 1736, his other brother, Robert Hill 2/ was with him.

Johnson Hill 2/ returned to Baltimore Hundred in 1738 and his brother William Stevens Hill 2/ was with him. Johnson Hill 2/ was also in Baltimore Hundred in 1740.

Johnson Hill 2/ first married Eleanor Hodge, daughter of Robert Hodge, (Maryland Accounts 38: 97). He purchased 50 acres of Sandown from Whittington Bowen on 9th July 1761 (Somerset Co. Md. Deed, Book B, Page 190) and 116 acres from William & Elizabeth Hodge on 2nd of April 1763 (Somerset Deeds, Book B, Page 492).

On the 29th of August 1767, Johnson Hill 2/ bought 25 acres Partnership from Thomas Sanders (Somerset Deeds, Book G, Page 202). This land, Thomas Sanders and Elizabeth, his wife and Johnson Hill 2/ and Eleanor, his wife, joined in conveying to Solomon Collins on 20th August 1767 (Somerset Deeds, Book??, Page 212).

Johnson Hill 2/ took the oath of fidelity during the Revolutionary War. The 1783 tax list showed Johnson Hill 2/ in Queponco Hundred with 175 acres Sandown, 3 horses and 10 black cattle. His family at that time consisted of 2 males and 3 females.

Johnson Hill 2/ died in 1788 (Somerset Md. Wills Book 13, Page 82). In addition to the children below, he made bequests to his grandsons, Jesse Hill 4/ and William Stephen Hill 4/ and his granddaughter, Eleanor Franklin 4/.

Children of Johnson Hill 2/ were:

1. William Stephen Hill 3/.
2. Tabitha Hill 3/ married Captain Edward Franklin.
3. Henrietta Hill 3/.

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