

NC.015 INFORMATION RELATING TO THE GREEN HILL FAMILY OF OLD BUTE COUNTY N.C. (WHO'S ORIGINS WERE ORIGINALLY FROM SURRY COUNTY VIRGINIA).

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Sources: My research based on "Southside Virginia Families by Boddie; Land deeds of Surry Co., Va.; Data furnished over the years by Mr. Ralph H. Willis of Cullowhee, N.C.; Mr. Jerry Reid Hill of Siler City, N.C.; Mrs. Winn Jacob of Beavertown, OR.; and many other sources.

(The figure after name indicates what generation that person belongs to: Example Richard Hill 3/ indicates he is the 3rd known generation).

A Little County History.

Be careful here.. Bute county was not even created until 1764, when Granville County was split to form Bute, Franklin & Warren Counties.

Granville County was created in 1746 from Edgecombe County, which was created in 1741 from Bertie County.. Northampton County also created from Bertie in 1741 This could be important to researches of the Green Hill families. They should note carefully the dates to make sure they have the right county!.

GENEALOGY OF THIS HILL LINE: Robert Hill 1/ & wife Mary Webb immigrated into Isle of Wight County ca. 1642. Their son was Sion Hill 2/ who was father of Richard Hill 3/, who m. Hannah Briggs. They were the parents of Green Hill Sr. 4/.

GREEN HILL SR. 4/, was part of this large and confusing Hill family, known among genealogists as the " Hills of Surry County Virginia," and of whom several members, including Green Hill Sr. 4/, moved into N.C. in the vicinity of today's Bertie, Northampton, Franklin, Warren and old Bute County. N.C.

GREEN HILL SR. 4/, was born in Surry County Virginia on 20th November 1714 and is believed to be the son of (Richard Hill 3/, Sion 2/ & Robert 1/). His mother was Hannah Briggs, daughter of Henry Briggs. He named his first son Henry after him. He named a daughter,. Hannah after his mother. As stated previously, Green Hill 4/ married in March of 1739 to Grace Bennett, born 26th April 1721 in Northampton County, N.C. Green Hill Sr. 4/ inherited land from his father

Richard Hill 3/, sold it, and moved into Northampton County N.C. Among his children were William Hill 5/ and Major Green Hill 5/.

children were:

1. Henry Hill 5/, b. 2nd or 12th of February 1740, d. 1808, wife named Martha..
2. (Major) Green Hill 5/, b. in Bute County, N.C. *** on 3rd November 1741, d. 11th September 1826. Was a Major in Revolutionary War & after war moved to Williamson County, Tennessee. First married Nancy Thomas on 13yj October 1763. She died on 16th January 1772. He remarried on 3rd January 1773 to Mary Seawell, Each wife had several children. *** (Note: Bute Co., NC was not yet created, so this is wrong)/
3. Hannah Hill 5/, b. 24th August 1745, m. John Peebles..
4. Bennett Hill 5/, b. 7th December 1747. Wife said to be Martha Green. /
5. William Bennett Hill 5/, b. 20th February 1750, m. Mary (Polly) Jones. He d. ca. 1784.
6. Mary Hill 5/, b. 11th May 1754.
7. Sarah Hill 5/, b. 27th April 1756, m. Lewis Hicks on 6th April 1773.
8. Temperance Hill 5/, b. 10th February 1761, m. John Clayton. She d. on 17th July 1799.
9. Elizabeth Hill 5/, b. 26th July 1763.

MAJOR GREEN HILL 5/ had a brother WILLIAM HILL 5/, who married Mary (Polly) Jones. They had sons Charles Applewhite Hill 6/, Wm. Bennett Hill 6/ and James Jones Hill 6/, who married Martha Jennings and they were the parents of Charles Henry Hill 7/, who married Sally Young Cockrill (Cockrell) of Davidson County, Tennessee.

MAJOR GREEN HILL 5/, (Revolutionary Soldier) was a Methodist minister and is known also as Reverend Green Hill. He was the son of the above Green Hill 4/, (born 1714) and his wife Grace Bennett, a daughter of William Bennett, of Northampton County, North Carolina.

MAJOR GREEN HILL 5/, was born (as stated above) in Bute County N.C., (now Warren and Franklin Counties) on 14th November 1741 and died in Williamson County Tennessee in the year of 1825-26. He is said to have been a member of the Provincial Congress of North Carolina at Newbern, in the month of August 1774 and at Halifax, N.C. on 3rd April 1775. This Green Hill 5/ was also Treasurer of the Halifax District and a member of the Council of State (what ever that may have been) in 1783.

The old Green Hill home in Franklin County was still standing, South of the Tar River from the town of Louisburg and is known as the first Methodist Conference site in North Carolina. Bishop Asbury mentions it in his diary.

Major Green Hill 5/ was twice married, 1st to NANCY THOMAS on 13th October 1763. It is believed that she was the daughter of Jordan Thomas from Virginia, moving to N.C. Nancy Thomas died on the 16 January 1772, & had 5 children, two sons & three daughters. (see listing below).

His 2nd wife was MARY SEAWELL, daughter of BENJAMIN SEAWELL and she had a brother Joseph Seawell, who married Martha Macon, a daughter of Priscilla Jones and Gideon Macon. (See Woodward Genealogy).

CHILDREN OF MAJOR GREEN HILL 5/ AND NANCY THOMAS:

1. Jordan Hill 6/, b. 17th October 1765.
2. Hannah Hill 6/, b. 28th May 1766, m. Thomas Stokes of N.C. She died 13th July 1800.
3. Nancy Hill 6/, b. 25th January 1768, d. 1791, m. Thomas Knibb Wynn of N.C.
4. Martha Hill 6/, b. 2nd October 1769, m. Jeremiah Brown of N.C. on 22nd January 1790, moved to Wilson Co., Tennessee.
5. Richard Hill 6/, b. 14th September 1771, d. 26 January 1772.

Following by 2nd wife Mary Seawell Hill

6. Green Hill (III) 6/, married Mary Long, who had a sister Rebecca Wesley Long, who married a cousin, Charles Applewhite Hill 6/, son of William Hill 5/ and Mary Jones. He first moved to Williamson County, Tennessee and then Greene Co., Ala., died there ca. 1830.
7. Lucy Hill 6/, b. 20th July 1776, m. Joshua Cannon of Williamson County, Tennessee.
8. John Hill 6/, b. 23rd November 1778, Rutherford Co., Tennessee.
9. Thomas Hill 6/, b. 15th September 1781, Rutherford Co., Tennessee.
10. Sarah Hill 6/, b. 1783, d. 1810 (not married).
11. Mary Seawell Hill 6/, b. 1st October 1786, m. Abram Maury deGraffenreid, d. 29th September 1859.
12. Joshua Cannon Hill 6/, born 1795. m. Laniza Lanier. He d. 1827.

Reference to child # 6, Green Hill (III) 6/ married Mary Long, as shown above, moved first to Williamson County Tennessee with his father and then to (Greene Co.?) Alabama. While it is said that there were a number of children of theirs, only one son has been identified and that was..

Gabriel Hill 7/, (1811-1878) and he married Elizabeth Epps Murphy. Their children were:

- a. William Hill 8/
- b. Richard Hill 8/.

- c. Grace Hill 8/.
- d. Gabriel Hill 8/.
- e. Anne Eliza Hill 8/.

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