NC.018 SOME INFORMATION ON THE HILL FAMILIES OF GRANVILLE COUNTY, N.C. TAKEN FROM BOOK "COLONIAL GRANVILLE COUNTY & ITS PEOPLE" BY WORTH S. RAY.

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Franklin County N.C. was formed in 1779 from Bute County, which came from Granville County in 1764 and Granville came from Edgecombe in 1746, and Edgecombe was cut off from Craven in 1733. FRANKLIN and WARREN COUNTIES were political twins, born the same year from the extinct BUTE COUNTY, and in a genealogical sense they were great grandchildren of old CRAVEN COUNTY.

The territory embraced in FRANKLIN therefore was:

CRAVEN up to 1733. EDGECOMBE from 1733 to 1746. GRANVILLE from 1746 to 1764. BUTE from 1764 to 1779. FRANKLIN from 1779 to date.

PAGE 194...REV. JOSEPH HARRISON, Ancestor of the Harrisons who figure in most of the recorded deeds in BUNCOMBE COUNTY N.C. at about the time or a little after its formation. He was a Revolutionary Soldier, and a contemporary of RICHARD GENTRY, AARON JOHNSON, WILLIAM BALDWIN, RICHARD JACKS and DAVID SMITH. Rev Harrison was the minister of the historic old "THREE FORKS BAPTIST CHURCH" of Western North Carolina.

A Revolutionary Soldier's marker has been placed at his grave in the old TURKEY CREEK burying ground near LEICESTER, a short distance from ASHVILLE, where he lived at the time of his death, on which the date of his birth is given as 1733 and his death in 1811.

The account of the marking of the grave declares that his wife was MARGARET HILL, who was the daughter of a Revolutionary Soldier. His descendents do not agree on a list of his children but it is believed they were:

- 1. NATHANIEL HARRISON, High Sheriff and Clerk of BUNCOMBE (COUNTY).
- 2. WILLIAM HARRISON.
- 3. JOHN HARRISON of Turkey Creek Deeds.
- 4. THOMAS HARRISON.
- 5. JEREMIAH HARRISON.
- 6. LUKE HARRISON
- 7. RACHEL HARRISON married SHELSON.
- 8. ELIZABETH HARRISON m. a man named BOYD.
- 9. JANE HARRISON m. CASSADY.

- 10. LIZZIE HARRISON married a GARRETT.
- 11. MOURNING HARRISON.

In studying the following article one should also Consult DATA NC.8 and DATA NC.16 that relates to William Hickman Hill and which are on this same Computer Disk.

ON PAGE 196... DANIEL HILL left a will in ANSON COUNTY, N.C. in 1826. His wife was MARTHA HICKMAN and the children named were: SARAH HILL, MARY HILL, NANCY HILL, WILLIAM HICKMAN HILL (See Below), GREEN HILL, MILDRED HILL, ELIZABETH HILL, LUCINDA HILL (possible twins stated in another source) and SUSANNAH SMITHERS HILL. See Data. NC.016).

NOTE: DANIEL HILL WAS A SON OF WM. HILL SR & SUSANNAH SMITHERSM, BOTH ORIGINALLY OF CAROLINE CO., VA BUT LATER OF SURRY CO., NC. WILLIAM HICKMAN HILL died in TEXAS in 1867, where he left numerous descendents, and ELIZABETH HILL married HENRY CLAYTON EWING of Nashville, Tennessee.

COMMENTS BY ROBERT HILL: Source of following information ... The book "East Goes West," by Alta D. Craft. Daniel Hill 5/ son of (William Hill Sr. 1/, (is erronously said to be the son of Sion Hill Jr. 3/.

Daniel was the sixth child and fourth son of William Hill Sr. 1/ and Susannah Smithers, and who's s ancestry was not part of the large HILL Family of Surry County, Virginia (known as the Surry County Hills.

Daniel 2/ was a Revolutionary Soldier and was born on 16th October 1756 in Caroline County, Virginia married on 16th October 1779 to Martha Hickman and he died in Williamson County, Tennessee on 28th May 1826 BUT he had a will that was proved in Anson County, N.C. He is buried in "Veterans Cemetery in Williamson County, Tennessee.

His wife, Martha Hickman, was born on 16th October 1758 in Williamson or Maury County, Tennessee and she died on 20th April 1845. She was the daughter of James Hickman and Hannah Lewis.

## Children:

- 1. Sarah Hill 3/, born 28th July 1780 in Tennessee, died sometimes between 1830 and 1855. She was married to Nathan Ewing.
- 2. Mary Hill 3/, born 4th September 1782 in Tennessee, died 23rd July 1757 and was married to Henry Bateman.
- 3. Nancy Hill 3/, born 7th April 1785 in Tennessee, died 27th January 1829 and was married to John Creecy.
- 4. William Hickman Hill 3/, born 1st May 1788 in Tennessee, died in Dallas County, Texas on 12th August 1867. He married Sally Brown on 20th September 1810.
- 5. Green Hill 3/, born 15 October 1790 in Tennessee, died

7th February 1825. He never married.

Note by Robert Hill of Brandon, Fl: I think this was the Green Hill that a Reverend Bain got confused with in his famous affidavit concerning Sion Hill Jr 3/, who was not even related.

- 6. Mildred Hill 3/, born 8th July 1793 in Tennessee and was married to a Mr. Burrus or Burroughs.
- 7. (TWIN) Elizabeth Hill 3/, born 14th March 1796 in Tennessee, died in March of 1855 and married on 12th January 1815 to Henry Clayton Ewing.
- 8. (TWIN) Lucinda Hill 3/, born 14th March 1796 in Tennessee, died 4th February 1885. Married in 1817 to William Garner.
- 9. Susannah Smithers Hill 3/, born 20th August 1800 in Tennessee, died in December of 1807.

Reference is made to son William Hickman Hill (# 4 child above)....IF this information is correct then it clearly shows that it was not the same William Hickman Hill, who is listed in # 7 in DATA NC.008, born 1788 and died 1853 and who is listed as the son of Captain William Hill of Salisbury District N.C. It is possible that the listing of Captain William Hill of Salisbury District N.C. as the father of a William Hickman Hill is wrong.

Based on the information of Daniel Hill 2/ being born in Virginia and then his will in Anson County, N.C. and the fact that he obviously moved to Tennessee, should also be considered as a Virginia, N.C. and Tennessee Genealogy.

Returning to "Colonial Granville County & Its People" by Worth S. Ray (also known as "The Lost Tribes of N.C.").

PAGE 199.....under Records of Chatham County, N.C.... JOHN MOORE, left a will in Chatham County, NC dated 19th September 1843 in which he names a Mary P. Hill and was witnessed by a Thomas Hill.

PAGE 204....WILLIAM H. HURST left a will in DUPLIN COUNTY N.C. in 1837 and among others names "sister SARAH A. HILL."

PAGE 207....Shows in 1800 Census, the following Hills were living in Franklin County, N.C.

Green Hill Richard Hill Jordon Hill Henry Hill Thomas Hill

Robert Hill

PAGE 208....GREEN HILL. The marriage bond of Wyatt Wills and Nancy Garner, dated August 4th 1802, was witnessed by GREEN HILL 6/, Clerk of Franklin County, who was a son of GREEN

HILL JR. 5/, born, as Boddie says on page 312 of his book "Seventeenth Century Isle of Wight" November 14, 1741 in BUTE COUNTY, N.C. and died in Williamson County, Tennessee in 1825.

This statement is wrong because the text of the account shows that the 1741 date would apply to EDGECOMBE COUNTY, as even then, GRANVILLE COUNTY had not been set aside and organized. So, this shows, that the GREEN HILL who lived South of Louisburg, across the Tar River, where Bishop Coke held the First North Carolina Methodist Conference at his home in 1735, which Bishop Asbury attended, was in Williamson County, Tennessee, in 1812, and it was HIS son GREEN HILL 6/\*\* (see below), who was Clerk of Franklin County in 1812.

NOTE: Green Hill 4/, father of the 1741 Green Hill Jr. 5/, married Grace Bennett and they were the parents of many children, including Green Hill Jr. III 6/. Listed in the 1800 Census above. This Hill Genealogy is:

Robert Hill 1/ and Mary Webb (immigrants) were parents of:

Sion Hill Sr. 2/ (wife Elizabeth Smith Spiltimber) were parents of"

Richard Hill 3/ (wife Hannah Briggs) were parents of:

Green Hill 4/ (wife Grace Bennett) parents of:

Green Hill Jr. 5/ born 14 Nov. 1741 (Revolutionary Soldier & Methodist Minister moved to Williamson County, Tennessee. His 2nd wife (Mary Seawell) was mother of:

\*\*Green Hill III 6/, (the 3rd to carry this name) and who's wife was Mary Long. He was born 1774 and it was he that was witness to the marriage bond of Wyatt Wills & Nancy Garner, mentioned above. This Green Hill later moved to Alabama and was the father of Gabriel Hill 7/ (b. in 1811) m. Elizabeth Epps Murphy. His father was Rev. Green Hill Jr 5/. This Green Hill 6/ was Clerk of Court in Franklin CO., NC.

Gabriel Hill 7/ and Elizabeth had William Hill 8/, Richard Hill 8/, Grace Hill 8/, Gabriel Hill 8/ and Anne Liza Hill 8/, who later married Nicholas Turner Sorsby (b. N.C. 1817).

PAGE 258.....CAPT. HARMON HARRISON, son of Susanna, and brother of Jeffery Harrison, who came to Jamestown on Christopher Newport's third voyage in 1608-09. He did not die of disease and survived the Indian troubles, that he married and left children and that he was ancestor of a large HARRISON Family of Virginia, who has been so much trouble to genealogist for the past one hundred years or more. He was

the ancestor of JOHN HARRISON who married SARAH DANIEL, who settled in and finally died, leaving a will in the county of HALIFAX in Virginia. He married a sister of ANDREW HILL, who was in Norfolk, Va. in 1638 and was 23 years old at that time. Their children were:

- 1. JOHN HARRISON m. MYLBOROUGH HILL. (sister of James Hill)
- 2. THOMAS HARRISON.
- 3. JAMES HARRISON.
- 4. ANDREW HARRISON.
- 5. HANNAH HARRISON m. JAMES HILL, brother of Mylborough Hill
- 6. WILLIAM HARRISON.
- 7. THOMASINE HARRISON m. RICHARD WHITEHEAD.
- 8. ELIZABETH HARRISON m. JOHN HILL.

END OF NC.018 DATA.