

NC.34 ABSTRACTED LAND DEEDS OF EDGECOMBE, NASH AND CHATHAM COUNTIES, N.C. SHOWING CONNECTIONS BETWEEN WILLIAM HILL 4/, SUSPECTED SON OF ROBERT HILL 3/ AND WIFE TABITHA TO THE LEWIS FAMILY, OF NASH, EDGECOMBE COUNTY AND CHATHAM COUNTY.

Entered in March of 1990 by Robert R. Hill Sr. of Brandon, Florida. Corrected in October 1990. Additional comments in November of 1990.

Source of Information: Copies of the Abstracted Deeds were provided by Mr. Jerry Reid Hill, of Siler City, N.C. and a descendent of this William Hill 4/

Note: I have place a figure after names to show what known generation that individual belongs to.

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DEED 1,
Edgecombe County, Deed Book 00, Page 214, No Date...
(ABSTRACT...which I hate all abstracts) NO DATE (IT IS NEEDED!)

William Hill 4/ of Edgecombe County, N.C. to William Harries, (sic) 80 acres Southside Peachtree Creek, (part of patent granted to ROBERT HILL 3/ for 200 acres...20th April 1745..

William Larsiter (Lassiter?)
ABNER HILL 4/
signed/ WILLIAM HILL 4/

Comments: William Hill 4/ is ancestor to Jerry R. Hill, and son of Robert Hill 3/. I suspect he married Charity Lewis, a sister to Thomas Lewis & William Lewis, all of Edgecombe & Nash Counties, N.C.

The date of 20th April 1745 is the date that Robert Hill 3/ got the land grant.

If we could get the date of this transaction, we might be able to estimate the birth of William Hill 4/. Wouldn't he have to be at least 21 years of age to own land? If so then this seems to rule out William's birth in 1735, must have been earlier ca. 1731.

DEED 2,
Edgecombe County, Deed Book, N.C. 00, Page 145 3rd Sept.
1760

William Hill 4/ of Edgecombe County, N.C. to Cooper Williams of the same county, for 15 lbs current money of Virginia, 196 acres on SWIFT CREEK, part of (the) land containing 206 acres granted unto William Hill by Earl of Granville (on) 8th March 1760.

signed/ WILLIAM HILL (Sept Court 1760)

Micajah Thomas
Adam Topley
Thomas Hollow

Comments: Again I think this is William Hill 4/, son of Robert Hill 3/, and he was the father to William Clanton Hill 5/ who was once suspected to have been the ancestor of Jerry R. Hill, later proved to be wrong. Willaim Hill 4/ is the husband of Charity Lewis. If N.C. law is much like those of S.C. a man had to be 21 years old to get a grant, so William 4/ assumed to be at least 21 years old.. His son, William Clanton Hill 5/ (m. Sarah Branch) was said to have been born ca. 1761-1765.

DEED 3,
Edgecombe County, N.C.
Deed Book 1, page 101 dated 12th March 1762

Thomas Lewis (of Halifax Co., N.C.) to William Hill 4/, of Edgecombe County, N.C. for 18 lbs current money of Virginia, 100 acres on Swift Creek.

signed/ Thomas Lewis

Thomas Mann
Wilson Williams
Benjamin Bridgers

Comments: This is not William Clanton Hill 5/, who lived in Halifax County, that Jerry Reid Hill thought it was. I think it is his father, William Hill 4/, son of Robert Hill 3/. I think he may have been the husband to Charity Lewis, sister of the above Thomas Lewis.

The witness, Wilson Williams, was a witness to will of Robert Hill 3/. He later married Ann Lewis, widow of Richard Lewis and the mother of both Thomas Lewis & Charity Lewis, who married William Hill 4/. William Hill 4/ still in Edgecombe County. In his will, Wilson Williams named a daughter, Mary Hill, who may have married either Sion Hill 4/ or brother, Green Hill 4/, both sons of Robert Hill 3/.

Deed 4,
Chatham County, N.C.
Deed Book A, Page 250 10th Jan. 1774

William Hill 4/ (OF EDGECOMBE COUNTY, N.C.) to Frederick Cobb (of Chatham County) for 66 lbs, 13 shillings, 4 pence???) 208 acres on Rocky River??

signed/ William Hill 4/.

John Brunt Sr.

John Brunt Jr.

Comments: This deed was recorded in Chatham County, showing the land was in Chatham County. It shows William Hill 4/ (son of Robert 3/) was still living in Edgecombe County, N.C. but was selling land (in Chatham County??) to a man living in Chatham County (Frederick Cobb). This was not William Clanton Hill 5/ of Halifax County as Jerry R. Hill thought it was, but appears to be his father, William Hill 4/.

NOTE: NASH COUNTY WAS FORMED FROM EDGECOMBE COUNTY IN 1777. IT APPEARS THAT WILLIAM HILL 4/, THE LEWIS FAMILY & THE WILLIAMS FAMILY, ALL LIVED IN THE AREA OF EDGECOMBE COUNTY THAT LATER BECAME NASH COUNTY, N.C.

DEED 5,

Nash County, N.C.

Deed Book 1, Page 12

23rd March 1778

William Hill 4/ (Nash County) sells to Sion Hill 5/ and Lewis Hill 5/, sons, both of Nash County, for 200 lbs of Va. money, 516 acres (on) South Side of Swift Creek, adjoining Cooper Williams and?/ (ALL THE LANDS HE OWNED IN THE COUNTY).

signed/ William Hill

Absolom Lancaster

William Clanton Hill 5/

Comments: It appears that William Hill 4/ (son of Robert 3/) of Nash County, was selling to two of his sons all his land in Nash County and moved to Chatham County, N.C.

Lewis Hill 5/ was born ca. 1755/56 would have been ca. 23 years old and Sion Hill 5/, b. ca. 1759/61, would have been about between 17 & 19 years old at this time. N.C. Archives informs me that a man could own land at age of 18 years of age if received as a gift.

The witness, William Clanton Hill 5/ was b. ca. 1761 and was about 17 years old. He was the brother to Lewis & Sion Hill 5/, and a grandson of Robert Hill 3/ (wife Tabitha) of Halifax County, N.C. and he still lived there at this time.

Edgecombe County formed in 1741 from Bertie County.

Halifax County formed in 1758 from Edgecombe

Nash County formed 1777 from Edgecombe

Franklin & Warren County formed in 1779 from Bute.

DEED 6,

Nash Co., N.C.

Deed Book 2, Page 173 dated 10th November 1779

State of N.C. to William Hill, Nash County, 640 acres south side of Red Bud Creek, adjoining Benjamin Boon, Iirby and Michel Counsel.

signed/ Richard Caswell

Comments: This is a grant from the state to William Hill 4/ (of Nash County) and the land appears to be also located in Nash County, suggesting that William Hill 4/ still had not moved to Chatham County, N.C. Again this was not William Clanton Hill 5/, of Halifax County. It was his father. This appears to be the William Hill 4/ that married Charity Lewis and who has connections with the Lewis Family of Nash & Edgecombe Counties, N.C., and who later moves to Chatham County, N.C.

Deed 7,
Nash County,
Deed Book 1, page 254 dated 31st December 1779

William Hill 4/ of CHATHAM COUNTY, N.C. to Joel Walker for 30 lbs, 200 acres adjoining Ben Boon, John Webb, the main road, and Council, it being part of a tract granted since the Independence.

signed/William Hill 4/

Thomas Lewis
Lewis Hill 5/ (son).

(Note name of Thomas Lewis, who was the brother of Charity (Lewis) Hill, the wife of William Hill 4/, the buyer, so therefore Thomas Lewis was the brother in law to William Hill 4/. Lewis Hill 5/ was a son of William Hill 4/ & Charity (Lewis) Hill).

Comments: It appears that William Hill 4/ was selling 200 acres of the 640 acres granted to him on 10th November 1779. This deed does show that William Hill 4/ had moved from Nash County and was now living in Chatham County, so I would say that he moved between this date (31 Dec. 1779) and the 10th November 1779, date of previous deed, (i.e. Nov-Dec 1779).

Again, this is not William Clanton Hill 5/, but was his father. I feel very confident that this William Hill 4/ is connected to the Lewis Family of Nash & Edgecombe Counties, just by the fact of association on the land deeds.

Deed 8,

Nash County, N.C.
Deed Book 1, Page 124, dated 30th December 1779

William Hill 4/ of Chatham County N.C. to Abraham Bass for 10 pounds current money, 300 acres, adjoining (lands of) Abraham

Bass, it being part of a tract granted since the 4th year of Independence.

signed/ William Hill 4/.

Wit:

Lewis Hill 5/ (son)

Peter Hedgepeth

Comments: This deed says that William Hill 4/ was selling land to Abraham Bass, and the land was granted (as I understand, to William Hill 4/ and witnessed by Lewis Hill 5/, a son). This is not William Clanton Hill 5/ of Halifax County, but was his father and the same William Hill 4/ of Nash & Edgecombe County and who I think married Charity Lewis. Richard Lewis (father of Charity) named 2 grandsons, Richard 5/ & Lewis Hill 5/.

Deed 9,

Nash County, N.C.

Deed Book 1, Page 125 also dated 31 December 1779

William Hill 4/ of Chatham County, to Thomas Lewis, for 5 lbs current money, 160 acres adjoining Sion Hill 5/ and Lewis Hill 5/, Abraham Bass and William Bridgers, it being part of a tract granted since the 4 years of Independence.

signed/ William Hill 4/.

LEWIS HILL 5/ (son)

Joel Walker

Comments: Again this is not William Clanton Hill 5/ as Jerry R. Hill had indicated but is probably his father. He is the same William Hill 4/ that I think was the husband of Charity Lewis, (m. a Hill) and the sister to the above Thomas Lewis. The land sold was located in Nash County, adjacent to the land William Hill 4/ sold to his his sons.

Deed 10,

Chatham County, N.C.

Deed Book C, Page 147 dated 31 March 1780

State of N.C. to William Hill 4/ (for) 50 shillings for every 100 acres) 357 acres on Harland's Creek (in Chatham County???)

William Sheppard, Secretary

Comments: This seems to be a grant for land in Chatham County to William Hill 4/, who had moved down from Nash & Edgecombe Counties. He is not William Clanton Hill 5/ of Halifax County, but suspected to be his father. I get a picture of William Hill 4/ (son of Robert 3/) moving from Nash County ca. December 1779, applying for a grant in Chatham County and then getting it by results of this deed.

Deed 11,
Chatham County, N.C.
Deed Book B, Page 545 dated 31 March 1780

State of N.C. to William Hill 4/, 50 shillings for 100 acres
on both side of Long Branch, the north side of Landrums
Creel, joins Roe's line.

signed/ Richard Caswell, Gov.

William Sheppard, Secretary

Comments: I think this is William Hill 4/, son of Robert 3/,
and probably is the same William Hill, from Nash & Edgecombe
Counties who had moved into Chatham County. He appears to be
connected to the Lewis Family and I think the father to
William C. Hill 5/, of Halifax County.

Deed 12,
Chatham County, N.C.
Deed Book C, Page 49 dated 31st March 1780

State of N.C. to William Hill 4/, 50 shillings for every 100
acres, 100 acres on the waters of Rockey River, joins Mathew
Ramsey.

signed/ Richard Caswell, Gov.

William Sheppard, Secretary

Is this is in Chatham County?

Deed 13

Nash County, N.C. dated 4 October 1780
Deed Book 1, Page 213

Sion Hill 5/ and his wife Durcilla Hill, of Nash County, N.C.
to Thomas Lewis of same county, for 1000 pounds current
money, 250 acres on the South side of Swift Creek, it being
part of a tract conveyed from William Hill 4/ to his sons,
Sion Hill 5/ and Lewis Hill 5/, and from Lewis Hill 5/ to
Sion Hill 5/.

Wit: Wm. Hendrick
William Parks

Comments: This is not William Clanton Hill 5/ (of Halifax
County) but it was his father William Hill 4/, son of Robert
Hill 3/. I think he is the same William Hill that married
Charity Lewis (sister to the above Thomas Lewis). He was (as
indicated) father of Sion 5/ & Lewis Hill 5/. If I am
correct, this means that Sion Hill 5/ was selling to his
uncle, Thomas Lewis.

What this deed is stating is that William Hill 4/ had sold the land to the two sons (jointly) Sion 5/ and Lewis Hill 5/, and then Lewis Hill 5/ sold his part to his brother Sion Hill 5/, who then had sole possession. Sion then sold to his uncle Thomas Lewis.

Deed 14,
Nash County
Deed Book 1, Page 264, dated 9th April 1782

William Hill 4/ of Chatham County to Benjamin Boothe of Edgecombe County for 90 pounds, 340 acres on north side of the road, adjoining John Webb's (land) and Kerby.

signed/ William Hill 4/.

SION HILL 5/ (son)
William Young

Comments: This is not William Clanton Hill 5/, of Halifax County but was his father William Hill 4/. Again this is the William Hill 4/ who moved down from Nash & Edgecombe County and who appears to be connected to the Lewis Family.

Note: Jerry R. Hill stated that the earliest that William Hill 4/ was mentioned in the Deed Books of Chatham County, was in January 1774. I tend to agree.

Deed 15
Nash County, N.C.
Deed Book 1, Page 372 dated 14 April 1782

William Hill 4/ of Chatham County, to Lewis Hill 5/ of Nash County, N.C. for 50 shillings, 160 acres adjoining (land of) Lewis Hill 5/ and Cooper Williams.

Wit: Richard Hill 5/ (another son)
Lydia Hill (wife to Richard)

Comments: This deed shows that the William Hill 4/, formerly of Nash & Edgecombe County and who had moved to Chatham County, was selling land in Nash County to son, Lewis Hill 5/, and witnessed by his brother named Richard Hill 5/ (wife Lydia Watkins). This seems to be the same Richard Hill who was named by Richard Lewis' 1759-1760 will as a grandson along with a Lewis Hill. This is why I feel William Hill 4/ married Charity Lewis and who had the two sons named Richard & Lewis.

The above Richard Hill was a Revolutionary Soldier.
(DAR Source sent by Win Jacob of Beaverton, Or. from a DAR Magazine listing Richard Hill as a "new patriot") states that Richard Hill that married Lydia Watkins (who signed as a witness to one of Jerry R. Hill's land deeds) was born ca.

1757 and died on 7th February 1832 at age of ca. 75 years.
His service was in N.C.

Richard Hill married Lydia Watkins on March 3, 1778 in Bute County. He was a Private, having served in N.C. in the Revolutionary War.

Deed 16,
Chatham County, N.C.
Deed Book C, Page 391 dated 1st November 1784

State of North Carolina to William Hill 4/ 50 shillings for each 100 acres, 100 acres (granted) on north side of Rocky River,-joins Aaron Evans (land) and his own line (land).

signed Alex. Martin

J. Glasgow, Secretary

Comments: Another land grant to William Hill 4/, son of Robert Hill 3/. It is not William C. Hill 5/ of Halifax County, but his father and the same William Hill that appears to be connected to the Lewis family.

Deed 17,
Chatham Co., N.C.
Deed Book D, Page 612 dated February 1789

William Hill Sr. 4/ of Chatham County to William Clanton Hill 5/, of Halifax County, N.C. William Hill Sr. 4/ sold 250 acres of land in Chatham County to William Clanton Hill 5/ for 100 pounds Virginia Money, next to Matthew Ramsey's land.

signed/ William Hill 4/

Wit: Robert Brinkley
Abner Landrum

Comments: It appears that William Clanton Hill 5/ of Halifax County, was buying land in Chatham County, perhaps thinking or getting ready to move to Chatham County, since he was buying this land there from his father, however he apparently never did leave Halifax County. Again this was the father (William Hill Sr. 4/) selling to his son, William Clanton Hill 5/, who lived in Halifax County.

William Hill Sr. was William Hill 4/, son of Robert 3/, and the husband of Charity Lewis. He used the name of Sr. due to the fact he was selling to son, William Clanton Hill Jr. This does cause speculation that his full name was WILLIAM CLANTON HILL.

I still have seen no information to agree with Mr. Seward that William 4/ ever married a Elizabeth Clanton. I think that the Clantons were friends of Robert 3/ up in Virginia & Halifax County. I still wonder if Tabitha (wife of Robert

3/) could have been a Clanton?

Deed 18

Nash County, N.C.

Deed Book, 4, Page 64 dated 6th November 1789

Lewis Hill 5/ and wife, Rebeckah Hill, of Nash County, N.C. to Denton Mann of same (county), for 135 pounds (of) Virginia money, a tract of 270 acres on the South side of Swift Creek, by certificate of a survey made by John H. Drake, surveyor for Nash County, (land) adjoining said Denton Mann and Lewis Hill 5/, Cooper Williams (land), Benjamin Bridgers's (land) and Red Bud Creek. It was the land whereon (the) said Lewis Hill then lived and was conveyed from William Hill 4/ to Sion Hill 5/ and Lewis Hill 5/, (then) to Lewis Hill 5/.

Wit: Silas Drake
Allen Mann

Comments: This was a deed showing that William Hill 4/, sold the above land to his two sons Sion 5/ & Lewis Hill 5/. It is William Hill 4/, not William Clanton Hill 5/ of Halifax County.

I have not yet found out who Cooper Williams is as yet but think he is related to the Wilson Williams, that Ann Lewis married 2nd time. Ann Lewis was mother to Charity Lewis. Charity was the wife of William Hill 4/. She was the sister to both Thomas & William Lewis. Also remember Wilson Williams witnessed the will of Robert Hill 3/.

What I get from this deed is that Lewis Hill 5/ was selling 270 acres to Denton Mann. It states that the land was surveyed by John H. Drake, and that Lewis Hill 5/ had lived on this land (at time of sale to Mann).

It then gives a history of the land, it being owned by William Hill 4/, who sold it (apparently jointly) to (sons) Sion 5/ & Lewis Hill 5/, and that Sion Hill 5/, then sold his share to Lewis Hill 5/, his brother. This explains how Lewis Hill 5/ got the land. Sion's wife was Rebecca Watkins.

Deed 19,

Chatham County

Deed Book ?? Page ?? dated 19th December 1793

William Hill 4/ of Chatham County to John Bull, of Chatham County, 50 pounds for 100 acres along the (Foushee) line and Harlands Creek and Ramsey's line and new road.

Wit: HENRY HILL (HENRY HILL 5/)
George Travis

Note: A William C. Hill 7/ son of Henry Hill 6/, married

Elizabeth Foushee on 29 July 1839.

Comments: This is William Hill 4/, not William Clanton Hill 5/ of Halifax County. He is the one that was formerly of Nash County. This was Henry Hill 5/, son of William Hill 4/ & Charity Lewis, of Chatham County.

Deed 20,

Chatham County, N.C.

Deed Book K, Page 211 dated 30th December 1795 but another listing shows date of ? Feb. 1800, I believe that this last date is the date proved in Sessions Court.

Indenture between William C. Hill 5/ of Halifax County and Herbert Hill of Chatham County for 90 pounds. William C. Hill 5/ sells to Herbert Hill 250 acres (bounding) Matthew Ramsey's line to William Hill's 4/ corner.

Wit: Henry Hill 5/ (son of Wm 4/)

Isaac Hill (WHO IS HE??, prbly a cousin)

Comments: This is Wm. C. Hill 5/ of Halifax County selling his land in Chatham County to a Herbert Hill, of Chatham County, and who I think is probably related.

Isaac Hill is related (in my mind) to Herburt Hill, but also related somehow to Wm. C. Hill 5/. I am not sure how Herbert Hill & Isaac Hill fit into the picture.

Deed 21,

Chatham County, N.C.

Deed Book 1, Page 288 dated 31 January 1800

William Hill Sr. 4/ to Enoch Hill 5/ of Chatham County, 200 acres on water of Landrum Creek and Harlen's Creek, to a hickory at the Long Branch.

signed/ William Hill 4/.

Wit: John Ramsey

Phil Meroney

HENRY HILL 5/

Comments: I am of the opinion that Enoch Hill 5/ was another son to William Hill Sr. 4/, & Charity Lewis. If Enoch Smith Hill was born in April 1802, as listed, then he could not be the one that is involved here. Note the date of this deed. Perhaps the Enoch Smith Hill, listed, was a son of this elder Enoch Hill? I would like to see a complete listing of the children of this Enoch Hill 5/. Older researchers says they were all children of William Hill 4/, but they have not offered proof or a source for their information.

Now we know from the will of William Clanton Hill 5/ (d.

1803) that he had only three children, Martha 6/, James 6/ and Henry Hill 6/, all went to Williamson Co., Tenn by 1805. Enoch Hill 5/ was born ca. 1771-73 and Enoch Smith Hill was born on 8th April 1802, where, in N.C.? (He can't be the same as in deed, note date of deed). He may be a son of Enoch Hill 5/.

Another very important clue, William C. Hill 5/ (m. Sarah Branch) mentions his brother, Richard Hill 5/ of Franklin County. This was the same Richard Hill that m. Lydia Watkins.

Deed 22,

Chatham County
Deed Book L, Page 328 dated 31 January 1801

William Hill Sr. 4/ of Chatham County to Henry Hill 5/ of Chatham County for 25 pounds, 50 acres north side of Harlins Creek, along Foushee line.

signed/ William Hill 4/

Wit: Phil Meroney

ENOCH HILL 5/ (son)

See Pleasant Hill Church Records

Comments: This is William Hill 4/, selling to his son, Henry Hill 5/. Enoch Hill 5/ was another son.

Deed 23,

Chatham County, N.C.
Deed Book ???? dated 29th November 1802

William Hill 4/ of County of Hancock, State of Georgia of the one part (and) Enoch Hill 5/ of Chatham County, N.C. for 50 pounds, 125 acres on Long Branch (Chatham Co.?)

signed/ William Hill 4/.

Henry Hill 5/ (son)

(Signed in presence of)

Chatham County, February Sessions Court 1806, Deed only proven in open court by the oath of Henry Hill 5/, a subscribing witness and ordered to be registered.

Long Branch is located North of Gum Springs, flowing WEST off HAW RIVER, near Mt. Pleasant, across from Jes. Campbel, John Dark and C. Justice's land.

Comments: Enoch Hill 5/ was a son of William Hill 4/.

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