

NC.040 GENEALOGICAL DATA FROM NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, N.C. ON  
THE HILL FAMILY.

Entered in June of 1990 by Robert R. Hill of Brandon, Fla.  
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Source for following Will: Abstracts of Wills for Northampton  
County, N.C. by Margaret Hoffman & which was provided by  
Jerry R. Hill of Siler City, N.C.

Note: Northampton County, N.C. was formed in 1741 from  
Bertie County. A figure has often been placed after the name  
of an individual by the writer to show what generation that  
person belongs. It was not on the original documents.

A Harmon Hill was located in Sussex Co., Va. in the early  
1700's. How he relates to the Hill families in Surry/Sussex  
Co., Va. is not understood. I believe it was his will that  
was in Northampton Co., NC & probated in 1777.

NC Records shows a George Hill's will (of Bath Co., NC)  
naming a son Harmon Hill, but it does not appear to be this  
same Harmon Hill. One source says George Hill was related to  
the Col. Nicholas Hill family of Isle of Wight County,  
Virginia, but I have seen no proof of this.

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HARMON HILL OF NORTHAMPTON CO., NC

WILL BOOK ONE, 1759-1792

(Abstracts Version)

Will 13, Page 20, Harmon Hill-January 1772, (proved) March  
Court 1777... to my son HENRY HILL and my daughter FANNY HILL  
(each) Negroes etc... son HARMON HILL Negroes, Still, and the  
lands and plantation whereon I now live. Daughters JEAN  
HILL, MARTHA LEWIS, BETTA WEBB, NELLIE HART and SARAH SWEET,  
5 shillings each, 5 shillings also to MARTHA WARDIN and  
HARMON TARVER (?), \_\_\_\_\_ ? \_\_\_\_\_ use and befit (sic) of  
Negroes and residue of my estate while HENRY HILL comes of  
age, residue of estate to be divided between my two sons  
HENRY & HARMON (HILL) at wife's death.

Extrs: beloved wife ELIZABETH HILL & son HENRY HILL, THOMAS  
HART.

Wits: HARDY (H his mark) HART, JANUS---(x his mark)

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Notes & Comments on Harmon Hill's Will by R. Hill:

The wife was not mentioned in the body of the Will, but was named as one of the executors, with son, Henry Hill 2/, along with a Thomas Hart, thought to be a son in law. This proves the wife was still alive when the will was wrote.

From that portion of Harmon Hill's 1/ will that states (Quote): "AN RESIDUE OF MY ESTATE WHILE HENRY HILL COMES OF AGE" (end of quote), seems to indicate that the son HENRY HILL 2/ was STILL a minor (under 21) when the Will was wrote in January of 1772.

His mother, Elizabeth Hill, was named as executor, along with the minor son, Henry Hill 2/, and a son in law, Thomas Hart. Because of the fact that the widow Elizabeth, and a son in law, Thomas Hart were executors with Henry Hill 2/, Henry may have stall be a minor child (under 21) but in his late teens. He also may have reached age 21 by 1777.

Harmon Hill 1/ had a daughter NELLIE HILL 2/, who was named in the will as NELLIE HART. She was probably married to THOMAS HART, one of the executors.

The daughter, Martha Hill 2/, had married a Mr. Lewis. The daughter, Fanny Hill 2/, had also married a Hart, perhaps Hardy Hart, one of the witnesses.

Note: The Hill/Hart marriages may have been reversed, no proof at all, but with Thomas Hart being an executor, causes me to think he was the husband to Nellie Hill 2/, the eldest daughter.

Note that the given name of Lewis was often used by the descendents of Henry Hill 2/.

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Listed below is information on the son of Harmon Hill 1/ named Henry Hill 2/. HE WAS NOT THE SON OF GREEN HILL 4/ (1714-1769) & GRACE BENNETT, AS SOME HAVE CLAIMED.

#### WILL OF HENRY HILL 2/ OF NORTHAMPTON CO., NC.

Source: Wills from N.C. Archives furnished by Jerry R. Hill of Siler City, N.C.

Note by R. Hill: Figures have been placed after names to show what known generation they belonged to. The figures were not on the original documents. It is believed that this Henry Hill 2/ is the same Henry Hill named as a son in Harmon Hill's 1/ will.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, N.C. WILL BOOK 4, PAGE 296  
(dated ca. 1800? or 1830?)

Note: This will is thought to have been wrote in 1800 &

probated in 1804. See comments at end of will.

In the name of God Amen I HENRY HILL 2/ of the County of Northampton and (the) state of North Carolina, being weak in body but in perfect sound mind and memory do make and ordain this my last Will & Testament in Manner and form following:

First, I give and bequeath to my grandson ROBERT C. HILL 4/ a Negro boy by the name of Caleb. Should the said Robert C. Hill 4/ die without a lawful heir (then) my desire and wish is for the said Negro Caleb to be equally divided between GREEN HILL 3/, MERRITT HILL 3/ and FANNY HART 3/ and my grandson WILLIAM HILL 4/.

I give and bequeath to my grand daughter MARTHA HART 4/ one feather bed and furniture.

I give and bequeath to my grandson HENRY HART 4/ one feather bed & furniture, one cow and calf; I lend to my daughter FANNY HART 3/ the plantation whereon she now lives during her \*\* single life (but) at her decease I give and bequeath the said plantation to my grand children MARTHA HART 4/ & HENRY HART 4/.

I give and bequeath to my grandson CURTIS DUPREE 4/ one dollar.

I give and bequeath to (my) granddaughter MARTHA DUPREE 4/ one dollar.

I give and bequeath to son AUGUSTIN HILL 3/ five dollars.

I give and bequeath to my son MERRITT HILL 3/ Two Hundred & Fifty Dollars.

I give and bequeath to (my) son GREEN HILL 3/ One Hundred & Eighty Three Dollars.

I give and bequeath to my daughter FANNY HART 3/ One Hundred & Eighty Three Dollars.

I give and bequeath to my two grandchildren BENNITT (sic) HILL 4/ & WILLIAM HILL 4/ One Hundred & Eighty Three Dollars.

And (regarding) all the balance of my property, if any, my desire and wish is for it to be equally divided between GREEN HILL 3/, MERRITT HILL 3/, FANNY HART 3/ and BENNITT (SIC) HILL 4/ and WILLIAM HILL 4/, my two grandchildren, to draw One Fourth BENNITT 4/ (sic) & WILLIAM HILL 4/.

Of the balance (of my estate) I leave my three old Negroes GURRAH, ESTHER, DINAH to live with any of my children they please. I leave my son GREEN HILL 3/ & MERRITT HILL 3/ (as) Executors to my last Will & Testament. Given under my hand &

Seal this the 28th of October 1800 (or 1840?).

Signed by/HENRY HILL (LS)

Signed Seal & Published in presence of

Amos Stephenson

Tala (?) Hills

End of Will of Henry Hill

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The date of Henry Hill's 2/ will is somewhat questionable. Jerry Hill, who provided this information, says in his letter, that the date appeared to have first been wrote as 1830 but was then wrote over and appears to be 1800. The belief is that it is was wrote in 1800 & probated in 1804.

Jerry Hill says the Will Index shows a date of 1840 for this Will and thinks that is the probate date. I agree with Jerry but I suspect a printing error and the date should have been 1804, not 1840.

Henry Hill 2/ (b. ca. 1752-1756) named a son Green Hill 3/ in his will. Certainly Henry Hill 2/ would have changed his will and eliminated his son Green Hill 3/ if Green Hill 3/ had died, but such was not the case.

To me, this proves that Henry Hill's 2/ Will was wrote prior to 17th of January 1831, the date his son Green Hill 3/ wrote his own will, and which was proved in March of 1831.

The reasonable approach to this problem is that Henry Hill 2/ was born ca. 1752-1756, wrote his will in 1800 and it was probated in 1804, having died at an age of about 48 to 53 years.

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Comments on the above Henry Hill will by Robert Hill:  
Reference to \*\*, This seems to imply that Fanny Hart was now a widow. The grandchildren, Martha and Henry Hart, were apparently her children. Other grandchildren named were Robert C. Hill 4/ & William Hill 4/ and Curtis Dupree and Martha Dupree, two children of a deceased, but unnamed daughter that had married a Dupree. The father of Robert C. Hill 4/ & Wm. Hill 4/ is not known.

The fact that Henry Hill mentions no wife, indicates that she was probably dead when the Will was wrote in 1800.

It should also be noted that the son, Augustin Hill 3/, was left only five dollars and the balance of the estate was divided between the sons Green Hill 3/ & Merritt Hill 3/, and the daughter Fanny (Hill) Hart 3/.

Augustin Hill 3/ was not included in this distribution with his two brothers and sister. He may have been the eldest son, and had already received his inheritance, or share, OR

there was a strained relationship between father and son Augustin Hill 3//.

To me, the naming of a Bennett Hill, shows a possible connection to the Bennett family. It also proves to me there was more than one Bennett Hill in the Hill family, because a Bennett Hill 5/ was a son of Green Hill 4/ & Grace Bennett.

In the Will of Henry Hill 2/, notice the name of Amos Stephenson as a witness.... It is possible that the marriage of a Robert Hill & Susan Stephensonm on the 5th of June 1837 in Northampton County, N.C., may relate to the grandson named Robert V. Hill 4/.

In his own will, a Robert C. Hill 4/ named his own wife as Lucinda Hill. It could be that Robert C. Hill 4/ was married twice. (Ref. Murrays Genealogical Study).

Notice that the will of Henry Hill 2/ shows that he had a unnamed daughter that had married a Dupree. Since she was not named in the will, it is assumed that she was deceased, however, her children, Curtis Dupree 4/ and Martha Dupree 4/ were named as grandchildren by Henry Hill 2/.

The children of this Henry Hill 2/ named in the will were:  
(NOT IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER)

1. Green Hill 3/, m. Nancy Briggs on 19 February 1817. He died ca. March 1831. Is it likely that Nancy Briggs was related somehow to the family of Hannah Briggs that had earlier married Richard Hill 3/, son of Sion Hill Sr. 2/ and a brother to Robert Hill 3/?
2. Augustin Hill 3/ m. Mary Stewart on 22 September 1827. Augustin Hill 3/ married Mary Stewart, and were the parents of Atlas A. Hill 4/, who married Virginia Rose. They in turn were the parents of Lewis A. Hill 5/ & James A. Hill 5/ (Ref. Will of Robert C. Hill, see later below).
3. Merritt Hill 3/.
4. Fanny Hill 3/ m. Mr Lewis.
5. Un-named daughter m. Mr. Dupree.

Robert C. Hill 4/ is suspected to have also been the son of Augustin Hill 3/ & a brother to Atlas A. Hill 4/. My reasoning for this line of thinking is as follows: Augustin Hill 3/ was the father of Atlas A. Hill 4/, who in turn fathered both Lewis A. Hill 5/ & James A. Hill 5/ (named in the will of Robert C. Hill 4/, see later).

Note that the middle names of all of the above, started with the letter "A" (Augustin or Atlas?), which obviously is significant, and is the cause of my thinking that Augustin Hill 3/ was the father of Atlas A. Hill 4/, who had two sons, Lewis A. Hill 5/ & James A. Hill 5/, named in the above will. Those middle names were probably Lewis Augustin (or Atlas) Hill 5/ & James Augustin (or Atlas) Hill 5/. (Not proved).

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A Brief Genealogy: The emigrant of a Hill family was Robert Hill 1/ & wife Mary Webb, who into Isle of Wight County, Va. in 1642. This Robert Hill 1/ had a son Sion Hill Sr. 2/. Sion Hill Sr. 2/ had among his sons, a William Hill 3/.

Now we know that William Hill 3/, son of Sion Hill Sr. 2/ married Ann DeLoach, daughter of William & Eleanor DeLoach. Another daughter, Martha DeLoach, married a Harmon Hill.

(Question: Could Martha DeLoach be the wife of Haromn Hill's 1/ son, Harmon Hill 2/? I suspect so!

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#### WILL OF GREEN HILL 3/.

Located in Will Book 4, Page 74 of Northampton County.

Wrote 17th January 1831, Probated in March Court 1831.

In the name of God Amen, I GREEN HILL of the county of Northampton and State of North Carolina, being weak in body but in prefect mind and memory, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in the following manner:

First, I give and bequeath to my son LEWIS B. HILL one Negro boy named James.

2nd, I give and bequeath to my daughter CASSANDRA HILL one Negro girl named Harriett.

3rd, I give and bequeath to my son HENRY ISAAC HILL one Negro boy named Eli-?

4th, I lend to my well beloved wife NANCY HILL one Negro woman named Mary and her increase, my tract of land, household and kitchen furniture and stock of all kinds during her life. I also give my wife NANCY liberty to sell any part of the above named lent (sic) property that she may think proper to raise my children to school them or to pay just debts and at her death to be equally divided between my three children above named (Lewis B. Hill, Cassandra Hill & Henry L. Hill). My desire and wish is that (the) Negro Gurrah and his wife should have the privilege of livein (living) on my land so long as they both live-

5th, I leave NANCY HILL Executrix to this my last will and testament-GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL THIS 17TH OF JANUARY 1831.

Signed/ GREEN HILL (LS)

Signed in presence of us.

Witnesses:

Merritt Hill

Augustin Hill

Northampton County March Court 1831:

this will was exhibited in open court and proved according to law by the oaths of Merritt Hill & Augustine Hill, the subscribing witnesses thereto and on motion was ordered to be recorded. Whereon NANCY HILL, the Executor thereon named qualified as the law directs.

TEST: R. Honceaves, Clerk.

#### End of Green Hill Will

Note by Robert R. Hill: This was obviously Green Hill 3/, the son of Henry Hill 2/, son of Harmon Hill 1/ (listed above). His two brothers, Merritt Hill 3/ & Augustin Hill 3/ were witnesses to the above will and also testified at proving the will.

I think (but not proved) that Harmon Hill 1/ was somehow related to the Hill/Bennett families in and around Surry/Sussex Co., Va., but how is unknown.

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ROBERT C. HILL 4/  
(Grandson of Henry Hill 2/).

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, Fl.: This is the Robert C. Hill 4/ that was named in the Will of Henry Hill 2/ as a grandson. Now Henry Hill 2/ named sons Green Hill 3/, Augustin Hill 3/ & Merritt Hill 3/ and the Will of Green Hill 3/ proves that he was not the father of this Robert C. Hill 4/, so it had to be either Merritt Hill 3/ or Augustin Hill 3/ OR a deceased son.

Note in the Will below of Robert C. Hill 4/, the middle initial of the named heirs were all "A" (for Augustin or Atlas??).

In any case, Robert C. Hill 4/ was an elderly man as this will was wrote in 1894, which was 64 years after he was named in his grandfather's (Henry Hill 2/) will in 1830.

WILL OF ROBERT C. HILL 4/ OF NORTHAMPTON CO., NC

Northampton County, N.C. Will Book 7, Page 208, Index of

Wills shows a date of 1894, which is probably the Probate date for this will.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA)  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY )

I ROBERT C. HILL of the county and state above mentioned, being of sound mind and disposing mind, do make this paper writing to be my last Will & Testament, as follows-

Item first- I lend unto my beloved wife LUCINDA HILL for and during her natural life all of my property both real and personal, as it stands, (and) at my death-and what debts I may owe my will is that my wife pay these.

Item second- At the death of my wife, the property I have lent to her in the first item of this my will, I lend unto James E. Bowers, my son-in-law, (son of my wife 1- (sic) and if he should leave a child or children surviving, then I give and bequeath the afore mentioned property to him, her or them, but if he should die, leaving no child or children, lawfully begotten, then I give and bequeath the property aforesaid to LEWIS A. HILL and JAMES A. HILL, sons of ATLAS A. HILL, to them and their heirs forever, equally share and share alike- this NOVEMBER 29th, 1883.

Given under my hand and seal  
signed/ ROBERT C. HILL (LS)

Signed Sealed and acknowledged by the testor as his will in our presence:

Witnesses:  
A.G. Ellis  
T. J. Harding

End of Will of Robert C. Hill 4/.

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Reference to the above will of Robert C. Hill 4/: He appears to be the grandson named in the will of Henry Hill 2/. Just which son of Henry Hill 2/ was Robert's father in unknown, but suspicion is high that it was Augustin Hill 3/, who was the father of Atlas A. Hill 4/, who in turn was the father of Lewis A. Hill 5/ & James A. Hill 5/ (Ref. Will of Robert C. Hill above).

Lewis A. Hill 5/ & James A. Hill 5/ (named in the above will of Robert C. Hill) were sons of Atlas A. Hill 4/ and Virginia Rose.

Note that the middle names of all of the above, started with the letter "A" (Augustin?), which obviously is significant somehow, and is the cause of Augustin Hill 3/ being suspected



to be the father of Atlas A. Hill 4/, who had two sons, Lewis A. Hill 5/ & James A. Hill 5/, named in the above will.

Since Robert C. Hill 4/ named the sons of Atlas A. Hill 4/ as heirs, it gives some thought that Robert 4/ was the eldest child of Augustin Hill 3/ and Atlas Hill 4/ was a brother to Robert C. Hill 4/. With this approach, Robert C. Hill 4/ was giving to his nephews (Lewis A. Hill 5/ & James A. Hill 5/), the sons of his brother, Augustin Hill 3/. (NOT PROVED).

In the will, Robert C. Hill 4/ mentions a James E. Bowers as a son in law, (son in law of my wife). My interpretation is that the wife, Lucinda Hill, had a previous marriage, had a daughter that married James E. Bowers. In all probability, Robert C. Hill 4/ helped to raise the daughter as a child, since he left a legacy to Bowers.

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#### THE WILL OF BENNETT HILL 5/.

(Son of Green 4/,Richard 3/Sion 2/Robert Hill 1/ & Mary Webb).

Because the following will was probated in Franklin County, N.C., and since a Bennett Hill was named as a grandson in the previous will of Henry Hill 2/, of Northampton County, N.C., I felt it advisable to place the following will here among the Wills of Northampton County. I think this Bennett Hill was the son of Green Hill 4/ & Grace Bennett, and probably the father of William Bennett Hill 6/ and Benjamin Hill 6/, who died in Franklin County, N.C.

Again, this appears to be Bennett Hill 5/, the son of Green Hill 4/ & his wife Grace Bennett. Bennett Hill 5/ was born on 1st of December 1747 in what appears to have been at that time, Granville County, N.C. (today's Franklin County).

His death was not listed but he died after 6th December 1791. His wife was named Martha--? I suspect that Bennett Hill 5/ was the father to the Benjamin Hill of Franklin Co., NC, who in turn was the father of Collier Hill; Robert Hill; Thomas Hill and another Benjamin Hill of Franklin County, N.C.

#### THE WILL OF BENNETT HILL 5/.

Will Book A, Page 167 Franklin County, N.C. dated 6th December 1791 (no probated date given).

In the name of God Amen, I BENNETT HILL of Franklin County and state of North Carolina, being in health of body and of sound mind and memory, for which blessing, thank God, also considering the uncertainty of this life, do make and ordain

this my last will & Testament in manner & form following-

Imprimis: I commend my soul to God, who gave it, hoping for a happy resurrection thru the mouth of my blessed savior, my body to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executor, and as to my worldly estate, I give in the following manner..

Item.. It is my will and desire that all my just debts be paid and that my Executor sell a tract of land lying in Tenise (sic) (Tennessee) County, west of the mountains, and such other part of my estate as they may think proper (and) sufficient to discharge the same without an order of court.

Item.. I give divide and bequeath to my sons & to them & their heirs forever all my lands in Franklin County and one other tract in Northampton County, adjoining Pollock, to be equally divided among them by three men, to be appointed by my Executor for that purpose.

Item.. My will & desire is that after my just debts are paid that my wife MARTHA HILL keep the whole of my estate both real and personal, together for the purpose of raising, clothing & schooling (of) my children and maintenance of health and children until she shall marry & in case she shall marry, my will & desire is that my wife MARTHA HILL draw an equal part of my personal estate with my children then living, to her and her heirs forever and that the remaining part of my personal estate continue together in One Fourth for the benefit of my children. As the last child (Youngest) arrives to be of age or either of them marry, then my will and desire is that the part of my estate then being undivided, she is to divide unto as many lots, as there shall be children living, and such child arriving to lawful age or marrying, to draw an equal part with other children as their portion of my personal estate, to them & their heirs forever, and then the remainder to convert into one block, to be divided and drawn for by lots, as the rest of the children shall marry or come of age, in manner as before mentioned.

Item.. My will & desire is that my wife MARTHA HILL have use of my dwelling house with the out houses, together with Fifty Acres of land adjoining thereto, also One Hundred Acres of land that I purchased of Mrs. Ann Capplee during her widowhood.

Item.. Also I Nominate and appoint my friends John Thomas & Jordan Hill Executors and my wife MARTHA HILL Executrix to this my last will and Testament hereby revoking all others. IN WITNESS whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affirm my seal this 6th day of DECEMBER AD 1791.

singed by BENNETT HILL

Signed Sealed and Acknowledged in presence of  
James Rossmat??

Rip?? Conyergs ?? (signatures blurred)  
Benjamin Hart  
(Signatures of Witnesses not clear)

#### End of Will for Bennett Hill

Comments by Robert Hill: It is not exactly understood yet what the connection is, but it appears to me that some how Harmon Hill 1/, his son Henry Hill 2/, his son Green Hill 3/ and his grandsons, were all connect into the Rev. Green Hill 5/ family, who was a son of Green Hill 4/ & wife Grace Bennett.

Henry Hill 5/ (b. 1741) and a brother to Bennett Hill 5/, was originally thought to have married Winifred Alston on 10th May 1780 in Warren County, N.C. (Ref: Murray Genealogical Study) however, later research shows this was not Henry Hill 5/ (b. 1741) but was another Henry Hill 5/, the son of Thomas Hill 4/ & Sarah Etheridge of Halifax Co., NC.

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#### WILL OF HENRY J. HILL

This Henry Hill may be the son of a Robert Hill of Franklin County, N.C., who's full name was "Henry J. Hill" and who left a 1862 Will in Franklin County, N.C. The connection of this Henry J. Hill (if any) to the above wills of the Hill Families of Northampton County, has not been determined.

#### HENRY J. HILL

NORTHAMPTON CO., NC WILL BOOK 6, PAGE 170

in the name of God Amen, I HENRY J. HILL of the County of Northampton and the state of North Carolina-being in good bodily health and of sound mind and disposing memory, do make and ordain this my last will and testament, in manner and form following to wit-

Item 1st... My will and desire is that my body may be decently interred and all expenses incurred thereby, together with all my just debts that I may be owing at the time-shall be paid out of the first money that may come into the hands of my representative.

Item 2.... After all expenses and all my debts as to above named shall have been paid-all the balance of my Estate, both real and personal of every description, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife SARAH E. HILL- to her and her heirs and assigns forever.

Item 3. I hereby constitute and appoint my wife SARAH E.

HILL by Executor to this my last will and Testament, Given  
under my hand and seal this 12th day of MARCH 1862.

signed/HENRY J. HILL (LS)

Signed Sealed & Acknowledged within presence of  
William Macrackenk (sic) & N.I. Crocker

Comments on the above Will by R. Hill: The following  
remarks came from Mrs. L. Winifred Jacob of Beaverton, OR.

"It is likely that this was Henry James Hill, who married  
Sarah E. Stephenson on 20th January 1857 in Northampton  
County, N.C."

Comment by Robert Hill: The Murray Genealogical Study shows  
this couple married on 20th January 1862, NOT 1857... (WHICH  
IS CORRECT)?

Note: This document should be used in conjunction with  
NC.063 for a possible connection of these two families.

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