

NC.043 IDENTIFYING ROBERT HILL 3/ AND SON WILLIAM HILL SR.  
4/ OF HALIFAX COUNTY, NC.

Originally entered in 1991 but updated in May of 1992 by Robert R. Hill of Brandon, Fla. Updated in September of 1994.

Sources: My own research based upon the wills of Richard Lewis of Halifax County, N.C.; the will of his widow, Ann Lewis Williams of Halifax County, N.C., who had remarried to Wilson Williams; the Will of Wilson Williams of Halifax County, N.C.; Lands deeds of Edgecombe, Nash, Halifax & Chatham Counties, all of N.C.; DAR Records; and other data provided by Mrs. L. Winifred Jacob of Beaverton, Oregon as well as information provided to me by Mr. Jerry Reid Hill of Siler City, N.C. (Chatham Co.).

BRIEF GENEALOGY OF THIS HILL FAMILY.

Note: The figure after a name represents the known generation of that individual to the family, example Thomas Hill 4/ shows he was of the 4th generation.

Robert Hill 1/ & wife Mary (Webb?), immigrated from England into Isle of Wight County, Virginia ca. 1642. They apparently had several children but only two sons are known, Robert Hill Jr. 2/ & Sion Hill Sr. 2/.

The son Robert Hill Jr. 2/ married Elizabeth Holloman and they settled in an area that became known as Brunswick County, Virginia.

Sion Hill Sr. 2/ lived in Surry County, Virginia where he married a widow of John Spiltimber, Elizabeth (Smith?) Spiltimber. Their children were:

1. Robert Hill 3/, b. 1680, m. Tabitha (Greene?).
2. Sion Hill Jr. 3/, b. 1682, m. twice, 1st a Miss Greene, 2nd Elizabeth Marriott.. (both Questionable, no proof).
3. Richard Hill 3/, b. ca. 1684, m. Hannah Briggs.
4. Thomas Hill 3/, b. ca. 1686, m. Proscilla Gray.
5. Michael Hill 3/, b. ca. 1688, m. Elizabeth R. Mitchell.
6. William Hill 3/, b. 1689, m. Ann DeLoach.

In the 1699 Tithables List, Robert Hill 3/ paid his own tithes, indicating he was considered an adult and had probably reached the age of 16 years of age and this is probably the bases for researchers saying that Robert Hill 3/ born ca. 1680 and was the eldest son of Sion Hill 2/.

This piece of evidence appears to support that theory and Robert Hill 3/ was not listed in the 1703 Tithable List with his father and two brothers.

In a Tithable List dated 1703 for Surry County, Virginia, Sion Hill 2/ was listed with his sons, Richard Hill 3/ & Sion Hill Jr. 3/. This causes one to speculate that perhaps Robert Hill 3/ had by now married and started his own family, but there are serious problems in dealing with that assumption.

When one starts to consider that the birth date assigned to Robert Hill 3/ in the book East Goes West (by Craft) was 1678 and his marriage was in 1721, (Ref: East Goes West, by Alta Craft, Page 121) or some 43 years after his birth, considerable doubts begin to set in about that marriage date.

On the 31st of July 1679, a Sorru County, Virginia court document shows Sion Hill Sr 2/ was made administrator of the estate of John Spiltimer, widow Elizabeth). Sine Sion Hill 2/ was not married on this date and his second sonm Sion Hill Jr 3/ waa born in 1682, leads me to think his first son, Robert Hill 3/, was born in late 1680. s

Again, Virginia records shows Robert Hill 3/ paid his own tithes in 1699, indicating his age of at least 16 and his birth was ca. 1680. .

With this in mind and for the moment, going on the assumption that Robert Hill 3/ & Tabitha married ca. 1712 instead of 1721 and Robert Hill 3/ was born in 1680, then he (Robert 3/) would have been a thirty two (32) year old man when he married in 1712, indicating he was older than most men of his time to have married and so again (at first) this raises some doubts of that marriage date.

On the other hand, it seems likely that Tabitha's birth was probably ca. 1685-1689. Her marriage of 1712 would indicate her age of about 23 to 27 years old, a more likely age for a woman to have married and then bear eleven children, but there are still problems. The marriage date of 1712 also seems to old for a wo,an to have married.

My conclusion is that Robert Hill 3/ was born in 1680, married Tabitha (Green?) ca. 1705.

Data regarding the children of Robert Hill 3/ & wife Tabitha also contribute some problems. First off, the birth of the fifth child and son Thomas Hill 4/, has been fairly well established as being in Isle of Wight County, Virginia in 1715.

If the marriage was ca. 1705 as believed, then the first child and son, Sion Hill 4/, was probably born ca. 1706-1707

and the next child and son, Green Hill 4/, was born ca. 1708-1709.

15-16, daughter Tabitha born ca. 1717 and the third son, Abner Hill 4/, born ca. 1719-20. Records show us that the fifth child and son, Thomas Hill 4/, was born in 1715, in Virginia.

When Robert Hill 3/ & wife Tabitha made their initial move into North Carolina, they moved into what was then Bertie County, North Carolina.

It appears that they first settled in an area that today is known as Northampton County, N.C. (formed in 1741 from Bertie County) but later moved into an area slightly southward, or further into what was then Bertie County but which in 1741 became Edgecombe County, North Carolina.

#### WILLIAM HILL SR. 4/

It is believed (but not proved) that William Hill 4/ was named William Clanton Hill (Sr.) 4/, simply because his son was referred to in land deeds as William C. Hill Jr. 5/. This is not necessarily correct and his use of Sr. was possibly just to separate himself from his son or other William Hills in the same area. No documents have been found to show his name was William Clanton Hill, just William Hill Sr.

Evidence on hand seems to show that William Hill Sr. 4/ was born ca. 1731-1735 in what was then known as Bertie County, N.C. Little is known of him until the 18th of November 1752 when his father Robert Hill 3/ sold him (very cheaply) 120 acres of land on both sides of Peachtree Creek in Edgecombe County, N.C. (see deed below). (I have added the generation figures myself).

Edgecombe County Deed Book C, Page 528, dated 1767:

William (H) Hill 4/ of Edgecombe County to Harry Taylor of same county, for 20 pounds Virginia money, a tract of 120 acres lying on both sides of Peachtree Creek, adjoining Thomas, it being part of a patent granted to Robert Hill 3/ bearing a date of April 20th, 1745 and (then) conveyed from said Robert Hill 3/ to said William Hill 4/ by deed, bearing a date of 18th November 1752. Witness: Micajah Thomas & John Cotten.

Note: The letter "H" in William Hill's name was his mark.

This deed provides us with some good information. This shows that William 4/ was born much earlier than 1750-1755 as stated by some researchers. It also shows us that Robert Hill

3/ had received a land grant on 20th April 1745 and then conveyed the land to his son, William Hill 4/ on the 18th of November 1752.

William Hill 4/ was probably born ca. 1731-1735 and this deed suggest that Robert Hill 3/ deeded his son William Hill 4/ land when William 4/ had likely reached the age of 21 and apparently approaching the marrying age.

Two earlier researchers (Mr. Seward & Tom Barnes) have stated that William Hill 4/ married Elizabeth Clanton, who died in child birth in Chatham County, N.C, in 1800, but no one, including Clanton researchers, has found or produced any evidence of a marriage of any Elizabeth Clanton to any William Hill, especially William Hill 4/, nor have they provided any proof of this marriage.

I am of the opinion that this so called marriage was based on the fact that William Hill 4/ had named his son William Clanton Hill 5/, after his supposed wife. This son was born ca. 1765 and married Sarah Branch in Halifax County, N.C. ca. 1790. William Clanton Hill 5/ died in May of 1803.

The following is intended to show that William Hill Sr. 4/ did not marry Elizabeth Clanton. The following information was taken from the WILL OF RICHARD LEWIS, dated 23rd November 1759 and proved in June Court of 1760 of Halifax County, N.C.

Reference to Will of Richard Lewis, Will Number 7, Page 6, Halifax County, N.C. dated 23rd November 1759, Will proved in June Court for 1760:

QUOTE "To Nicholas Lewis, land, stock, household goods, 5 shillings; lend daughter CHARITY LEWIS 1 Negro girl & her increase for life of said CHARITY, and at her death, the said Negro and increases to be divided between MY GRANDSONS: RICHARD HILL & LEWIS HILL in an honest manner; son Thomas Lewis all my lease land on the north side of Conway Creek, my second best bed and furniture, horse, etc..and all the hogs and cattle of his brand, Negroes etc...daughter ANN LEWIS 1 Negro girl and my third best bed and furniture; son WILLIAM LEWIS the plantation whereon we now live, joining my son Nicholas, 1 Negro and my fourth best bed and furniture; (to) lend wife ANN LEWIS 1 Negro and the rest of my estate.

Extr: my wife ANN LEWIS  
Wits: John Lockhart, Thomas Thrower"  
END OF QUOTE.

Comments: There is only one way for this Richard Lewis to be the grandfather to Richard & Lewis Hill (as will be seen later, as the sons of William Hill 4/) and that was for his daughter to have been the mother of the two Hill children, (Richard & Lewis Hill) and the wife of William Hill 4/. The

other possibility is that they were born out of wedlock.  
Note she is referred to in the will as CHARITY LEWIS.  
Another thing of importance: This will shows that Richard Hill & Lewis Hill were probably the only two grandchildren born by 1759.

Since William Hill 4/ & Charity Lewis appears to have married ca. 1753, it is thought that Lewis Hill 5/ was the eldest of the two sons, having been born ca. 1755. He was probably named after the family name of his mother, Charity Lewis.

DAR files show that Richard Hill 5/ was born in 1757, married Lydia Watkins on 3rd of March 1778 and he died on the 7th of February 1832 in Franklin County, N.C. He was probably named after his maternal grandfather, Richard Lewis.

In his Will, Richard Lewis gave to his son Nicholas Lewis some land, some of the live stock, household goods and 5 shillings. To his daughter CHARITY LEWIS he provided her with one Negro girl and any children she may have in the future, and at Charity's death the said Negro & her increase were to be divided between his grandchildren RICHARD HILL & LEWIS HILL.

His son Thomas Lewis received his second best bed & furniture, all of his land that was leased on the north side of Conway Creek, Negroes, all the hogs, horses and cattle, of his brand, his second best bed and furniture, etc..

The son William Lewis received the plantation where Richard Lewis was living, adjoining the son Nicholas Lewis. To his wife ANN LEWIS, 1 Negro and the rest of the estate. Wife Ann Lewis, was named Executor. There were many land deeds between Thomas Lewis & William Hill 4/, his brother in law.

At first glance, it appears that the two Hill grandchildren were sons of a deceased daughter of Richard Lewis. Land deeds show that the father of Richard & Lewis Hill was William Hill 4/, who sold "his sons" Richard Hill & Lewis Hill land.

The thing that is puzzling is that Richard Lewis, in his 1759 will (above) still named his daughter as "Charity Lewis" not Charity Hill, but yet he named her two sons, Richard Hill 5/ & Lewis Hill 5/ (his two grandsons) but his widow, Ann, in her 1779 will named the daughter Charity as "Charity Hill."

After the death of Richard Lewis, in June of 1760, his widow, Ann Lewis, remarried to Wilson Williams, who was a witness to the 1762 will of Robert Hill 3/, father of William Clanton Hill Sr. 4/. This clearly shows a close relationship existed between the Hill-Lewis and Williams families.

On the 16th of September 1771, Wilson Williams of Halifax

County, N.C. made his will, which was probated in August of 1774. In that will he names his wife as ANN WILLIAMS, and a daughter, MARY HILL. One of the witnesses was William Lewis (step-son), and son of his wife's first marriage to Richard Lewis. That will is below in abbreviated form:

The will of Wilson Williams, Will # 207, page 366, dated 16th September 1771, proved August Court 1774: Wife ANN WILLIAMS (the above Ann (Lewis) Williams), whole estate, daughter MARY HILL, Henry Potts, gun etc...; residue of my estate to be equally divided between brothers & sisters: Jesse Williams, Eley Williams, Isaac Williams, and Martha Williams.

Extrs: my brother Jesse Williams

Wits: Thomas Nash, Williams Lewis, Thomas Etheridge, John Etheridge.

Comments: This shows that ANN (LEWIS) WILLIAMS' second husband was Wilson Williams, who died ca. July-August of 1774 and it looks as though Wilson Williams also had a daughter named MARY who had married a HILL.

Now reference to the second marriage of Ann Lewis to Wilson Williams, this second marriage apparently took place after June of 1760 (approximate date of Richard Lewis' death and before September 1771, when the will of Wilson Williams was wrote.

(Note: It is of great interest to note that Mary Williams, daughter of the deceased Wilson Williams, married a Hill and since the deceased Wilson Williams had signed the will of Robert Hill 3/ in 1762, makes one wonder if perhaps Mary Williams married a son of Robert Hill 3/ such as Sion Hill 4/, Green Hill 4/ or Abner Hill 4/, of whom we know little).

As shown above, the widow of Richard Lewis, Ann Lewis, had remarried Wilson Williams who died in August of 1774/. Ann Lewis Williams left a will in 1779, probated in Halifax County Court August Session 1785.

It is very unfortunate that I did not copy the Will of Ann Williams completely (which was in an abbreviated form only) but the information taken from it proves my point.

The will of ANN WILLIAMS in Halifax Co., N.C. (Will # 342, Page 98, dated 1779 and proved in the August Court of 1785, names the following: the children (names not given) of Thomas Lewis and William Lewis, cattle, hogs etc.. Daughter CHARITY HILL wearing apparels, my son William Lewis, all my crops, Henry Lewis son of William Lewis, silver buttons.

Extrs: my son Thomas Lewis

Wits: John Boutin, Thomas Dazin/Dozier, William Dazin/Dozier

Comments on the above wills : This shows that Ann (Lewis) Williams, was the widow of Richard Lewis, had re-married to Wilson Williams, who also died ca. 1774 (see his will above). This will shows that Ann (Lewis) Williams had a daughter Charity that married a Hill... It also shows that she (Ann Williams) was the mother of both Thomas & William Lewis, who are named as sons in the will of the above Richard Lewis ... thus I would say that Richard Lewis's widow (Ann Lewis) must have re-married to Wilson Williams (ref his will below), and this was her will. When she left a legacy to Henry Lewis, son of William Lewis, and children (un-named) of Thomas Lewis, she was leaving a legacy to her grand children.

In the above will, Ann Lewis Williams names her daughter as Charity Hill, showing us that Charity (Lewis) Hill appears to have still been alive in late 1779 when the will was wrote and since the will was not changed by August of 1785, when probated, indicates that Charity Lewis Hill was probably alive as late as August 1785 when her mother's will was probated. This in turn shows us that Charity Lewis was the wife of William Clanton Hill Sr. 4/ and the mother to the following children and not Elizabeth Clanton as stated by Mr. Seward & Tom Barnes.

The children of William Hill 4/ & Charity Lewis were:

1. Lewis Hill 5/, born ca. 1755 in Edgecombe County, N.C., married ca. 1775 to Rebecca Watkins. He died on 10th July 1795 in Nash County, N.C. (See info below).
2. Richard Hill 5/, (REF. DAR FILES) born 1757 in Edgecombe County, N.C., married on 3rd March 1778 in Bute Co., N.C. to Lydia Watkins, sister to Rebecca Watkins. He died in Franklin County, N.C. on the 7th of February 1832. He was a Revolutionary Soldier. No listing of children has been found but he obviously had a daughter that married a Mr. Gant as he made a Deed of Gift to his granddaughter, Susan Hill Gant.
3. Sion Lewis Hill 5/, born ca. 1761 in Edgecombe County, N.C., married on 2nd October 1783 to Drucilla Lane, daughter of Newt Lane. Sion Hill 5/ died ca. January or February in Nash County, N.C. His widow filed an Inventory of the estate on 11th February 1795.
4. William Clanton Hill (Jr.) 5/, born Edgecombe County, N.C., ca. 1765, married ca. 1790 to Sarah Branch, he made a will dated 25th January 1803 in Halifax County, which was proved in Halifax County Court Session for May of 1803 naming children Martha Hill 6/; James Hill 6/ & Henry Hill 6/. He also mentioned his "Aunt Lurancy Hill" proving that his father was her brother and they both were children to Robert Hill 3/. William Clanton Hill 5/ named his brother, Richard Hill 5/ of Franklin Co., N.C. as his executor, which helps to establish that they had the same father (no 2nd marriage of the father). These children of William Clanton Hill 5/ were

later found in Williamson County, Tenn. with their guardian William Parham, who may have re-married the widow, Sarah (Branch) Hill.

5. Enoch Hill 5/, born between 1769-1771 in Edgecombe County, N.C., married 1st Martha Brantley (b. Aug. 8, 1782, dead by 1807); His 2nd marriage was to a sister of Martha Brantley who's name was Sarah Brantley (b. 5th Nov. 1784). This 2nd marriage was ca. 1807. They were last known to have been in Henry County, Ga. on July 30th, 1848. Known children were: a son George W. Hill 6/; William Hill 6/ and a daughter Amanda Hill 6/.
6. Henry Hill 5/, born on 25th November 1776 in Edgecombe County, N.C., married ca. 1800 in Chatham County, N.C. to Agnes Fike, he died in Chatham County between the 1830-1840 census. (Ref: Information provided by Mr. Jerry R. Hill of Siler City, N.C.).

The will of Ann Lewis Williams, along with certain land deeds showing that William Hill Sr. 4/ sold land to his "sons," Richard Hill 5/ and Lewis Hill 5/, clearly proves that it was William Hill Sr. 4/ that was the husband of Charity Lewis and the father of her children, Richard Hill 5/ & Lewis Hill 5/.

Since Charity Lewis was alive as late as 1779, she had to have been the mother of the sons Sion Hill 5/, born 1761; William Clanton Hill 5/, born ca. 1765; Enoch Hill 5/, born 1769-1771 and Henry Hill 5/, born 25 November 1776 in Chatham County, N.C.

Additional support showing Charity Lewis was the mother of William Hill's 4/ children comes from Halifax County, N.C. On the 25th of January of 1803, William Clanton Hill 5/, in his will, names HIS BROTHER, Richard Hill 5/ of Franklin County, N.C., as his executor, proving that Richard Hill 5/, Lewis Hill 5/, Sion Hill 5/ and William Clanton Hill 5/ had the same mother, Charity Lewis.

Still later on, land deeds between William Hill Sr. 4/ (son of Robert Hill 3/) shows William 4/ sold land to his following sons, Richard Hill 5/; Lewis Hill 5/; William Clanton Hill 5/; Sion Hill 5/; Henry Hill 5/ & Enoch Hill 5/, giving proof that William Hill Sr. 4/ had married Charity Lewis and the above were their children.

Land deeds in Edgecombe, Nash & Chatham County, N.C. shows that William Hill 4/ often signed his name as "William Hill Sr." This was very noticeable when he signed the deed with his son, William Clanton Hill 5/.

Note: In these colonial times, the term Senior and Junior were not used as restrictively as they are today, but that use could indicate that there were just two men in the same area with same names and was used to separate them, they could have been cousins etc.. For now it is being used as a



father and son with same identical name, unless later proved otherwise.

Now while William Clanton Hill Jr. 5/ did not sign Junior after his name, his father did sign as "William Hill Sr." It is my understanding that for a father and son to use the terms of "Senior" and "Junior" they had to have the same IDENTICAL name, so even though William Clanton Hill 5/ did not sign as "Junior," for the moment let us assume that since the father signed as "senior" implies (to me) that this William Hill Sr. 4/ was actually named WILLIAM CLANTON HILL SR. 4/ and his son was WILLIAM CLANTON HILL JR. 5/. This assumption is subject to revision.

This writer is of the opinion that the name of Clanton comes from one of two possibilities, both which needs to be proved. The first possibility is that the maiden name of the mother may have been TABITHA CLANTON before she married Robert Hill 3/ OR the name Clanton in this Hill family, originated & was due to a close friendship between the Clantons & Robert Hill 3/ & Tabitha, parents of William Clanton Hill Sr. 4/, possibly up in Virginia or when they first came to N.C.

A rather serious error by earlier researchers has been made when they assigned the following as children of William Hill 4/ & Elizabeth Clanton. They also have said that William Hill Sr. 4/ was the eldest son of Robert Hill 3/ & wife Tabitha, which is absolutely wrong.

Children wrongly assigned as sons of William Hill Sr. 4/:

1. Herbert Hill, born 1759.
2. James Hill, b. 1769 m. 15 Sept. 1806 Christian Lassiter.
3. Elizabeth Hill, b. 17th Feb. 1785, d. 14th July 1852 in Carroll Co., Ga., m. Benjamin Lassiter 5 May 1801.
4. Sion Lassiter Hill, b. 3rd Feb. 1796, d. 21st August 1871 in Dale Co, Ala.
5. Isaac Abner Hill, b. 5 April 1800, d. 31 August 1835 in Harris County, Ga.

These children were not the children of William Clanton Hill Sr. 4/ & his wife, Charity Lewis.

Elizabeth Hill that married Benjamin Lassiter was listed on the 1850 census as born in "South Carolina," so she was not a daughter of William Hill 4/.

This researcher thinks Sion Lassiter Hill and Isaac Abner Hill were brothers and thinks that Herbert Hill was their father. Herbert Hill was listed in the 1800 Census of Chatham County, N.C. with 2 males, both under age 10 (possibly Sion L. & Isaac Abner Hill).

The earlier researchers have omitted Lewis Hill 5/ and they

have selected Sion Lassiter Hill, the wrong Sion Hill 5/, as a son. They have wrongly included a Elizabeth Hill as a daughter; sons James R. Hill; Herbert Hill and Isaac Abner Hill. These are wrong!

Note by R. Hill: Reference to the son Lewis Hill 5/, he died on July 10th, 1795. On the 21st December 1795 in Franklin County, North Carolina in Deed Book 8, Page Number 22, Rebecca Watkins Hill, the widow of Lewis Hill 5/ (child number one above) made a Deed of Gift of land to her children: to Henckey Hill 6/; Green Hill 6/; Guilford Hill 6/; John Hill 6/; Henry Hill 6/ and Milley Hill 6/. (Ref: "Kinfolks of Franklin County, N.C.," 1793-1844 by Joseph W. Watson). The deed was witnessed by her brother-in-law, Richard Hill 5/, who was married to her sister, Lydia Watkins.

Later, on the 4th September 1797, Rebecca Watkins Hill, widow of Lewis Hill 5/, released land in Franklin County, N.C. to Thomas Hill Jr. 5/, who was her nephew (by marriage). (Ref: Franklin Co. Deed Book 11, Page 6).

Thomas Hill Jr. 5/ was the son of Thomas Hill Sr. 4/ & Sarah Etheridge, of Halifax County and a brother to her father in law, William Hill Sr. 4/. Thomas Hill 4/ & William Hill 4/ were both the sons of Robert Hill 3/ and wife Tabitha (Green --?).

On the 16th February 1798, the son Henry Hill 6/ deeded land to his brother, Green Hill 6/. It was witnessed by their uncle, Richard Hill 5/, a brother to their deceased father, Lewis Hill 5/. (Franklin Co. Deed Book 11, no page given).

Other mistakes made by earlier researchers are:

Green Hill 4/, son of Robert Hill 3/, was not the Green Hill 4/ (b. 1714) that married Grace Bennett. Land deeds in Virginia, implies he was the son of Richard Hill 3/ and Hannah Briggs.

Another serious mistake that appears to have been made by earlier researchers is that William Hill Sr. 4/ has been said to have gone to Hancock County, Georgia in the late 1790s or 1800, and remarried the widow of Hugh Jones named Lydia White Jones and had two daughters and then died in Jasper County, Georgia ca. 1809.

While it is true that William Hill Sr. 4/ did move to Hancock County, Georgia, the dates of land deeds between him and his two sons, Enoch Hill 5/ & Henry Hill 5/ of Chatham County, N.C., clearly shows that William Hill Sr. 4/ was still in Chatham County, North Carolina as late as 1801 when Lydia (Jones) Hill and her second husband, another William Hill, were having their two daughters. It simply was not this

William Hill Sr. 4/ that married Lydia White Jones.

The death of William Hill Sr. 4/ is not known but it is believed to have occurred in Georgia (probably Hancock County) between the 29th of November 1802 and February of 1806, but this still has not been proven. He was not the same William Hill that died in Jasper County, Georgia in 1809.

Based upon information from land deeds, it seems that William Hill Sr. 4/ had lived in Edgecombe County, N.C. which in 1777 broke off to form Nash County, N.C. He does not appear to have actually moved but instead, his property or home simply fell into what became Nash County, due to the county lines changing.

In late 1779, William Hill Sr. 4/ moved his family to Chatham County, N.C. In late 1801 or early 1802, William Hill Sr. 4/ moved to Hancock County, Georgia, where he disappears from the records.

One of the oddities regarding William Hill Sr. 4/ is that at no time in the North Carolina records is there any mention of his wife, Charity Lewis nor are there any daughters mentioned, so it is assumed there were none.

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LAND DEEDS THAT SHOW WILLIAM HILL SR. 4/ AS FATHER TO THE ABOVE CHILDREN. ALSO OTHER LAND DEEDS THAT PERTAIN TO WILLIAM HILL SR. 4/.

(Note by Robert Hill: I have inserted the figure after the names to indicate their generation in this Hill family).

DEED NUMBER 1  
NASH COUNTY N.C. DEED BOOK 1, PAGE 12, DATED 23 MARCH 1778.

William Hill 4/ of Nash County, sells to Sion Hill 5/ & Lewis Hill 5/, sons, both of Nash County, for 200 pounds of Virginia Money, 516 acres (on) South side of Swift Creek, adjoining Cooper Williams and ??, all the lands that he owned in the county.

signed/ William Hill 4/.

Witnesses:

Absolom Lancaster

William Clanton Hill 5/ (son)

Comments by Robert Hill: This shows William Hill 4/ selling his lands in Nash County, to his two sons, Sion Hill 5/ & Lewis Hill 5/, and apparently moving into Chatham County, N.C. Later, Lewis Hill 5/ sold his half to his brother, Sion Hill 5/, who then sold it to his uncle, Thomas Lewis. (see deed Number 2).

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DEED A

NASH DEED BOOK 1, PAGE 125, DATED 31 DECEMBER 1779

William Hill 4/ of Chatham County to Thomas Lewis, for 5 pounds current money, 160 acres adjoining (land of) Sion Hill 5/ and Lewis Hill 5/ (His sons) and lands of Abraham Bass & William Bridges, it being part of a tract granted to William Hill 4/) since the 4 years of Independence.

Signed/ William Hill 4/.

Witnesses: Lewis Hill 5/ (son of Wm.)

Joel Walker

Since Deed Number 1 indicates that William Hill 4/ sold all the land he owned in Nash County, N.C. and then his selling this land to his brother in law, Thomas Lewis in Deed A, plus the statement made in this deed (in bold print) seems to indicate that William Hill 4/ had received a land grant for land in Nash County, after he had moved to Chatham County, and the land was adjacent to what was once his land but he had sold it to his two sons Sion Hill 5/ & Lewis Hill 5/. It seems that since he now lived in Chatham County, he sold it to his brother in law, Thomas Lewis. (Ref: Will of Richard Lewis).

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DEED NUMBER 2

NASH COUNTY DEED BOOK 1, PAGE 213, DATED 4TH OCTOBER 1780

Sion Hill 5/ and his wife Drucilla Hill, of Nash County, N.C. to Thomas Lewis of same county, for 1000 pounds current money, 250 acres (land) 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 then from Lewis Hill 5/ to Sion Hill 5/.

signed/ Sion (x) Hill 5/.

Drucilla (x) Hill

Witnesses:

Wm. Hendrick

Wm. Parks.

Comments: This deed shows that Sion Hill 5/ & his wife, were selling 250 acres of land that had been conveyed (by deed above) from his father, William Hill 4/, to his two sons, Sion Hill 5/ & Lewis Hill 5/. Lewis Hill 5/ then sold his half to his brother Sion Hill 5/, who was now selling to his "uncle" Thomas Lewis, who was a brother to his mother, Charity Lewis. (Ref: Will of Richard Lewis).

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DEED NUMBER 3

NASH COUNTY DEED BOOK 1, PAGE 372, DATED 14TH APRIL 1782.

William Hill 4/ of Chatham County, to Lewis Hill 5/ (son) of

Nash County, for 50 shillings, 160 acres (land) adjoining  
(land of) Lewis Hill 5/ and Cooper Williams.

signed William Hill 4/.

Witnesses: Richard Hill 5/ (brother of Lewis Hill)

Lydia Hill (wife of Richard 5/)

Comments by Robert Hill: This deed shows that the father  
William Hill 4/, had moved to Chatham County, N.C., but was  
selling to his son, Lewis Hill 5/, 160 acres of land that was  
located in Nash County and adjacent to land that Lewis Hill  
5/, already owned. The deed was witnessed by another son of  
William Hill 4/, Richard Hill 5/ and his wife the former  
Lydia Watkins.

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DEED NUMBER 5

CHATHAM COUNTY N.C. DEED BOOK D, PAGE 612, DATED FEB. 1789.

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

signed/ William Hill 4/.

Witnesses:

Robert Brinkley

Abner Landrum

Comments: This was William Hill Sr. 4/ selling land to his  
son, William Clanton Hill 5/. Abner Landrum, one of the  
witnesses, married Mary Harrington, a daughter of Agnes Hill  
4/ & husband Charles Harrington, who was also the sister to  
William Hill Sr. 4/, and both were children of Robert Hill  
3/ & his wife Tabitha, both of Halifax Co., N.C.

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CHATHAM COUNTY DEED BOOK D, PAGE 612 DATED 2ND NOVEMBER 1789

THIS INDENTURE made this second day of November in the year  
of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty Nine  
between WILLIAM HILL SENIOR 4/ of Chatham County & Province  
of North Carolina of the one part and (son) WILLIAM CLANTON  
HILL 5/ of the County of Halifax & Province of North Carolina  
of the other part, WITNESS that the said WILLIAM HILL SENIOR  
4/ for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred pounds  
Virginia money, to him in hand, paid by the said WILLIAM  
CLANTON HILL 5/ have bargained sold convey and confirmed to  
the said WILLIAM C. HILL 5/ his heirs and assigns forever a  
certain tract parcel of land situate lying in the county of  
Chatham, containing two hundred and fifty acres, be the same  
more or less, butting and bounding as follows: Beginning at  
the center of a Spanish Red Oak and a (Jaseprise??) on  
Matthew Ramsey's line running thence north 104 poles to  
WILLIAM HILL'S 4/ corner thence West 322 poles to a Red Oak  
thence North 21 poles to a White Oak thence West 39 poles to

a White Oak thence South 102 poles to a Red Oak and (to) agreed corner thence running along and agreed line 368 poles to the first station TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said land and premises with every of the appurtenances thereunto belonging unto the said WILLIAM C. HILL 5/ his heirs and assigns forever of the said WILLIAM HILL 4/ doth for himself and his heirs do warrant and defend the above said land or premises with every of the appurtenances (sic) thereunto belonging against any claim or claims of himself, his heirs forever the said WILLIAM C. HILL 5/ his heirs and assigns forever IN WITNESS whereof the said WILLIAM HILL SENIOR 4/ hath set his hand and seal the day & date afore written.

Signed/ William (H) Hill (LS)

his mark

Signed Sealed & Delivered )

in presents of us )

Robert Brinkley )

Abner Landrum )

Chatham County February Court Session 1790

This deed was duly acknowledged in open court and on motion ordered to be registered.

Test: John Ramsey, Clerk of Court

Comment by Robert Hill: This was William Hill Sr. 4/, selling land in Chatham County to his son, William Clanton Hill 5/. Notice that William Clanton Hill 5/ was listed as being of (lived in) Halifax County.

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DEED NUMBER 4

FRANKLIN COUNTY, N.C. DEED BOOK 7, PAGE 38, DATED 1790

This land deed in Franklin County, N.C. dated 1790, shows William Hill 4/ selling land to his son Richard Hill 5/, and wife Lydia. (Note by R. Hill: I am unable to copy this deed, due to the fact that I have misplaced it).

Note: Richard Hill 5/ and Lewis Hill 5/ were sons of William Hill 4/. The will 1759 of Richard Lewis shows they were his grandsons, and thus were obviously the sons of his daughter, Charity Lewis. The fact that they were the only two grandsons named, implies they were the eldest sons of William Hill 4/ & Charity Lewis.

DAR Files show that Richard Hill was a Revolutionary Soldier in N.C., born 1757, married Lydia Watkins on 3rd March 1778 in Bute County, N.C. He died on the 7th of February 1832 at the age of 75 in Franklin County, N.C. (b. 1757).

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Now all of the above deeds show that (1) William Hill 4/ was the father of the two grandsons named in the 1759 will of

Richard Lewis, namely Richard Hill 5/ & Lewis Hill 5/; (2) he was the father of Sion Hill 5/ & William Clanton Hill 5/ and (3) it strongly implies he was the husband of Charity Lewis, the daughter of Richard Lewis.

What is also of interest in this deed is that William Hill 4/ signed as WILLIAM HILL SR. and his son simply signed as William Clanton Hill 5/. The term Sr. and Jr. was not used in colonial days as restrictively as it is today and was probably used only to separate the father from the son. William Clanton Hill was not the father's name.

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CHATHAM COUNTY DEED BOOK K, PAGE 211 DATED 30TH DECEMBER 1795

DEED BETWEEN WILLIAM CLANTON HILL 5/ & HERBERT HILL

THIS INDENTURE made this Thirtieth day of December One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety Five between WILLIAM C. HILL 5/ of Halifax County & State of North Carolina of the one part and HERBERT HILL of the county of Chatham and state aforesaid of the other part WITNESS that the said WILLIAM C. HILL 5/ for and in consideration of the sum of Ninety pounds, paid to him in hand, paid by the said HERBERT HILL have bargained sold conveyed and confirmed unto the said HERBERT HILL his heirs and assigns forever a certain tract or parcel of land situating lying and being in the county of Chatham, containing Two Hundred and Fifty Acres (250 acres), be the same more or less butting and bounding as follows: Beginning at the center of a Red Oak and a Jasephie (sic) on Matthew Ramsey's line, running thence North 102 poles to WILLIAM HILL'S 5/ corner, thence West 322 and 1/2 poles to a Red Oak, thence North 21 poles to a White Oak thence West 39 poles to a White Oak, thence South 102 poles to a Red Oak and (the?) agreed corner, thence running along and agreed line 368 poles to the first station, TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said land and premises with every of the appurtenances thereunto belonging unto the said HERBERT HILL his heir and assigns forever the said WILLIAM C. HILL 5/ doth for himself and his heirs, do warrant and defend the above said land and premises with every of the appurtenances thereunto belonging against any claim or claims of himself or his heirs or assigns forever to the said HERBERT HILL his heirs forever IN WITNESSETH of the said WILLIAM C. HILL 5/ hat set & affixed his seal the day and date above written (30th December 1795).

Signed by/ William C. Hill (LS)

Signed Sealed & Acknowledged in )  
presents of us )  
Henry Hill 5/ )  
Isaac Hill 6/ prbly son of Henry)

Chatham County February Session 1800  
The execution of this deed was duly proved in Open Court by

the Oat of Henry Hill 5/, a subscribing Witness & ordered to be registered.

Test: John Ramsey  
Clerk of Court

Comments by Robert Hill: This was William Clanton Hill 5/, son of William Hill Sr. 4/ & Charity Lewis selling this land that was purchased from his father. The Henry Hill 5/ was his younger brother. Isaac Hill's relation is thought to be the son of Henry 5/ but not certain. I suspect that both Isaac Hill & Herbert Hill were cousins to William C. Hill 5/, but this remains to be proved.

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CHATHAM COUNTY DEED BOOK K, PAGE 131, 24TH JANUARY 1799

This Indenture made the Twenty Fourth day of January One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety Nine-Between William Hill 4/ of Chatham County of North Carolina of the one part and WILLIAM MERAN of the said county and state aforesaid of the other part, WITNESS that the said WILLIAM HILL 4/ for and in consideration of the sum of One Hundred Pounds currency of the state of North Carolina, to him in hand, paid by the said William Meran, have bargained, sold, conveyed and confirmed unto the said William Meran, his heirs and assigns forever a certain tract or parcel of land situated being in the county of Chatham, containing One Hundred and fifty acres (150) butting and bounding as follows: Beginning at the center (sic) of a Dogwood (tree) on the Long Branch, running thence along the old line to the corner stake on Landrum's Creek at Rae's line, thence along and agreed line to a Hickory (tree) at his corner, thence to a Post Oak (tree) thence along an agreed line (to) a corner at a Turkey Oak, thence along an agreed line to a Sweet Gum on the Long Branch, thence down the Branch and crossing at agreed line, thence along an agreed line meluding (sic) (meandering?) the springs thence crossing the Long Branch and down the Branch to the first corner, to hold the said land and premises with every appurtenances thereunto belonging unto the said William Meran, his heirs and assigns forever and the said WILLIAM HILL doth for himself and his heirs do warrant and defend the above said land and premises with every of the appurtenances thereunto belonging against any claim or claims of himself, his heirs or claims forever to the said William Meran his heirs and assigns forever IN WITNESS whereof the said WILLIAM HILL hath set his hand and affixed his seal the day and date above written (24th January 1799).

Signed/ WILLIAM (H) HILL (LS)  
his mark

Signed, Sealed & Delivered  
in presents of  
ABNER HILL 4/  
ISAAC HILL



Chatham County February Session 1799

The execution of this deed was acknowledged in open court by William Hill & ordered to be registered.

Test: John Ramsey, Clerk

Comment by Robert Hill: This was William Hill Sr. 4/, son of Robert Hill 3/ selling land in Chatham County. It appears that his brother, Abner Hill 4/ was a witness and so was Isaac Hill, who's relationship is not certain.

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DEED NUMBER 8

CHATHAM CO., N.C. DEED BOOK ?? PAGE ??, DATED 29 NOV. 1801

William Hill Sr. 4/ of Hancock County, Georgia of one part and ENOCH HILL 5/ of Chatham County, N.C. of the other part, for 50 pounds, 125 acres of land on Long Branch, in Chatham Co.

Signed/ William Hill Sr. 4/.

Witnesses:

Henry Hill 5/. (brother of Enoch)

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Reference to the above deed: While William Hill Sr. 4/ was now a legal resident of Hancock County, Georgia, he was apparently physically in Chatham County on this date since the deed was made in Chatham County, N.C.

This deed was not recorded until almost 5 years later, when the Court in Chatham County, N.C. ordered it recorded in February of 1806, and by the oath of the witness, Henry Hill 5/. Usually the seller, in this case William Hill 4/, would make such an oath that he had sold the land, but did not in this case.

This long delay in recording the deed in Chatham County makes this writer feel that William Hill Sr. 4/ had died in Georgia, probably Hancock County, sometime between the 29th of November 1802 and February of 1806.

#### CLARIFYING A MYTH OF THIS WILLIAM HILL SR. 4/.

Older researchers have repeatedly stated that this William Hill Sr. 4/ went into Hancock County, Georgia, ca. 1801 then moved into Greene County, Georgia and married a widow, Lydia White Jones, widow of Hugh Jones and then died in Jasper County, Georgia in 1809. This is wrong!

Lydia White Jones and her second husband, another William Hill, married ca. 1799 in Georgia and had two daughters, the first daughter was born on the 4th of February 1800 and the second daughter, Louvisa Hill, was born in 1802.

Notice the date of the deed (Number 7) in Chatham County, N.C, dated 31 January 1801 between William Hill Sr. 4/ & son Henry Hill 5/.

This deed clearly states that William Hill 4/ still lived in Chatham County, N.C. The widow, Lydia White Jones had already married a William Hill in Georgia in 1799, proving it was not the same man as William Hill Sr. 4/, who still lived in Chatham County, N.C.

This first daughter of a William Hill & Lydia White Jones had already been born in Georgia in February of 1800, almost a year before the date of this deed, again proving that it was not this William Hill Sr. 4/ that married Lydia White Jones. He was still in Chatham County, N.C.

Now while it is true that the date of deed Number 8 between William Hill 4/ (of Hancock County, Georgia) and his son Enoch Hill 5/ (of Chatham County) is dated the 29th of November 1802, the second daughter of another William Hill & Lydia White Jones, Louvisa Hill, was born in 1802, in Greene County or Jasper County, Georgia BUT (and this is important to remember) William Hill Sr. 4/ was still a resident of Hancock County, Georgia. So there are three pieces of evidence (all pointed out above) that shows that the William Hill who married Lydia White Jones in Georgia, WAS NOT WILLIAM HILL SR. 4/, or the son of Robert Hill 3/.

So in summarizing, this writer is convinced that William Hill Sr. 4/, son of Robert Hill 3/ and wife Tabitha Green, was born ca. 1731 in what was then Bertie County, N.C., married ca. 1753 to Charity Lewis, and he died in Georgia, probably Hancock County, between 1802 and 1806. The following is a listing of his known children:

1. Lewis Hill 5/, born ca. 1755, d. 10th July 1795, married Rebecca Watkins, sister of Lydia Watkins.
2. Richard Hill 5/, born 1757, d. 7th February 1832, married Lydia Watkins, sister to Rebecca Watkins.
3. Sion Hill 5/, born ca. 1761, d. ca. Dec 1794-Jan 1795, married Drucilla Lane.
4. William Clanton Hill 5/, born ca. 1765, d. May 1803, married Sarah Branch.
5. Enoch Hill 5/, born ca. 1769-1771, d. ?? (in Ga.), married twice, 1st to Martha Brantley, 2nd to her sister, Sarah Brantley.
6. Henry Hill 5/, b. 25 Nov. 1776, d. between time of 1830-1840 census, married Agnes Fike.

There has been no evidence of any daughters or any other children as was listed by older researchers.

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THE WILL OF WILLIAM CLANTON HILL 5/, SON OF WILLIAM HILL  
SR.4/ (SON OF ROBERT HILL 3/ AND WIFE TABITHA HILL.

Source: Halifax County, N.C. Abstracted Wills 1758-1824.

Will dated 25th January 1803, Proved in May Court Session of  
1803 in Halifax County, N.C.

William C. Hill being very sick at this time but in my  
perfect mind and memory, thanks be to God for the same, but  
calling to mind the mortality of man that (it) is appointed  
for man once to die. I first recommend my body to the dust  
to be buried after a decent manner. I give my Soul unto God  
who gave it, hoping in the mourning of the Resurrection he  
will raise both to life eternal. As for my worldly goods,  
that it has pleased God to bless me with...

I desire all my just debts paid and the rest of my property  
that is my desire to dispose of in manner following:

I give unto my beloved wife SARAH HILL, one Negro man by the  
name of Einshen, one Negro woman named Bib and their youngest  
child, Marigan also two beds and furniture etc..(the rest was  
left off)

I further lend unto my beloved wife SARAH HILL my land and  
plantation on the North side of Hill's Road during her  
natural life.

I give unto my daughter MARTHA HILL one feather bed and  
furniture.

I give to my son JAMES HILL one bed and furniture.

I give to my son HENRY HILL one bed and furniture.

I give unto my children, MARTHA HILL, JAMES HILL and HENRY  
HILL the remainder of my Negroes (At this point the will  
becomes cut off) and says something about when my daughter  
MARTHA HILL becomes of age and also I give to my three  
children all my lands----. (Will cut off again).

Executor: My brother Richard Hill of Franklin County.

Signed/ Wm. C. Hill (LS)

Witnesses:

William Parham

George Change or ???

Frederick Abbiggins?

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