

NC.048 GENEALOGICAL INFORMATION ON THE GRAY FAMILY OF SURRY  
COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

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Gray Family connections to the Hill Family. Sion Hill Sr.  
2/, son of the emigrant Robert Hill 1/ & his wife Mary Webb,  
had a son named Captain Thomas Hill 3/, who married Priscilla  
Gray, who was probably the daughter of William Gray.

THE GRAY FAMILY.

Thomas Gray 1/ (1593-1658) of James City & Surry Counties of  
Virginia, arrived in Virginia as a boy of about fifteen (15)  
in 1608. His first marriage was ca. 1618 to Margaret--?

A Muster Roll shows her listed along with a daughter Jone  
(Joan? or Jane?) Gray 2/, aged about 6 years old and a son  
named William Gray 2/, aged about 3 years old. This name of  
Margaret may be an error because in all of his land patents,  
the name is shown to "Avis." She was probably the mother of  
his five children.

1. Jane or Joan Gray 2/, (1616- 16) m. John Hux  
(1613- 16).
2. William Gray 2/, (1622-1714), m. ca. 164- to Mary-?  
They had four children.
3. Thomas Gray 2/, (ca. 1625-1676) died as a single  
person.
4. John Gray 2/, (ca. 1627-1683), m. Mary--? Had one  
daughter.
5. Francis Gray 2/, (ca. 1630-1679).

Thomas Gray 1/ married a 2nd time to a woman named Rebecca-?

SECOND GENERATION OF GRAY FAMILY.

William Gray 2/ & John Gray 2/ were joint heirs of Thomas  
Gray 1/, deceased, and both were planters, living in Surry  
County, Virginia.

William Gray 2/ married in 1640? to Mary --? and had four  
children:

1. Lydia Gray 3/, m. 1st Samuel Judkins, who d. in  
1672, and 2nd to Captain Thomas Pittman.
2. Gilbert Gray 3/, b. ca. 164- and died ca. 1710 as a

single person.

3. John Gary 3/, (ca. 1650-1708) died as a single person. He left legacies to "my sister Lidia (sic), my brothers Thomas & Gilbert & my father." His father (William Gray 2/) was his executor.
4. Thomas Gray 3/, (ca. 1652-ca. 1717) married ??? and left one son, Thomas Gray 4/, who was an orphan in 1717 & chose William Foster as a guardian.

Now Thomas Gray 2/, son of Thomas Gray 1/, apparently never married. He lived in Surry County, Virginia and in his will, dated 16th April 1676, and proved on 2nd of May 1676, he gave to his brother Francis Gray 2/ draughts of hogs, to the wife of brother Francis Gray 2/, his linen clothes, to his brothers John 2/ & William Gray 2/, his plantation with all the lands and stated that the rest of his estate was to be divided "equally" between the two brothers.

John Gary 2/ (ca. 1627-1683) lived in Surry County, Virginia and on the 2nd of November 1675, was ordered by the court to pay William Tooke 500 pounds of tobacco, pertaining to the will of Ridley (deceased 1671), for the services of John Gray Jr. 3/, one year more. (Ref: Surry Co., Va. Order Book 1671-90, Page 104).

On the 4th of November 1678, John Gray 2/ confessed judgement to Mr. Robert Ruffin for 400 pounds of tobacco (Surry Co. Order Book 1671-90, Page 241).

John Gray's 2/ will was dated 16th of May 1683, and proved on 3rd of July 1683, and he gave one-third of his estate to his wife and the remainder (except the housing & land) to his daughter (not listed by name) with reversion, should she die before coming of age or marrying, then to the children of his brother, William Gray 2/.

The widow Mary Gray remarried in 1683 to Robert Nicholson.

Captain Francis Gray 2/ (ca. 1630?-1679) of Surry County, Virginia was the youngest son of the immigrant, Thomas Gray 1/ (1593-1658). On the 3rd of November 1658, Francis Gray 2/ for a consideration assigned his right in certain land patents to his brother, Thomas Gray 2/.

In 1662 Francis Gray 2/ bought a heifer from Henry Briggs. There are several entries relating to Francis Gray 2 in the Order Books of Surry County, Virginia.

On the 2nd of May 1676, Francis Gray 2/ qualified as administrator of the estate of his brother, Thomas Gray 2/, deceased. He was also listed in the tithables of Surry County, Virginia.

Francis Gray 2/ married 165- to Mary--? and had one son,

Captain William Gray 3/, who died in 1719 and had three daughters:

1. Margaret Gray 4/, who m. William Harris (d. 1720), m. 2nd time to Thomas Taylor.
2. Mary Gray 4/, m. Edward Moreland (d. 1723).
3. Elizabeth Gray 4/, m. James Nicholson (d. 1723).
4. Captain William Gray 4/, (1661-1719).

Captain William Gray 4/, only son of Captain Francis Gray 3/, lived in Surry County, Virginia and was the "Sheriff" in that county in 1700, a Justice of the Peace in 1710 and a member of the House of Burgesses in 1710, 1712, 1713, 1714 and 1715. He was a member of the Court in 1716 (Surry Co., Va. Order Book 1713-1718, Page 93).

William Gray 4/, planter, of Southwark Parish, Surry County had apparently purchased 400 acres, adjacent to Holly Swamp, and in 1685 sold it to Samuel Plaw. It was witnessed by Robert Ruffin, Wm. Newsum. His wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Gray, relinquished her dower rights and this was proved by William Williams. (Surry County Deed Book 2, Page 39).

On the 7th of November 1690, William Gray 4/ aged 28 years or there about, testified as to the processing of the lines between lands of Captain Robert Randall, now in possession of Thomas Swann and the lands of Thomas Crews.

In the Virginia Quit Rent Rolls for Surry County for 1704, Captain William Gray 4/ was listed with 1750 acres of land and William Gray Jr. 5/, with 1050 acres.

Captain William Gray 4/, in his will, dated 3rd of June 1719, proved 18th of November 1719, left legacies to his son William Gray 5/ and to the latter four sons: (William 6/, Robert 6/, Joseph 6/ & Thomas Gray 6/): to his own son Gilbert Gray 5/ then unmarried, to his daughters Mary Gray 5/, Priscilla Gray 5/, and Faith (Gray) Ruffin 5/ and to his grandchildren William Andrews 6/, Elizabeth Edwards 6/, William Gray 6/ and William Ruffin 6/.

Captain William Gray 3/ had married ca. 1682 to Elizabeth--? and had at least seven children. Order of birth was not recorded but apparently about as indicated below.

1. William Gray 4/, (1682-1736) m. 1702 to Mrs. Mary (Crawford) Seward (d. 1756). They had seven children.
2. Elizabeth (?) Gray 4/, (ca. 1684-d. 17--?) m. William Andrews and had 2 sons.
3. Lucy (?) Gray 4/, (ca. 1686-17--) m. John (?) Edwards.
4. Faith Gray 4/, (ca. 1688?-ca. 1720) m. ca. 1707 to William Ruffin (ca. 1683-1739).
5. Mary Gray 4/, (ca. 1690?-17--).
6. Priscilla Gray 4/, (ca. 1692-17--), m. CAPTAIN THOMAS HILL 3/, son of Sion Hill Sr. 2/ & Elizabeth (Green?)

Spiltimber. Their children were:

1. Charles Hill 4/, b. ca. 1726, m. Sarah Bell, who's son, Michael Hill 5/ is listed above as the 3rd
2. Thomas Hill 4/, b. ca. 1728.
3. John Hill 4/. b. ca. 1730
4. William Hill 4/, b. ca. 1732.
5. MICHAEL HILL 4/, b. ca. 1735.
6. Ephiram Hill 4/, b. ca. 1737. (Ref: Bristol Parish Registry).
7. Gilbert Gray 4/, (ca. 1696?-1764) m. ca. 1720 Margaret--?, (d. 1767) they had 7 children.

William Gray 4/ (1682-1736) married in 1702 to Mrs. Mary (Crawford) Seward, daughter of Robert Crawford and the widow of John Seward. On the 31st of March 1701/02, Mary Gray was executrix of the estate of John Seward.

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#### JOHNSTON CO., N.C.

Richard Hill, b. 1763, served in American Revolution against the British, from Glasgow, later Greene Co., N.C. He married on the 20th of March 1833 (questionable date, may be 1788?) to Esther--?, who died on the 2nd of June 1842. Their children (who made the Pension Application, R-4996, from Johnston County, N.C. were:

1. Drury Hill, b. 2nd December 1790.
2. Polly Hill, m Benjamin Den--?
3. Aldridge Hill.
4. Henry Hill.
5. Elizabeth Hill m. Bryant Fendal.
6. Amey Hill m. William Farrar.
7. Scintha Hill.
8. Richard Hill.
9. John D. Hill.
10. Esther Hill m. Henry Scugg.

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#### JOHNSTON CO., N.C.

Source of Following: From Jonathan Butcher (Genealogist).

Isaac Hill, a Revolutionary Soldier, (Application # R-5001) served from N.C. He married first in Johnston County, N.C. to Anna Harrison, who died during the Revolutionary War. His 2nd marriage was to Elizabeth Sing. On the 17th of September 1857, Amos Hill, aged 84 (b. 1773) of Habersham County, Georgia, was their only surviving child.

#### SOME OTHER POSSIBLE IDENTIFICATIONS.

Shadrick Hill paid 50 pounds for 200 acres on Little Beaver Creek, waters of New Hope (River?), by Governor Richard Carswell.

Shadrick Hill of Johnston County to Issah (sic) Hailes (sic) of Chatham County (could this be Isaac Hill?) 97 acres, land in Chatham County, on Beaver Creek.

Shadrick Hill of Chatham County, N.C. and Thomas Babab (sic) of Johnston County, N.C. etc..etc..beginning line Beaver Creek.

Shadrick (x) Hill  
his mark

William Clanton Hill Jr. 5/ in his will, proves without a doubt that he was the grandson of Robert Hill 3/, and therefore his father was William Clanton Hill Sr. 4/, and a son of Robert Hill 3/. William Clanton Hill Jr. 5/ in that will named his "Aunt Lurancy Harrington" proving that his father was William Hill Sr. 4/.

End of data.