

NC.053 LAND DEEDS THAT CONCERN FAMILY MEMBERS OF THE ROBERT HILL 3/ FAMILY IN EDGECOMBE, NASH, HALIFAX AND CHATHAM COUNTIES OF NORTH CAROLINA.

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Source of information: Abstracted copies of N.C. Land Deeds, and data sent to me by Jerry R. Hill of Siler City (Chatham County) N.C.

Note: Edgecombe County, N.C. was created in 1741 from Bertie County. Halifax County was created in 1758 from Edgecombe County N.C. and Nash County was formed from Edgecombe County N.C. in 1777.

The original document did not have the figures after the names. I have placed them there to show what generation that person belonged to and to help identify them.

Robert Hill 3/ first moved from Isle of Wight/Surry County, Virginia into what was then known as Bertie County in 1725. His first location was in a part of Bertie County, N.C. that in 1741 broke off and became Northampton County.

He obviously must have moved again because he is known to be later (in 1745) living in another area of Bertie County that had also broke off in 1741 and became known as Edgecombe County, N.C. Still later, in 1758, his home place fell into what became known as Halifax County, N.C.

From scanty land deeds, it appears that Sion Hill 4/, son of Robert Hill 3/, may have stayed mostly in Halifax County. Perhaps because of his father's advancing age, Sion Hill 4/ may have lived on his father's plantation or very close by as he inherited that plantation, when his father, Robert Hill 3/ died in April of 1766.

The second son of Robert Hill 3/, Green Hill 4/, seems to have been located in Edgecombe County as was the third son Abner Hill 4/. He later moved to Chatham County, NC. The fourth son Thomas Hill 4/ lived in what was Edgecombe and then later became Halifax County, N.C.

The youngest son, William Hill Sr. 4/ lived in the area of Edgecombe County that changed over to Nash County in 1777 and in late 1779 moved into Chatham County, N.C. Some time ca. 1801-02 he moved into Hancock County, Georgia and there disappears from the records.

The daughters Tabitha Hill 4/ (m. David Chapman Sr.); Agnes

Hill 4/ (m. Charles Harrington/Arrington) and Mary Hill 4/
(m. William Bryant) all lived in Orange County or in the part
of that county that became known as Chatham County in 1771.

Chatham County N.C. land deeds shows that the son William
Hill 4/; Tabitha Hill Chapman 4/; Agnes Hill Harrington 4/
and Mary Hill Bryant 4/ all lived next to or very close to
each other in Chatham County, N.C.

Below are some abstracted deeds relating to family members of
the Robert Hill 3/ family, such as Sion Hill 4/; Green Hill
4/; Abner Hill 4/; William Hill 4/ and others.

Nash County Deed Book 00, Page 145 dated 3 September 1760.
(Believe this was Edgecombe County until 1777).

William Hill 4/ of Edgecombe County to Cooper Williams of the
same county, for 15 pounds current Virginia money, 196 acres
on Swift Creek, part of a 206 acre grant unto William Hill 4/
by Earl of Granville on 8th March 1760.

Signed/ William Hill 4/.

Wit:

Micajah Thomas
Adam Topley
Thomas Hollow

Comments: This shows that William Hill 4/ received a land
grant from Earl of Granville on 8th March 1760 for 206 acres
and was now selling 196 acres of it to Cooper Williams.

Edgecombe County Deed Book 00, Page 145, dated 23rd September
1760.

William Hill 4/ of Edgecombe County, N.C. to Cooper Williams
for 15 pounds, a tract of 196 acres on Swift Creek adjoining
Shelly's land, it being part of a tract of 206 acres granted
to said Hill by Earl of Granville on 8th March 1760.

Wit:

Micajah Thomas
Thomas Adams
Thomas (T) Hollow

Comments: This was William Hill 4/, son of Robert Hill 3/,
selling 196 acres of land to Cooper Williams. William Hill
4/ had received a land grant on 8th March 1760 and was now
selling 196 acres of it.

Edgecombe County Deed Book 00, Page 214, 8th October 1760.

William Hill 4/ of Edgecombe County, N.C. to William Harries, 80 acres on Southside of Peachtree Creek, it being part of a patent of 200 acres, granted to Robert Hill 3/ on 20th April 1745 & conveyed by deed to William Hill 4/ on 18th November 1752.

signed/ William Hill 4/.

Wit:

William Larsiter (sic) Lassiter
Abner Hill 4/.

Comments: This shows that Robert Hill 3/ obtained 200 acres on 20th April 1745 and conveyed some (or all of it) to his son William Hill 4/ on the 18th November 1752, who was now selling 80 acres of it to William Harries. His brother, Abner Hill 4/, was a witness. What is important about this deed is that it shows the son William Hill 4/ old enough to own land back as early as 18th November 1752 and was apparently an adult at that time. This seems to be just before or about the time that William Hill 4/ married Charity Lewis, the marriage taking place ca. 1753.

Edgecombe County Deed Book 00, Page 225, dated 28th February 1761.

Newit Lane of Edgecombe County to Samuel Bryant of same county, for 65 pounds Virginia money, 100 acres on north side of Tar River and on the Little Creek, adjoining Jacob Locormon and Charles Stevenson's land, it being part of a grant to Charles Stevenson, bearing date of 6th April 1745-- (deed was cut off here).

Comments: This Newit Lane was the father of Drucilla Lane, who married Sion Lewis Hill 5/, son of William Hill 4/ & Charity Lewis. Sion Hill 5/ died in Nash County, N.C. in 1795. She remarried a Mr. Manning, had children and moved to Mississippi.

Edgecombe County Deed Book OO, Page 362, dated 21st Sept. 1761.

Phillip Shelly of Edgecombe County to Thomas Lewis, of Halifax County, N.C. for 15 pounds current money of Virginia, a tract of 100 acres on the Creek, which land was granted to John Phillip Shelly by patent bearing date of 20th April 1745.

Wit:

Thomas Mann
Cooper Williams
William Hill 4/.

Comments: Thomas Lewis was a son of Richard Lewis and his wife Ann. He was also the brother of Charity Lewis, who married the witness, William Hill 4/.

Halifax County, N.C. Deed Book 1, Page 29, dated 11th September 1761.

William Barmor of---County to Thomas Hill 4/, of Halifax County, N.C., planter, for 22 Pounds, 2 shillings and 6 pence current money a tract of (?) acres on the south side of Fishing Creek, according to a deed granted to William--? bearing a date of 7th March 1755.

Signed/William Barmor

Wit:

___Davis?

Thomas Hill 5/? (son)

Comments: This Thomas Hill 4/ was a son of Robert Hill 3/ & wife Tabitha. This Thomas Hill 5/ is thought to have been Thomas Hill Jr. 5/, son of Thomas Hill 4/, son of Robert Hill 3/.

Halifax County, N.C. Deed Book 1, Page 27, dated 16th December 1761.

Thomas Davis of Halifax County to Sion Hill 4/, of same county, for 10 pounds Proclamation money, a tract of 118 acres on Great Peachtree Creek and Beaver Dam Branch, adjoining (lands) of Robert Hill 3/ and Bass, it being part of a tract of 618 acres granted to said Davis.

Signed/ Thomas Davis

Wit:

William Davis

Edward Moore

Arthur Smith

Comments: This was Sion Hill 4/, son of Robert Hill 3/, who's land was adjacent to this land. This shows that Sion Hill 4/ was a resident of Halifax County, N.C. on this date of 16th of December 1761.

Halifax County Deed Book 1, Page 334, dated 1762?

Sion (x) Hill 4/ of Halifax County, N.C. to Green Hill 4/ of Edgecombe County, N.C. for 20 pounds Proclamation money, a tract of 118 acres on bank of Great Peachtree Creek near Beaver dam, adjoining Robert Hill 3/ & Isaac Bass.

Comments: The copier accidentally cut this deed off but there is enough data visible to know that Robert Hill's 3/

land was adjacent to this land and who apparently conveyed it over to his son Sion Hill 4/, who was now selling it to his brother, Green Hill 4/, who lived in Edgecombe County.

Nash County Deed Book 1, Page 101, dated 12th March 1762.
(Believe this was Edgecombe County until 1777).

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

Signed/ Thomas Lewis

Wit:

Thomas Mann

Wilson Williams

Benjamin Bridgers.

Comments: Thomas Lewis was a brother to Charity Lewis, who was the wife of this William Hill 4/. They were the children of Richard & Ann Lewis, so William Hill 4/ was buying land from his brother-in-law, Thomas Lewis.

Halifax County Deed Book 1, Page 379, dated 1st April 1762.

Thomas (x) Hill Sr. and wife, Sarah, of Halifax County, N.C. to Benjamin Whealeses Sr. for 50 pounds Virginia money, a tract of 412 acres lying on both sides of Swift Creek, adjoining John Phillip Shelly and said Whealese, it being a grant to Thomas Hill Sr. 4/, bearing a date of 5th April 1762. Benjamin Whealeses and Benjamin Rice were chain carriers for the surveyor.

Probably signed by/ Thomas (x) Hill Sr.

Sarah (x) Hill

Wit:

Elias Hilliard

Benjamin Whealese

Comments: Thomas Hill Sr. 4/ was a son of Robert Hill 3/. He was also Lord Proprietor for Lord of Granville and thus was a very influential man. He obtained this land grant on 5th April 1762, yet this deed was dated 1st April 1762, or four days before the grant was made official. It appears that Thomas Hill Sr. 4/ knew he was going to get the grant and went ahead and sold it.

Halifax County Deed Book 1, Page 317, dated 16th June 1762.

Thomas (T) Hill 4/ of Halifax County, N.C. to Green Hill 4/, of Edgecombe County, N.C. for 20 pounds of Virginia money, a 200 acre plantation on the south bank of Peachtree Creek, it

being part of a tract granted to Robert Hill 3/ by patent bearing a date of 7th May 1742.

Probably signed by/Thomas Hill 4/.

Wit:

Henry Hill 5/

Matthew Gibbs

Sion (x) Hill 4/

Comments: Thomas Hill 4/, was a son of Robert Hill 3/, who apparently at some previous date conveyed this land over to his son, Thomas Hill 4/, who was now selling it to another brother of his, Green Hill 4/. The witness, Sion Hill 4/, was another brother. It is thought that Henry Hill 5/ was a recently found son of Thomas Hill 4/, who had married Winifred Alston and died ca. 1785-87.

This deed helps us to locate Green Hill 4/, son of Robert Hill 3/. He obviously was in Edgecombe County, N.C, on this date.

Nash County Deed Book 2, Page 30 dated 1st August 1762

Earl Granville grant to Abner Hill 4/ 555 acres adjoining tract where he then lived and adjacent to William Lasseter (Lassiter).

Comments: Something is wrong here. Nash County was not formed until 1777 and this date of 1762 seems to show me that this grant was actually made in Edgecombe County, N.C. This is thought to be the son of Robert Hill 3/ and shows that he was living in Nash County in 1762. VERY IMPORTANT FIND

Edgecombe County Deed Book C, Page 29, dated 17th March 1763.

Willebe (W) Tucker of Edgecombe County to William Lassiter of Granville County, for 40 pounds Virginia money, two tracts of land: (1) 75 acres on the north bank of the Creek, it being part of a patent granted to Robert Hill 3/, bearing date of 17th May 1742; (2) a tract of 150 acres on Horse Pen Branch, adjoining Robert Rodgers (land) and John Rodgers (land), it being part of a (Lord) Granville grant to said Willeby Tucker, bearing date of 1st June 1762.

Wit:

Nathan Boddie

Micajah Thomas

Comments: It appears that part of this land was once or (originally) granted to Robert Hill 3/.

Edgecombe County Deed Book C, Page 68, dated 9th September 1763.

Tabitha Hill Colwell, late the wife of Edward Colwell, deceased, of Edgecombe County, to Sarah Colwell, the widow of John Colwell, deceased, of same (county) for 10 pounds, a tract of 300 acres on the south side of Tar River, purchased by said Edward Colwell, deceased, from Francis Williamson on 14th September 1752 and conveyed by said Edward Colwell to John Colwell, reserving to said Edward Colwell and his wife Tabitha Hill Colwell, a lifetime right in the land.

Wit:

John Flew Elling

John King

___? Estes

Comments: This could be an earlier and previously unknown marriage of a Tabitha Hill 4/, probaly a daughter of Sion 4/, Green 4/ or Abner Hill 4/. It was not the wife of Robert Hill 3/ or their daughter of Robert Hill 3/. The daughter, Tabitha Hill 4/ was born ca. 1727 and married David Chapman Sr. ca. 1747 and had several children.

This was first thought to be a first marriage for Tabitha 4/, but she was having Chap,am children at this time.

The deceased husband Edward Colwell died between 14th September 1752 and the date of this deed. TO our knowledge, there were not children. This is just speculation for now BUT I tend to believe it was a daughter of one of Robert's 3/ three sons.

Edgecombe County Deed Book C, Page 385, dated 8th September 1764.

Thomas Hardiman of Edgecombe County to Micajah Thomas of same county, for 40 pounds Proclamation money, a tract of 500 acres, which land was (originally) part of a Granville Grant to Thomas David for 618 acres by deed bearing date of 9th March 1761, and (then) was conveyed by deed from said Davis to Sion Hill 4/ on 16th December 1761.

Wit:

Jno (x) Smith

Wm. (x) Smith

Jno (x) Taylor

Comments: It appears that Sion Hill 4/, son of Robert Hill 3/, obtained this land from Thomas Davis, on 16th December 1761. It does show that Sion Hill 4/ owned land and probably lived in Edgecombe County.

Nash County Deed Book 2, Page 10, dated 30th December 17--?
Earl Granville to William McGee of Edgecombe County 377 acres
adjoining Abner Hill 4/.

Comments: I believe this is a mistake. This had to have been
in Edgecombe County. The date of this deed was cut off but
for it to have been in Nash County it had to be in or after
1777 because Nash County was formed from Edgecombe County in
1777. Also based on the following deed, I think this was
between 1762-1764.

This grant was for land next to Abner Hill. I think this was
Abner Hill 4/, son of Robert Hill 3/.

Edgecombe County Deed Book C, Page 206, dates 18th January
1764.

William McGee of Edgecombe County to Abner Hill 4/ of
Edgecombe County 370 acres, adjacent to Hill's line.

Signed/ Wm. McGee

Wits:

Nathan Boddie

Luke Pryor Jr.

Thomas Hardyman

Comments: This was Abner Hill 4/ buying land from William
McGee, who obtained a land grant next to Abner Hill's 4/
property on 30th December 17-- (see Deed Above). (Think
1762-1763/)

It is obvious that Abner Hill 4/ lived in Edgecombe County up
until this date. VERY IMPORTANT FIND

Edgecombe County Deed Book C, Page 352, dated 12th April
1765.

Green Hill 4/ of Edgecombe County, N.C. to Isaac Bass of same
county, for 25 pounds, 2 shillings, 6 pence of Virginia
money, two tracts of land joining in one tract (1) 200 acres
on Great Peachtree Creek, it being part of a patent granted
to Robert Hill 3/, bearing date of 7th May 1742; (2) 118
acres on the Creek, adjoining (land of Robert Hill 3/ and
Isaac Bass, as by a deed from Thomas Davis to Sion Hill 4/ on
16th December 1761, and conveyed from Sion Hill 4/ to said
Green Hill 4/ by a deed bearing date 1761.

Probably signed by/Green Hill 4/.

Wit:

Nathan Body (Boddie?)

Micajah Thomas

Newit Adkins

Comments: This was Green Hill 4/, son of Robert Hill 3/. Apparently Sion Hill 4/, brother of Green Hill 4/ & another son of Robert Hill 3/, bought this land from Thomas Davis on 16th December 1761 and then in 1762, Sion Hill 4/ conveyed it over to his brother, Green Hill 4/, who was now selling it to Isaac Bass. Notice that the father, Robert Hill 3/, owned land that was adjacent to this land. Again, this deed locates Green Hill 4/ in Edgecombe County, while Sion Hill 4/ seems to be up in Halifax County. I suspect he (Sion 4/) moved in with his elderly father, who was quite old and who died the following April of 1766. Green Hill 4/ was now living next to his elderly parents.

Edgecombe County Deed Book C, Page 333, dated 6th July 1765.

Benjamin Wheless (sic) Senior of Edgecombe County to Benjamin Wheless Junior of same county, for 11 pounds Virginia money, a tract of 172 acres on the north bank of Swift Creek, adjoining John Phillip Shelley, it being part of a tract that Benjamin Wheless bought of Thomas Hill 4/ by deed bearing date of 5th April 1762.

Wit:
Thomas Mann
James Drake

Comments: This shows that Thomas Hill 4/, son of Robert Hill 3/, once owned this land and sold it on 5th April 1762.

Edgecombe County Deed Book C, Page 416, dated 20th May 1766

Abner Hill 4/ to William Ross, 28 acres on North side of Turkey Creek

signed/ Abner X Hill
his mark

Wits:
William Andrews
Cornelius Taylor
Charles Brittan

Comments: This deed shows Abner Hill 4/ (son of Robert Hill 3/) still in Edgecombe County as of this date.

Edgecombe County Deed Book C, page 528, dated 1767

William 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' (land). it being part of a tract (originally) granted to Robert Hill 3/, bearing date of 20th April 1745 and conveyed

from said Robert Hill 3/ to said William Hill 4/ by a deed bearing date of 18th November 1752.

Wit:

Micajah Thomas
John Cotten

Comments: This deed shows that this 120 acre tract was originally granted to Robert Hill 3/ on 20th April 1745 and then conveyed by Robert Hill 3/ to his son William Hill 4/ on 18th November 1752. The father, Robert Hill 3/ had died in April of 1766 (year before this deed) and his son, William Hill 4/, was now selling to Harry Taylor.

In my analysis, I think in 1752, the son William Hill 4/ had just reached the age of 21 years (born ca. 1731) and his father had deeded him this land. It is felt that William Hill 4/ married Charity Lewis in either 1752 or 1753. They became the parents of: Lewis Hill 5/ (m. Rebecca Watkins; & Richard Hill 5/ (m. Lydia Watkins); Sion Lewis Hill 5/ (m. Drucilla Lane); William Clanton Hill 5/ (m. Sarah Branch); Enoch Hill 5/ (m. 2 Brantley sisters) and Henry Hill 5/ *m. Agbes Fiske).

Halifax County N.C. Deed Book C, Page 522, dated 24th February 1768.

Joseph Moore, Sheriff of Edgecombe County, N.C. to Reverend Mr. Henry Moir of Auchtertool in North Britain, heir to the Reverend Mr. James Moir, late of Edgecombe County, deceased, at public sale for 142 pounds, 9 (shillings?) paid by James Gibson and Green Hill 4/, executors to said James Moir, a tract of 278 and 1/2 acres, adjoining John Creel and Howell, sold as the property of Joseph Howell, at the instance of James Dunlop.

Wit:

Edward hall
Robert Bignall

Comments: Apparently this was a sale of property of the deceased, Rev. James Moir. Green Hill 4/ is thought to have been one of the two executors. He was a son of the now deceased, Robert Hill 3/, who had died in April of 1766.

Chatham County Deed Book A, Page 250, dated 7th January 1774.

William Hill 4/ of Edgecombe County to Frederick Cobb of Chatham County for 66 pounds, 208 acres.

Signed/William Hill 4/.

Wit:

John Burt Sr.
John Burt Jr.

Comments: This shows William Hill 4/ still lived in Edgecombe County and was selling land in Edgecombe County to Frederick Cobb who was a resident of Chatham County.

Edgecombe County Deed Book A, Page 250 dated 10th January 1774.

William Hill 4/ of Edgecombe County N.C. to Frederick Cobb of Chatham County, for 65 pounds, 13 shillings, 4 pence, 208 acres on (Rocky) River.

Signed/ William Hill 4/.

Wit:
John Brunt Sr.
John Brunt Jr.

Comments: This was William Hill 4/, son of Robert Hill 3/, selling land in Edgecombe County.

Nash County (Think this should be Edgecombe County) Deed Book 1, Page 19, dated 26th October 1775

Newit Atkinson of Edgecombe County to Edward Moore of Edgecombe County for 100 pounds, 150 acres on Spring Branch and the creek, it being part of a tract granted to Abner Hill 4/ and conveyed by him to James Mathias on 23rd May 1761.

Wits:
Wilson Taylor
Mark Cooper

Comments: This must have been in Edgecombe County as Nash County was not formed until 1777. This deed shows that Abner Hill 4/ had obtained a land grant and then sold 28 acres of it on 23rd May 1761. This was the son of Robert Hill 3/.

Nash County Deed Book 1, Page 25, dated 2nd January 1776

William Andrews of Edgecombe County to John Linsey of Edgecombe County for 12 pounds proclamation money, 100 acres adjoining Tucker, it being part of a tract granted to Abner Hill 4/ on 1st August 1762.

Wits:
Walter Bruce
Henry Barnes
John Andrews

Comments: Again, this had to be Edgecombe County as Nash

County was not formed until 1777. This deed is important as it shows that Abner Hill 4/ (son of Robert Hill 3/) obtained a land grant on the 1st August 1762.

Nash County Deed Book 1, Page 26, dated 4th December 1777

Thomas Tucker to Benjamin Tucker for 70 pounds, 13 shillings 4 pence of Proclamation money, 100 acres on Little Peachtree Creek, adjoining a tract of land granted to Abner Hill 4/.

Wits:

James Moore

William Denton

Comments: This seems to imply that Abner Hill 4/ was still alive and living on this date in a portion of Edgecombe County but in 1777 had become Nash County.

Nash County Deed Book 1, Page 12, dated 23rd March 1778:

WILLIAM HILL 4/ of Nash County to SION HILL 5/ & LEWIS HILL 5/, both of Nash County, for 200 pounds Virginia money, 516 acres on South side of Swift Creek, adjoining Cooper Williams and--? This was all the land William 4/ owned in the county.
signed/ William Hill 4/

Wit:

Abs. (Absolom/) Lancaster

WILLIAM CLANTON HILL (Jr.) 5/

Comments: This deed shows William Hill 4/ still legally lived in Nash County, but was obviously planning to move to Chatham County by selling all of his land that he owned in the county to sons Sion Hill 5/ & Lewis Hill 5/. The deed was witnessed by another son, William Clanton Hill Jr. 5/, who is thought to have been only about 17 years old at this time. (Birth thought to be ca. 1761). In splitting the land between them, each brother would own 258 acres.

Edgecombe County Deed Book OO, Page 311 date (Date omitted)

Abner Hill 4/ planter, of Edgecombe County to James Mathias of Edgecombe County (deed un-readable)
signed/ Abner X Hill
his mark

Comment: This shows Abner Hill 4/ (son of Robert Hill 3/) still living in Edgecombe County... Its too bad the date is not recorded.

Chatham County Deed Book ??, Page 322, dated 1st July 1779.
State of N.C. to Charles Clanton, 300 acres, for 50 shillings
per 100 acre, on both sides of Long Branch and joins lands of
William Hill's 4/, William Bryant and John Birdsong.
Governor Richard Caswell

Comments: This deed shows that William Hill 4/ already owned
land in Chatham County, even though he was still living in
Edgecombe County and that his brother in law, William Bryant
owned land close by, if not adjacent. William Bryant married
Mary Hill 4/, sister of William Hill 4/.

Chatham County Deed Book ??, Page 207, dated 29th September
1779.

William Haley to Charles Clanton for 630 pounds, 198 acres on
both sides of Landrum's Creek, joins land of William Hill 4/
& John Ross.

Signed/ William Haley

Comments: Note that this land was adjacent to land owned by
William Hill 4/ who still had not moved from Nash County.
Land deeds of Chatham County also shows Rubin (sic) Clanton,
Benjamin Clanton and Edward Clanton living in the same area.
Since the son of William Hill 4/ was named William Clanton
Hill 5/, some researchers have stated that Elizabeth Clanton
& William Hill Sr. 4/ had married but that was not the case.

It appears that the Hills and Clantons were close, probably
in Virginia as well as N.C. because it appears that the
father, William Hill Sr. 4/ was probably named William
Clanton Hill Sr. 4/, son of Robert Hill 3/ & wife Tabitha.

He signed land deeds as William Hill Sr. 4/ and his son
signed simply as William Clanton Hill 5/. Why would he sign
his name as Senior if his son was not a Junior and they had
the same names.

Nash County Deed Book 2, Page 173, dated 10th November 1779:

State of N.C. to William Hill 4/ of Nash County, 640 acres on
South side of Red Bud Creek, adjoining lands of Benjamin
Boon, Irby and Michael Counsel.
signed/ Richard Caswell

Comments: This shows that William Hill 4/ obtained a land
grant for 640 acres of land in Nash County from the state of
N.C. on this date of 10th November 1779 and was still a legal
resident of Nash County.

Nash County Deed Book 1, Page 12 (no date given) but was

before 30th December 1779 because by this date William Hill 4/ lived in Chatham County.

William Hill 4/ (of Nash County) sells all the land that he owned in the county??

Comments: William Hill 4/ was obviously getting ready to move to Chatham County, N.C. He apparently moved between the 10th of November 1779 (date of deed above) & 30th December 1779 (date of deed below).

Nash Co. 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 Abraham Bass, it being part of a tract granted since the FOURTH YEAR OF INDEPENDENCE (1776?).

signed/William Hill 4/.

Wit:

Lewis Hill 5/

Peter Hedgepeth

Comments: This shows that William Hill 4/ had moved to Chatham County but had obtained a land grant in Nash County and sold it to Abraham Bass. The deed was witnessed by his son, Lewis Hill 5/.

Nash County Deed Book 1, Page 254, dated 31st December 1779:

WILLIAM HILL 4/ of Chatham County, N.C. to Joel Walker for 30 pounds, 200 acres of land adjoining Ben Boon, John Webb, the main road and Council (sic), it being part of a tract granted (10th November 1779?) since the INDEPENDENCE.

signed/ William Hill 4/

Wit:

Thomas Lewis (brother in law to Wm. 4/)

Lewis Hill 5/ (son of Wm. 4/)

Comments: William Hill 4/ apparently had applied for and received a land (10 November 1779) grant prior to moving from Nash County as this land was located in Nash County and William 4/ now lived in Chatham County. This land was granted to William Hill 4/ on the 10th of November 1779. It was witnessed by his brother in law, Thomas Lewis and his son, Lewis Hill 5/.

Nash Co. Deed Book 1, Page 125, dated 31st December 1779:

WILLIAM HILL 4/ of Chatham County, N.C. to Thomas Lewis, of Nash County for 5 pounds current money, 160 acres adjoining land of 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/

Wit:

Lewis Hill 5/

Joel Walker

Comments: William Hill 4/ now a resident of Chatham County, selling land to his brother in law, Thomas Lewis, land in Nash County, adjacent to land of Sion Hill 5/ & Lewis Hill 5/, both sons of William Hill 4/. The deed is witnessed by a son, Lewis Hill 5/.

Chatham County Deed Book ??, Page 380, dated 17th February 1780.

Charles Clanton to Agnes (Hill) Harrington 4/, 600 pounds for 300 acres on both sides of the Long Branch, joins land of William Hill 4/ and William Briants (Bryants).

Signed/Charles Clanton

Wit:

B. Birdsong

Jas. Cheves

Comments: This shows that Agnes Hill 4/, who had married Charles Harrington/Arrington, owned land in Chatham County that was adjacent to her brother, William Hill 4/. William Bryant, who land was also adjacent to this land, had married Mary Hill 4/, sister to both Agnes Hill 4/ & William Hill 4/, all children of Robert Hill 3/ & wife Tabitha.

Charles Harrington was a Revolutionary Soldier, died from wounds he received in battle between May of 1771 and before 19th July 1773. After the death of Charles Harrington, under the law of King George, his oldest son, Charles Harrington Jr. inherited his father's estate and soon parted with it. His brothers, all living on the lands, had to seek homes elsewhere.

Chatham County Deed Book C, Page 147 dated 31st March 1780.

State of North Carolina to William Hill 4/ (of Chatham County) for 50 shillings for each 100 acres, 357 acres on Harland's Creek.

Signed/Richard Carswell

William Sheppard, Secretary

Comments: This shows William Hill 4/ of Chatham County paying 50 shillings per 100 acre. It was one of three grants made on same day and year.

Chatham County Deed Book B, Page 545, dated 31st March 1780.

State of N.C. to William Hill 4/, 50 shillings per 100 acre,
500 acres on both sides of Long Branch, the north side of
Landrum's Creek, joins Roe's (property) line.

Governor Richard Carswell

William Sheppard, Secretary

Comments: Another state grant to William Hill 4/, who paid
50 shillings for each 100 acre. It was the second of three
grants made on same day and year.

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

State of N.C. to William Hill 4/, 50 shillings per 100 acre,
100 acres on waters of Rocky River, joins Matthew Ramsey's
line.

Governor Richard Carswell

William Sheppard, Secretary

Comments: Still another state grant to William Hill 4/ in
Chatham County. Notice this was the 3rd grant made on same
day and year.

Chatham County Deed Book ?, Page 336, dated 9th May 1780.

Agnes (Hill) Harrington 4/, to William Ashford, for 700
pounds, 186 and 1/2 acres, part of a tract of land which
Charles Clanton formerly lived on.

Signed by Agnes Harrington

Wit:

B. Birdsong

John Morphis

Comments: This was Agnes Hill 4/, who's husband Charles
Harrington had now died, was selling land. She was a
daughter of Robert Hill 3/, born ca. 1728-29 and died in
Chatham County in 1797.

Nash County Deed Book 1, Page 213, dated 4th October 1780:

SION HILL 5/ and his wife, DREWSILLA (sic) of Nash County 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/ & LEWIS HILL 5/ and then (conveyed) from LEWIS HILL 5/ to
(brother) SION HILL 5/.

Wit:
William Hendrick
William Parks

Comments: This deed shows that William Hill 4/ had sold land jointly to his two sons, Sion Hill 5/ & Lewis Hill 5/. Then Lewis Hill 5/ sold his half to his brother, Sion Hill 5/, who then owned the land by himself. In this deed, Sion Hill 5/ was selling the land to his "uncle" Thomas Lewis, brother of his mother, Charity Lewis.

Chatham County Deed Book ?, Page 212, dated 3rd November 1781

John Harrington (son of Charles Harrington and wife Agnes Hill 4/) to James Williams for 600 pounds (acreage not given) on both sides of Landrum's Creek (in Chatham County).
Signed/John Harrington

Wit:
Agnes Harrington 4/
Mary Harrington

Comments: Agnes Harrington 4/ was actually Agnes Hill 4/, daughter of Robert Hill 3/ & wife Tabitha Hill. Mary Harrington & John Harrington were her children.

Nash Co. 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 & Kerby.
signed/ William Hill 4/

Wit:
Sion Hill 5/
William Young

Comments: William Hill 4/ was again selling some of his land located in Nash County and the deed was witnessed by his son, Sion Hill 5/.

Nash County Deed Book 1, Page 372, dated 14th April 1782:

William Hill 4/ of Chatham County, N.C. to Lewis Hill 5/ of Nash County, for 50 pounds, 160 acres adjoining Lewis Hill 5/ & Cooper Williams
signed/William Hill 4/

Wit:
Richard Hill 5/
Lydia Hill

Comments: William Hill 4/ now living in Chatham County but was selling land in Nash County to his son, Lewis Hill 5/, who was living in Nash County, N.C. This land was adjacent to land that Lewis Hill 5/ already owned. Richard Hill 5/, the witness, was the brother to Lewis Hill 5/ and was another son of William Hill 4/ & Charity Lewis. Lydia Hill, the other witness, was the wife of Richard Hill 5/ and was the sister of Rebecca Watkins, wife of Lewis Hill 5/.

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

State of N.C. to William Hill 4/, 100 acres of land for 50 shillings per acre on north side of Rocky River, joining Aaron Evans' land and his own land.

Signed/ Alex Martin (Governor?)

J. Glasgow, Secretary

Comments: This was another grant to William Hill 4/.

Chatham County Deed Book D, Page 612, dated February 1789.

William Hill Sr. 4/ of Chatham County to (son) William Clanton Hill 5/ (junior) of Halifax County, for 100 pounds, 250 acres of land in Chatham County, next to Matthew Ramsey's land.

Signed/William Hill 4/.

Wit:

Robert Brinkley
Abner Landrum

Comments: William Hill Sr. 4/ sells 250 acres of land in Chatham County to his son, William Clanton Hill 5/, who lived in Halifax County. Notice that the father signs his name as "Senior." To me this indicates that they had the same names and therefore the father was probably William Clanton Hill Sr. 4/, son of Robert Hill 3/ & wife Tabitha.

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

LEWIS HILL 5/ & wife REBECKAH (sic) HILL of Nash County, N.C. to Denton Mann of same county, for 135 pounds Virginia money, a tract of 270 acres on the south side of Swift Creek by certificate of survey made by John H. Drake, surveyor for Nash County, adjoining Denton Mann and LEWIS HILL 5/, Cooper Williams, Benjamin Bridges and Red Bud Creek. It was the land whereon the said Lewis Hill 5/ then lived and was conveyed from (his father) WILLIAM HILL 4/ to (sons) SION HILL 5/ & LEWIS HILL 5/.

Wit:
Silar Drake
Allen Mann

Comments: Lewis Hill 5/ & Sion Hill 5/ were both sons of William Hill 4/ & Charity Lewis. William Hill 4/ had conveyed this land to his two sons (jointly) Lewis Hill 5/ & Sion Hill 5/. Now Lewis Hill 5/ was selling his share to his brother Sion Hill 5/, who would now own the land solely. It was the location where Lewis Hill 5/ actually lived.

Chatham County Deed Book ??? dated 19th December 1793.

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

Wit:
Henry Hill 5/
Travis George

Comments: William Hill 4/ sells land to John Bull. The deed was witnessed by his son, Henry Hill 5/. Henry Hill 5/ had a son named William C. Hill 6/, who married Elizabeth Foushee on 29th July 1839. The William C. Hill 6/ would therefore have been a grandson to William Hill 4/ and a great grandson to Robert Hill 3/ & wife Tabitha.

Nash County Deed Book 8, Page 183, dated 21st December 1795:

Rebeckah (sic) Hill made a Deed of Gift (of land?) to her children, Henckey Hill 6/, Green Hill 6/, Guilford Hill 6/, John Hill 6/, Henry Hill 6/ and Milley Hill 6/.
signed/ Rebechak (h) Hill
her mark

WitS:
Richard Hill 5/.

Comments: Rebechak (sic) Hill was the widow of Lewis Hill 5/, who was now dead. Lewis Hill 5/ was a brother of Richard Hill 5/, the witness. Both Lewis 5/ & Richard Hill 5/ were sons of William Clanton Hill Sr. 4/ & Charity Lewis. Richard Hill's 5/ wife was Lydia Watkins, the sister to this Rebechak Hill. Both Lewis 5/ & Richard Hill 5/ were grandsons of Robert Hill 3/ & wife Tabitha of Halifax County.

This land was conveyed to Lewis Hill 5/ by his father, William Hill 4/. Since his son, Lewis Hill 5/ was now

deceased, his widow, Rebecca (Watkins) Hill was now dividing the land among her children, or the grandchildren of William Clanton Hill Sr. 4/. These children were all great grandchildren of Robert Hill 3/ & his wife Tabitha.

Chatham County Deed Book K, Page 211, dated 30th December 1795.

Indenture between William C. Hill 5/ of Halifax County and Herbut Hill of Chatham County for 90 pounds. William C. Hill 5/ sells to Herbut Hill 250 acres, on Matthew Ramsey's line to William Hill's 4/ corner.

Signed/ William C. Hill 5/

Wit:

Henry Hill 5/

Isaac Hill ?

Comments: Now this deed is an important one because some researcher has listed Herbert Hill as a son of William Hill Sr. 4/. Not so! William Hill Sr. 4/ had sold this land to his son William Clanton Hill 5/, who in turn was now selling it Herbut Hill (relationship unknown) BUT it may be that he was a cousin. The same must be said about Isaac Hill, the other witness. He was possibly a son of Herbert Hill or his brother. Also note that this deed between William Clanton Hill 5/ (of Halifax County, N.C.) & Herbut Hill was not proved until February of 1800, almost 5 years after the actual transactions. It is known that William Clanton Hill 5/ died in May of 1803.

Chatham County Deed Book 1, Page 288, dated 31st January 1800

William Hill Sr. 4/ of Chatham County to (son) Enoch Hill 5/, of Chatham County for 150 pounds, 200 acres on waters of Landrum & Harlen's Creek, to a hickory (tree) at the Long Branch.

Signed by/William Hill Sr. 4/.

Wit:

Phil Meroney

Henry Hill 5/

Comments: This deed, along with the next one is very important as it PROVES it was not William Hill 4/ (son of Robert Hill 3/) that married Lydia White Jones in Georgia and had two daughters and who died in Jasper County, Georgia in 1809. While another William Hill & Lydia White Jones were in Georgia and had two daughters, these two deeds prove that William Hill Sr. 4/ (son of Robert Hill 3/) was still a resident of Chatham County, Georgia. It is true that he moved to Hancock County, Georgia by 29th November 1802.

Chatham County Deed Book L, Page 328, dated 31st January 1801
William Hill Sr. 4/ of CHATHAM COUNTY to (son) Henry Hill 5/
of Chatham County for 25 pounds, 50 acres on North side of
Harlin's Creek, along Foushee's line.

Signed/ William Hill 4/.

Wit:

Phil Meroney

Enoch Hill 5/

Comments: William Hill 4/ sells land to son Henry Hill 5/
and it was witnessed by another son, Enoch Hill 5/. This
same William Hill Sr. 4/ has been said by some researchers
to have gone to Green County, Georgia and married a widow
named Lydia White Jones and had two daughters. This deed,
along with the next one is very important because they prove
that it was not he that married Lydia White Jones, had the
two daughters and who is said to have died in Jasper County,
Georgia in 1809. This deeds clearly shows that William Hill
4/ was still in Chatham County, N.C. and not Georgia, during
the time that the other William Hill had married Lydia White
Jones and had the two daughters. It simply was not this
William Hill 4/.

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

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

Signed in presence of William Hill 4/.

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

Comments: This is deed is important. It appears that
William Hill 4/ had sold the land to his son, Enoch Hill 5/,
but had died in Georgia between 29th November 1802 and 1806.
The circumstances are not clear but Henry Hill 5/ (a son of
William Hill 4/) and a witness had to give oath that this
deed was legal and then the courts so ordered.

Source for following: "Kinfolks of Nash Co., N.C., 1778-
1854," by Joseph W. Watson.

NASH CO. DEED BOOK 7, PAGE 187, DATED 10TH JANUARY 1804:

Toppin Hill, wife of Richard Hill and Courtney Hill, wife of
Isaac Hill, were the daughters of William Braswell,
deceased, (& wife Milly Braswell) November 14th 1803. The

way this is worded by Jerry, seems to show that William Braswell died on 14th November 1803 until you read the next item.

Another notation by Jerry, below is the way Jerry copied the document: QUOTE "Page 193 Toppin Hill, wife of Richard Hill was daughter of William Braswell, deceased, January 10th, 1804.

Remarks by R. Hill: These are important notations but I am not sure just what they were about or what is significant of these dates. I understand that a Richard Hill & a Isaac Hill (probably brothers) married sisters but have been unable to tie these two Hills into a family line as yet.

END OF DATA FOR NC.53