

NC.062 INFORMATION REGARDING A THOMAS HILL OF RANDOLPH
COUNTY, N.C. 7 WHO'S CHILDREN MOVED TO INDIANA.

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Fla.

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Atlanta, Georgia.

THOMAS HILL OF RANDOLPH COUNTY, N.C.

The earliest known record of this non-quaker Hill family of
Randolph County, North Carolina, is a Land Grant to Thomas
Hill on 10th February 1763. The grant was for 243 acres
located in Tract Number 10 of the Earl of Granville's lands.
The agent representing the Earl of Granville was Henry
Eustace McCullough. (Deed Book 19, pps 445-453 in Land Grant
Office, North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh, N.C..

At the time of this grant (1763) this 243 acres was in Rowan
County, N.C. In 1771 Guilford County was formed from the
part of Rowan County in which Thomas Hill's 243 acres was
located. In 1773 Thomas Hill's land was still in Guilford
County and he was among the signers of a petition to have the
Guilford County Court House moved nearer to the center of the
county. (Vol V, No. 1, 1981 of the Genealogical Journal of
Randolph County, N.C.).

In 1779, Randolph County was formed from Guilford County and
Thomas Hill's 243 acres of land was situated in the
northwestern corner of the new Randolph County.

Thomas Hill was a Regulator (Ref: Regulator Advertisement No.
9, Colonial Records Vol. VII, pps 733-737). A Regulator was
a person who rebelled against the government. They complained
of injustice, extortion, corrupt courts and being compelled to
pay taxes to the British agents. There were many Regulators
in Rowan, Anson and Orange Counties of N.C. They refused to
pay taxes; between 1764 and 1771.

In 1771, Governor Tryon marched against them and defeated
them. At least three hundred persons died as a result. At
the beginning of the Revolution, the Regulators espoused the
cause of the British and were defeated by Colonel Caswell in
February of 1776. (North Carolina ratified the Constitution
of the United States on 21st November 1789).

In 1779, Thomas Hill proved himself a Patriot by taking the
Oath of Allegiance to the Provincial Congress. On Page 183 of
the 1779 Tax List of Randolph County, Thomas Hill returned an
inventory of his taxable property in William Millikan's tax
list. The names of people who did not take the oath of

allegiance and refused to list their property are at the end of the list.

On the 20th of February 1768, Thomas Hill and his wife Elizabeth sold 100 acres of land to Stephen Alexander and in both the 1779 and 1785 Randolph County Tax Lists, Thomas Hill had 143 acres instead of the 243 acres granted him.

Samuel Lowe listed the taxables in Captain Clark's and Captain Gray's District. In this list, Thomas Hill & Thomas Lowe are on adjoining lines. Samuel Millikan was listed on the line next to Thomas Lowe. (Note: Samuel Millikan witnessed the Will of Thomas Hill in 1798. See later).

In the 1788 Militia List of Randolph County, John Hill was listed under Captain York's command (Ref: The Genealogical Journal of the Randolph County Genealogical Society, VOL. III, No. 1, 1978-1979, Page 37). John Hill and Nathan Lowe are on adjoining lines. William Millikan was also on this list.

Thomas Hill made out his will on the 7th of March 1798 (Will Book B, Page 112, N.C. State Archives, Raleigh, N.C.). The Will was proved in court in the November 1800 Randolph County Court Session. Sometime between March 7th, 1778 and November 1800 Thomas Hill died.

Where or when Thomas Hill was born or married is unknown. His wife apparently preceded him in death as only his children are mentioned in his will. They were Margaret, Richard, JOHN, Francis, William, Mary and Daidi. Thomas Hill called Winifred his daughter, but he did not name her as one of his children so she may have been a daughter-in-law.

Thomas Hill named his sons John Hill & William Hill excecutors of his estate. The plantation on which he lived was given to the son John Hill. The remainder of his land was given to th son William Hill. His other children shared in what was left of the estate. The will is listed below.

WILL OF THOMAS HILL OF RANDOLPH COUNTY, N.C.

Recorded in Will Book 2, Page 68

State of North Carolina
Randolph County

Where as I THOMAS HILL of the County and State afforesaid, being weak of body but of sound mind do think (it) proper the Seventh day of March 1798 to make the following Distribution of such property as I am blessed with to wit:

and first my will is that all my just debts be paid.

2... I give to my son JOHN (HILL) the plantation where on I now live Beginning up the creek where the line crosses Carraway then down to the mouth of the Still House branch then up it to where the lines crosses S(ai)d branch then along the same to M(c)CRACKENS line and so along the beginning be the same more or less.

3... I give to my son WILLIAM (HILL) the remainder of my land bounded by Sd (said) Creek and branch be the same more or less.

4...I give to my daughter WINIFRED (HILL) the sum of ten shillings.

5...My Will (is) that the remainder of my estate be equally divided between my seven children to Wit: MARGARET; RICHARD; JOHN; FRANCIS; WILLIAM; MARY & DAIDI.

6...An lastly I do hereby appoint my two sons JOHN & WILLIAM Executors to this my last will declaring this and no other to be my last will & testament.

Signed by THOMAS (T) HILL (LS)

his mark

Signed Sealed & Declared by the said Thomas Hill to be his Last Will & Testament in presence of

Robert McRacken
John Quilling
Sam Millikan

State of North Carolina)
Randolph County) November Term 1800

The Execution of the abovr Will & Testament was duly proved in Open Court by Samuel Millikan and admitted to Record.

Teste J. HARPER (Clerk of Court)

1815 TAX LIST OF RANDOLPH COUNTY, N.C. (PAGE 8)

William Hill (son of Thomas Hill) 243 acres on Caraway.
Charles Hill (son of John Hill) 323 acres on Caraway.
John Hill (son of Thomas Hill) 527 acres on Uhwarrie.
for John Quillen 200 acres on Caraway.
Thomas Hill (son of William Hill) 135 acres on Caraway.

JOHN HILL 2/

John Hill 2/, son of Thomas Hill 1/, was born ca. 1756-1767 in what was then Rowan County, N.C. The date of his marriage to Rachel Sargent is unknown. A marriage bond was not required if the couple was to be married by a minister in the Presbyterina or Methodist churches, or in the Church of England, or if the couple was of the Quaker religion. Except for Quaker records, most of the early church records have been lost.

Based on the biography of Doctor Hill 3/, his parents, John Hill 2/ & Rachel Sargent, had nine children. They were:

1. Charles Hill 3/.
2. Jane Hill 3/.
3. Rachel Hill 3/.
4. John A. Hill 3/.
5. Doctor Hill 3/.
6. Malinda Hill 3/.
7. Richard Hill 3/.
8. William Hill 3/.
9. Elizabeth Hill 3/.

Doctor Hill 3/ stated that he was born in the same house that his father was.

Randolph County Deed Books shows John Hill 2/ had purchased 495 acres of land in 1804 from a Henry Youst. He also bought another 22 acres from him and was granted 10 acres from the state of North Carolina. These purchased lands totaled 527 acres on the Uhwarrie River on which he paid taxes in 1815 in Smith's District.

Charles Hill 3/, son of John Hill 2/, paid taxes on 323 acres on Carawy River in Smith's District. John Hill's brother, William Hill 2/, paid taxes on 243 acres on the Caraway River. Thomas Hill 3/, son of William Hill 2/, had 235 acres on Carawar River, on which he paid taxes.

John Hill 2/ inherited his father's plantation of 143 acres of land. He apparently sold this to his brother William Hill 2/. The state of North Carolina sold William Hill 2/ 100 acres of land, bringing it back to 243 acres, which is the number of acres originally owned by his father, Thomas Hill 1/.

In 1816, John Hill and wife Rachel Sargent and their children moved to Sullivan County, Indiana, near Farmersburg.

Two of the sons, Charles Hill 3/ & Doctor Hill 3/ married Boyd sisters, Hannah & nancy, in Randolph County, North Carolina. They were the daughters of James Boyd of Guilford County, North Carolina. Charles Hill 3/ married Hannah and Doctor Hill 3/ married Nancy Boyd.

While a death date for James Boyd of Guilford County has not been found, it appears he died between 1790 and 1800. His three sons, John, Archibald and Adam Boyd traveled with the Hill family to Indiana, as did some Newlin family members.

Adam Boyd remained in Indiana when his two married sisters and two brothers moved to Crawford County, Illinois in 1818, along with the Hill family.

Many of the descendants of the Hill and Boyd families lived in Crawford County, Illinois in 1983.

THOMAS HILL 1/

b. ??

d. ca. 1799 in Randolph County, N.C.

Wife: Elizabeth--?

b. ?

d. ?

Children as listed in Randolph County, N.C. will dated 7th March 1798.

(not necessarily in order of birth)

1. John Hill 2/, b. 1765-67, married Rachel Sargent. He moved family to Indiana in 1816. Had a daughter named Elizabeth Hill 3/, b. 25th June 1814 in Randolph Co., N.C.
 2. William Hill 2/, b. 8th July 1766 Rowan County, N.C. (now Randolph County). Married first in March 1788/89 to Rebecca Lowe. His 2nd marriage to Edith Harlan on 9th September 1817. He died 28th February 1849.
 3. Margaret (Peggy) Hill 2/, m. John Elder?
 4. Richard Hill 2/.
 5. Francis Hill 2/.
 6. Mary Hill 2/.
 7. Daidi (Deidama) Hill 2/, m. 1794 in Guilford County, N.C. to Joseph Mendenhall.
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WILLIAM HILL 2/, SON OF THOMAS HILL 1/.

William Hill 2/

b. 8th July 1766 in Rowan County, N.C. (now Randolph Co.)

m. March 1788/89 Randolph County, N.C.

d. 28th February 1849 Randolph County, N.C.

buried: Marlboro MM, N.C.

His Father: Thomas Hill 1/.

His Mother: Elizabeth--?

Other marriages: His 2nd to Edith Harlan, daughter of Stephen Harlan & Mary Carter. Marriage bond issued in Randolph County, N.C. on 9th September 1817

FIRST WIFE: Rebecca Lowe

b. ca. 1770 Rowan County, N.C. (now Randolph County)

d. ca. 1811/16 Randolph County, N.C.

Her Father: Thomas Lowe

Her Mother: Lydia Stanfield, daughter of John Stanfield.

Children:

1. Thomas Hill 3/, b. ca. 1790 Randolph County, N.C., m. Sally Wright.
2. John Hill 3/, b. ca. 1792, m. Mary Ann (Polly) Clark in Stokes County, N.C. on 29th October 1810. He went to Tennessee, then Indiana. Veteran of War of 1812. He died ca. 1826.
3. Elizabeth Hill 3/, b. 1793, m. William Gray on 7th May 1812 in Randolph County, N.C.
4. Tamer Hill 3/, b. ca. 1795, m. David White on 24th September 1815. She died ca. 1823.
5. Absalom (Absolum) Hill 3/, b. ca. 1796. He m. Guzzeal (Gizzy) Wright on 20th April 1816. He died 15th December 1863.
6. Benjamin Hill 3/, b. ca. 1798, went west, no other data.
7. Daniel Hill 3/, b. 13th Oct-Nov. 1802. He m. Abigail McCracken on 4th September 1824, dau. of Robert McCracken. Daniel Hill 3/ died on 30th June 1875.
8. Christopher Hill 3/, b. 16th November 1804, m. Christina Richs in Guilford Co., N.C. on 9th August 1826. He died on 10th April 1856.
9. Rebecca Hill 3/, b. ca. 1800, m. John Harlan on 30th April 1825, she died ca. 1836.
10. William Hill 3/, b. 15th July 1810, m. Anna Milliken ca. 1835, he died 10th January 1866.
11. Nancy (Ann) Hill 3/, b. 28th January 1819 in Randolph County, N.C., she was the daughter of 2nd wife, Edith Harlan. She m. Samuel Farlow, son of Isaac & Mary Farlow on 25th October 1839.

FAMILY GROUP SHEETS FOR THIS FAMILY OF HILLS

WILLIAM HILL 2/

B. 8TH JULY 1766 ROWAN CO., NC. (NOW RANDOLPH CO.)

M. MARCH 1788 OR 89 RANDOLPH CO., N.C.

D. 28TH FEBRUARY 1849 RANDOLPH CO., N.C.

OTHER WIVES: 2ND M. TO EDITH HARLAN. M BOND ON 9TH SEPT. 1817

FATHER: THOMAS HILL 1/

MOTHER: ELIZABETH-?

1ST WIFE: REBECCA LOW (LOWE)

B. CA. 1770 ROWAN CO., N.C. (NOW RANDOLPH CO., N.C.)

D. CA. 1811-1816 RANDOLPH CO., N.C.

HER FATHER: THOMAS LOW (LOWE)

HER MOTHER: LYDIA STANFIELD (DAU. OF JOHN STANFIELD)

CHILDREN:

1. THOMAS HILL 3/, B. CA. 1790 RANDOLPH CO., N.C., M. SALLY WRIGHT (HE OWNED 135 ACRES LAND ON CACAWAY CREEK.
2. JOHN HILL 3/, B. 1792 RANDOLPH CO., N.C., M. ON 29TH OCTOBER 1810 TO MARY ANN (DOLLY) CLARK IN STOKES CO., N.C. HE LEFT NC FOR TENNESSEE, THEN WENT TO INDIANA. HE DIED CA. 1825. HE WAS ANCESTOR TO HELEN EVANS AND BETTY CRAWFORD.
3. ELIZABETH HILL 3/, B. 1793 RANDOLPH CO., N.C., M. ON 7TH MAY 1812 TO WILLIAM GRANY IN RANDOLPH CO., N.C.
4. TAMER HILL 3/, B. CA. 1795 IN RANDOLPH CO., N.C., SHE M. ON 24TH SEPTEMBER 1815 TO DAVID WHITE.
5. ABSALOM (ABSOLUM) HILL 3/, B. CA. 1796 IN RANDOLPH CO., N.C., HE M. GUZZEAL WRIGHT ON 20TH APRIL 1816, HIS 2ND M. WAS TO POLLY HOLLINGSWORTH ON 16TH SEPTEMBER 1844. HE DIED ON 15TH DECEMBER 1863 PROBABLY IN INDIANA. HE LEFT N.C. FOR TENNESSEE, THEN WENT TO INDIANA.
6. BENJAMIN HILL 3/, B. CA. 1798 RANDOLPH CO., N.C. HE WENT WEST??? NO OTHER INFORMATION.
7. REBECCA HILL 3/ (QUESTIONABLE DAUGHTER) B. CA. 1800 IN RANDOLPH CO., N.C., SHE M. JOHN HARLAN ON 30TH APRIL 1825 AND SHE D. CA. 1836.
8. DANIEL HILL 3/, B. 13TH OCT-NOV. 1802 RANDOLPH CO., N.C., HE M. ON 4TH SEPTEMBER 1824 TO ABIGAIL MCCRACKEN, DAUGHTER OF ROBERT MCCRACKEN, DANIEL HILL 3/ DIED ON 30TH JUNE 1875.
9. CHRISTOPHER HILL 3/, B. 16TH NOV. 1804 IN RANDOLPH CO., N.C., HIS FIRST M. WAS TO CHRISTENA RICHES IN GUILFORD CO., N.C. ON 17TH AUGUST 1826, DATE OF M. BOND 9TH AUGUST 1826. SHE D. ON 27TH AUGUST 1831. HIS SECOND M. WAS TO REBECCA BLAIR (B. 20 JULY 1806- D. 11TH MARCH 1880) ON 17TH APRIL 1832 IN RANDOLPH CO., N.C. HE DIED ON 10TH APRIL 1856.
10. WILLIAM HILL 3/, B. 15TH JULY 1810 IN RANDOLPH CO., N.C. HE M. CA. 1835 TO ANNA MILLIKEN, HE D. 10TH JANUARY 1866.
11. NANCY (ANN) HILL 3/, DAUGHTER OF 2ND WIFE, EDITH HARLAN, NANCY WAS B. 28TH JANUARY 1819 IN RANDOLPH CO., N.C., SHE M. SAMUEL FARLOW, SON OF ISAAC & MARY FARLOW, ON 25TH OCTOBER 1839.

NOTES & COMMENTS: It is assumed that the daughter Rebecca, (Number 7 above) who married John Harlan, was of this family as they lived two households away from Christopher Hill 3/,

and John Harlan was a witness to the marriage of Christopher Hill 3/ and his 2nd wife, Rebecca Blair.

The listing of these children came from a letter of the son of John Hill 3/ & Mary Clark, named William Hill 4/, dated 20th September 1882, to his cousin John A. Hill 4/, the son of William Hill 3/ & Anna Milliken and a retrun letter dated 30th October 1882.

CHRISTOPHER HILL 3/.

B. 16 November 1804 Randolph Co., N.C.

M. 17 August 1826 in Guilford Co., N.C.

2nd m. 17 April 1832 in Randolph Co., N.C.

D. 10th April 1856 Randolph Co., N.C.

1ST WIFE: CHRISTEN RICH

B. ? 31-1808

D. 27 August 1831

Children:

1. Rebecca Hill 4/, b. 27th June 1827 Randolph County, N.C., she m. George Divinny on 6th October 1844. She died before 1856.
2. Eleanor (Ellen) Hill 4/, b. 28th March 1828 or 28th December 1828 Tabernacle Township of Randolph County, N.C. She married Oliver P. Briles and she died on 8th October 1890.

Children by second wife:

3. Joshua A. (Addison?) Hill 4/, b. 1st May 1834 Randolph County, N.C., he married Mary Spencer on 13th July 1853. He died on 12th March 1904.
4. Anna Jane Hill 4/, b. 9th July 1837 in Randolph COUNTY, N.C., she married Michael Spencer on 28th JJuly 1853 and she died on 12th May 1915.
5. Hannah Martitia Hill 4/, b. 19th September 1841 Randolph County, N.C. married Michael C. Farlow, she died on 3rd May 1873.
6. Sarah Elizabeth Hill 4/, b. 22nd December 1843 in Randolph County, N.C., married Franklin Gray, she died in November of 1888.
7. Mary Eliza Hill 4/, b. 30th July 1850 in Randolph County, N.C. she married Elihu Skeen, she died on 3rd October 1926.

Comments: Anna Jane (Hill) Spencer is buried with husband Michael in Marlboro Friends Church Cemetery, adjacent to family of her uncle, Daniel Hill.

Source of above information: Christopher Hill's bible and his estate papers; Popular Ridge Friends Church and Randolph

County, N.C. marriage bond records; Mt Gilead Methodist Church Records; 1850 Census of Randolph County, N.C. (p 202); Marlboro Friends Church Cemetery; and Morman IGI Records.

JOSHUA A. (ADDISON?) HILL 4/.

B. 1st May 1834 Randolph County, N.C.

M. 13th or 14th July 1853 Randolph County, N.C. (two sources)

D. 12th March 1904 Randolph County, N.C.

BURIED: Popular Ridge Friend's Cemetery (Randolph County, NC

Father: Christopher Hill 3/.

Mother: Rebecca Blair

WIFE: MARY SPENCER

B. 6th May 1834 Randolph County, N.C.

D. 17th February 1927 Randolph County, N.C.

BURIED: Popular Ridge Friend's Cemetery (Randolph Co., NC)

Father: Joseph Spencer

Mother: Deborah Farlow

Children:

1. Thomas A. Hill 5/, b. ca. 1854 Randolph Co., N.C., he married Frances V. (Fannie) Kindley.
2. Joseph Aaron Hill 5/, b. 9th June 1855 in Randolph Co., N.C., he married Sarah Louise Richardson on 19th December 1878, he died on 12th May 1932.
3. Louisa (Luezer) Hill 5/, b. ca. 1859 in Randolph Co., N.C., she married George W. Rush.
4. Mary Ann Hill 5/, b. 7th January 1862 in Randolph Co., N.C., never married. She died on 17th February 1927.

Question: Who was Fanny M. Hill (1886-1930) that is buried along with Joshua, Mary and Mary Ann? Dau. of Thomas A. & Fannie Hill ?

RANDOLPH COUNTY, N.C. WILL BOOK 12, PAGE 238

WILL OF W. L. HILL

Camp Mangum near Raleigh, N.C. December 15th, 1861

Henry Hill: This evening being at leasure I will drop you a few lines. I can inform you alol (all) that I am well and pretty well satisfied. The Most of the company are well. Though the Measles have got hold among the Company there is one boy in my hut very sick with the Measles. I will now tell you something about what I want done with my property, provided I never get home. I expect to send some money home before lon (long), then I will send you word what to do with it. The ballance of my property after my just debts are

paid, I want father and mother to have it while they live.
Then I want it to fall in to the hands of Margaret and Jane
M. Hill. I write this in the Service and the fear of my God.

God almighty grant that if I never get home to attend to my
own business that my affairs may be disposed of Just as this
letter prescribes. The reason why I want my Sisters to have
my little property is because my Brothers both have so much
more than they have. I want you to put this letter away and
let nobody see it for the present, but my own folks at home.

I write this because life in (is?) uncertain and death is
certain. We know not what a day may bring forth. You need
not think because I write this that I am uneasy in the least
for I am not. I intend to have written something like this
before I left home but I failed to do so for I did not know
where to put it so you would get hold of it. Ma, Pa, and J,
M. Hill, I am very well and make no other calculation but
what I shall come safe. I would be very glad to see you all.
But don't by uneasy about me at all. YOur son, W.L. Hill,
5th Regiment.

North Carolina
Randolph County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions May Term,
1862.

This due Execution of this last will and testament of W.L.
Hill, deceased, is proved in Open Court by the Oaths of
Philip Clodfelter, MICAJAH HILL and W.W. Ferrell, who testify
that said paper writing with the Signature, thinks is all in
the proper handwriting of W.L. Hill and it is therefore
Ordered to be recorded.

Signed/ J.K. Brown Clerk of Circuit Court

Note by Robert Hill of Brandon, Fla.: This letter was wrote
by a W. L. Hill and was apparenty sent to a Henry Hill, who's
relationship to the writer is unknown for sure. It is
obvious from the letter that Margaret and Jane M. Hill were
sisters to this W.L. Hill.

Notice that a Micajah Hill was one of the witnesses to this
unsual will. Just who the brothers were is not exactly clear
UNLESS it was this Henry Hill and Micajah Hill?

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