

R.013 GENEALOGICAL CONNECTS OF THE HILL-MARSHALL-THOMAS-
BENNETT-WOODLEE FAMILIES IN AND AROUND ISLE OF WIGHT
COUNTY VIRGINIA.

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Hill-Woodlee Data furnished me by Mr. Ralph Willis.

The purpose of this document is to better understand the
connection of the above families in and around Isle of Wight
County Virginia. The solution to this is hampered
considerably because in "Lost Tribes" the information on page
612 and that on page 623 does not agree, making it impossible
for one to have definite answers. However it was so
interesting but confusing that I had to draw up a chart to
better understand it and have it enclosed in this document.

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THE MARSHALL FAMILY
(JOHN MARSHALL)

Source: "A Statement" by James Francis Crocker

The first of the Marshall line in Isle of Wight County to be
found was John Marshall, to whom a patent of 200 acres was
issued on 8th June 1655 in Smith's Neck. The will of John
Marshall (dated 4th October 1687) was admitted to record on
9th June 1688, mentions two children, a son Humphry Marshall
and daughter Mary. Also mentioned is brother Humphry
Marshall. On 18th June 1698, Robert Marshall's will
mentions wife Mary Marshall and children: John, Elizabeth,
Humphry, Joseph, Mary and James, witnessed by Anthony
Holladay, Humphry Marshall, & John Penny, all residents of
Smith's Neck. There is also a Power of Attorney from John
Day of the City of Bristol (England) to Humphrey Marshall,
dated 28th April 1697, witnessed by Anthony Holladay and
another, authorizing the said Humphry Marshall to collect
debts for him in Virginia. It is believed that this Humphry
Marshall is the testor mentioned above. There is a bequest in
the will of the said Humphry Marshall, that appears to be
important. It is the bequest to John Thomas, the son of
Elizabeth Thomas, and the bequest to the said Elizabeth
Thomas. The opinion is that this Elizabeth Thomas was the
wife of WILLIAM THOMAS & mentioned in the Will of Silvestra
Hill, and who was the daughter of hers, as will appear from
the will of John Col. Nicholas Hill & Sylvestra Bennett,
dated 31st December 1695 and admitted to record in June of
1698. He married Mary, a daughter of Silvestra Hill and calls
the said William Thomas brother.

On the 16th of October 1699, Humphry Marshall confirmed a deed executed by his father John Marshall to William West, dated 6th June 1667, conveying to him a patent of land for 160 acres, being on west side of a dividend of land granted John Marshall by patent dated 5th April 1667. It is felt that this Humphry Marshall is the testor above mentioned. John Marshall was a prominent Bacon man in Bacon's Rebellion and was one of the signers with other prominent citizens of Isle of Wight. After the rebellion was suppressed, John Marshall was made to apologize on bended knees before the court and required to make a retraction for his part in the rebellion.

THE WOODLEY FAMILY.

The frist Woodly that came from England to Isle of Wught County, Va. was Anmdrew Woodley. On 9th of March 1693, the County Court certified "that there is due a deed to Andrew Woodley 600 aacres of land for the transportation of himself four times, his wife, and two sons, namely Henry and Thomasand 5 Negroes, it being the family proved in court.

In 1698, James BBaron granted to Andrew Woodley four 7000 lbs of tobacco , the 640 acres patented by Andrew Natthews in 1664 and devised by him to the saidJames Baron.

Children:

1. Henry Woodley.
2. Thomas Woodley, inherited land called "Little Neck." He was on the Vestry of the "Old Brick Church" from 1728 until his deah in in 1754. Children:

A. John Woodley. died in 1779 intestate, had son:.

1. Andrew Woodley, who married his cousin, Elizabeth Hill Harrison. They were the parents of a Frances Woodley that married a Mr. Thomas and was the mother of Mr. R. S. Thomas.
2. Frances Woodley, married Joseph Hill, a son of Thomas Hill & Mary Marshall. Thomas Hill was a son of Robert Hill & Elizabeth Thomas, who was the daughter of William Thomas and Elizabeth Hill, daughter of Col Nicholas Hill & Sylvestra Bennett.
3. John Woodley, made his will in 1724, named a son John Woodley, who is thought to have made his will in August of 1750. John Woodley, inherited (plantation) known as "Nottoway Neck."
4. Mary Woodley mrried Joseph Copeland.

THE EDWARD BENNETT FAMILY

Edward Bennett was the 9th child of Robert Bennett of Wivelscobem Somerset, England. Robert Bennett made his will on 28th. August 1603.

Edward Bennett was christened on 2nd February 1577/78, married Mary Bourne, daughter of Jasper Bourne of Stanniew Magna, Somerset, England. Jasper Bourne was the nephew of Gilbert Bourne, the Biskop of Bath and Wells and a great ne[hew of Sir John Bourne, Secretary of State to Queen Mary.

Edward Bennett, was a merchant of London. He owned ships that traded back and forth between Virginia and London. He was the first to establish a large plantation in Virginia (Isle of Wight) and he and his family were responsible, over a period of different times, for 800 persons immigration into Virginia. Edward Bennett did not stay in Virginia but traveled back and forth between England and Virginia.

Edward received his patent of land in Virginia on 21 November 1621, set up for 200 immigrants. It's location was at a place called "Warrascoyack" after the nearby Indian tribe. On March 22nd of 1622, on Good Friday, a great Indian Massacre occurred and out of 1240 settlers, 347 were killed by the Indians. Edward Bennett's plantation lost 53 persons that day. As a result the plantation at Warrascoyack was abandoned for a time. By yje 16th February 1624, a census shows there were thirty three persons at Warrascoyack. On 7th February 1625, a census shows 1,095 persons at Warrascoyack..

As stated, Edward Bennett was married to Mary Bourne, daughter of Jasper Bourne of Stanmore, Englad. They had the following children:

From Parish of St. Olaves (London) Records...

1. Elizabeth Bennett, christened on May 31, 1629.
2. Silvestra Bennett, born October 25, 1630, christened October 25, 1630, she died in 1706 in Isle of Wight County, Virginia. (She married Lt. Colonel Nicholas Hill, thus a HILL- BENNETT Connection, This was his 2nd marriage and he had 3 children by first (unknown) wife: Agnes Hill, Ralph Hill & Nicholas Hill. Nicholas Hill & Sylvestra had the following children:
 - a. George Hill.
 - b. Martha Hill m. John Best.
 - c. Mary Hill m. John Jennings Jr, son of the Governor of Va.
 - d. Anna Hill.
 - e. Richard Hill, died young, his inherited land passed on to half brother. Ralph Hill.

- f. Elizabeth Hill married William Thomas. They had two daughters, {riscilla, who marrued Humphry Marshall & Elizabeth, who married Thomas Hill.
3. John Bennett, christened February 17, 1632.
 4. Ann Bennett, born May 13, 1633-34, died May 10, 1634.
 5. Jasper Bennett, born May 10, 1634, christened 3rd Juky 1635..
 6. Mary Bennett is not listed among the birth or baptism records of the parish, so it is assumed she was born and baptized in another location. She married first Thomas Bland and second marriage to Luke Corpley, of London.

FAMILY OF WILLIAM BENNETT

William Benbnett is thought to have been part of the Bennetts of Blackwater area of Isle of Wight County, Va. The firs mention found of his name is in the will of a Matthew Fones, which was probated in 1704 in UIsle of Wight County, Va. He is not mentioned in any of the early wills of the Bennetts.

He is suspected to have been a younger son of Richard Bennett Sr and wife Anne. He was a early settler in Northampton County, NC, where he patented 520 acres of land on 1st of August 1726 (Book 3, pp. 162 # 52).

In 1752, The Earl of Granville, of NC, one of the Lord Proprietors, deeded lots of land on Peach Tree Creek in what is now Nash County, NC.

William Bennett died in1765, leaving a large number of children and grandchildren. In his will, dated 17th July1758, probated in February 1765, he named wife as "Grace" (VanCourtland), a dayghter Grace Hill, wife of Green Hill Sr. 4/, daughter Ann Ruffin, grandson Bennett Hill 5/, son of Green Hill Sr 4/ and daughter GRace Bennett, grandson William Ruffin, grandson Nathan Boddie, grandson William Boddie,

Children:

1. Anne Bennett, married `st Robert Ruffin.
2. Mary Bennett, married William Boddie about 1730.
3. William Bennett (JR) married Mary Karney. He died in1757.
4. Grace Bennett, born 26th April 1726, married Green Hill Sr 4/ in 1739, She made her will on the 27th of August 1772, probated in Bute Co., NCF Court of November 1772. Their children:
 - A. Henry Hill, born 12th February 1740.
 - B. (Rev. Green Hill Jr, born 14th November 1741, died in Tennesse on 11th of November 1825, married 1st to Nancy Thomas; 2nd Mary Seawell.

- C. Hannah Hill, born 24th August 1745.
- D. Bennett Hill, born 1st December 1747.
- E. William Hill, born 20th February 1759, married Mary (Polly) Jpones. he died ca. 3rd September 1786 in FRanklin Co., NC.
- F. Mary Hill, born 11th May 1754.
- G. Sarah Hill, born 27th August 17756.
- H. Elizabeth Hill, born 20th July 1763.
- I. Temperance Hill, born 10th February 1761, she died on 17th July 1799. She married John Clayton on 17th December 1776, 2nd marriage to George Hicks.

HUMPHREY MARSHALL

Humphrey Marshall was born ca. 1620 and was the son of John Marshall. Priscilla Thomas, a daughter of William Thomas & Elizabeth Hill, (dau, of Nicholas Hill) was the first wife of Humphrey Marshall and the mother of all of his children. His second wife was Mrs. Ann Smith, widow of of Colonel Nicholas Smith. Humphrey's will was proven in Isle of Wight County Virginia in 1711. Many of his grandchildren moved to North Carolina.

JOHN THOMAS

John Thomas, born ca. 1585, came to Virginia ca. 1610 (Ref. Nugent pages 185-186) John Thomas, the ancestor of the Thomas Family, owned lands in York County, Virginia as early as 1637 (Nugent p. 73). In 1639 the Headrights of both John Thomas and Henry Marshall were used in taking up lands in York County, Virginia (Nugent p. 102).

JOHN THOMAS & WIFE DOROTHY

Sons were:

1. WILLIAM THOMAS
2. RICHARD THOMAS
3. PHILLIP THOMAS
4. JOHN THOMAS

Reference 1... William Thomas married Elizabeth Hill, a daughter of Major Nicholas Hill & Silvestra Bennett (his 2nd wife). They had two daughters, Priscilla Thomas who married Humphrey Marshall and Elizabeth Thomas, who married Robert Hill.

In 1639 John Davis used the Headrights of William and Richard Thomas and EDWARD MARSHALL when he patented lands on QUEENS CREEK in York County, Virginia. (Nugent p. 107). In 1648, York County, Virginia, William Thomas by deposition proved the last will and testament of RICHARD MARSHALL. (Fleet's Abstracts, No. 25, p. 96). The above clearly shows the early associations of the Thomas and Marshall families in Virginia.

THE HILL FAMILY

In "Lost Tribes" on page 612, it states that Elizabeth

Thomas, daughter of William Thomas & wife Elizabeth Hill, his 1st wife), married ROBERT HILL 2/, a son of JOHN HILL SR 1/, who was the brother to the sheriff of Norfolk County John Hill Jr. Then on page 623, it is stated that Elizabeth Thomas, daughter of William Thomas & wife Elizabeth Hill (dau. of Nicholas Hill) married THOMAS HILL, and it was their son Thomas Hill that married a cousin Mary Marshall. (see notation below)

Note by Robert Hill: The above is wrong. Elizabeth Thomas, dau. of William & Elizabeth Thomas married Robert Hill 2/, not Thomas Hill 3/ It was Thomas Hill 3/ that married Mary Marshall, dau. of Humphrey Marshall & wife, Priscilla Thomas.

Now it is believed that Nicholas Hill, John Hill Sr. and a Thomas Hill (of York Co., Va) were brothers, (Nugent P. 353). Could the following be the basis for such thinking? (Questionable).

Ref: Barbados Records, Wills & Administrations, Vol. 1 & 2, 1681-1700 by Sanders

HILL, John, Gentleman, of town & Parish of Wickwarr County (Glouster, England now of Barbados. 12 April 1665 RB6/15, p. 407. Friends Phili, Erbery & Richard Parker of St. Michaels, merchants- Supervisors & Administrators: cousin Thomas Trotman, Robert Hussey; Richard Glascock: Thomas Hicks merchant: brother THOMAS HILL at 21 & after the decease of mother ELIZABETH HILL- land in Wickwarr, as next heir to my brother ARTHUR HILL, late deceased; brother NICHOLAS HILL at 21- land in Wickwarr formerly purchased by father JOHN HILL, Gentleman of Wickwarr, deceased, brother NATHAN HILL at 21; sister MARY HILL at 16; aunt HILL, wife of uncle EDWARD HILL ESQUIRE of Cam. County, Clocester & their children: EDWARD HILL Executor; servant William Jones- freedom.

Signed/JOHN HILL Witness:

Edward Hussey, Edmund Lawes, Richard Glascock Scr: PROVED 25 AUGUST 1665

It is stated that they were kin to both the Bennetts and Blands. Thomas Hill probably lived in York County or James City. Nicholas Hill married (2nd time) to Silvestra Bennett and he lived in Elizabeth City County, Virginia (Ref: Nugent Page 175). His first wife's name is unknown. Since Nicholas Hill's will in 1674 was recorded and proven in Isle of Wight County, it seems obvious that he moved there. William Thomas married Elizabeth Hill, daughter of Nicholas Hill and Humphry Marshall married William Thomas's daughter, Priscilla Thomas.

Now JOHN HILL SR. lived in Lower Norfolk County, Virginia, at Sewell's Point. He was a neighbor of Cornelius Lloyd, John Norwood and the Bennetts. His son JOHN HILL JR. became the

Sheriff and was accused of persecuting the Quakers or dissenters. Now JOHN HILL SR. had acquired the headrights of John Marshall, father of Humphrey Marshall and Nicholas Smith. JOHN HILL SR. died ca. 1647 and his brother THOMAS HILL was the administrator of his Estate (Ref: Nugent's Book, Page 172).

Now JOHN HILL SR 1/. had a son ROBERT HILL 2/, (another place erroneously says his name was Thomas) who married Elizabeth Thomas (daughter of William Thomas) and sister of Priscilla Thomas, who married HUMPHREY MARSHALL. ROBERT HILL and wife Elizabeth Thomas had a son named THOMAS HILL, who married MARY MARSHALL (daughter of Humphrey Marshall and Priscilla Thomas) Marshall.

Thus WILLIAM THOMAS, was brother in law of HUMPHREY MARSHALL and ROBERT HILL, and became the son in law of NICHOLAS HILL, uncle of ROBERT (m. Elizabeth Thomas, dau. Of William Thomas & wife Elizabeth Hill) and JOHN HILL JR, the Old Sheriff of LYNHAVEN PARISH in Lower Norfolk County, below the Bennett Settlement.

These different nariages is very confusing at the first reading, so much that I had to draw up a chart to explain it more clearly and easily. The chart is listed below:

WOODLEE (WOODLEY)-HILL CONNECTION

Source: "A Statement" by James Francis Crocker.

Andrew Woodley (Woodlee) was the immigrant into Isle of Wight County, Virginia. He settled in Little Neck, of that county and became the owner of about 900 acres of land. Little Neck lies near (today's) Smithfield, Virginia, between two branches of Pagan Creek, which joins and flows into Pagan Creek about a mile above Smithfield. Woodley was known to have been in Virginia by 14th September 1691, where a deed by Edward Cobb and his wife Dorothy is made to Andrew Woodley (Deed Book 1, Page 42). Andrew died ca. 22nd of August 1720.

Now among his children was a son JOHN WOODLEY (named in his father's will dated 25th September 1718 and proven on 22nd August 1720. He married Francis Wilson, widow of John Wilson, of Day's Neck. When the said John Woodley died, he left his widow, Frances Woodley and and two children, son John Woodley and a daughter, FRANCES WOODLEY.

The son John was left in possession of all real estate of the father (JOHN SR.) but a few years later, his sister was the ownership of the farm in Little Neck. Thus is appears that FRANCES WOODLEY outlived her brother John.

The Daughter FRANCES WOODLEY married JOSEPH HILL 4/, a son of THOMAS HILL 3/, (son of ROBERT HILL 2/, JOHN HILL SR. 1/).

The mother of Joseph Hill 4/ was MARY MARSHALL, daughter of Humphry Marshall and Priscilla (Thomas) Marshall, daughter of William Thomas. Thus the Hill-Woodlee (Woodley connection) was established. (Ref: To the chart above).

A GENEALOGICAL CHART SHOWING A VERY CONFUSING CONNECTION BETWEEN THE HILL-WOODLEE-MARSHALL-THOMAS-BENNETT-FAMILIES OF THE COUNTY OF ISLE OF WIGHT, VIRGINIA.

(Three Brothers)

Nicholas_Hill_____John_Hill_Sr._____Thomas_Hill
m. Silvestra Bennett d. ca. 1647 lived in York Co., Va.

: He was Adm of his brother

Wm. Thomas m. : Estate. (THIS IS NOT THE
Elizabeth Hill, dau. : THOMAS HILL, that m. Mary
of NICHOLAS HILL, thus son in: Marshall).

law of Nicholas Hill. :

William Thomas had a dau. :

Priscilla, who m. Humphry :

Marshall, thus Wm. Thomas :

was father in law of Humphry :

Marshall. :

: :

Elizabeth Thomas, dau. of :

Wm. Thomas & Elizabeth Hill, :

m. Robert Hill 2/ (son of :

John Hill 1/, so Wm. Thomas :

was also father in law of :

Robert Hill 2/. This also m :

akes Robert Hill 2/& & Humphry:

Marshall brother in laws. :

laws. | :

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Mary Marshall, d. ca 1735, :

Dau. of Humphry Marshall & :

wife Priscilla (Thomas) :

Marshall m. Thomas Hill 3/ :

son of Robert Hill 2/, who :

was brother in law to :

Humphry Marshall. Now Wm. :

Thomas was father in law to :

both Robert Hill 2/ & :

Humphry Marshall. Humphry :

Marshall then was father in :

law to Thomas Hill 3/, son :

of his own brother in law, :

Robert Hill 2/. :

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Sons of John Hill Sr. 1/

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Robert_Hill_____ : ___John_Hill_Jr.__(Sheriff)

m. Elizabeth Thomas Lived in Norfolk, Co.

(dau. of Wm. Thomas) near Lynn Haven Parish.
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: William Thomas would be a
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Thomas_Hill_m._Mary_Marshall_(daughter_of_Humphry_Marshall)
thus Humphry Marshall was the father in law to Thomas Hill 3/

(Thomas Hill 3/. On the 23rd of November 1719, proved 25th
July 1720, Thomas Hill 3/ names wife Mary, children as:
Thomas Hill Jr 4/, Joseph Hill 4/, Mary Hill 4/, Sarah Hill
4/ & Anna Hill 4/.

Children of Thomas Hill 3/ & Mary Marshall

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Thomas_Hill_Jr._Joseph_Hill____Sarah_Hill__Mary_Hill_Ann_Hill
Joseph Hill 4/ m. Frances Woodlee, dau. of John Woodlee,
Sarah Hill 4/ m. Scatchins
Mary Hill 4/ m. m. her cousin, Henry Hill 5/, the son of
Joseph Hill 4/ & Frances Woodley. Henry Hill & wife went to
Grsnville Co., C.

Thomas_Hill_(III)_ 5/ son of Thomas Jr 4/.

NOTE: (Reference Wm & Mary Quarterly, Vol 8-9?? Series 1 on
page 256-257). Is it likely or possible that the Thomas Hill
2/, listed as a brother of Nicholas Hill 2/ & John Hill Jr
2/, was the same Thomas Hill 2/ found in the William & Mary
Quarterly Article? It states that Thomas Hill 2/ was married
to Eleanor Charles. By a Deed dated 21 March 1693, Thomas
Hill 2/ states that he was son of John Hill 1/??, who made
his will on 9th December 1670, and that John Hill 1/ was a
son of a Thomas Hill. ???

REVIEW & SUMMARY OF THE ABOVE

Col. Nicholas Hill, John Hill Sr. and a Thomas Hill were
brothers.

William Thomas married Elizabeth Hill, a daughter of
Nicholas Hill, thus William Thomas was son in law of Col.
Nicholas Hill & 2nd wife Sylvestra Bennett. This wopuld make
Col. Nicholas Hill a uncle to Robert Hill 2/. His wife,
Priscilla Thomas, was therefore a cousin to Robert Hill 2/.

Priscilla Thomas, daughter to William Thomas, married Humphry
Marshall, (his first) and she was the mother of all his
children, Thus William Thomas was father in law to Humphry
Marshall.

William Thomas' other daughter, Elizabeth Thomas, married

Robert Hill 2/, thus William Thomas was both the father in law of Robert Hill 2/. William Thomas was, who was a son in law of Col, Nicholas Hill.

This would also make William Thomas (by marriage) the uncle to the Sheriff, John Hill Jr 2/. (brother of Robert Hill 2/).

Now Mary Marshall, daughter of Humphry Marshall & Priscilla (Thomas) Marshall married Thomas Hill 3/, the son of Robert Hill 2/ & wife Elizabeth Thomas. Therefore, Robert Hill 2/ was Humphry Marshall's son in law. This makes William Thomas a father in law to Robert Hill 2/.

Now remember, William Thomas married Elizabeth Hill, dau of Col. Nicholas Hill. This makes Elizabeth Hill a cousin to Robert Hill 2/, who m. their daughter, Elizabeth Thomas.

Since Robert Hill 2/ married their daughter, Elizabeth Thomas, Robert Hill 2/ was a son in law to William Thomas. Since Humphry Marsha married Elizabeth's sister, Priscilla Thomas & Robert Hill 2/ married her sister, Elizabeth Thomas, (both daus. of William Thomas) they both were son in laws to William Thomas. & Robert Hill 2/ & Humphry Marshall were also brothwer in laws.

NOTE: Some sources give Thomas Hill 3/ & Mary Marshall as being the parents of a Henry Applewhite (Applewaite) Hill but the will of this Thomas Hill 3/ does not show that to be true. I am of the opinion that perhaps they are getting his son, Thomas Hill Jr 4/. mixed up with him.

Please note that the son, Thomas Hill Jr 4/ did have a son named Henry Hill 5/ (of Granville Co., N.C.) and that this Henry Hill 5/ married a cousin, Mary Hill, the daughter of his uncle Joseph Hill 4/. Perhaps these are the parents to the Henry Applewhite (Applewaite) Hill?

END OF DATA.