

R.038 IDENTIFYING WILLIAM HILL SR. 4/, SON OF ROBERT HILL 3/ & LAND
DEEDS ASSOCIATED WITH WILLIAM HILL 4/.

Originally entered in 1991 but updated in May of 1992 & again in April
of 1998 by Robert R. Hill of Brandon, Fla.

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 County & Chatham County, all of N.C.; DAR Records; and
other data from Mrs. L. Winifred Jacob of Beaverton, Oregon as well as
information provided to me by Mr. Jerry Reid Hill of Siler City, N.C.
& a Law Suit from Barnwell Co., SC.

WILLIAM HILL 4/.

Note: In this document I have placed a figure after names to show what
KNOWN GENERATION that person belonged to in this Hill family.

BRIEF HILL GENEALOGY

1. Robert Hill 1/ & Mary Webb? immigrated in Va. ca. 1642.
2. His son, Sion Hill Sr. 2/, b. ca. 1654, m. Elizabeth Spiltimber, he
d. ca. 1705.
3. His son, Robert Hill 3/, b. 1680 in Va., m. Tabitha ca. 1705, he
d. ca. 1766 IN Halifax Co., NC.
4. His son, William (Clanton??) Hill Sr. 4/, b. ca. 1731-35. m. Charity
Lewis, he d, ca. 1803-1806 in Hancock Co., Ga.

WILLIAM HILL SR. 4/

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 about 1752 when his
father, Robert Hill 3/, sold him 120 acres of land on both sides of
Peachtree Creek in Edgecombe County, N.C. (see deed below).

His wife, Charity Lewis was born ca. 1738 and died on 4th of August
1820 in Hancock Co., Ga., daughter of Richard & Ann Lewis. .

William Hill 4/ may have married ca. 1753 to Charity Lewis, the
daughter of Richard & Ann Lewis. This marriage date is questioned
because there is some question of the first two children being born out
of wedlock. This possibility is based on the fact that Richard Lewis,
in his 1759 will, still named his daughter as "Charity Lewis" not
Charity Hill, yet he named her two sons, Lewis Hill 5/ & Richard Hill
5/ (his two grandsons). Were they born out of wedlock? His widow,
Ann Lewis, in her 1779 will, named the daughter Charity as "Charity
Hill." Charity Lewis Hill died in Hancock County, Ga. on the 4th of
August 1820 and was buried on the Brantley plantation.

The correct listing of children for William Hill Sr. 4/ and Charity Lewis seems to be as follows:

1. Lewis Hill 5/, born ca. 1755 in Edgecombe County, N.C., married Rebecca Watkins. He died on 10th July 1795 in Nash County, N.C. On the 21st December 1795 in Franklin County, North Carolina 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. On the 16th February 1798, the son of Lewis Hill 5/, 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/. (Ref: Franklin Co. Deed Book 11, no page given).
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. He probably died in late December 1794 or January 1795 as his widow filed an Inventory of the estate on 11th February 1795. (Note: This was NOT Sion Lassiter Hill)!
4. William Clanton Hill (Junior??). 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/. These children later found in Williamson County, Tenn. with their guardian Wm. Parham, who may have married the widow.
5. Enoch Hill 5/, born ca. 1769-1771 in Edgecombe County, N.C., married 1st Martha Brantley, 2nd to her sister, Sarah Brantley ca. 1807. Last known to have been in Henry County, Ga. in 1748. Had a son George W. Hill 6/. He died in G. before 1870.
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, NC).

Some of the earlier researchers claim that William Hill 4/ was the eldest son of Robert Hill 3/ & wife Tabitha, but this research project shows that William Hill Sr. 4/ was the youngest of the five sons, having been born ca. 1731-1735 in what was then Bertie County, N.C.,

but which became Edgecombe County in 1741.

Many say he was William Clanton Hill 4/ but I have not yet found any documents to show this. (More on this later).

Land deeds for Edgecombe County, NC show us that William Hill 4/ obtained 120 acres of land from his father Robert Hill 3/ by deed dated 18th November 1752 and it is thought that he had just reached age of 16 to 21 (or there about) and was probably approaching marriage, thus it is estimated that his birth was ca. 1731-1735. (Ref: A Deed in Edgecombe County Deed Book C, Page 528, dated 1767).

Based upon information from wills & land deeds, it seems that William Hill Sr. 4/ 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 became Nash County, due to the county lines changing. He was not ever in Rockingham County, NC.

A Mr. Seward & Tom Barnes have stated that William Clanton? Hill 4/ married Elizabeth Clanton, who died in child birth in Chatham County, N.C, in 1800, but no one, including Clanton researchers that I have had contact with, has found or produced any evidence of a marriage of any Elizabeth Clanton to any William Hill, nor have they provided any proof of this marriage. However, if so, it was not the William Hill 4/, son of Robert Hill 3/ & wife Tabitha.

I am of the opinion that this erroneous marriage to Elizabeth Clanton 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, and who died in May of 1803. The Clanton family were closely located with Robert Hill 3/. William Hill 4/ married Charity Lewis, daughter of Richard & Ann Lewis of Halifax County, NC.

Land deeds in Edgecombe, Nash & Chatham Counties of N.C. shows that William Hill 4/ often signed his name with the mark "H" as "William (H) Hill Sr." I have never found the middle name of Clanton for him. This was very noticeable when he signed the deed with his son, William Clanton Hill 5/.

The son, William Clanton Hill 5/ did not sign as "Junior" after his name, but his father used the term "Senior" to properly identify himself.

It is very important to take note that in these early times, the term of Junior & Senior was not used as strictly as it is today. It was a common practice for two men with the same names that lived in the same vicinity to identify themselves by using the term Junior & Senior & does not necessarily show a father & son. This was especially used if part of the same family. In some cases, this was true, even if they were not related. The father, William Hill 4/ signed as William Hill Sr while his son, William Clanton Hill simply used his name, no Junior or Senior after it. This makes it difficult to say if the father was or was not William Clanton Hill Sr. 4/..

NOTABLE ERRORS IN WM.. HILL 4/ GENEALOGY.

A William Hill family in Surry & Rockingham Counties of NC were of an entirely different Hill family than William Hill Sr 4/ was.

In the area of Rockingham County, NC, a Gustavas Hill was a member of the Matrimony Baptist Church and has been listed by a deceased Lewis researcher to have married Charity Lewis, daughter of Richard & Ann Lewis. I would like to see the proof! If true, then it certainly was not the same Charity Lewis that was the daughter of Richard & Ann Lewis of Halifax County, NC.

Earlier researchers erroneously listed the following children for Wm. Hill Sr 4/:

1. Herbert Hill, born 1759. (Suspect he was a cousin to Wm. Hill Sr 4/ & father to number 4 & 5 below.
2. James Hill, b. 1769 m. Christina Lassiter in Ga. (Believe he was a son by 1st marriage of the Wm. Hill that married Lydia White Jones).
3. Elizabeth Hill, b. 17th Feb. 1785, d. 14th July 1852 in Carroll Co., Ga. & m. Benjamin Lassiter in Ga. Elizabeth born in SC (Ref: 1850 census. Thought to be dau. of 1st marriage of Wm. Hill that m. Lydia White Jones).
4. Sion Lassiter Hill, b. 3rd Feb. 1796, d. 21st August 1871 in Dale Co, Ala. (Got him mixed up with Sion Lewis Hill).
5. Isaac Abner Hill, b. 5 April 1800, d. 31 August 1835 in Harris County, Ga.

Another mistake that appears to have been made by earlier researchers is that William Clanton Hill Sr. 4/ has been said to have gone to Hancock County, Georgia in the late 1790's 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. NOT QUITE SO!

First off, the middle name of Clanton cannot be confirmed. Second, Lydia White Jones and her second husband, a 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.

While it is true that William Hill Sr. 4/ did move to Hancock County, Georgia, dates of land deeds between him and his two sons, Enoch Hill 5/ & Henry Hill 5/ of Chatham County, N.C., clearly shows that he (William) was still in North Carolina as late as 1801 when Lydia (Jones) Hill and her second husband, another William Hill, were having their first daughter. It simply provides that William Hill, Sr 4/ did not marry Lydia White Jones & was still in NC until ca. 1801. See deed below & notice dates.

DEED BETWEEN WILLIAM HILL SR. 4/ & SON ENOCH HILL 5/.

THIS INDENTURE made this Thirty First day of January in the year of our

Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and One, between WILLIAM HILL SENIOR 4/ of the one part of the State of North Carolina and Chatham County and ENOCH HILL 5/ of the county and state aforesaid of the other part whereof that the said WILLIAM HILL 4/ for and in consideration of the sum of One Hundred & Fifty Pounds current money, to him in hand & paid by ENOCH HILL 5/, the receipt whereof he doth hereby acknowledge, have bargained sold and confirmed unto the said ENOCH HILL part of a tract or parcel of land, lying and being in the county of Chatham, on the waters of Landrum & Harlein's Creek, beginning at a Sweet Gum at Moran's Corner turning Eastward by a marked line to a Turkey Oak, thence a South course to Ditcher's Corner on the Main Road thence with the Main Road to a Hickory on the Long Branch then North with old line to a White Oak then with said line on the Long Branch then with Moran's line to the beginning, containing Two Hundred Acres, more or less, TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said bargained premises and all the proper appurtenances thereunto belonging to him & his heirs and assigns forever, IN WITNESS whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year written above.

Signed/ WILLIAM (H) HILL (LS)

his mark

Signed sealed & Delivered in

presence of us

Phil Meroney

Henry Hill 5/ (brother of Enoch Hill)

Comments: This was William Hill Sr. 4/ selling the above land to his son, Enoch Hill 5/ in Chatham County, NC. Another son, Henry Hill 5/, was a witness. Notice that it states that William Hill 4/ was of Chatham County, NC, yet on the next deed dated 29th November 1801 he was said to be of Hancock County, Georgia. This suggest that William Hill Sr. 4/ moved to Georgia between these two dates of 31st January 1801 and 29th November 1801, date of following deed.

CHATHAM CO., N.C. DEED BOOK O PAGE 78, DATED 29 NOV. 1801

THIS INDENTURE made this the Twenty Ninth day of November in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Two between WILLIAM HILL 4/ of the county of Hancock and state of Georgia of the one part and ENOCH HILL 5/ of the county of Chatham County & state of N.C. of the other part, WITNESSETH that the said WILLIAM HILL 4/ for the in consideration (sic) of the sum of 50 dollars, to him in hand, paid by the said ENOCH HILL, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hath given, granted, bargained and sold conveyed and confirmed and by these presents doth give, grant, bargain, sell, convey and confirm unto the said ENOCH HILL 5/ his heirs and assigns forever that tract or parcel of land, lying and being in the county of Chatham on the North side of the LONG BRANCH, containing One Hundred and Twenty Five Acres, more or less, beginning at a Hickory (on) George Martin's corner running thence South to a corner Turkey Oak at John People's corner, thence East along said People's line to a Turkey Oak on the new road, thence along said Hayse's line to a Turkey Oak on the new road thence along said road to a BlackJack (tree) on the old road thence along the old road to the first station, for a compliment (sic) TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said land and premises with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging or in

anywise appertaining together free and clear from all encumbrances whatsoever unto him the said ENOCH HILL 5/ his heirs and assigns forever and the said WILLIAM HILL 4/ for himself and his heirs and assigns doth by these presents warrant and forever defend the said land and premises with all the appurtenances belonging unto him the said ENOCH HILL 5/ his heirs and assigns forever IN WITNESS whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Signed/ WILLIAM (H) HILL 4/ (LS)

his mark

Signed Sealed & Delivered in
presence of
HENRY HILL 5/ (son of Wm. ill 4/).

This deed shows William Hill Sr 4/ now lived in Hancock County. Georgia and arrived in 1801, between the dates of the two deeds above.

THIS WAS AFTER ANOTHER WILLIAM HILL & HIS WIFE LYDIA WHITE JONES already had 2 children in Greene County, Georgia. This proves it was not William Hill Sr. 4/ that married Lydia White Jones, as has been claimed by other researchers.

Richard Lewis made his will in Halifax County, dated 23rd of November 1759, and proved in June Court of 1760.

Following excerpts taken from the WILL OF RICHARD LEWIS, dated 23rd November 1759 and proved in June Court of 1760 of Halifax County, N.C.

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 her provided her with one Negro girl and any children she may have in the future, and at her 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. End of Will.

It was the legacy of the slaves left to Charity Lewis that later causes her son, Richard Hill 5/ to file a law suit (see later below).

This Law Suit filed in Barnwell County, SC in 1829 (see below).

RICHARD HILL "and others" vs. SUSANNAH ROSE, 1829, a bill of Account, Discovery, and PARTITION filed 23 September 1829. A Will signed on or about 23 November 1759 by RICHARD LEWIS, late of Halifax Co., VA (mistake, it was NC), left to daughter CHARITY a slave DORCAS and her increase, then to go to grandsons RICHARD HILL & LEWIS HILL.

The daughter CHARITY, on or about 4 August 1820, at an advanced age,

died in Hancock County, GA. and slaves went into the hands of Charity's children by a second marriage. End of Law Suit Data. No second marriage has been found.

The relationship of Susannah Ross to the Hill family is not clear. Apparently she had possession of one or more of the slaves involved. Charity Hill may have remarried after the death of Wm. Hill Sr 4/ (as is implied in the law suit) and since she was buried on a Brantley plantation, may have married a Brantley.

This law suit shows that Charity Lewis Hill outlived her husband, William Hill SR 4/, by many years, so he could not have been the same William Hill that married the widow, Lydia White Jones. Also, no second marriage for Charity has been documented in Georgia.

The husband, William Hill Sr. 4/, is believed to have died in Georgia (probably Hancock County) between the 29th of November 1802 and February of 1806, but this still has not been proven.

ABSTRACTED WILL OF ANN (LEWIS) WILLIAMS: 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 will: This will proves Ann was previously Ann Lewis, the widow of Richard Lewis, who had re-married to Wilson Williams, and who also died ca. 1774 (Ref. his will below). This will also shows that Ann (Lewis) Williams had a daughter Charity that married a Hill. It also shows that Ann Williams was the mother of both Thomas & William Lewis, who are named as sons in the will of the above Richard Lewis, proving Ann Williams was the widow of Richard Lewis' widow (Ref to his will above, and then her will above).

When Ann (Lewis) Williams left a legacy to Henry Lewis, son of William Lewis and the children (unnamed) of Thomas Lewis, she was leaving a legacy to her grandchildren.

By matching the names of the children in the two wills above to that in the will of Richard Lewis, clearly proves that Ann Williams was once Ann Lewis, the widow of Richard Lewis & they were the parents to Charity Lewis Hill, wife of a Hill. Question is, what Hill? See below.

The widow, Ann Lewis, remarried to Wilson Williams and in her 1779 will, she names her daughter Charity, as CHARITY HILL. This along with William Hill Sr. 4/ selling land to her 2 sons, Richard Hill 5/ and Lewis Hill 5/, clearly shows William 4/ to have been the husband of Charity Lewis and the father of her children, Richard Hill 5/ & Lewis

Hill 5/.

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.

(Note: It is of great interest to note that Mary Williams, daughter of the deceased Wilson Williams, married a Hill and since her father, the deceased Wilson Williams had signed the will of Robert Hill 3/ in 1762, makes one wonder if Mary Williams married one of the two eldest sons of

Robert Hill 3/, such as Sion Hill 4/ or Green Hill 4/. The other third son, Abner Hill 4/, married Sarah Mathias.

Further proof comes from the Will of Wm. Clanton Hill 5/, Will dated 25th January 1803, Proved in May Court Session of 1803 in Halifax County, N.C. 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 & mother (no 2nd marriage of the father or mother). These children of William C. Hill 5 were later found in Williamson County, Tenn. with their guardian Wm. Parham, who may have re-married the widow, Sarah Branch Hill..

Wm. C. Hill 5/ leaves a legacy to his aunt Lurancy Arrington. This was Luranna Hill 4/, who had married a Mr. Arrington and was the sister to William Hill Sr 4/. This, along with land deeds below, proves that William Hill Sr 4/ was the husband of Charity Lewis & the father to all of her six sons.

Charity Lewis Hill died in 1820. This in turn, along with land deeds below, proves that Charity Lewis was the wife of William Hill Sr. 4/ and the mother to the following children and not Elizabeth Clanton as stated by Mr. Seward & Tom Barnes. Since Charity lived until 4th August 1820, proves she was the mother of all of the children named for William Hill Sr. 4/.

Below are some deeds relating to William Hill Sr 4/ & his sons. Note them closely:

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

William (H) Hill 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. It 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 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 16-21 (or there about) and apparently approaching the marrying age.

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

CHATHAM COUNTY N.C. DEED BOOK A, PAGE 250, DATED 9 OR 19TH OF JANUARY 1774.

Deed Between William Hill 4/ of Edgecombe County & Frederick Cobb of Chatham County, N.C.

THIS INDENTURE made the 9th? 19th? of January One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Four between WILLIAM HILL 4/ of the Province of North Carolina in the county of Edgecombe of the one part and FREDERICK COBB of Chatham County and in the province aforesaid of the other part WITNESSETH that the said WILLIAM HILL 4/ for and in consideration of the sum of Sixty Six pounds Thirteen Shillings and Four Pence Proclamation money, to him in hand, paid before the ensealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt hereof the said WILLIAM HILL 4/ doth acknowledge and of every part thereof doth hereby (request?) and discharge the said FREDERICK COBB his heirs, executors administrators and every one of them these presents hath given granted bargained sold enforced and confirm and by these presents hath given granted bargained sold enforced and confirmed unto the said FREDERICK COBB his heirs Executors or Administrators forever all the estate right and title interest claims and demand WHATSOEVER which now is or shall ever hereafter become or grow due to him the said WILLIAM HILL 4/ of in & to a certain tract or parcel of land containing by estimation Two Hundred & Eight acres of land, more or less, to beginning (sic) at a Sweet Gum (tree) by the river side thence East 20 chains to a White Oak thence North 54 chains to a Pine (Tree) thence West 51 1/2 chains to a Sweet Gum (tree) on the island of the river, so down the island to the first station, containing the pole two hundred and eight acres more or less with all houses, edifices, buildings, orchards, & all other (of) the profits commodities hereditaments & appurtenances to the same, belonging or in any wise appertaining and the revision & revisions, remainder & remainders thereof TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said land and premises & all singular the appurtenances hereby given or intended to be given granted bargained sold enforced & confirmed unto the said FREDERICK COBB & his heirs & assigns forever sufficiently signed (sic) & inxemnified (sic) of & from all other gifts grants bargains seals seases (ceases?) or any other encumbrances what so ever had made, done committed don (sic done?) or suffered to be done by the said WILLIAM HILL 4/ or any other person what so ever and no warrant the same from the said WILLIAM HILL 4/ my heirs executors and administrators or any other person or persons in WITNESS or claiming or to be claimed by from

or under him them anyone eithers (sic) of them above granted promises
IN WITNESS where of I have set my hand and seal the day and date above
written.

Signed/ WILLIAM (H) HILL (LS)

his mark

Sign Sealed & delivered)

in the presence of us)

John Brent Sr.

John Brent Jr.

Chatham County May Court 1774

This deed was in open court duly proved by the oath of John Brent
Senior, a subscribing witness ordered to be registered.

William A. Costell (clerk)

Comments by Robert Hill: This deed shows that William Hill 4/, was
still a resident of Edgecombe County, N.C. but was selling some of his
land that was located in Chatham County.

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). Note: This was NOT Sion Lassiter
Hill!

In late 1779, William Hill Sr. 4/ moved his family into 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.

NASH COUNTY 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 who, 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, plus the statement made in this deed (in bold print) seems to indicate that William Hill 4/ may have received a land grant in Nash County, after he had moved to Chatham County, and the land was adjacent to what was once his land that he had sold 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).

LAND GRANT FROM STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA TO WILLIAM HILL 4/ IN CHATHAM COUNTY, N.C. DATED 31 MARCH 1780

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS, KNOW YE that for and in consideration of the sum of Fifty Shillings for every Hundred Acres (are) hereby granted and by these presents give and grant unto the said WILLIAM HILL 4/ a tract of land containing Five Hundred Acres, lying and being in our county of Chatham on both sides of Long Branch, the North of Landrum's land beginning at a White Oak and turning South one hundred and eighty five and one half poles to a Hickory at his (sic) corner thence South forty two poles to a stake thence East three hundred and sixty eight poles to a Red Oak thence North across the Long Branch two hundred and eight poles to a Post Oak thence West Three Hundred and Forty and a half poles West Thirty Nine poles to the first station, as by the plat here unto annexed doth appear together with all woods, waters, minerals, mines, hereditaments, and appurtenances to the said land belonging or appertaining TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said WILLIAM HILL 4/ and heirs and assigns forever yielding and paying to otherwise as our General Assembly from time to time may direct PROVIDED ALWAYS THAT THE SAID WILLIAM HILL 4/ shall (eansure?) this grant to be registered in the Register's Office of our said county of Chatham within twelve months from the date hereof otherwise the same shall be void and of no effect.

IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused our Great Seal to be herein affixed WITNESS RICHARD CASWELL ESQUIRE, Our Governor Captain General and Commander in Chief at Kingston, the Thirty First day of March in the Fourth year of Independence in the year of Our Lord, One Thousand Seven Hundred & Eighty.

By His Excellency's Command
William Sheppard Duke Richard (GREAT SEAL) CASWELL

Comments: This was one of two land grants to William Hill 4/ on this same date in Chatham County. (See Below).

LAND GRANT FROM STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA TO WILLIAM HILL 4/ IN CHATHAM COUNTY, N.C. DATED 31 MARCH 1780

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

TO ALL to whome (sic) these presents shall come greeting, KNOW YE that for and consideration of the sum of Fifty Shillings for every hundred acres hereby granted paid into our treasury by WILLIAM HILL 4/, have given and granted and by these presents do give and grant unto the said WILLIAM HILL 4/ a tract of land containing Three Hundred and Fifty Seven acres lying in our county of Chatham on Harland's Creek beginning at a Red Oak thence South one hundred and eighty four poles to a Hickory Sapling thence East seventy five poles to the creek thence down the creek 100? (sic) thirty one poles to a Black Jack then South Forty Poles to Thomas Robinson's line thence West two hundred and sixty one poles to corner Black Jack thence North one hundred poles thence West one hundred and twenty six poles to a Red Oak thence North one hundred and seventy two poles to his? (sic) line thence East to the beginning, as by the plat herein unto annexed doth appear together with all woods, waters, mines, minerals, hereditaments and appurtenances to the said land belonging or appertaining TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said WILLIAM HILL 4/ his heirs and assigns forever yielding and paying to us such sums of money year by year otherwise as our General humbly from time to time may direct PROVIDED ALWAYS that the said WILLIAM HILL 4/ shall cause, this grant to be registered in the Register's Office WITNESS RICHARD CASWELL Esquire Our Governor Captain General and Commander in Chief at Kingston, the Thirty First day of March in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty (31 March 1780).

Signed by R. Caswell
(Great Seal)

By his excellency's command
William Sheppard Duke

Comments by Robert Hill: This obviously was a land grant from the state of North Carolina to William Hill 4/ for 347 acres of land in Chatham County.

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

Sion L. 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 (Lewis) Hill 5/ & his wife Drucilla Lane, were selling 250 acres of land that had been conveyed (by deed above) from his father, William Hill 4/, to his two sons, Sion Lewis 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). NOTE: This was NOT Sion Lassiter Hill!

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 brother 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.

CHATHAM COUNTY DEED BOOK H, PAGE 149, A DEED DATED 5TH AUGUST 1784
BETWEEN WILLIAM HILL 4/ & JOHN GILLIAM.

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS, KNOW YE that I WILLIAM HILL SENIOR 4/ of Chatham County and State of North Carolina for and in consideration of the sum of One Hundred Pounds, 2 pence, to me in hand, paid by JOHN GILLIAM of the county & state aforesaid & before the ensembling and delivery of these presents, the receipt hereof I do hereby acknowledge myself therewith fully to his (???) of continted (sic) and of every part and parcel thereof do exonerate acquit and ever discharge the said JOHN GILLIAM his heirs, executors and administrators forever have given granted bargained sold aliened conveyed & confirm and by these presents do give grant bargain sell alien convey and confirm unto the said JOHN GILLIAM his heirs and assigns forever a certain tract or parcel of land lying in the county & state aforesaid, containing one hundred acres, more or less, on the waters of Rocky River, beginning at Matthew Ramsey's corner, thence North one hundred poles to a corner Post Oak, thence East one hundred & sixty poles to a Hickory, thence South to the said Ramsey's line, thence up his said line to the first station, Together with all woods, waters, mines, minerals, hereditaments, & appurtenances to the said land belonging or appertaining TO HAVE AND TO HOLD to the said JOHN GILLIAM his heirs and assigns forever to (heirs?) only proper use benefits & behoof forever & I, the said WILLIAM HILL SENIOR 4/ for myself, my heirs, executors & administrators do covenant promise grant & agree to and with the said JOHN GILLIAM, his heirs and assigns that before the ensembling hereof I am the true and lawful owner of the above bargained premises & I have full power & lawful authority to grant bargain sell convey and confirm the same in manner as aforesaid & that the said JOHN GILLIAM his heirs or assigns, shall and may from time to time & at all times thereafter have hold size occupy & enjoy the above bargain & demised premises fully & clearly acquitted econirated (sic) & discharged and furthermore the said WILLIAM HILL SENIOR 4/ doth for myself my heirs executors and administrators covenant and engage to warrant secure and even defend the above demised? (sic) premises to him

the said JOHN GILLIAM his heirs and assigns forever against me my heirs and assigns and against the lawful claim or claims or demands of any person or persons WHATSOEVER IN WITNESS whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 5th day of August Anno Domini 1784 (5 August 1784).

Signed/ WILLIAM (H) HILL 4/ (LS)
his mark

Signed sealed & delivered
in presence of
(name not shown)

Comments: This appears to be William Hill Sr. 4/ selling land in Chatham County. The Gilliam Family had ties with members of the Hill family earlier in and around Surry & Sussex County, Va.

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 (Jr.) 5/. Abner Landrum, one of the witnesses, married Mary Harrington, a daughter of Agnes Hill 4/ & husband Charles Harrington, who was the sister to William Hill Sr. 4/, and both were children of Robert Hill 3/ & his wife Tabitha, both of Halifax Co., N.C.

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 sic) 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 appurtenance (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 (Jr.) 5/. Notice that William Clanton Hill 5/ was listed as being of in Halifax County. AGAIN, the name of the father William Hill Sr. 4/ MAY NOT BE William Clanton Hill Sr. 4/, but the term SENIOR may have been used to separate himself from his son named William Clanton Hill.

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 as I have the others 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, proves they were the eldest sons of William Hill 4/ & Charity Lewis.

DAR Files show that Richard Hill 5/ 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).

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 proves he was the husband of Charity Lewis, the daughter of Richard Lewis. Remember, Charity Lewis Hill died on the 4th of August 1820 in Georgia, proving there was no wife named Elizabeth Clanton, who has been listed as dying in childbirth ca. 1800 in Chatham Co., NC.

CHATHAM COUNTY DEED BOOK G, PAGE 5, DATED 26TH JANUARY 1795

DEED BETWEEN WILLIAM HILL 4/ & LABAN MATHIAS

THIS INDENTURE made the twenty sixth day of January One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety Three between WILLIAM HILL 4/ of Chatham County & State of North Carolina of the one part and LABAN MATHIAS of the county and state aforesaid of the other part WITNESSETH that the said WILLIAM HILL 4/ for and in consideration of the sum of Fifty Pounds, to him in hand paid before the sealing and delivery hereof, the receipt whereof the said WILLIAM HILL 4/ doth hereby acknowledge and himself therewith fully satisfied and paid and of every part and parts thereof doth hereby acquit and discharge the said LABAN MATHIAS his heirs and assigns forever hath given granted bargained and sold a certain peace (sic) or parcel of land, lying between Harland's & Landrum's Creek, beginning at a Black Jack (tree) at the Cross Roads running up the road to Brinkley's line to a Hickory (tree) then long (sic) the said line to a Turkey Oak Corner then long (sic) Hue Peoples' line to a White Oak corner, then along the line of Mark Trees to a Turkey Oak on the new road then along the said road to the beginning, the whole to contain One Hundred & Twenty Five acres, be it more or less, TO HAVE AND TO HOLD forever the said tract of land, his heirs and assigns forever for his or their benefit and behoof the said WILLIAM HILL 4/ for himself his heirs or will warrant and forever defend the said land whereof the WILLIAM HILL 4/ hath hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year above written. (26 January 1793).

Signed/ WILLIAM (H) HILL (LS)

his mark

Test:

Jedediah Birckard)

Lewis Mathias)

Chatham County February Court 1793

This deed was duly acknowledged in open court & ordered to be registered.

Test: John Ramsey, Clerk of Court.

Comments: Again, William Hill 4/ was selling land in Chatham County. Notice the names of the Mathias family. I wonder what their relationship was to Sarah Mathias, the wife of Abner Hill 4/ (older brother to Wm. Hill Sr. 4/).

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)

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 William Hill Sr. 4/. The man named Henry Hill 5/ was his younger brother but Isaac Hill's relation (if any) is thought to be a cousin. It could be he was Isaac Abner Hill, suspected son of Herbert Hill. I suspect Herbert Hill was a cousin to William Hill Sr 4/ & Isaac Abner Hill & Sion Lassiter Hill were his sons.

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 centaur (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 including? (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/ (brother)
ISAAC HILL (suspected cousin)

Chatham County February Session 1799

The execution of this deed was acknowledged in open court by William Hill 4/ & 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 unknown but thought to be a son of Abner Hill 4/ or Herbert Hill.

END OF R.038 DATA.