

R.047 IDENTIFYING WILLIAM HILL SR. 4/, SON OF ROBERT HILL
3/ & HIS WIFE TABITHA OF HALIFAX COUNTY, N.C.

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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, NC, who had remarried to
Wilson Williams; the Will of Wilson Williams of Halifax
County, NC; Lands deeds of Edgecombe, Nash, Halifax &
Chatham Counties, all of NC; DAR Records; and other data
provided by Mrs. L. Winifred Jacob of Beaverton, Oregon as
well as information provided to me by Mr. Jerry Reid Hill of
Siler City, NC (Chatham Co.). Additional information on
John Tilden Hill 6/ received from Mrs. Virginia Bean of
Greenville, NC in March 1999.

BRIEF GENEALOGY OF THIS HILL FAMILY.

Note: The figure after a name represents the known generation
of that individual to the family, example Thomas Hill 4/
shows he was of the 4th generation.

Robert Hill 1/ & wife Mary Webb?, immigrated from England
into Isle of Wight County, Virginia ca. 1642. They
apparently had several children but only two sons are known,
Robert Hill Jr. 2/ & Sion Hill Sr. 2/.

The son Robert Hill Jr. 2/ married Martha (Elizabeth)
Holloman and they settled in an area that became known as
Brunswick County, Virginia.

Sion Hill Sr. 2/ lived in Surry County, Virginia where he
married a widow of John Spiltimber, Elizabeth (Green?)
Spiltimber. Their children were:

1. Robert Hill 3/ m. Tabitha--?.
2. Sion Hill Jr. 3/ m. twice, 1st a Miss Greene, 2nd
Elizabeth Marriott.. (these marriages questionable).
3. Richard Hill 3/ m. Hannah Briggs.
4. (Capt.) Thomas Hill m. Priscilla Gray.
5. William Hill 3/ m. Ann DeLoach.
6. Michael Hill 3/ m. Elizabeth R. Mitchell.

In the Surry County Va. 1699 Tithables List, Robert Hill 3/
paid his own tithes, indicating he was considered an adult
and had probably reached the age of 16-21 years of age and

this is probably the basis for researchers saying that Robert Hill 3/ born ca. 1680 and was the eldest son of Sion Hill 2/.

This piece of evidence appears to support that theory of his being an adult and that Robert Hill 3/ was not listed in the 1703 Tithable List with his father and two brothers.

In a Tithable List dated 1703 for Surry County, Virginia, Sion Hill 2/ was listed with his sons, Richard Hill 3/ & Sion Hill Jr. 3/. This causes one to speculate that perhaps Robert Hill 3/ had by now married and started his own family, but there are serious problems in dealing with that assumption.

When one starts to consider that the birth date assigned to Robert Hill 3/ in the book East Goes West (by Craft) was 1678 and his marriage was in 1721, (Ref: East Goes West, by Alta Craft, Page 121) or some 43 years after his birth, causes considerable doubts to set in about that marriage date.

Most marriages in these colonial days was for men to marry between the ages of 21 and 30 while the women married quite young, between ages 16 and 20 and at times as early as 13 or 14 years of age.

If Robert Hill 3/ was born in 1678 and married in 1721, then he would have married at age of about forty three (43), which seems way too old for a man of those times to have waited to marry and then father eleven children. Naturally this is possible if the wife was a much younger woman, but a land deed shows that they were already married by 1721. Their son Thomas Hill 4/ was born in 1725 and was by no means their first child.

The same consideration applies to his wife Tabitha. In the book "East Goes West " by Alta Craft, it says only that her birth was before 1690. If Tabitha was born as late as 1689 and married in 1721, she would have been a woman of about 32 years old, and even older if born before 1689, which seems to be too old to have just married and then bear eleven children.

Virginia records shows Robert Hill 3/ paid his own tithes in 1699, indicating his age of between 16 & 21 and so his birth was probably ca. 1680.

On the 1st of July 1679, Sion Hill Sr 2/ was appointed Administrator to the estate of John Spiltimber, with Elizabeth Spiltimber listed as the widow. Since Sion Hill 2/ married the widow shortly afterwards, and their second son, Sion Hill Jr 3/ was born in 1682, proves that Robert Hill 3/ was born ca. 1680, possibly 1681.

With this in mind and for the moment, going on the assumption that Robert Hill 3/ married at age 25 & Tabitha married as a young girl of 16, indicates their marriage took place about 1705 instead of a 1721 or 1712 marriage.

Lets consider a marriage date of 1705, when Robert Hill 3/ would be a man of about 25 years old and his wife Tabitha would have been about 16 years of age (b. ca. 1689), a more likely age for a woman to have married and then bear eleven children.

If the marriage was in 1705 as is believed, then the first child and son, Sion Hill 4/, was probably born ca. 1706 or 1707. The second suspected child was a son named Green Hill 4/, and is thought to have been born ca. 1710.

Note: There is obviously a very important connection between the Green & Hill families. Three brothers, Robert 3/, Sion Hill Jr 3/ & Richard Hill 3/, ALL named sons as Green Hill 4/. All three brothers were sons of Sion Hill Sr 2/ & Elizabeth (Green?) Spiltimber. Whether or not the maiden name of the mother was Green has not been established. Craft states it was Smith, but I find no such evidence. Readers are advised to be careful & not get the three Green Hills mixed up.

The third child and son, was Abner Hill 4/, who's estimated birth about 1711. He married Sarah Mathias.

The fourth child. Recent information received about a daughter Ann Hill 4/, shows us that she married John Steed Sr. 1/ (Steed generation) of Brunswick County, Va. ca. 1734. Allowing her birth to be about 1718, it would show us that she was a 17 year old bride at that time.

The fifth child appears to have been Tabitha Hill 4/, born ca. 1721. She married David Chapman ca. 1747. They had several children, some went into Warren County, Georgia. Mary Hill 4/ is suspected to have been born ca. 1724, married William Bryant.

A daughter, Laranna Hill 4/ is thought to have been born ca. 1724, also married a Arrington or Harrington.

Agnes Hill 4/ was born ca. 1726, married Charles Arrington or Harrington ca. 1745-1747, she died in 1802. (Note: Name originally Arrington, was changed to Harrington).

The next child was the son, William Hill 4/. Land deeds suggest he was born ca. 1731-1735, married Charity Lewis, died in Hancock County, Georgia between 1803 and 1806.

The youngest child was a daughter named Milbry Hill 4/. She is thought to have been born between 1733 and 1737. She

married Matthew Gibbs and moved into Craven Co., Sc after 1766.

Another daughter, Tabitha Hill 4/, has long been thought of as the eldest daughter, who married David Chapman in 1747. Chapman researcher differ considerably in their dates when comparing to Hill researchers. They have David Chapman born ca. 1723 and Tabitha Hill 4/ about 1727. I personally had previously thought her birth was ca. 1717 but have since leaned towards her birth of about 1720 in Virginia.

This marriage date of 1747 would seem to place her (Tabitha's) birth to have been about 1720, in Virginia and she was a 20 year old bride in 1747. The marriage probably took place in what was then Edgecombe County, NC (later Halifax County), NC. where she lived with her parents.

Records show us that a son, possibly the fifth child, was Thomas Hill 4/, who's birth appears fairly well accepted by DAR and others as being in 1725, in Virginia.

There is about a 5 year gap between the births of Tabitha and Thomas and it seems likely another child may have been born at this time possibly the daughter Mary Hill 4/, whom we know little of except that she married a man named William Bryant. Perhaps her birth was ca. 1723. We have found no clues for her birth or marriage dates at this time.

When Robert Hill 3/ & wife Tabitha made their initial move into North Carolina about 1725. They moved into what was then Bertie County, North Carolina.

It appears that they first settled in an area of Bertie County, that today is known as Northampton County, N.C. (formed in 1741 from Bertie County) but later moved into an area slightly southward, or further into what was then Bertie County but which in 1741 became Edgecombe County North Carolina.

The next daughter was Larana Hill 4/ and it is said by Harrington researchers to have married Drury Harrington in 1747 in Edgecombe County, NC. If her birth had been in 1723, then she was about 24 years old in 1747 when she married and this, to me, is a bit too old.

I am inclined to think Larana Hill's 4. birth was between 1728 and 1730, in other words, her birth was after Thomas Hill 4/, who was born ca. 1725 in Virginia..

There are still two more children to consider, William Hill Sr. 4/ and Milbry Hill 4/, The son William Hill 4/ is discussed below. Milbry Hill 4/ was born probably ca. 1734 or even later. She was still single in 1762 when her father wrote his will, but married Matthew Gibbs and in 1760's or

later was in SC.

WILLIAM HILL SR. 4/

Since Robert Hill 3/ lived in Edgecombe County when it was formed in 1741 from Bertie, the evidence on hand seems to show that William Hill Sr. 4/ was probably born ca. 1731 in what was then known as Bertie County, N.C.

Little is known of him until the 18th of November 1752 when his father Robert Hill 3/ sold (very cheaply) him 120 acres of land on both sides of Peachtree Creek in Edgecombe County, N.C. (see deed below).

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

William (H) (his mark) 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. This shows that William Hill Sr. 4/ was born much earlier than 1750-1755 as stated by one researcher. It also 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 probably born ca. 1731 and this deed suggest that Robert Hill 3/ deeded his son William Hill 4/ land when William 4/ had likely reached the age of 21 and apparently approaching the marrying age.

Two earlier researchers (Mr. Seward & Tom Barnes) have stated that William Hill 4/ married Elizabeth Clanton, who died in child birth in Chatham County, NC, in 1800, but no one, including any Clanton researchers that I have contacted, has found or produced any evidence of a marriage of any Elizabeth Clanton to any William Hill, especially William Hill 4/, nor have they provided any proof of this marriage to Elizabeth Clanton.

I am of the opinion that this so called marriage was based on the fact that William Hill 4/ had named his son William Clanton Hill 5/, after his supposed wife, Elizabeth Clanton, which is wrong!

This son (Wm. Clanton Hill 5/) was born ca. 1765 and married

Sarah Branch in Halifax County, N.C. ca. 1790. William Clanton Hill 5/ died in May of 1803. The book "East Goes West," Page 122 by Craft has erroneously listed William Clanton Hill 5/ (wife Sarah) as the son of Robert Hill 3/ when in reality he was a grandson.

The following is intended to show that this William Hill Sr. 4/ did not marry Elizabeth Clanton. The following information was taken from the WILL OF RICHARD LEWIS, dated 23rd November 1759 and proved in June Court of 1760 of Halifax County, N.C.

Reference to the abstracted Will of Richard Lewis, Will #7, Page 6, Halifax County, N.C., dated 23rd November 1759, Will proved in June Court for 1760:

QUOTE "To Nicholas Lewis, land, stock, household goods, 5 shillings; lend daughter CHARITY LEWIS 1 Negro girl & her increase for life of said CHARITY, and at her death, the said Negro and increases to be divided between MY GRANDSONS RICHARD HILL & LEWIS HILL in an honest manner; son Thomas Lewis all my lease land on the north side of Conway Creek, my second best bed and furniture, horse, etc.. and all the hogs and cattle of his brand, Negroes etc... daughter ANN LEWIS 1 Negro girl and my third best bed and furniture; son WILLIAM LEWIS the plantation whereon we now live, joining my son Nicholas, 1 Negro and my fourth best bed and furniture; (to) lend wife ANN LEWIS 1 Negro and the rest of my estate.

Extr: my wife ANN LEWIS

Wits: John Lockhart, Thomas Thrower." END OF QUOTE.

Comments: There is only one way for this Richard Lewis to be the grandfather to Richard & Lewis Hill (sons of William Hill Sr. 4/) and that was for his daughter to have been the Nmother of the two (Richard & Lewis Hill). It is possible a daughter had died and was their mother, but land deeds & court papers indicate this was not the case.

Another thing of importance: This will appears to shows that Richard Hill 5/ & Lewis Hill 5/ were the only two grandchildren born by 1759.

Since William Hill Sr. 4/ & Charity Lewis is thought to have married ca. 1753, it is believed that Lewis Hill 5/ was the eldest of the two sons, having been born ca. 1755. He was probably named after the maternal family name of his mother, Charity Lewis.

DAR files show that Richard (Lewis) Hill 5/ was born in 1757, married Lydia Watkins, daughter if John Watkins & Lydia Gilliam, on 3rd of March 1778 and he died on the 7th of February 1832 in Franklin County, N.C. He was probably named after his maternal grandfather, Richard Lewis.

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 he provided her with one Negro girl and any children she may have in the future, and at Charity's death the said Negro & her increase were to be divided between his grandchildren RICHARD HILL 5/ & LEWIS HILL 5/.

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. There are many land deeds between Thomas Lewis & William Hill Sr. 4/, his brother in law.

At first glance it appears that the two Hill grandchildren were sons of a deceased daughter of Richard Lewis, but land deeds will show that the father of Richard 5/ & Lewis Hill 5/ was William Hill Sr. 4/, who sold "his sons" Richard Hill 5/ & Lewis Hill 5/ land.

One thing that is puzzling is that Richard Lewis, in his 1759 will (above) still named his daughter as "Charity Lewis" not Charity Hill, but yet he named her two sons, Richard Hill 5/ & Lewis Hill 5/ (his two grandsons) but his widow, Ann, in her 1779 will named the daughter Charity as "Charity Hill."

After the death of Richard Lewis in June of 1760, his widow, Ann Lewis, remarried to Wilson Williams, who was a witness to the 1762 will of Robert Hill 3/, father of William Hill Sr. 4/. This clearly shows a close relationship existed between the Hill-Lewis and Williams families.

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. That will is below in abbreviated form:

The will of Wilson Williams, Will # 207, page 366, dated 16th September 1771, proved August Court 1774: Wife ANN WILLIAMS (the above Ann (Lewis) Williams), whole estate, daughter MARY HILL, Henry Potts, gun etc...; residue of my estate to be equally divided between brothers & sisters: Jesse Williams, Eley Williams, Isaac Williams, and Martha Williams.

Extrs: my brother Jesse Williams

Wits: Thomas Nash, Williams Lewis, Thomas Etheridge, John

Etheridge.

Comments: This shows that ANN (LEWIS) WILLIAMS' second husband was Wilson Williams, who died ca. July-August of 1774 and it looks as though Wilson Williams also had a daughter named MARY who had married a HILL. (Possibly Sion Hill 4/ or Green Hill 4/, sons of Robert Hill 3/).

Now reference to second marriage of Ann Lewis to Wilson Williams, this second marriage apparently took place after June of 1760 (approximate date of Richard Lewis' death and before September 1771, when the will of Wilson Williams was wrote.

(Note: It is of great interest to note that Mary Williams, daughter of the deceased Wilson Williams, married a Hill and since the deceased Wilson Williams had signed the will of Robert Hill 3/ in 1762, makes one wonder if perhaps Mary Williams married a son of Robert Hill 3/ such as Sion Hill 4/ or Green Hill 4/. The one Abner Hill 4/, of whom we know little, is thought to have married Sarah Mathias, daughter of Thomas Mathias of Halifax County, N.C. and they went to Chatham County, NC by the mid and late 1780's.

As shown above, the widow of Richard Lewis, named Ann Lewis, had remarried Wilson Williams, who died in August of 1774. Ann Lewis Williams left a will in 1779, probated in Halifax County Court August Session 1785.

It is very unfortunate that I did not copy the Will of Ann Williams completely (which was in an abbreviated form only) but the information taken from it proves my point.

The will of ANN WILLIAMS in 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 wills: This shows that Ann (Lewis) Williams was the widow of Richard Lewis, had re-married to Wilson Williams, who also died ca. 1774 (see his will above). This will shows that Ann (Lewis) Williams had a daughter Charity that married a Hill. It also shows that she (Ann Williams) was the mother of both Thomas & William Lewis, who are named as sons in the will of the above Richard Lewis, thus proving with out any doubt, the she was the wife named as 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 (un-named)

of Thomas Lewis, she was leaving a legacy to her grandchildren.

In the above will Ann Lewis Williams names her daughter as Charity Hill, showing us that Charity (Lewis) Hill appears to have still been alive in late 1779 when the will was wrote and since the will was not changed by August of 1785, when probated, indicates that Charity Lewis Hill was probably alive as late as August 1785 when her mother's will was probated. This in turn shows us 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.

The children of William Hill Sr. 4/ & Charity Lewis were:

1. Lewis Hill 5/, born ca. 1755 in Edgecombe County, N.C., married ca. 1775 to Rebecca Watkins, sister to Lydia Watkins. He died on 10th July 1795 in Nash County, N.C. (See info below). Known children: 1. Hinckey Hill 6/, They had a son, John Tilden Hill 6/ went to Ky and Tn., 2. Guilford Hill 6/ went to Tn., 3. Green Hill 6/, 4. Henry Hill 6/, 5. Mary Hill 6/, m. John Walker and went to Logan Co., Ky;
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 died ca. January or February in Nash County, N.C. 1795. His widow filed an Inventory of the estate on 11th February 1795.
4. William Clanton Hill (Jr.?) 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
 - a. Martha Hill 6/;
 - b James Hill 6/
 - c. Henry Hill 6/.

He also mentioned his "Aunt Lurancy Hill" proving that his father was her brother and they both were children to Robert Hill 3/. 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.

5. Enoch Hill 5/, born between 1769-1771 in Edgecombe County, N.C., married 1st Martha Brantley (b. Aug. 8, 1782, dead by 1807); His 2nd marriage was to a sister of Martha Brantley who's name was Sarah Brantley (b. 5th Nov. 1784). This 2nd marriage was ca. 1807. They were last known to have been in Henry County, Ga. on July 30th, 1848. Known children were:

- a. George W. Hill 6/.
- b. William Hill 6/
- c. daughter Amanda Hill 6/.

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). **THIS WAS JERRY REID HILL'S ANCESTOR!**

The will of Ann Lewis Williams, along with certain land deeds showing that William Hill Sr. 4/ sold land to his "sons," Richard Hill 5/ and Lewis Hill 5/, clearly proves that it was William Hill Sr. 4/ that was the husband of Charity Lewis and the father of her children, Richard Hill 5/ & Lewis Hill 5/ and all of the others.

Since Charity Lewis was alive as late as 1779, she had to have also been the mother of the sons Sion Hill 5/, born 1761; William Clanton Hill 5/, born ca. 1765; Enoch Hill 5/, born 1769-1771 and Henry Hill 5/, born 25 November 1776 in Chatham County, N.C.

Additional support showing Charity Lewis was the mother of William Hill's 4/ children comes from Halifax County, N.C.

On the 25th of January of 1803, William Clanton Hill 5/, in his will, names HIS BROTHER, Richard Hill 5/ of Franklin County, N.C., as his executor, proving that Richard Hill 5/, Lewis Hill 5/, Sion Hill 5/ and William Clanton Hill 5/ had the same mother, Charity Lewis.

Later on, land deeds between William Hill Sr. 4/ (son of Robert Hill 3/) shows William 4/ sold land to his following sons, Richard Hill 5/; Lewis Hill 5/; William Clanton Hill 5/; Sion Hill 5/; Henry Hill 5/ & Enoch Hill 5/, giving proof that William Hill Sr. 4/ had married Charity Lewis and the above named children were theirs.

Land deeds in Edgecombe, Nash & Chatham County, N.C. shows

that William Hill 4/ often signed his name as "William Hill Sr." This was very noticeable when he signed the deed with his son, William Clanton Hill 5/.

Now while the son William Clanton Hill 5/ did not sign Junior after his name, his father did sign as "William Hill Sr." It is thought by many that for a father and son to use the terms of "Senior" and "Junior" they had to have the same IDENTICAL name. The term Junior and Senior was often used to separate ones self from another that lived in the same area with the same name. That term was not used then as it is today.

Since William Clanton Hill 5/ did not sign as "Junior" and the fact that his father signed as "senior" implies that this William Hill Sr. 4/ may not have had the same identical name. This remains questionable, but the fact that William Hill 4/ used that term "Senior," it could have been simply used to separate himself from his son, William Clanton Hill 5/.

This writer is of the opinion that the name of Clanton comes from one of two possibilities, both which needs to be proved. The first possibility is that the maiden name of the mother may have been TABITHA CLANTON before she married Robert Hill 3/ OR the name Clanton in this Hill family originated from a close friendship between the Clantons & Robert Hill 3/ & Tabitha, parents of William Hill Sr. 4/, possibly up in Virginia or when they first came to N.C.

A rather serious error by earlier researchers has been made when they assigned the following as children of William Hill Sr. 4/ & Elizabeth Clanton. They also have said that William Hill Sr. 4/ was the eldest son of Robert Hill 3/ & wife Tabitha, which is also wrong.

Children wrongly assigned as sons of William Hill Sr. 4/:

1. Herbert Hill, born 1759.
2. James Hill, b. 1769 m. Christina Lassiter.
3. Elizabeth Hill, b. 17th Feb. 1785 in SC, d. 14th July 1852 in Carroll Co., Ga.
4. Sion Lassiter Hill, b. 3rd Feb. 1796, d. 21st August 1871 in Dale Co, Ala.
5. Isaac Abner Hill, b. 5 April 1800, d. 31 August 1835 in Harris County, Ga.

These children were not the children of William Hill Sr. 4/ & his wife, Charity Lewis. I think James Hill, Elizabth Hiull were children of a m.ill of SC & Ga.

The earlier researchers have omitted the son Lewis Hill 5/ and they have selected Sion Lassiter Hill, the wrong Sion Hill 5/, as a son. It was Sion LEWIS HILL 5/. They have

wrongly included a Elizabeth Hill as a daughter; sons James R. Hill; Herbert Hill and Isaac Abner Hill. These are all wrong!

Note by R. Hill: Reference to the son Lewis Hill 5/, he died on July 10th, 1795. On the 21st December 1795 in Franklin County, North Carolina in 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.

Later, on the 4th September 1797, Rebecca Watkins Hill, widow of Lewis Hill 5/, released land in Franklin County, N.C. to Thomas Hill Jr. 5/, who was her nephew (by marriage). (Ref: Franklin Co. Deed Book 11, Page 6). Thomas Hill Jr. 5/ was the son of Thomas Hill Sr. 4/ & Sarah Etheridge, of Halifax County and a brother to her father in law, William Hill Sr. 4/. Thomas Hill 4/ & William C. Hill 4/ were both the sons of Robert Hill 3/ and wife Tabitha (Green??).

On the 16th February 1798, the son 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/. (Franklin Co. Deed Book 11, no page given).

Another serious mistake that appears to have been made by earlier researchers is that William Hill Sr. 4/ has been said to have gone to Hancock County, Georgia in the late 1790's or 1800's, and remarried the widow of Hugh Jones named Lydia White Jones and had two daughters and then died in Jasper County, Georgia ca. 1809.

While it is true that William Hill Sr. 4/ did move to Hancock County, Georgia, the dates of land deeds between him and his two sons, Enoch Hill 5/ & Henry Hill 5/ of Chatham County, N.C., clearly shows that William Hill Sr. 4/ was still in Chatham County, North Carolina as late as 1801 when Lydia (Jones) Hill and her second husband, another unrelated William Hill, were having their two daughters. It simply was not this William Hill Sr. 4/ that married Lydia White Jones.

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

Based upon information from land deeds, it seems that William Hill Sr. 4/ had 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 fell into what became Nash County, due to the county lines changing.

In late 1779, William Hill Sr. 4/ moved his family to 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. It is thought his wife Charity Lewis was dead by this time but it is not proved.

One of the oddities regarding William Hill Sr. 4/ is that at no time in the North Carolina records is there any mention of his wife, Charity Lewis nor are there any daughters mentioned, so it is assumed there were none.

LAND DEEDS THAT SHOW WILLIAM HILL SR. 4/ AS FATHER TO THE ABOVE CHILDREN. ALSO OTHER LAND DEEDS THAT PERTAIN TO WILLIAM HILL SR. 4/.

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

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).

DEED 2

NASH 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

Comments: 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/ received a land grant for land in Nash County, after he had moved to Chatham County, and the land was adjacent to what was once his land but he had sold it 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).

DEED NUMBER 3

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

Sion 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 Hill 5/ & his wife, were selling 250 acres of land that had been conveyed (by deed above) from his father, William Hill 4/, to his two sons, Sion 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).

DEED NUMBER 4

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 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.

DEED NUMBER 5

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 5/, a daughter
of Agnes Hill 4/ & husband Charles Harrington, who was the
sister to William Hill Sr. 4/. Both William 4/ and Agnes 4/
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??) 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 appurtenances (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 Clanton 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.

DEED NUMBER 6

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 Hill. 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 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.

What is also of interest in this deed is that William Hill 4/ signed as WILLIAM HILL SR. and his son simply signed as William Clanton Hill 5/. Since William Clanton Hill 5/ did

not sign as "Junior," and his father signed as "Senior" implies to this writer that this term "Senior" was used to separate the two and they did not have the same identical names. Therefore the father's middle name MAY NOT have been Clanton!

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. The Henry Hill 5/ was his younger brother but Isaac Hill's relation (if any) is unknown. I suspect that Herbert Hill was the father of Sion Lassiter Hill & Isaac Abner Hill. I believe that both Isaac Hill & Herbert Hill were cousins to William C. Hill 5/, but just how remains to be proved.

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 center (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 meluding (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 of Wm).
ISAAC HILL (suspected son of Abner 4/)

Chatham County February Session 1799
The execution of this deed was acknowledged in open court by
William Hill & 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. He may have been a cousin.

DEED NUMBER 7

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

William Hill Sr. 4/ of Hancock County, Georgia of one part and ENOCH HILL 5/ of Chatham County, N.C. of the other part, for 50 pounds, 125 acres of land on Long Branch, in Chatham Co.

Signed/ William Hill Sr. 4/.

Witnesses:

Henry Hill 5/. (brother of Enoch)

Comment: This shows that William Hill Sr. 4/ had now moved to Hancock County, Georgia between the date of the previous deed (24 January 1799) and the date of this deed (29 Nov. 1801).

While William Hill Sr. 4/ was now a legal resident of Hancock County, Georgia, he was apparently physically in Chatham County on this date since the deed (29 Nov. 1801) was made in Chatham County, N.C.

This deed was not recorded until almost 5 years later, when the Court in Chatham County, N.C. ordered it recorded in February of 1806, and by the oath of the witness, Henry Hill 5/. Usually the seller, in this case William Hill 4/, would make such an oath that he had sold the land, but did not in this case.

This long delay in recording the deed in Chatham County makes this writer feel that William Hill Sr. 4/ had died in Georgia, probably Hancock County, sometime between the 29th of November 1802 and February of 1806.

CLARIFYING A MYTH OF THIS WILLIAM HILL SR. 4/.

Older researchers have repeatedly stated that this was William Clanton Hill 4/, who went into Hancock County, Georgia, ca. 1801 then moved into Greene County, Georgia and married a widow, Lydia White Jones, widow of Hugh Jones and then died in Jasper County, Georgia in 1809. This is wrong!

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.

Notice the date of the deed (Number 7) in Chatham County, NC, dated 31 January 1801 between William Hill Sr. 4/ & son Henry Hill 5/.

This deed clearly states that William Hill 4/ still lived in Chatham County, N.C. The widow, Lydia White Jones had already married a William Hill in Georgia in 1799, proving it was not the same man as William Clanton Hill Sr. 4/, who still lived in Chatham County, N.C.

This first daughter of a William Hill & Lydia White Jones had already been born in Georgia in February of 1800, almost a year before the date of this deed, again proving that it was not this William Clanton Hill Sr. 4/ that married Lydia White Jones. He was still in Chatham County, N.C.

Now while it is true that the date of deed Number 8 between William Hill 4/ (of Hancock County, Georgia) and his son Enoch Hill 5/ (of Chatham County) is dated the 29th of November 1802, the second daughter of another William Hill & Lydia White Jones, Louvisa Hill, was born in 1802, in Greene County or Jasper County, Georgia BUT (and this is important to remember) William (Clanton?) Hill Sr. 4/ was still a resident of Hancock County, Georgia. So there are three pieces of evidence (all pointed out above) that shows that the William Hill who married Lydia White Jones in Georgia, WAS NOT WILLIAM HILL SR. 4/, the son of Robert Hill 3/.

So in summarizing, this writer is convinced that William Hill Sr. 4/, son of Robert Hill 3/ and wife Tabitha (Green?), was born ca. 1731 in what was then Bertie County, N.C., married ca. 1753 to Charity Lewis, and he died in Georgia, probably Hancock County, between 1802 and 1806. The following is a listing of his known children:

1. Lewis Hill 5/, born ca. 1755, d. 10th July 1795, married Rebecca Watkins, sister of Lydia Watkins.
2. Richard Hill 5/, born 1757, d. 7th February 1832, married Lydia Watkins, sister to Rebecca Watkins.
3. Sion Hill 5/, born ca. 1761, d. ca. Dec 1794-Jan 1795, married Drucilla Lane.
4. William Clanton Hill (Jr.??) 5/, born ca. 1765, d. May 1803, married Sarah Branch.
5. Enoch Hill 5/, born ca. 1769-1771, d. ?? (in Ga.), married twice, 1st to Martha Brantley, 2nd to her sister, Sarah Brantley.
6. Henry Hill 5/, b. 25 Nov. 1776, d. between time of 1830-1840 census, married Agnes Fike.

There has been no evidence of any daughters or any other children as was listed by older researchers.

The mother, Charity Lewis died in 1822 in Hancock County, Ga.

and was buried on the Brantley Plantation.

THE WILL OF WILLIAM CLANTON HILL JR. 5/, SON OF WILLIAM HILL
SR. 4/ (SON OF ROBERT HILL 3/ AND WIFE TABITHA HILL.

Source: Halifax County, N.C. Abstracted Wills 1758-1824.

Will dated 25th January 1803, Proved in May Court Session of
1803 in Halifax County, N.C.

William C. Hill being very sick at this time but in my
perfect mind and memory, thanks be to God for the same, but
calling to mind the mortality of man that (it) is appointed
for man once to die. I first recommend my body to the dust
to be buried after a decent manner. I give my Soul unto God
who gave it, hoping in the mourning of the Resurrection he
will raise both to life eternal. As for my worldly goods,
that it has pleased God to bless me with...

I desire all my just debts paid and the rest of my property t
is my desire to dispose of in manner following:

I give unto my beloved wife SARAH HILL, one Negro man by the
name of Einshen, one Negro woman named Bib and their youngest
child, Marigan also two beds and furniture (the rest was
left off)

I further lend unto my beloved wife SARAH HILL my land and
plantation on the North side of Hill's Road during her
natural life.

I give unto my daughter MARTHA HILL one feather bed and
furniture.

I give to my son JAMES HILL one bed and furniture.

I give to my son HENRY HILL one bed and furniture.

I give unto my children, MARTHA HILL, JAMES HILL and HENRY
HILL the remainder of my Negroes (At this point the will
becomes cut off) and says something about when my daughter
MARTHA HILL becomes of age and also I give to my three
children all my lands----. (Will cut off again).

Executor: My brother Richard Hill of Franklin County.

Signed/ Wm. C. Hill (LS)

Witnesses:

William Parham

George Changer or ???

Frederick Abbiggins?

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