

R.078 RESEARCH INFORMATION ON THE FIVE DIFFERENT MICHAEL HILLS OF BOTH EARLY SURRY AND SUSSEX COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

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PURPOSE OF THIS RESEARCH.

Over the years of researching the Hill Families of Virginia, I have noticed what appears to have been (at least to me) a lack of research done on the different Michael Hill families of early Surry and Sussex Counties of Virginia. I have therefore taken it upon my self to conduct my own research and come to the following conclusions.

My research shows that there were at least four (possibly five) different Michael Hills that lived in the area of Bristol Parish of Surry and Sussex County as well as that of Albemarle Parish of Sussex County during the late 1600's and early 1700's.

Since Sussex County was created in 1754 from Surry County, it is apparent that some of these Michael Hills (i.e. Michael Hill 3/ and son Michael Hill Jr. 4/) lived in the southern portion of Surry County (south of the Blackwater River) that later became Sussex County.

One of the objectives of this research was to be able to name the parents of these different Michael Hills. We already know of two, Michael Hill 3/, son of Sion Hill 2/ and Michael Hill Jr. 4/, son of Michael Hill 3/. The others have not been connected to other Hills and their parents are unknown.

In the course of this project it has been clearly established that a Michael Hill and his wife Mary (Wellborn) had very close relationships with the John Hill 4/ family as well as that of his brother Richard Hill Jr. 4/.

This particular Michael Hill's parents have not been found but it is strongly suspected that he may have been Michael

Hill 5/, a son of Michael Hill Jr. 4/. More about this later.

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#### SOME BACKGROUND INFORMATION.

It was the policy of the British government that wherever the people went, the State and the Church should remain together. A courthouse, a church, a prison, pillory, stocks and sometimes a ducking-stool were among the earliest construction projects in the new settlements. The ministers and vestries had the closest relations to the people; coming into contact with them at every step, from birth to burial.

There having been, for the first century or more, no other church organization in Virginia, all the people of a parish were under the care of its pastor; and they were all required by the civil law, to have their children baptized, and the dates of their births and baptisms recorded in the register, and reported to the secretary's office and the same for their marriages and burials.

Thus we have (when the record has not been lost) the names of all children, the names of their father and mothers, and quite often, god-fathers and god-mothers, and the names of those joined in marriage and of the buried dead.

Another duty of the vestries was to take care of the poor, for there were no poor-houses in those days. The poor, the weak and the blind, and those unable to work due to age or infirmity, were freed from levies, and distributed among the planters, who fed and clothed them, and furnished them with medicines and medical attendance at the expense of the parish.

Another function of the vestry was to take care of orphans, illegitimate children and children neglected by their parents, and bind them to some respectable person. Vagrants and all people, who had no visible means of support, were also the subjects of their care and discipline.

The church wardens also played the part of censors of the public morals, and were required to impose fines upon blasphemers, Sabbath-breakers and other gross and open transgressors of human and divine laws. These things fill much space in the vestry-books, and gives us a census, as it was, of all these varied classes of the people with their names, characters and conditions.

It was also the duty of vestries to build and furnish churches and chapels, and provide them with ministers, clerks (lay readers) and sextons, and all things necessary to the decency of public worship.

All of these duties required money, which was raised by the vestry imposing a levy or tax on all citizens or planters, so they were taxed so that the required funds were available.

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#### Important definitions:

While there is a vague idea of the understanding and workings of the vestry in early Virginia, I decided to look up the definitions of Parish; Rector and Vestry. This is what I found:

Parish... the ecclesiastical unit of area committed to one pastor and the residents of such an area; a subdivision of a county often coinciding with an original ecclesiastical parish and constituting the unit of local government. A local church community composed of the members or constituents of a Protestant church.

Rector... a clergyman (as of the Protestant Episcopal Church) in charge of a parish. He was an incumbent of a Church of England benefice in full possession of its rights; a Roman Catholic priest directing a church with no pastor or one whose pastor has other duties.

Vestry... is a business meeting of an English parish, held by an elective body in an Episcopal parish composed of the rector and a group of elected parishioners administering the temporal affairs of the parish. A Vestryman was a member of a vestry.

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### CHURCH HISTORY

Bristol Parish was established in 1643 by the Act of the House of Burgesses.

Albemarle Parish, a linear descendant of the earliest parish in Virginia, has claim to distinction. James City Parish, when first laid out, included land on both sides of the James River. Soon new parishes were organized on the south side, one in Surry County, which then stretched southward to the North Carolina border.

Soon the influx of settlers into Surry County made it impossible to govern so large a tract with one council, so Sussex County was formed in 1754 from the southern part of Surry County, in other words, all that land south of the Blackwater River, which splits Surry, fell into the new county of Sussex County.

Just about all of Albemarle Parish fell within the boundary of this new county, Sussex County, which was a rural parish.

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## INFORMATION ABOUT SUSSEX COUNTY, VIRGINIA FOLLOWS.

Sussex County, Virginia was formed in 1754 from the parent county of Surry. Surry County was a long narrow county, running northeast- southwest, and was bisected by the Blackwater River, which later became the dividing line between Surry & Sussex County. All land south of that river fell into the new county of Sussex.

Because of this, many of the residents of Sussex County were originally residents of Surry County but fell into the new county of Sussex when it was formed, requiring that both county records should be researched.

The people in Sussex County had very close connections with residents of the two bordering counties of Southampton & and Greensville County, Virginia.

Greensville County was formed from Brunswick County in the latter part of 1780. Sussex County and especially Greensville County was the origins of many a early North Carolina family generations.

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Before starting the discussion on the different Michael Hills of early Surry and Sussex Counties of Virginia, I am listing the different Michael Hills that have been found and are mentioned in the following document.

1. The first was Michael Hill 3/ of Surry County, Va., b. 1688, died 1755 m. Elizabeth Mitchell, he d. in 1755. Inventory of estate filed 13th October 1755. His identity is well established.
2. The second was Michael Hill Jr. 4/, (son of the above) of Sussex County, b. ca. 20 Feb. 1721 (Bristol Parish Register) m. Susannah Cook ca. 1740. His identity is also well established.
3. A Michael Hill, (possibly Michael Hill 5/, son of the above??) is estimated to have probably been born about 1740-1741. He married Nancy Tyus on the 16th of September 1762. (Reference page 7 of Sussex County Marriages, 1754-1810). Not one shred of evidence other than this marriage date has been found for them. Since John Tyus was surety in this marriage, it appears he was her father yet John Tyus' will does not name any Nancy Tyus as a daughter nor does it name (her married name) Nancy Hill as a daughter. IT DOES name a daughter as ANN HILL. It could be that she may have actually been named Nancy Ann Tyus!
4. Michael Hill, I have been unable to find out the names of his parents or to establish his family line. His birth is estimated to have been ca. 1730-34. He married

ca. 1755 a woman named Mary, that I think was Mary Wilborne (or Wellborn?) and had two children: a daughter Elizabeth, b. 1756 and son Michael b. 1759. This information taken from Albemarle Parish Records. His son Michael Hill was a Revolutionary Soldier that died at the age of 18 in December of 1777 in Pennsylvania while serving in the Continental Army against the British. He had very close ties with the John Hill 4/ family as well as that of Richard Hill Jr. 4/ but just what that connection was remains a mystery.

Albemarle Parish Records (Page 164) shows the following entries containing the name of Michael Hill:

6. Eliza Hill, a Child, died 28th September 1758, informant was MICHAEL HILL, (thought to be the father).
7. Mary Hill, died 23rd May 1757, informant was MICHAEL HILL.
8. Another strange but interesting entry on same page was the following: (These were deaths)  
Katherine Newman, --- Newman, informant was Robert Newman, whose wife and son they were.  
MICHAEL HILL, informant ----?  
Matthew Whitehead, informant ----?  
John Whitehead, informant ----?  
Robert Horn, informant -----?  
James Smith, informant -----?

At bottom of page was the following entry: "All in the space of five days, VIZ from Sunday 30th December 1764 to Thursday, the 3rd of January 1765."

This Michael Hill is thought to have been the one that married Nancy Ann Tyus.

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### BRIEF HILL GENEALOGY

In order for the reader to better understand the family connection of Michael Hill 3/ to the surrounding Hill families, a very brief genealogy is here provided:

Robert Hill 1/ & wife Mary Webb immigrated from England into Isle of Wight County about 1642. They are listed as parents of two children (there probably were other children): Robert Hill 2/ and Sion Hill Sr. 2/.

Sion Hill 2/, born ca. 1654 in Isle of Wight County, Virginia, died about 1705 in Surry County. Wife was (widow) Elizabeth Spiltimber. Children: Robert Hill 3/; Sion Hill Jr. 4/; Richard Hill 3/; Capt. Thomas Hill 3/; Michael Hill 3/; William Hill 3/.

As noted above, Richard Hill 3/ and Michael Hill 3/ were

brothers, sons of Sion Hill 2/ and wife Elizabeth Spiltimber.

Michael Hill Jr. 4/ was the son of Michael Hill 3/.

Mary Hill 4/, born 1716, daughter of Richard Hill 3/ and Hannah Briggs, was born ca. 1716 and married William Malone.

John Hill 4/, son of Richard Hill 3/ and Hannah Briggs, born about 1718, died in January or February of 1765 and who married Mildred Gilliam in 1742. She was the daughter of John Gilliam. Among their children that remained very close to the Michael Hill 3/ family was their son Burrell Hill 5/ and John Hill Jr. 5/.

Richard Hill Jr. 4/, (also known as Capt. Richard Hill) another son of Richard Hill 3/ and Hannah Briggs, born in 1720, died 9th July 1775. He married Margery Gilliam, the daughter of William Gilliam Sr. and Susanna Green. She was the cousin to Mildred Gilliam, wife of John Hill 4/. It will be seen later that this Gilliam family also had close ties to the Michael Hill 3/ family.

Burrell Hill 5/, (also spelled as Burrel) son of John Hill 4/. Records of Albemarle Parish (Page 6) shows that Burrell Hill 5/, son of John Hill 4/ and wife Mildred (Gilliam) was born on the 8th of April 1748 and christened on the 13th of May 1748. Listed as godparents were Hincea Gilliam, MICHAEL HILL and Tabitha Gilliam.

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#### THE FIRST KNOWN MICHAEL HILL

#### MICHAEL HILL 3/ OF SURRY COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

The first known Michael Hill in this research project was MICHAEL HILL 3/, (third generation) and the son of Sion Hill Sr. 2/, son of Robert Hill 1/ & Mary Webb (immigrants).

MICHAEL HILL 3/ was born ca. 1688 in Surry County and died in 1755. He married Elizabeth Mitchell, daughter of John Mitchell. Only one child is listed for them:

Michael Hill Jr. 4/, born 20th February 1721, baptized 2nd November 1721. (Page 312 Bristol Parish Register) (see later discussion).

Based upon records of both Bristol Parish and the Albemarle Parish, it is quite obvious that this Michael Hill 3/ family along with the family of his brother Richard Hill 3/ lived in the southern portions of Surry County that in 1754 fell into the new county of Sussex County.

Richard Hill 3/ died between the 20th of February and the 20th of March 1722/23. Michael Hill 3/ and son Michael Hill Jr. 4/ remained very close with the children and the grand-

children of Richard Hill 3/ over the following years. They apparently owned land adjacent to each other in Sussex County.

On March 9, 1748, before his death, Michael Hill Sr. 3/ deeded to his son Michael Hill Jr. 4/ 120 acres on the north side of Nottoway River. (Surry Co., Va. Deed Book 5, page 435).

On page 9 of the Albemarle Parish Registry the following event recorded:

Burrel, son of John Hill and wife Meldred (sic) (Mildred), born April 8, christened May 13, 1748. GODPARENTS were: Hinchea Gilliam, MICHAEL HILL, Tabitha Gilliam.

The godparent named Michael Hill was either Michael Hill 3/ or his son Michael Hill Jr. 4/, but I suspect it was the mysterious Michael Hill that had a wife named Mary (Wellborn). The bases for this thinking is due to the fact that the name of Burrell Hill 5/ played a very important role in a legal matter of a Michael Hill, who was the son of Michael Hill and wife Mary (Wellborn?). That son also left land to Mildred (Gilliam) Hill, widow of John Hill 4/, the father of Burrell Hill 5/. More on this later.

Hinchea Gilliam was the brother to Mildred Hill, the wife of John Hill 4/ and the mother of Burrell Hill 5/. Both Hinchea Gilliam & Mildred Gilliam Hill, were the children of John Gilliam. Tabitha Gilliam may have been the wife of Hinchea Gilliam or a sister.

Michael Hill 3/ is said to have died in 1755. John Hill 4/, his nephew, appears to have been the administrator of his estate. The inventory of the estate of Michael Hill 3/ was filed on the 13th of October 1755 by William Gilliam Sr., William Gilliam Jr. and Richard Hill, probably his nephew Richard Hill Jr. 4/. (Ref: Sussex County Will Book "A" Page 34).

Take note of the fact that John Gilliam was the father of Mildred Gilliam (wife of John Hill 4/) and William Gilliam Sr. was the father to Margery Hill (wife of Richard Hill Jr. 4/, brother of John Hill 4/), so Mildred Gilliam and Margery Gilliam were cousins that married two Hill brothers.

Another interesting record located is the following deed:

Following taken from Surry County Deed Book 6, 1749-1753, Page 320:

13th June 1751. Drury Robertson of Prince George County to William Malone of Surry County for 18 pounds current money.. 100 acres in Albemarle Parish and bounded by the south side

of Southwester (sic) Swamp and said Malone.

Signed/ Drury Robertson

Wits: Thomas Oliver, JOHN HILL & MICHAEL HILL

The witness John Hill was probably John Hill 4/. The other witness could have been either Michael Hill 3/, who lived until 1755, or it could have been his son, Michael Hill Jr. 4/ but the belief here is that it was Michael Hill 3/ because Michael Hill 3/ was still alive and he did not sign as Michael Hill Jr.

William Malone, the buyer of this land, was married to Mary Hill 4/, the sister of both John Hill 4/ and Richard Hill Jr. 4/, all children of Richard Hill 3/ (deceased) and wife Hannah Briggs. This makes Mary Hill Malone (wife of the buyer William Malone) the niece to Michael Hill 3/.

Now the earliest Bristol Parish Records shows that a George Robertson was the minister. The last vestry meeting that he attended and listed as "Minister" was on 5th February 1739.

At a vestry dated 22nd October 1740 there is a listing "To the executors of Mr. George Robertson, deceased," for 4,000 pounds of tobacco, showing that he obviously had died between the 5th of February 1739 and 22nd of October 1740.

There does exist the knowledge that a Elizabeth Hill had married a (George?) Robertson. Her identity or the names of her parents has not yet been made, but the maiden name to the mother of the above Drury Robertson is thought to have been Elizabeth Hill.

I can find no other information for this Michael Hill 3/. This covered a time period of 1688 to 1755.

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## THE SECOND KNOWN MICHAEL HILL

### MICHAEL HILL JR. 4/. OF SURRY COUNTY AND SUSSEX COUNTY.

Michael Hill Jr. 4/, was the son of the above Michael Hill 3/, and was born on 20th February 1721 (Bristol Parish Register, Page 312), which indicates he was born in Surry County, Virginia. He has been said to have married Susannah Cook, daughter of William Cook about 1740 but it appears to me she may have been named Susannah Elizabeth Cook.

The exact date of his marriage is not known nor is the date of death. Only two known children are listed for them:

Bristol Parish Records:

- i. Elizabeth Hill 5/ born 18 July 1743, baptized 4th



September 1743. (page 318). Elizabeth Hill, a child, died 28 Sept. 1758, reported by Michael Hill.

- ii. Amie (sic) (Amey?) Hill 5/ born 27 April 1746, baptized 22nd June 1746 (page 319).

NOTE: Amie was listed as Anne in the book "East Goes West."

Page 14 of Albemarle Parish Records shows Daniel Malone, son of William Malone & wife Mary (Hill 4/) was born on the 13th of February 1750/51 and christened on 31st March 1751. God parents listed were MICHAEL HILL JR. 4/; William Wellborn, Frances Hill.

Of interest here is that Michael Hill Jr. was only a young boy of about 19 or 20 years old, having been born on the 21st of February 1721. The identity of Frances Hill is unknown. The mother of this son Daniel Malone was Mary Hill 4/, the wife of the above William Malone and she was a cousin to the godfather named Michael Hill Jr. 4/.

There has been no other information found on this Michael Hill Jr. 4/. I am not totally convinced that the two daughters named above were all of his children, but no other listings of children have been found.

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### THE THIRD KNOWN MICHAEL HILL

#### MICHAEL HILL OF SUSSEX COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

We have already discussed two Michael Hills, they were Michael Hill 3/, his son Michael Hill Jr. 4/.

I have not been able to prove the connection between Michael Hill Jr. 4/ and this Michael Hill, but I suspect he was Michael Hill 5/, a son of Michael Hill Jr. 4/ as will be explained later on.

It appears that there may have even been a fourth Michael Hill of Sussex County. He too seems somehow to be related to the same members of the Hill family as did this Michael Hill as well as the two previous Michael Hills.

This Michael Hill appears to have married ca. 1755 and his wife has been listed as Mary Malone. I do not believe it was Mary Malone but suspect it was Mary Willborn or Wellborn.

Since most men in these times usually married at ages 21-25 (more or less) I have therefore estimated this Michael Hill's birth to have been about 1730-1734. He certainly was not either Michael Hill 3/ or his son Michael Hill Jr. 4/, nor was he the fourth Michael Hill to be discussed later.

As the other Michael Hills did, this man obviously had close

relations with the family of John Hill 4/, so much so that at first I had considered John Hill 4/ as his father. NOT SO!

Present day records say that John Hill 4/ married Mildred Gilliam ca. 1742. This marriage date of 1755 and my estimated birth for Michael Hill as between 1730-1734 seems to rule out John Hill 4/ and his wife as the parents of this Michael Hill, yet just about everything else seems to suggest that they were the parents.

His father could not have been Michael Hill Jr. 4/ as he was not born until 1721 and would only have been a man of about 9 to 13 years old, too young to even be a father. Just who the parents of this Michael Hill was remains an unsolved mystery.

This Michael Hill and his wife Mary had two known children:

1. Elizabeth Hill 2/.
2. Michael Hill 2/.

Albemarle Parish Records shows:

Page 106, Elizabeth Hill, daughter of Michael Hill and wife Mary was born 15 October 1756, christened 28 November 1756. Godparents: William Malone, Lucy Hill, Mary Malone.

Page 145, Michael Hill (Jr.) 2/, born 3 May 1759, sponsors, George Robertson, Richard Hill & Francis (sic) (Frances?) Threewats.

Sussex County Court records shows the following Will of a John Threewits: Dated 13th December 1755, Probated 9th February 1756... Wife Frances Threewits 310 acres of land for life... Son Joel Threewits. Executors: Wife and MICHAEL HILL.

Wits: MARY HILL & ANN HILL.

Notice that Michael Hill was one of the executors named in the above will of John Threewits and it appears that Michael's wife Mary Hill was probably one of the two witnesses. I am not exactly sure about Ann Hill's identity. She may have been Ann Hill 5/, daughter of John Hill 4/, but since she was born in 1746, she would only be a 10 year girl and this is questionable. Who ever Ann Hill was, she certainly was not the wife named Ann of a fourth Michael Hill, who did not marry until the 16th of September 1762.

Based on the two records above, Michael Hill and wife Mary seems to have had some type of close relationship with the family of John Threewits.

The witness named Richard Hill appears to have been Richard Hill Jr. 4/. and the true relationship between this Michael Hill and wife Mary to both John Threewits and Richard Hill 4/

is unclear.

Still another interesting entry is found in Sussex County Will Book "A" Page 95: Will of Ann Threewits, dated 5th September 1753, probated 9th September 1756. This will mentions daughter Katherine, wife of Robert Newman.

In the same Will book, Page 185, the Inventory of the Estate of Ann Threewits, Robert Newman executor, shows that the inventory was made on 20th December 1760 by MICHAEL HILL, Henry Sturdivant and Sloman Wynne.

This is another indication of some close ties with the Threewits family. Michael Hill and wife Mary also had some type of relations with both the family of John Hill 4/ and Richard Hill Jr. 4/, brothers and both sons of the deceased Richard Hill 3/ (brother to Michael Hill 3/).

That relationship apparently continued on after Michael's death because his son, Michael Hill, a Revolutionary Soldier, (born 1759) let Mildred Hill, the widowed wife of John Hill 4/, live on his land.

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#### THE 4TH KNOWN MICHAEL HILL

MICHAEL HILL OF SUSSEX COUNTY, SON OF MICHAEL HILL AND WIFE MARY (WELBORNE?), WHO WAS A REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIER.

In an earlier comment, the reader was told of Burrell Hill 5/ (son of John Hill 4/) playing an important role in a legal affair of a Michael Hill. That Michael Hill was this son born on 3rd May 1759.

Michael Hill, orphan of the above Michael Hill, was born on 3rd May 1759 in Sussex County, Virginia (Ref: Page 145 Albemarle Parish Records).

During the Revolutionary War, he (the son Michael Hill) joined the Continental army to fight against the British because on 7th February 1777 he wrote his will and it states that Michael Hill was QUOTE "about to go into the service of the United States of America." END OF QUOTE.

This shows that Michael Hill had not yet actually joined the army as of this date, the 7th February 1777.

Now the entire will was not available but another portion of this will refers to QUOTE "my land where Mildred Hill now lives." END OF QUOTE. (See Richard Hill 4/ Will below).

This statement shows that Mildred (Gilliam) Hill, the widow of the deceased John Hill 4/ (d. Jan/Feb. 1765) was living on land owned by this Michael Hill.

Since Michael Hill let Mildred Hill, widow of John Hill 4/, live on his land, certainly suggest that somehow there was a very strong family connection but just what that connection was has not been found with certainty.

Based on the Will of Mildred Hill's deceased brother in law (Richard Hill 4/) the land was adjacent to land of Michael Hill that Richard 4/ left to his widow, Margery Gilliam, a cousin & sister in law to the above Mildred Gilliam, widow of the deceased John Hill 4/.

In 1778, The will of this particular Michael Hill, orphan of Michael Hill, deceased, was proven. Legatees were: COUSIN George Bell, son of James Bell, cousin Rebecca Bell, daughter of James Bell, Cousin James Bell to be Executor. (REF: WILL BOOK C, PAGE 309).

Sussex County, Virginia Will Book "C" 1772-1785.

Will of Richard Hill 4/.

On Page 175, dated 3rd October 1774, with codicil dated 23 January 1775, (Death occurred 9th July 1775 but will was Probated on the 17th August 1775 is the Will of Richard Hill 4/, who obviously had close ties with Michael Hill.

Wife Margery Hill (To have) the use of the land I live on for life ADJOINING MICHAEL HILL, the purchase made from John Holt, and a tract I bought from Thomas Chamblis. Son Thomas Hill 5/ and daughter Rebecca Hill 5/. Son Green Hill 5/ all my lands on south side of Nottoway River and one half (of) the profits of my part of the store. Son Richard Hill 5/ all my land in Dinwiddie County (Va.) and the other half of the store's profits. Son Thomas Hill 5/ all my land on north side of Nottoway River and land in Brunswick County. Daughter Rebecca Hill (under 21). Grandson Thomas Ruffin (underage) and his brother and sisters (not named). Grandson Robert Ruffin (underage). Daughter Sarah Ruffin. Granddaughter Hannah Ruffin (underage). Granddaughter Sarah Ruffin (unmarried). Twenty Pounds to the poor of the Parish to be distributed by Green Hill 5/ and ten pounds to the Methodist preacher. Exors: Wife, son in law William Ruffin and son Green Hill 5/. Wits: James Chamblis, William Winfield and Burrell Green. Codicil dated 23rd January 1775.

Comments: This shows that Michael Hill and Richard Hill Jr. 4/ owned land right next to each other and strongly suggest (to me) they were probably members of the same Hill family by the fact that Richard Hill 3/ was a brother of Michael Hill 3/. Just how this Michael Hill family connects into the John Hill 4/ and Richard Hill 4/ family is not entirely clear and remains a mystery.

The widow of Richard Hill 4/ was Margery (Gilliam) Hill a

daughter of William Gilliam and Susanna Green, and she was a cousin of Mildred Gilliam, daughter of John Gilliam and the widow of John Hill 4/ (brother to Richard Hill 4/).

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Now regarding the life of this Revolutionary War Soldier, Michael Hill (born 3rd May 1759). Based upon known records it appears the following events took place: Michael Hill died in December of 1777 in Pennsylvania while in the military service of the United States.

The administrator that Michael Hill named in his will (James Bell) died in October of 1778. James Bell's will was dated 16th September 1778 and probated on 15th October 1778.

THE FOLLOWING TAKEN FROM SUSSEX COUNTY WILL BOOK "C", 1772-1785 PAGE 320...

18th February 1779: Gray Judkins, as executor of James Bell, deceased, who was the executor of Michael Hill, deceased, states that Michael Hill died before he was age 18.

A George Rose states that Michael Hill died in December 1777 while a soldier in the Continental Army (as was also the said George Rose) in Pennsylvania. David Mangum, also a soldier in the Continental Army, deposes (testified under oath).

BURRELL HILL 5/ (son of John Hill 4/ & Mildred Gillum) produces a certificate from the Albemarle Parish Register, which states that Michael Hill was born on 3rd May 1759. The Court rules that Michael Hill was age 18 when he last spoke with George Rose concerning his will and it is (Ordered to be) probated.

After the death of James Bell, a John Hill, probably John Hill Jr. 5/, son of John Hill 4/ (who had died in January/February 1765), was apparently appointed by the court as administrator for the estate of this young 18 year old Michael Hill. I have no other details regarding this matter.

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Regarding Burrell Hill, he was Burrell Hill 5/, brother to John Hill Jr. 5/ both being sons of the deceased John Hill 4/ and wife Mildred Gilliam, another strong indicator showing that the John Hill 4/ family had close ties to the Michael Hill family.

Burrell Hill 5/ obviously felt very strong about this matter and went to the trouble of producing proof of Michael Hill's true age. After all, his mother Mildred (Gilliam) Hill was living on the land that was owned by the deceased Michael Hill.

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THE FIFTH KNOWN MICHAEL HILL  
ANOTHER MICHAEL HILL (OF SUSSEX COUNTY, VA) MARRIED NANCY  
(ANN?) TYUS ON THE 16TH SEPTEMBER 1762.

I have strong suspicions (but not proved) that this particular Michael Hill (estimated birth ca. 1740-1741) was a son of Michael Hill Jr. 4/, despite the fact that no such son has been listed in the known records. I also think Nancy Tyus was the same woman known as Ann Tyus, with her name actually being Nancy Ann Tyus. This certainly needs to be proved one way or the other. If she is not Nancy Ann Tyus (dau. of John Tyus) then she may be Ann Wellborne.

This Michael Hill (who appears to be the fifth Michael Hill found in Sussex County) at first presented a real problem, essentially due to the naming of his wife as Nancy Tyus.

Marriage records of Sussex County, Virginia shows that a Michael Hill married Nancy Tyus on the 16th of September 1762. In this particular marriage between Michael Hill & Nancy Tyus, John Tyus was surety, implying he may have been Nancy's father. (Ref: Page 36 of book "Marriages of Sussex County, Virginia 1754-1810 by Catherine Lindsay Knorr, 1952).

Notice this marriage date was BEFORE the date of John Tyus's will, (dated 16th February 1763) meaning that if she was a daughter of John Tyus, she would in all probability be named in her father's will, either as daughter Nancy Tyus or Nancy Hill (her married name). SHE WAS NOT LISTED!

The will of John Tyus (below) mentions no daughter as Nancy Tyus nor does it mention a married daughter named Nancy Hill but it does mention a daughter ANN HILL. I believe that Nancy Tyus was actually named Nancy Ann Tyus and she went by the name of Ann Tyus. Still needs to be proved.

Sussex County Will Book "A" 1754-1764

Page 261... Will of John Tyus:

Will dated 16th February 1763, probated 17th March 1763

Son Lewis Tyus. Grandson John Tyus, son of Thomas Tyus. Son Richard Tyus. Son Benjamin Tyus. Son Absalum Tyus the land I live on after my wife's death. Wife Agnes Tyus my land for life including the other plantation that I lived on. Daughter Sary Floars. Daughter Lucy Green. Daughter Elizabeth Hunt. Daughter ANN HILL. Grandson John Hunt. Exors: Wife and James Jones. Wit: David Thweatt (sic), Francis Drinkard, Elizabeth Tyus and James Jones.

End of will for John Tyus

Reference to Sussex County Will Book "B" Page 186, The Account of Estate of John Tyus, (no date given but appears to

have been about Nov or December of 1768: This document shows William Winfield. David Thweat (sic), MICHAEL HILL, John Atkins, Thomas Atkins, Richard Rose, John Potts, John Kelley, James Greenway, Edward Slate, Robert Jackson, Benjamin Tyus, William Gilliam, Amos Newsum, RICHARD HILL, Joel Tucker, Churchwell Curtis, William Green, Mrs. Tyus, Capt. Gilliam Jr., John Moore, Hansel Bayley, Rachel Flowers and Elizabeth Flowers, Francis Drinkard, Benjamin Tyus, Peter Winfield, John Winfield, Lewis Tyus, Mr. Turnbull, Richard Tyus for his legacy, Sarah Flowers for her legacy, Absolem Tyus, William Oliver, Miles Cary, Elizabeth Tyus, John Hunt for his legacy and myself for a legacy."

No mention of a daughter Nancy or Ann is made in this Account BUT MICHAEL HILL (husband of daughter ANN (Nancy Ann) is thought to have received a legacy for his wife.

I can find no other information relating to this Michael Hill or wife Nancy Tyus. Neither have I been able to find any names of any of their children (if any existed), however some records exists for a Michael Hill and wife Ann. (see later)

Now, we have two different records of Sussex County, one showing a Michael Hill marrying Nancy Tyus on the 16th of September 1762 and then there are estate papers of a Michael Hill, dated 1766 showing that the wife was named Ann. Again, I am of the opinion that Michael Hill's wife was actually named NANCY ANN TYUS, daughter of John Tyus.

On page 76 of Albemarle Parish Records there is recorded the following event:

Isaac Hill, son of Michael Hill and wife Anne, born 31 August, christened 23rd October 1763. Godparents named were: William Wellborn, John Brown, Sarah Wellborn.

On Page 128 of Albemarle Parish Records is found:

Elisa Mary Hill, daughter of Michael Hill (deceased) and wife Anna, born 28 March 1765, christened 5th May 1765. Godparents: Peter Winfield, Frances Threwitt, Betty Wynne.

The birth of the son Isaac Hill (31 August 1763) was about eleven months after Michael Hill and Nancy Tyus married (16 September 1762), or a logical time for newly wed couple to have had their first child.

This last entry showing the birth of the daughter Elisa Mary Hill, is of great importance as it shows that Michael Hill, the father, was living as late as July of 1764 and must have died sometime between July of 1764 and the birth date of his daughter (Elisa Mary Hill) on 28th March 1765.

On page 164 of the Albemarle Parish Register is found the

following deaths:

Katherine Newman, ---- Newman, informant was Robert Newman, whose wife and son they were.

MICHAEL HILL, informant ----?

Matthew Whitehead, informant ---?

John Whitehead, informant ---?

Robert Horn, informant ----?

James Smith, informant ---?

Below this was the following entry:

"All in the space of five days, VIZ from Sunday 30th December 1764 to Thursday, the 3rd of January 1765."

This appears to be the death of Michael Hill, husband of (Nancy) Ann Tyus and father of Isaac Hill and Elisa Mary Hill, who's father, Michael Hill, was dead when Elisa Mary Hill was born on the 20th of March 1765.

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Reference to the son Isaac Hill:

Marriage Bonds & Minister's Returns of Southampton County, Va., 1750-1810 by Catherine Lindsay Knorr.

6 June 1785. Etheldred Kitchen and Patsey (Patty) Hines. Sur: John Hines. 8 June in Ministers' Returns (page 40). Notice John Hines (father) posted Security.

Same Book Page 55

13 September 1786.

Isaac Hill to Millie Hines. Sur: John Hines. Wits: Tzd. Edmund. (Page 47).. Notice father John Hines posted Security.

On Page 60 of the same book is:

26 January 1801 (in Southampton Co., Va.)

John James and Nancy Hines. Surety: ISAAC HILL. Wits: Samuel Kello Jr., John Hines, Robert Birdsong. (Page 142).

This appears to be the above Isaac Hill (m. Mildred Hines, sister of the bride). John Hines (one of the witnesses) is thought to be a brother. If he were the father He would probably have posted the Security for his daughter. Note that the son in laws posted security for some of the daughters.

Below is a list of suspected daughters of John Hines & their marriages. This is based on the father posting bond and the son in laws posting bonds after father's death.

1. Patty Hines m. Ethereld Kitchen. (Father John Hines posted Security on 6 June 1785.
2. Mildred Hines m. Isaac Hill.. (father John Hines posted security) on 13 September 1786.



3. Peggy Hines & Robert Birdsong. (Father John Hines posted Security) on 25 October 1800)
4. Betsey Hines m. Frederick Felts (Ethereld Kitchen, security) on 8 November 1800.
5. Nancy Hines m. John James. (Isaac Hill posted Security on 26 January 1801).
6. Mary Hines m. Henry Freeman. (John James posted security) on 20 February 1804.

Assuming the father (John Hines) posted security for his daughters, he John Hines, appears to have died sometime after the daughter Mildred Hines married Isaac Hill and before he daughter Betsey Hines married on the 8 November 1800.

Migrations to Other States: From "Southside Va." Vol 1, by Katherine Elliott.... Jesse H. (Hines?) Hill of Barren County, Kentucky appoints Isaac Hill, friend, attorney to sell 100 acres in Sussex County, Va., said land willed to (my) mother Mildred Hines Hill by her father John Hines and which tract was sold by my father Isaac Hill to Henry Ell (sic). Ref: Middlesex County Deed Book II, Page 1327 (Should this not be Sussex Co. Deed Book?) Note: Isaac Hill m. Mildred Hines on 13th September 1786 in Southampton County, Virginia. (Ref: Va. Marriages Page 47).

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Reference to the above Power of Attorney:

Now the above Power of Attorney from Jesse H. Hill proves to us that Isaac Hill and Mildred Hines had a son Jesse H. (Hines) Hill. I think the so called "friend" who was given the Power of Attorney by Jesse H. Hill (of Kentucky) was a brother to Jesse H. Hill.

The problem is (and it is a very important problem to me) that the above Power of Attorney does not give a date. That is important to my way of thinking! The date may be available on the original document.

If the reference to Middlesex County Deed Book II, Page 1327 is correct, it would indicate to me that the so called friend "Isaac Hill," who was given the Power of Attorney, was living in Middlesex County, Virginia, while the property that was involved was located in Sussex County, Virginia.

What I don't understand is this.. how does Jesse H. Hill have any authority over the land if is father (another Isaac Hill) sold the land to Henry Ell, as stated in the above Power of Attorney?

There must have been some type of default by the purchaser, Henry Ell, and the property was returned to the Hill estate and the mother (Mildred Hines), who actually inherited the land from her father John Hines) and the father (Isaac Hill)

were both dead.

It would be very helpful if a date were on this Power of Attorney. I suspect it was sometime well after 1800.

The above Power of Attorney proves that John Hines, who was Surety of the marriage of his daughter Mildred Hines to Isaac Hill, was her father. The POA clearly states the land was inherited by Mildred Hines from her father, John Hines, showing us John Hines was dead. Since Jesse H. Hill said his father had sold the land and gives "friend" Power of Attorney, convinces me they both were dead.

#### BRIEF LIST OF SUSPECTED DAUGHTERS OF JOHN HINES:

John Hines posted Security for the following marriage, and was probably there father. This is based on the father posting bond and the known son in laws posting bonds after the death of John Hines.

1. Patty Hines m. Ethereld Kitchen. (Father John Hines posted Security on 6 June 1785.
2. Mildred Hines m. Isaac Hill.. (Father John Hines posted security) on 13 September 1786.
3. Peggy Hines & Robert Birdsong. (Father John Hines posted Security) on 25 October 1800)
4. Betsey Hines m. Frederick Felts (Son in law Ethereld Kitchen, posted security) on 8 November 1800.
5. Nancy Hines m. John James. (Son in law Isaac Hill posted Security on 26 January 1801).
6. Mary Hines m. Henry Freeman. (Son in law John James posted security) on 20 February 1804.

Assuming the father (John Hines) posted security for his daughters while he was alive, he John Hines, appears to have died sometime after the daughter Peggy Hines married Robert Birdsong on the 25 October 1800 and before the daughter Betsey Hines married on the 8 November 1800.

It is suspected that there was a son named John Hines (Junior?) who married in Southampton County on the 21st of December 1801 to Sally Greswitt. (not proved).

#### THE ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY MICHAEL HILL (FATHER OF ISAAC HILL)

To begin with, Michael Hill Jr. 4/ has never been assigned (to my knowledge) a definite marriage date (that I can find) or a definite death date (that I have seen) and there are only two daughters assigned to him and his wife, Susannah (Elizabeth?) Cook, they being Elizabeth Hill (born 18 July 1743) and Amie (Amey born 27 April 1746).

Michael Hill 3/ deeded land to his son, Michael Hill Jr. 4/ on 3rd March 1748, when the son was 27 years old.

Michael Hill Jr. 4/ is said to have been born in 1721, and married ABOUT 1740, indicating he was a young man of about 19 years old when he married. Consider the fact that he may have married in 1739, then he would have been an 18 year old man at time of marriage.

The marriage date of "ABOUT 1740" could indicate a year or two either before or after. REMEMBER, this assumed marriage date of 1739 is only speculation.

A marriage of 1739 would still fall within the accepted limits of the published and generally accepted marriage date of "ABOUT 1740" or within a year of each other.

Now assuming Michael Hill Jr. 4/ actually married Susannah (Elizabeth?) Cook in 1739 (or about 1740) at the age of 18, and knowing that the first daughter Elizabeth Hill was born on the 18th of July 1743, indicates about a three to four year gap AFTER the marriage of Michael Hill Jr. 4/ and Susannah Cook and before the birth of their first daughter.

This would certainly allow time for Michael Hill Jr. 4/ and wife Susannah (Elizabeth?) Cook to have had a son named MICHAEL HILL 5/ (5th generation) having been born about 1740 or even 1741 and then marry Nancy Ann Tyus on 16th of September of 1762. This (so called) Michael Hill 5/ would have been a man of about 21 years old when he married Nancy Ann Tyus on the 16th of September 1762.

The birth of the son Isaac Hill (31st August 1763) would certainly indicate that Michael Hill & Nancy Ann Tyus were married no later than December of 1762, if not before (or nine months prior to the birth of Isaac Hill).

It appears that the marriage of a Michael Hill and Nancy (Ann?) Tyus on the 16th of September 1762 fits this Michael Hill and Ann Tyus well. The birth of their son Isaac Hill came about eleven months after their marriage in September of 1762.

The entry regarding the birth of Elisa Mary Hill in the Albemarle Parish Records (above) shows that Michael Hill died before her birth. Allowing the normal period of nine months for the pregnancy, would seem to indicate that Michael Hill died sometime after July 1764 or in 1765, prior to 28th March 1765 (birth date of Elisa Mary Hill). The death listed above as being between 30th December 1764 and 3rd January 1765 certainly seems to point to the death of this Michael Hill.

There is another brief mention of the son Isaac Hill. The next will mentions this son Isaac Hill, showing that his father, Michael Hill was dead. At this time, Isaac Hill would have been about 15 years old. I think he was the

eldest child (Isaac Hill; Elisa Mary Hill, Jesse Hines Hill).

SUSSEX COUNTY WILL BOOK "C" 1772-1785

Page 346 Will of John Dillchay dated 11 July 1778, Recorded 18 November 1779.

Wife Sarah Dillchay my estate for life. ISAAC HILL, orphan of Michael Hill. John Dillchay, orphan of my brother, Arthur Dillchay. Sarah Mangam. Other children of my deceased brother, Arthur Dillchay, (VIZ) Edmund Dillchay; Arthur Dillchay; Nancy Dillchay; & Betsy Dillchay. In case my wife should be with child, then this will is void. Executor: Wife. Wits: Isaac Robinson, Daniel Malone & William Wellborn.

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Now when considering all of the above evidence, all of the pieces seem to come together to show that Nancy Tyus was Nancy Ann Tyus, who married Michael Hill (born ca. 1740-41) on the 16th September 1762, had a son Isaac Hill, born 31 August 1763 and a daughter Elisa Mary Hill born 28th March 1765.

The father, Michael Hill, (b. ca. 1740-41) died between 30th of December 1764 and 3rd of January 1765, which is verified by the fact that parish records shows that when Elisa Mary Hill was born, she was listed as the daughter of Michael Hill (DECEASED) and wife Ann. IT ALL FITS.

The Inventory of the estate of this particular Michael Hill was probably the one filed in 1766 by George Booth, Richard Jones and Richard Hill. ANN HILL was Executrix. (REF: WILL BOOK B. "B" PAGE 219).

Sussex County Marriage records shows that on the 31st of May 1766, John Avery married a widow ANN HILL. It is thought that this the widow of Michael Hill? If so she lost two husbands in a period of close to three years.

In Sussex County Will Book "B" 1764-1771, Page 196, dated 16th March 1769, is the Inventory of John Avery, deceased, for Lewis Tyus, administrator (son of John Tyus and brother to Nancy Ann Tyus Hill), who married the deceased John Avery. The inventory was made by Richard Hill, Jones Freeman and William Wilburn (there is that name Wilburn/Wellborne again).

If this Ann Hill was the widow of Michael Hill, who served as Executrix for her deceased husband Michael Hill, then she continued using her first married name of Ann Hill and not Ann Avery, probably due to the sudden death of John Avery. I have been told by other researchers that this was not an uncommon practice in these times.

In 1770 an account of this estate was returned by John Hill 5/ (probably the son of John Hill 4/) and Anne, the wife and widow of the deceased Michael Hill.

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#### MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS, COMMENTS AND AFTER THOUGHTS.

I have above listed four Michael Hills, but recently found what may be a fifth. I suspect the Michael Hill that is listed as marrying Nancy Tyus, probably is the same, having married Nancy Ann Tyus. This still needs to be proved.  
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It appears to me that somehow, everyone of these four Michael Hills that have been discussed are somehow related. They all seemed to have a close family relationship to the children of Richard Hill 3/, they being John Hill 4/, Richard Hill Jr. 4/ families as well as to the Gilliam family, the Tyus family, the Willborn family and the Threewits family.

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Reference to Sussex County Will Book "A" Page 56: The Will of Ann Threewits dated 5th September 1753, probated 9th September 1752 names her five children and clearly shows that her daughter Katherine was married to Robert Newman, who was named her executor.

As was shown above, a Michael Hill was one of the three persons that made the inventory of the estate on the 20th of December 1760.

Robert Newman & wife Katherine Threewits had following KNOWN children:

Anne Newman, b. 11th January, christened 15th March 1740/41.  
Winnie Newman, b. 6th May, christened 25 June 1742.  
Richard Newman, b. 25 July 1749, christened 28 Sept. 1749.  
Sarah Newman, b. 13 January 1750/51, christened 28 Apr. 1751.

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Reference to Sussex County Will Book "B" Page 261: The Will of Amy Hill, dated 24th June 1768, probated 21st of July 1768 named the above Robert Newman heir to her entire estate and also name him sole executor. Why? What was their relationship?

There was an Amy Hill, born 8th January 1747/48 who was the daughter of Thomas Hill & wife Eliza (Wiggins?).

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Reference to Sussex County Will Book "F" Page 115, Will of Mildred Hill, dated 27th January 1796, probated 4th August 1798. This was Mildred Gilliam Hill, the wife of John Hill

4/. Mentioned was "Daughter Mary Sturdivant; Daughter Salle Green; Daughter Nancy Williams; Heirs of my son Burell Hill; son John Hill; Daughter Elizabeth Spane (sic), Daughter Tabitha Webb; Daughter Susannah Horne; Daughter Rebeckah Horne. Wits: Levy Rochell, Sally Rochell, Jemima Rochell. No executor or administrator was listed.

Comment by Robert Hill of Brandon, Fl: There was another daughter named Lucy Hill that married Joel Newman in 1783 that was not mentioned in this will of her mother. I assume she (Lucy) was dead by this date of 27th January 1796. when the will was wrote.

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Green Hill 5/ married Mary Booth. Known children:  
William Hill 6/.  
Henry Hill 6/.  
Martha Hill 6/.

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Sussex Co., Va. Deed Book G, page 803, (595)  
THOMAS HILL of Sussex County to William Mason of same. 10th March 1791. 48 lbs Virginia (Money) 162 acres on south side of Southwest Swamp, 102 acres of it as by patent to RICHARD HILL, deceased, (on) 10 September 1755 ?); 60 acres as by deed from John Winfield to said RICHARD HILL the father of said THOMAS HILL, who willed it to the said THOMAS HILL.

Wits: John Smith, William Gilliam, Gilliam Jackson, Jno. Parham. 7th April 1791. Signed by M. Bailey, Clerk

Note: This was probably Richard Hill Jr. 4/ to his son Thomas Hill 5/, then to his son Thomas Hill 6/.

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