

R.085 CHURCH RECORDS OF THE MATRIMONY PRIMITIVE BAPTIST
CHURCH IN GUILFORD COUNTY, N.C. (TODAY'S ROCKINGHAM CO., NC)

Entered in January of 1996 by Robert R. Hill of Brandon, Fla.
Corrected in October 1998.

Source of this information: It was sent to me long ago by
someone (I lost track who) and just now entered in computer.

Note: Guilford County, N.C. was created from Orange & Rowan
Counties in 1771. Rockingham County, N.C. was created from
Guilford County in 1785.

It is known that a William Hill Sr. & wife Susannah Smithers
moved into Surry County, N.C. and some of their children
moved into Stokes, Guilford and Rockingham Counties. One of
those sons was a Reverend William Hill Jr. 2/, who married
Hannah Halbert. Could this be the same couple that was
involved in the troubles below?

There has (to date) been found no record to indicate what the
relationship was between William Hill and Gustavas Hill. It
certainly appears that William Hill's wife was Hannah Hill
and Gustavas Hill's wife was Margaret Hill.

The record below indicates considerable trouble among these
four people, along with a Charity Hill and a Caty Hill, who
may have been daughters of the two. This is all assumption
at this time.

Now the following events were in Guilford County, N.C.:
Matrimony Primitive Creek Baptist Church Records 1776-1816:

(This is not a complete list):

17 Sept. 1776- membership (Hills only)
Jonas Bridges & wife Rachel) dead
William Hill) dismiss (dismissed)
Hannah Hill) dismiss (dismissed)
Cattron Hill) excommunicated.
Gustavis Hill) " "
Margaret Hill) " "

Why William & Hannah Hill were dismissed is unknown. Same as
to why Gustavas Hill & wife Margaret Hill were
excommunicated.

Matrimony Primitive Creek Baptist Church Records Shows:

Page 2, 21 March 1779.. Received by letter Brother William

Hill & sister Hannah Hill. Joseph Hooper, Clerk.

Page 2, (same date) Gustavas Hill & wife. (received?).

Page 3, 18 September 1779 the church met together & _____ a matter concerning Charity Hill & one of the _____ wimmem (women). excommunicated them both (& husbands).

15 July 1780 received Brother Gustavas (sic) Hill in fellowship again. (Probably Gustavas Hill).

9 November 1780 a matter of dispute between sisters Charity Hill & Hannah Hill & was found hard spirit in Charity Hill.

21 January 1781 Sister Charity Hill gave satisfaction again.

Page 5, 15 March 1781 as there was dispute between Brothers Gustavas Hill & Sister Hannah Hill, they cum (come) together again.

Sister Charrity (sic) Hill for lying (to?) the church, excommunicated her.

no Page given, 8 June 1783. a difference between Brother Gustavas Hill & Sister Margaret Hill & both left rum (sic) for mistake & came together again. (Note: I believe the word rum was intended to be home).

Page 5, 15 Oct. 1784, charge against Sister Caty Hill tis settle & satisfaction given.

Page 6, 14 April 1786, a charge by Joshua Hopper against Caty Hill and satisfaction gained.

21 Jan. 1786, received Hannah Hill in membership again.

17 Feb. 1786, received WILLIAM HILL in membership again.

end of church records

Comments to the above by Robert Hill: One of the first things I did was to recopy the information in a chronological order (based on the dates) in order to better understand the events. Below is my opinion as to what happened.

First off is the listing of members (Hill members) on the 17th of September 1776.

Notice that on 17 September 1776, William Hill, Hannah Hill, Gustavas Hill, Cattron Hill, Margaret Hill were apparently members of the church but had been dismissed or excommunicated for some unknown reasons.

On the 21 March 1779, William Hill & Hannah Hill were "received" by letter. This indicates they submitted a letter requesting their membership be reinstated back into the church (Matrimony Primitive Creek Baptist Church). The church agreed and reinstated them.

On 18th September 1779, a very serious problem erupted between Charity Hill and another unnamed woman. Both women were excommunicated from the church as were their husbands. Question is who were the husbands? This is interesting as it implies that Charity Hill was married (to whom?). Also note that Charity Hill was excommunicated, along with another husband and wife (not necessarily a Hill couple). Charity Hill was reinstated into the membership on 21 January 1781.

On 9th November 1780, some type of trouble existed between Charity Hill and Hannah Hill. The entry "found hard spirit in Charity Hill" indicates that she was either unforgiving OR would not repent her (so called) sin or sins. From what I understand, Charity Hill (at this time) was not a member of the church as she had been excommunicated on 18 September 1779 and was not re admitted until 21 January 1781.

Not knowing their relationship it could be:

- A. Charity Hill was a daughter, giving trouble to parents, (especially the mother) as children often do.
- B. Charity Hill could be daughter of Gustavas & Margaret Hill and was creating some type of disturbance between the two families (especially her aunt Hannah Hill).
- C. Charity was wife of Gustavas Hill and she was having an affair with another married man.

On the 21 of January 1781, Charity Hill apparently changed her ways (or thinking) and was again accepted into the church again.

Gustavas Hill and Margaret had been excommunicated from the church on 17 September 1776, but were brought back into membership on 15 March 1783. NOTE: NOT SURE IF MARGARET OR CHARITY WAS WIFE OF GUSTAVAS HILL!

On 8th June 1783, it appears that Gustavas Hill and Margaret Hill were having marital problems. They both left home over the trouble but the trouble between husband and wife was settled.

Caty Hill was (in my opinion) the same person as Cattron Hill. What her relationship to the others is unknown.

Then on 9th of November 1780, there was a dispute between Hannah Hill (wife of Wm. Hill) and another woman named Charity Hill. I suspect this was some type of accusation made by Hannah Hill against Charity Hill.

On 21 January 1781, the matter seems to have been solved when the record states Charity Hill "gave satisfaction again."

Sister Charity Hill gave satisfaction again. What ever was the problem involving her, was apparently solved and the church again received her.

Page 5, 15 March 1781... as there was dispute between Brothers Gustavas Hill & Sister Hannah Hill, they cum (come) together again.

Sister Charrity (sic) Hill for lying (to?) the church, excommunicated her. Again, this Charity Hill was the cause of a problem. What ever it was, it was serious and she was booted out of the membership.

8 June 1783. a difference between Brother Gustavas Hill & Sister Margaret Hill (POSSIBLY his wife) & they apparently settled their differences to the satisfaction of the church.

On 15th October 1784, Sister Caty Hill made up for her so called error in life, and was again reinstated into the church.

Page 5, dated 14 April 1786, shows this Caty Hill was in trouble again, due to charges made against her by Joshua Hooper. The record states "satisfaction gained" indicating the problem was solved to the satisfaction of the church.

Page 6, 21 Jan. 1786, received Hannah Hill in membership again.

17 Feb. 1786, received WILLIAM HILL in membership again.

Conclusions: The William Hill & wife Hannah were definitely not Reverend William Hill & (Hannah?) Elizabeth Halbert because he had died in 1784. I suspect this was another William T. Hill & wife Hannah Bridges, thew parents of Thomas Hill (b. 1759) that married Catherine Shropshire.

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