R. 087 INFORMATION ON SION HILL FAMILY AND OTHER HILLS IN AND AROUND SURRY/SUSSEX/SOUTHAMPTON COUNTIES OF VIRGINIA. ALSO FOR NORTHAMPTON, HALIFAX, EDGECOMBE COUNTIES OF N.C.

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Note: While the primary interest lies in the Virginia deeds, members of the Hill family moved southward into N.C. and for that reason, some N.C. deeds are copied. All data is of the "Abstracted Form." Robert Hill/Brandon, Fla.

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Surry County, Virginia, Deeds, Wills, and Orders, 1671-1684 (Transcript)

Page 137, 10th June 1675, Lawnes Creek Parish, Tithes:Mr. William Butler and Sion Hill2

Page 226, 1677, Tithables, Lawnes Creek Parish Sion Hill 1

Page 232, 26 7br [Sept.] 1677. Sion Hill was one of the appraisers of the estate of Captain Wm. Parker.

Pages 289, 1678. Tithables from Sunken Marsh to the upper end of the county Mr. John King, Geo. Arnold, Rich. Greene, Luke Mizell. 4

Page 290, 1678. Tithables Sion Hill

Page 455. 1681 Tithables Sion Hill, Thos. Lenior

Page 527. 1683, Tithables Luke MIzell, Law. Mizell

Surry County, Virginia, Orders, Wills and Deeds 1684-86 b (Transcript)

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Page 60. 1685TithablesSion Hill1Luke Mizell, James Bennett2

Pages 65-66, 15 Sept. 1685. Sion Hill of the Upper Parish of Southwark, planter, and Elizabeth, his wife, to Wm. Gray of same, planter, For sum of tobacco. 420 acres patented by Hill 28 Sept. 1681 for transportation of nine persons.. on the east side of Hollybush Swamp in or nere (sic) Mr. Warren's line... Signed/Sion Hill

Eliz. (X) Hill

Wits: Wm. Thompson, Fra. Clements, Will Foreman 24 9br [Nov.] 1685. Acknowledged by Sion Hill. Elizabeth Hill relinquished her dower right.

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, Fl.: I believe this to be Sion Hill Sr. 2/, and wife Elizabeth (Green?) Spiltimber.

Surry County, Virginia, Deeds, Wills & Orders 1687-94

Page 4, 1687 TithablesSyon (Sion) Hill1Page 65. 1688 TithablesSion Hill, Robert Hill (son)2Page 120. 1689 TithablesLawrence Mizell, Luke Mizell2Sion Hill and Robert Hill (son)2

Page 132. Deposition of Sion Hill (Sr.) aged 35 yrs, or thereabouts... This deponent bought a mare to Rifle at the Warenock at the place where Surry County Court was kept about nine yrs. time which mare was rifled by some persons. The price of the mare was one thousand pounds of tobacco & a caske. Elina Osborne had a Cost with the Due for the said mare and so had Edward Norwood, but Norwood runaway and never paid this deponent any- thing yet. And this deponent had a judgement against Elias Osborne before Coll. (Col?) Wm. Browne for one hundred pounds of tobacco & caske upon the account of the above mare.

Signed by/Sion Hill

7 Jan. 1689 [1690] Made oath to.

Page 150. 1690 TithablesSion Hill, Robert Hill (son)2Lawrence Mizell

Pages 180-81. 12 Jan. 1690 [1691]. Luke Mizell of Surry County, planter, and Eliza, his wife, to Wm. Freeman of same, planter. For 800 lbs tobacco... 50 acres in Southwark Parish adjoining upon land of Col. Wm. Browne and the said Wm. Foreman... up the swamp to a great Branch that runs up to Thomas Smith's fence.. Signed/ Luke Mizell Elizabeth (X) Mizell Wits: Thos. Warren, Robt. Warren. Acknowledged 6 Jan. 1690 [1691] Page 217.1691.Tithables within the Precincts of Gray's Creek.Sion HillRobert Hill (son)2

Page 2801692. TithablesThomas Proctor, Robert Hill (son of Sion)2Sion Hill1

Page 308. The nuncupative will of Luke Mizell. Unto my daughter Eliza, my land after the decease of my wife and one red pied heifer.

Unto my daughter Sarah one red cow and one black heifer with a star in her forehead.

If either dye without issue her estate to the other, All the rest of my estate to my wife.

Signed by/Thomas Smith John Greene Eliza Binam

Proved 4 June 1693

Page 332. 1692. Tithables in the Middle Precinct of Southwark Parish

Sion Hill (Sr.) for himself & son Robert 3/ 2 Robet 3/ only about 12 yrs old.

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Surry County, Virginia, deeds 1694-1709 Page 11R. 3 July 1694. Debts due estate of Thos. Jordan. Sion Hill per bill. 268 lbs tobacco.

Page 18R. 47ber (Sept) 1694. Inventory of estate of Robert Meazle. Robert Hill made oath to the Inventory (probably Robert. Hill 2/, brother of Sion Sr.)

Page 21. 10 June 1694. Lit of tithables, MiddlePrecinct (of Southwark Parish)Sion Hill (Sr.)1Robert Hill (son)1

Comment: This was Robert Hill 3/, son of Sion Hill Sr & Elizabeth Spiltimber, born ca. 1679/80 and had reached the age of having to pay his own tithes.

Page 27. 6 9ber (Nov.) 1694. On the back of the Inventory of the estate of Luke Mizle (sic) dcsd., was written (viz) at a court held for County of Surry 9br (Nov) 6th 1694.. This day appeared in court Elizabeth, wife of ROBERT HILL, and made oath the within specified was a true and perfect inventory.. (The inventory itself was recorded earlier).

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, Fl.: There is information from an unknown source (passed on to me by Mr. Richard Gookins) that the widow above (Elizabeth Mizel) later married Robert Hill (Senior 2/, who was known to have married Elizabeth Holloman but this has not been confirmed. Fact is, it is wrong. Elizabeth Holloman outlived her husband, Robert Hill 2/.

Page 42R, 21 April 1695. Governor's confirmation of Surry County order of 4 July 1693, granting administration of the estate of Luke Mizell to his widow Eliza Mizell. (see comments above)

Page 59-59R.1695.Tithables in Middle Precinct of
Southwark ParishSion Hill (Sr.)1(Page 59)Robert Hill (son)1(page 59R)

Commemts: This was Robert Hill 3/, son of Sion Hill 2/, paying his own tithes. Note there were no children at this time as he was 15 years old and not yet married.

Page 106. [1696] I empower Dion Wright to prosecute an action: Surry County Court agt. Robert Parke. Signed/Edward Hill

Page 108R. 1696. Tithables in Middle Precinct of
Southwark Parish
Sion Hill (Sr.)1Robert Hill (son)1

Comment: Robert Hill 3/, son of Sion, was just 16 years old.

Page 136. 1697. Tithables in Middle Precinct of Southwark Parish

Sion Hill Senior & Junior2Robert Hill (son)1This Robert was son of Sion Sr. & was 17 ywars old.

Page 189R. 1698, Tithables in Southwark Parish.Sion Hill & Sion Hill Jr.2Robert Hill1This Robert Hill could be son of Sion Hill Sr. was 18 years old.

Page 192R. Tithables in Middle Precinct of SouthwarkParish. (1699?)Sion Hill & son Sion Hill Jr. 2Robert Hill1Robert son of Sion Sr.

Pages 209-209R. 1700 Tithables in Middle Precinct of Southwark Parish.

Sion Hill, Sion Hill Jr., Richard Hill 3 (Page 209) Robert Hill 1 (Page 209R) Robert was son of Sion Sr. as was Sion Jr. & Richard Hill. Robert Hill 3/ now 19 or 20 years old.

Pages 232R-233 1701 Tithables in Middle & Lower Precinct of Southwark Parish. Sion Hill Senior, Sion Hill Jr., Richard Hill 3 (Page 232R) Thomas Hill 1 (Page 232R) Robert Hill 1 (Page 232) All children of Sion Sr., Robert included however Sion Sr. had brother named Robert 2/.

Page 256. 1702 Tithables in Southwark Parish. Sion Hill Senior, Sion Hill Junior, Richard Hill 3 (All sons of Sion Sr.)

Page 258R.1702.Tithables in Lawns Parish.Robert Hill (son of Sion)1

Comment: This was Robert Hill 3/, now 22 years old.

Page 284R. 1 May 1703. Robert (R) Hill witnessed a deed from Richard Halleman of Lower Parish in Surry County to Thos. Halleman of upper Parish in Isle of Wight County.

This Robert Hill is believed to be Robert Hill 2/, brother of Sion Hill Sr. 2/. Robert married a Holloman.

Page 288R. 1702 [1703?] Tithables in Middle Precinct of Southwark Parish. Sion Hill Senior, Richard Hill 2 Sion Hill Junior 1 [While the tithable list above and the two which follow are dated 1702, it would seem that they must probably be for 1703. A list for 1702 and one for each preceding year back to 1695 has already been cited. These lists were taken in the month of June and it will be noted that this one follows upon a deed of May 1703].

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, Fl.: This appears to be Sion Hill Sr. 2/ with his two sons Sion Hill Jr. 3/ and Richard Hill 3/. Note oldest son, Robert Hill 3/ not listed, indicating he was old enough to pay his own tithes & may have moved from this parish. The 2nd son was Sion Hill Jr 3/ is listed as paying his own tithes and shows ge was about 21 yrs old.

Page 289. 1702 [1703?] Tithables in Lower Precinct. Johns Hill, John Morris, Martin Midleton, John Hill, Wm. Reed & Negro paid 6 tithes???

Page 290R. 1702 [1703?]Tithables in Lawns Parish.Robert Hill1(Possible son of Sion Hill Sr., indicating no male children yet)

Pages 305-06. Will of Wm. Browne Sr., of Surry County, Includes. No data given: "The land whereon Sion Hill lives and hath built a mill contained in my pattent (sic) of a tract of land on the south side Black Water, my wish is that my here (heir) after named executor does make a conveyance of the said land to the said SION HILL beginning at the nearest place of the said land so downs to the lower end of the said Hill having already made satisfaction for the same."

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, Fl.: I think this was Sion Hill Sr. 2/ BUT it has been said by some that Sion Hill Jr. 3/ married a Elizabeth Marriott or Elizabeth Brown and it could be their father ??? No date given for this will.

Page 347R. 7 May 1706. William Brown of Surry County the true heir of Col. Wm. Browne of the same county, Gentleman, deceased, to RICHARD HILL of same. For valuable consideration. 100 acres on south side of Main Blackwater in the lower parish of the county... the Mill branch.. using the lower most part of a patent to Col. Wm. Browne.

Signed/ Wm. Browne

Recorded 7 May 1706. Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, Fl.: This was Richard Hill 3/, the 3rd son of Sion Hill Sr. 2/.

Page 348R-349. 7 May 1706. Wm. Browne of Surry County the true heir of Col. Wm. Browne of same county, Gentleman, deceased, to ROBERT HILL of same county. 150 acres on south side of Main Blackwater Swamp in Lower parish of the county.. at the mouth of the mill branch.. to the side of a small meadow commonly known by the name of Henry Browne's pasture.. part of a patent granted Col. Wm. Browne. Signed/ Wm. Browne

Recorded 7 May 1706.

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, Fl.: This was probably Robert Hill 3/, son of Sion Hill Sr. 2/. Proof of this comes later when his wife Tabitha Hill signs deed when Robert sells this land. I believe that Robert Hill 3/ had just married in 1705 and was buying land for the first time. He was now about 26 years old.

Surry County, Virginia, Deeds 1700-1715 Page 77, 1 August 1711. Robert (R) Hill Senior is one of the appraisers of the estate of Richard Halleman.

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, Fl.: This was the brother of Sion Hill Sr. 2/, Robert Hill 2/. This Robert Hill 2/ used the term Senior to separate himself from his nephew, Robert Hill 3/, son of his brother Sion Hill Sr. 2/. Robert Hill 3/, son of Sion Hill Sr. 2/ (at times) used the term of Junior.

Pages 177-78 17 February 1713/14. George Fort of Isle of Wight County to Hansell Dayley of Surry County. Lease and Release. 100 acres on south side of main Blackwater Swamp patented by Richard Halleman 25

April 1702 for 1230 acres... (land) by the side of a Branch called the crest branch the same being a corner tree of Robert Hill's land... Robert Hill his land... to the first beginning.

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, Fl.: This was Robert Hill 2/., son of the immigrants Robert Hill 1/ & wife Mary (Webb?).

Pages 206-07 Will of James Ellis of Southwark Parish in Surry County, dated 26 June 1714. Includes: Unto John Hill my two negroes... [and personality] Unto Sarah Hill daughter of John Hill my sorrel mare... To Mary Hill.. William Read.. William Rowland.. residue to John Hill, Wm. Read, Wm. Rowland. Proved 21 July 1714.

Comments by Robert Hill: I wonder if this John Hill was John Hill 3/, son of Robert Hill 2/ (SENIOR) & Elizabeth Hallaman? Robert 2/, brother of Sion Hill SR 3/, had daughters but only a son, John Hill 3/.

Pages 226-27 15-16 February 1714 [1715]. John Coker of Lawnes Creek Parish to Anthony Evans of same. Lease & release; 2000 pounds of tobacco. 100 acres in the fork between the main Blackwater Swamp and the Cyprus Swamp in said parish... Beginning at Sion Hill's corner tree upon the main Blackwater Swamp side thence along Sion Hill's line to a pocoson...

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, Fl.: This was Sion Hill Jr. 3/. His father, Sion Sr 2. was now dead as of 1705.

Surry County, Virginia Wills & Deeds 1715-1730

Page 20. 31 March 1716. Benjamin Hill witnessed the will of Ethelred Taylor. He proved the will in court 20 June 1716.

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, Fl.: I have not been able to identify this Benjamin Hill.

Signed/ John Coker Margaret (X) Coker Wits: Robert Snipes, Charles (X) Briggs, 21 May 1718. Acknowledged by John Coker.

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, Fl.: This was Sion Hill Jr. 3/ buying land.

Pages 113-15. 21-22 May 1718. John Cooker (Coker) of Surry County, planter, to Sion Hill Junior, of same, planter. Lease & release. 50 acres on north side of Blackwater Swamp part of patent formerly granted to said John Coker for 1400 acres... at Sion Hill's corner tree... James Bennett's line.. to the main swamp to James Bennett's corner tree...

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Page 202. 11 July 1719. Inventory of estate of Benjamin Hill. Appraised by Thos. Holt, Tim (X) Tharp, Wm. Tadkins. Total Valuation 9 pounds 7 shillings 7 pence. Wm. Harris, administrator. Returned 15 July 1719.

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, Fl.: I am unable to indentify this Benjamin Hill but a Wm. Hill had a son Benjamin Hill.

Pages 309-11. 17-18 January 1720 [1721]. Margaret Coker of Lawnes Creek Parish to John Phillips of same. Lease & Release; for 20 pounds. 150 acres on south side of the Cyprus Swamp in the parish of Lawnes Creek in the county of Surry... to a sweet gum on Sion Hill's line.. to Anthony Evans his corner.. granted to John Coker & Richard Bennett for 1400 acres.

Signed/Margaret Coker (On pages 311-12 there is a deed for another part of this 1400 acres and it mentions Blackwater Swamp in describing the bounds).

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, Fl.: This was Sion Hill Jr. 3/... His youngest brother, William Hill 3/, had a daughter, Ann Hill 4/, that later married into the Phillips family.

Pages 312-13. 17-18 January 1720 [1721]. Margaret Coker of Lawnes Creek Parish to Anthony Evans of same. Lease & Release; for 20 pounds. 50 acres on south side of Cyprus Swamp in the parish of Lawnes Creek Parish... mouth of the popular branch.. Sion Hill's line and so down the Pososan branch to Wm. Evan's line..

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, Fl.: This was Sion Hill Jr. 3/. Hia father (Sion Sr. 2/) had died ca. 1705 thus the term Junior was dropped.

Page 321. 15 Feb. 1720 [1721]. Edward Hill is witness to the bond of John Holt and John Allen for Holt to keep and ordinary and also to their bond for keeping a ferry from Hog Island to Archer's Hope.

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, Fl.: I know of the Edward Hill family but have found no connection to the family of Sion or Robert Hill of Isle of Wight, Surry or Sussex Counties of Va.

Pages 391-02. 15 January 1721 [1722]. Robert Hill of Surry County to Henry Browne of same. Lease & Release; for 7 pounds & 40 gallons of rum. 150 acres on south side of the main Blackwater Swamp,, at the mouth of the mill branch.. to the head line belonging to Capt. Wm. Browne... side of a small meadow known by the name of Henry Browne's meadow... down Turkey Cook Branch to the main Blackwater Swamp.. part of a patent formerly granted to Col. Wm. Browne. Signed/ Robert Hill Tabitha (X) Hill

Witnesses: Richard Hill, John Cripps, Edward (H) Harris. 21 Feb, 1721 [1722]. Proved by witnesses.

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, Fl.: This was Robert Hill 3/ & weife Tabitha, the son of Sion Hill Sr. 2/ and the older brother to the witness, Richard Hill 3/. Robert Hill 3/ moved into Bertie Co., N.C. in late 1725 or in 1726.

Page 430. 18-19 Dec. 1722. Edward Hill witnessed a deed of Lewis Delonybo of Southward Parish to John Allen of Lawnes Creek Parish.

Pages 444-45. No date listed.. Inventory of estate of Richard Hill. Appraised by James (J) Wall, Henry Browne, Edward (E R) Harris. Total valuation 113 pounds 10 shillings 4 pence including a Negro boy valued at 27 pounds.

Signed/ Hannah Hill, administratrix

b Comment: This was probably Richard Hill 3/ & widow, Hannah Briggs, thr administrator. He died between Janmuary 1721 and this datwe of 1723.

20 March 1722 (1723) Returned by Hannah Hill, administratrix.

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, Fl.: This was Hannah Briggs, the widow of the deceased Richard Hill 3/, son of Sion Hill Sr. 2/, and the brother of the above Robert Hill 3/. He was the witness by the name of Richard Hill in the above deed. Hannah Hill was the widow and she was the former Hannah Briggs.

Page 460. (no date listed) Edward Hill witnessed a deed. He also appears as a witness to deeds on pages 464, 504, 518, 525, 546, 565, 585, 592, 609, 610, 643.

Pages 617-18. 15 Dec. 1725. Account of estate of Wm. Edwards. To Richard Hill 9 shillings.

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, Fl.: This was probably Richard Hill Jr. 4/, son of the now deceased Richard Hill 3/ & wife Hannah Briggs (see above).

Page 618. Account of estate of John Hartwell. To paid? John Hill 986 to be at 2 9 1bs. 8 pounds, 4 shilling 4 pence.

Pages 619-20. 15 Dec. 1725. Robert Hill of Isle of Wight County, planter, and wife Elizabeth, to Joseph Pettway of Surry County, planter. Lease & release for 20 pounds, 200 acres on Tarapin Swamp.. at the lower end of a branch commonly called Anselm's branch joining at Richard Holoman's line.. to another branch called the second branch joining to Samuel Hargraves line.. unto Anselm Bailey's line.

Signed/ Robert Hill Elizabeth (X) Hill Wits: Wm. Warren, Wm. Smith, Wm. Boldin. 15 Dec. 1725. Acknowledged by Robert Hill and wife Elizabeth.

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, Fl.: This was definitely Robert Hill 2/ (Senior) and his wife Elizabeth Hallamen. Robert Hill 2/ was a brother to Sion Hill Sr. 2/, both were sons of the immigrant Robert Hill 1/ & wife Mary Webb, who came to Va. in 1642 from England.

Page 746. (no date?) Richard Hill Estate Account. Signed by Hannah (H) Hill, administratrix. Approved by Wm. Gray Jr., and John Hewsum.

19 July 1727. Returned and ordered recorded.

Hannah Hill was the widow of the deceased Richard Hill 3/, son of Sion Hill Sr. 2/ & wife, the widow, Elizabeth (Green?) Spiltimber. Hannah Hill was formerly Hannah Briggs.

Pages 827-29. 3-4 June 1728. Elizabeth Warren & Wm. Warren of Surry County to Robert Warren of same. Lease & Release for 50 pounds, 290 acres whereon Robert Warren now lives.. at Sion Hill's line against the head of the Cabbins... corner tree betwixt the said land and Osbourn's land... branch that divides the said land (Ogbourn's) and Allen Warren's land.. down that branch to the wild swamp.. to the mouth of hogg (sic) pen swamp... Elizabeth Thomas' land.. up the swamp to the first station (i.e. Sion Hill). Signed/ Eliza (X) Warren William Warren

Comments by R. Hill: This had to be Sion Hill Jr 3/.

Pages 829-832 3-4 June 1728, Elizabeth Warren and Robert Warren of Surry County to William Warren of same. Lease & Release: for 60 pounds. 360 acres where William Warren now lives... at the mouth of Hull Cabbin swamp ... Pyland's land... Wolf PIt bond.. Sion Hill's line till it comes against the head of Shee Cabbins.. down Shee Cabbins branch..

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, Fl.: This was Sion Hill Jr. 3/.

Page 928. 21 May 1729. Grand Jury presentments. We present Robert Hill for a common swearer.

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, Fl.: This must have been Robert Hill 2/ because his nephew Robert Hill 3/ had moved into N.C. by end of 1726.

HILL (Miscellaneous notes)

Virginia Patents, Book 7, Page 111.

28 Sept. 1681. Grant to Sion Hill of 400 acres in the upper parish of Surry County... On the east side of Holly Bush Swamp in or near Mr. Warren's line... in Mr. Warren's line... the head of Mill Cabin branch.. John Clements tree..

NOTE: (I also examined the deed in Surry County Book 2, transcript, by which this entire tract was sold a year or two later but did not make an abstract thereof).

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, Fl.: This was Sion Hill Sr. 2/, since Sion Hill Jr 3/ was not born until 1682.

Surry County, Virginia, Orders 1691-1713, Page 286. County, Levy. 1706 To Sion Hill for 1 wolfe shott (sic). 200 lbs tobacco.

Surry County, Virginia Deeds &c??, 1730-1738.

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, Fl.: This was probably Sion Hill Jr 3/ as his father, Sion Hill Sr 2/ had died in 1705.

Pages 541-43 7-8 Dec. 1735. Green Hill of Surry to William Evans of same. Lease & Release; for 40 (lbs) 300 acres on south side of Main Blackwater Swamp, being, 100 acres, the lowermost part of a patent granted to Col. William Browne.. on south side of the main Blackwater Swamp... to the Mill Branch.. to the mouth thereof.. (also) 200 acres, patent granted Richard Hill 1728.. corner tree of above hundred acres.. by his old line north.. Hill's old land.. Signed/ Green Hill

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, Fl.: This was Green Hill 4/, son of Richard Hill 3/ & Hannah Briggs. Green Hill 4/ inherited the 200 acres of land from his father, Richard Hill 3/, sold it and moved into Northampton Co., N.C. He married Grace Bennett.

Pages 703-04. 15 January 1736. Capt. Thomas Hill, Inventory of estate. Total valuation 153 pounds, 16 shillings, 9 pence. Appraised by William Seward, Samson Willson (sic) & John Holt. Priscilla Hill, administratrix.

13 June 1736. Returned * ordered recorded.

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, Fl.: This was Thomas Hill 3/, son of Sion Hill Sr. 2/ & Elizabeth (Green) Spiltimber. He was a brother to Robert Hill 3/, Sion Hill Jr. 3/, Richard Hill 3/, William Hill 3/ & Michael Hill 3/. Thomas Hill 3/ married Priscilla Gray. The mother, Elizabeth Spilti,ber, was widow of John Spiltimber. Thomas Hill 3/ went by the title of Captain, but no record of any military service has been found. Ehat is important here is that several sources list his death as 1737, yet he was obviously dead by this date of 15 January

Virginia Patents, Book 12

Page 171. 22 February 1724 (1725). Grant to Robert Hill of Surry County. 100 acres on south side Maharin River on north side of Fountain Creek in Isle of Wight County.

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, Fl.: This seems to be Robert Hill 3/, who ca. 1726 moved into N.C.

Virginia Patents, Book Number not listed but may be Book 13 or 14.

Page 468. 24 March 1725 (1726). Grant to Robert Hill Jr., of Isle of Wight County. 235 acres on north side of Fountain Creek in said county.. corner tree of Robert Hill's land.

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, Fl.: The term "Junior: signifies it was Robert Hill 3/.

Page 84. 9 July 1724. Grant to Robert Hill of Isle of Wight County. 145 acres on south side of Fountain's Creek.

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, Fl.: This seems to have been Robert Hill 3/.

Virginia Patents, Book 15 Page 184. 23 March 1733 (1734). Grant to Robert Hill of Isle of Wight County. 400 acres on south side of Maherin River & north side of Fountain's Creek... corner of said Hill's other land... corner of Francis Myrick's land... line tree of William Hill's land...

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, Fl.: I do not think this was Robert Hill 3/ as he had moved into N.C. by 1726. It might have been his uncle, Robert Hill (Sr. 2/) although there was another Robert Hill of Wiveton, Norfolk, Yeoman, that married a Ann King, who ancestry is unknown.

Page 156-57. 28 February 1733 (1734). Grant to William Hill of Isle of Wight County. 100 acres on south side of Maherin River... at a gum (tree) on north side of Fountain's Creek.. corner of Robert Hill's land.

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, Fl.: This seems to have been William Hill 3/ & his brother, Robert Hill 3/, both moved into N.C. ca. 1726. This appears to be the deed of 28 Feb. 1733 described in print as mentioning the land adjoining William's, brother Robert Hill. There is no mention of brother in this entry and since this land adjoins that of Robert Hill "Senior" the brother of Sion Hill Sr., it is unlikely that such could be the case. The identification of the Robert Hill as the elder one is based on the fact that the younger Robert is described

HILL

(Robert Hill of Isle of Wight County)

Isle of Wight County, Va. Deeds, Great Book No. 2, Pages 689-690.

5-6 January 1724/25 Robert Hill of Isle of Wight County to Arthur Jordan of same. Lease & Release; for 20 lbs current money. 145 acres on the south side of the crick (sic) called Fountain Creek being the plantation whereon said Hill is now living. Signed/Robert Hill

Wits: Thomas Hallemon Sr., Thomas Hallemon Jr. 25 January 1724 (1725). Acknowledged by Robert Hill, and Tabitha, his wife, (who) relinquished her right of dower.

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, Fl.: This was Robert Hill 3/ & wife Tabitha, who very shortly after this deed moved to N.C. I think he *Robert Hill 3/) was getting ready to move to NC.

Robert Hill 2/ of Surry County

Isle of Wight County, Virginia Deed Book 4, Pages 482-483:

7 August 1735. King Edmonds, James Harrison, Peter, Wainoak Robin, William Hines, Frank, Wainoak Robin Jr., Ned, Robin Scholar and Sam, Cookerouse Tom, Cookerouse Will, chief men of the Nottoway Indians, by John Simmons of Isle of Wight County and Thomas Cocke and Benjamin Edwards of Surry County, trustees appointed by Assembly, to ROBERT HILL of Surry County, for 15 lbs, 270 acres.. on the west side of Indian Branch... down the various courses..

Signed by/ All the Indians by mark and by the three trustees.

Wits: Samuel Blow, William Hines, Thomas Hines, George Briggs, Jas. Stanton, Thomas Davis.

6 August 1735. Possession and sezin (sic) granted Robert Hill.

24 November 1735. Proved by Samuel Blow, Thomas Hines and George Briggs.

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, Fl.: Since Robert Hill 3/ & wife Tabitha had moved to NC ca. 1725/26, this was either his uncle, Robert Hill 2/ or the other unknown Robert Hill (yeoman) that married Ann King, of nearby Wiveton, Norfolk County.

Isle of Wight County, Virginia Deed Book 5, Pages 290-292

20-21 October 1738. Robert Hill of Surry County to Benjamin Ellis of

Isle of Wight County. Lease & Release, for 28 lbs.. 270 acres granted to Robert Hill (on) 7 August 1735, part of land held by the Nottoway Indians.

Robert Hill Wits: Isaac Macon, Thomas Davis, J. Gray. 23 October 1738, Acknowledged by Robert Hill.

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, Fl.: This must have been Robert Hill 2/ (Senior) since his "nephew" (Robert Hill 3/) had moved to N.C. by 1726.

FOLLOWING DEEDS FOR SOUTHAMPTON & BRUNSWICK COUNTIES, VA.

Southampton County, Va. Deed Book 2, pages 315, 316.

5 March 1750 (1760?) Sion Hill of Southampton County to William Thweatt, for 45 pounds current money, 50 acres, (located) on Wm. Thweatt's line, just below a small branch... Jacob Harris'... on the flat swamp.

Signed/Sion Hill

Acknowledged 13 March 1760? (1750?)

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, Fl.: The date of this deed is conflicting... one place says 1750 and the other 1760. Regardeless, this Sion Hill had to be Sion Hill Jr. 3/ who dies in 1762-1767. His father, Sion Hill Sr 2/ had died in 1705. This shows us that Sion Jr had now moved from Surry County. Also note the term of Junior is no lobger used.

Southampton County Deed Book 1, Pages 149, 150.

4 December 1750. John Windham of N.C. to Sion Hill of Southampton County (Va.) For Hill bareing (sic) equal charges with Windham in entering land. 15 acres (originally) granted to John Windham on 15 December 1749... (located) at Sion Hill's cross line... John Harris' land.. William Wiggins' line... Sion Hill's former line. John (W) Windham

Widenesses: W,. Thweatt, John Adams, John (M) Evans.

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, Fl.: This was Sion Hill Jr 3/,e There was a land deed in Chatham County, N.C. in the 1780's by a Abner Hill, who states his father was Sion Hill, deceased, of (the adjacent) Greensville County, Va. I suspect this was the same Sion Hill, who was the father to the aforesaid mentioned Abner Hill.

Brunswick County, Va. Deed Book 6, pages 257, 258.

20 August 1760. Nuit (Newt) Drew of Southampton County to Sion Hill of same... for 65 pounds current money, 100 acres (of land located) on the bank on the south side of Meherrin River.. Urvin Brown's line... corner

of John Mason's...

Nuit (x) Drew Wits: John Brell, MICHAEL (H) HILL, Sion (x) Hill Acknowledged 25 August 1760.

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, Fl.: This Sion Hill was probably Sion Hill Jr. 3/ (1682=1762) and the witness, Sion Hill, a son, later of Wake Co., NC. Notice a Michael Hill signed as a witnesses, proving that they are part of the "Surry County Va. Hill Family." Based on the knowledge & research of the Michael Hills of Surry/Sussex Counties, Va., I think this was the same Michael Hill that married (Nancy) Ann Tyus and Michael Hill died very late 1762/ or early 1763. He was a nephew to thr buyer, Sion Hill. Michael Hill 4/, son of Thomas Hill 3/ & Priscilla Gray. This property must have been located in Brunswick County for the deed to be recorded there. Ref: Michael Hill.. he and wife had a son Isaac Hill, who m. Mildred Hines.. they had a son Jesse H. Hill of Barrow Co., Ky and a son Isaac Hill (of Middlesex? Co., Va.)

Brunswick County, Va. Deed Book 7, Pages 65-66.

8 January 1762. Sion Hill of Southampton County to W, Thweatt. For 80 pounds current money, 128 acres (of land located) on the south side of Maherrin River on the bank of the said river, a corner of Capt. John Mason's... corner of Urvin Brown's...

Sion (H) Hill Wits: James Lunday, Urvin Brown, Abijah Bidlum. Acknowledged 22 February 1762.

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, Fl.: This deed was recorded in Brunswick County, Va. It shows that the land was located in Brunswick County, but the seller (Sion Hill) lived in Southampton County, Va. This appears to be Sion Hill Jr 3/, who has as of 1705, dropped the title of junior.

WILLIAM HILL 3/ (3rd generation)

Brunswick County, Va. Deed Book 3, Pages 89-91.

3 October 1745. William Hill of Northampton County, N.C. to Thomas Parson of Brunswick County, (Va.) for 12? (22)? pounds, 100 acres (of land located) in the parish of St. Andrews on the north side of Fountain's Creek... contents of patent granted William Hill 28 February 1733... (to) corner of Robert Hill... down the courses of the run of the said creek...

William Hill

3 October 1745. Livery & sezin granted to Thomas Parsons.3 October 1745. Acknowledged by William Hill & Anne, his wife.

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, Fl.: This was William Hill 3/, a

son of Sion Hill Sr. 2/ and wife, Elizabeth (Smith) Spiltimber. He was born ca. 1690 in Surry Co., Va. and died in Northampton County, N.C. ca. 1748. His will was probated in November 1748. It named wife Ann Hill; children as: son Wm Hill 4/; daughters: Ann Hill 4/ m. Phillips; Celia Hill 4/. William Hill 3/ was the brother to the Robert Hill 3/, mentioned in this deed. They both moved into N.C. William Hill 3/ married Anne DeLoach and resided in Northampton Co., N.C.

Brunswick County, VA. Deed Book 3, Pages 148, 149.

6 January 1745 (1746) William Hill of Northampton County, N.C. to Francis Dortch (DeLoach) of Brunswick County (Va.) for 3 pounds current money, 400 acres (of land located) on the mouth of the Cypress Swamp on the north side... on the branch of Maherrin River... to the swamp run...

William (W) Hill 6 February 1745 (1746) Acknowledged by William Hill.

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, Fl.: Again, this was William Hill 3/ (m. Ann DeLoach), son of Sion Hill Sr. 2/ & Elizabeth Spiltimber. He was a brother to Robert Hill 3/; Sion Hill Jr. 3/; Richard Hill 3/; Capt. Thomas Hill 3/ and Michael Hill 3/.

Halifax County NC, created from Edgecombe County in 1758.

WILLIAM HILL (Of Halifax Co., N.C.)

Halifax County, N.C. Deed Book 4, Pages 323, 324.

(Note: Although Halifax County was not formed until 1758, it has the early records of Edgecombe County).

18 November 1752. Robert Hill of Edgecombe County (N.C.) to my son William Hill of same. For divers good causes. 200 acres on both sides of Peachtree by patent granted to said Robert Hill (on) 20 April 1745. Robert Hill
Wits: Benjamin Hill, Thomas Parker. Acknowledged November 1752/

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon Fla.: This was Robert Hill 3/, (wife Tabitha) giving land to his son, William Hill Sr. 4/, probability just before William married Charity Lewis.

(Halifax Co.?) Deed Book 6, Pages 12, 13

... 1756. John Watson of Granville Co., N.C. to William Hill for 45 lbs current money of Va. 200 acres, part of a patent of 304 acres granted on 7 November 1755. John Watson, his mark Mary Watson, her mark

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Acknowledged May 1756.

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, Fl.: This was probably William Hill 4/, son of Robert Hill 3/.

(Halifax Co.?) Deed Book 13, Pages 405, 406

19 February 1777. John Branch of Halifax County to William Hill of same.. for 53 lbs., 13 shillings, 4 pence proclamation money, 100 acres (of land bounded by) David Hunter's line.. Bee Tree Pond.. Gullage's line..

J. Branch Acknowledged February 1777.

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, Fl.: I think this was William Clanton Hill 5/, son of Wm. Hill 4/ & Charity Lewis. Wm. Hill Sr. 4/ was a son of Robert Hill 3/ & wife Tabitha--. This William Clanton Hill 5/ married a Sarah Branch.

(Halifax Co.?) Deed Book 14, pages 471, 472.

5 February 1782. William Hill of Halifax County to Henry Overstreet of same. For 60 specie, 100 acres.. (bounded) Thomas Smith's line... David Hunter's corner. William Hill

Mary Hill Wits: Jno. Branch, Wm. Flewellen. Proved February 1782.

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, Fl.: I suspect this was a grandson of Robert Hill 3/, and his wife Mary Williams. If so he (Wm.) was probably a son of Sion Hill 4/, Green Hill 3/ or Abner Hill 4/, sons of Robert Hill 3/ & wife Tabitha. Mary Hill may be the daughter of Wilson Williams who named a daughter, Mary Hill, in his will.

(Halifax Co.?) Deed Book 15, Pages 364, 365.

10 November 1783. Thomas Smith & Phebe Smith of Halifax County, planters, to William Hill. For 30 lbs current money. 50 acres (of land bounded by) Crowell's corner.. in Dawkin's branch.. main run of beach swamp.

Thomas (x) Smith Wits: Henry Overstreet, Wm. Gulledge. Proved 1785 by Henry Overstreet.

Comment: This may be the grandson of Robert Hill 3/, menyioned above.

(Halifax Co.?) Deed Book 15, Pages 299-300.

14 December 1784. William Hill of Halifax County, N.C. to Edward Crowell of same. For 50 lbs.. 50 acres of land (bounded by) Crowell's corner, in Hawkins Branch.. main run of Beach Swamp. Wm. Hill
Wits: Benjamin Pierce, Robert Knight.
Proved February 1785 by Benjamin Pierce.

Halifax County, N.C. Deed Book 17, Page 533.

17 May 1793. John Branch of ---(Halifax?) County, N.C. to William Clanton Hill of same. For 360 specie. 600 acres (of land) on both sides of Jakett Swamp... John Marshall's line.. John Cooper's corner.. Sua (sic) Harrington's corner.. being 2/3 of a tract the property of Drury Harrington, deceased.

Witnesses: William Branch, William Batchelor. Acknowledged May 1793.

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, Fl.: This was William Clanton Hill 5/, son of William Hill Sr. 4/ & Charity Lewis, who was the son of Robert Hill 3/ and wife, son of Sion Hill Sr. 2/ & wife Elizabeth Smith Spiltimber of Surry County, Va., son of the immigrants Robert Hill 1/ & Mary Webb in Va. ca. 1642 (Isle of Wight County). Drury Harrington (the deceased) was the son of Agnes Hill 4/, who had married Charles Harrington, Agnes Hill 4/, being a daughter of Robert Hill 3/ & wife Tabitha. William Clanton Hill 5/ was married to Sarah Branch.

Halifax County, N.C. Deed Book 17, Pages 773, 774.

26 May 1794. William Clanton Hill of Halifax County to John Branch of same. For \$ 177 1/2 Spanish milled dollars. 177 and 1/2 acres (of land) part of a tract formerly sold by Branch to Hill... down the meanders of the swamp.

Wm. C. Hill

Acknowledged: 6 July 1795.

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, Fl.: Again, this was William Clanton Hill 5/, who married Sarah Branch.

Halifax County, N.C. Deed Book 18, Page 18.

2 March 1796. John Branch, guardian of John Branch, infant heir of Wm. Branch Jr., deceased, to William Hill, both of Halifax County, 266 acres (of land) which William Hill bought at auction for 165 lbs current money.. at George Scurlock's corner.. John Branch, Guardian.

Acknowledged August 1796.

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, Fl.: This was William Clanton Hill 5/, son of Wm. Hill Sr. 4/ & Charity Lewis.

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Halifax County, N.C. Deed Book 18, Pages 19, 20. 5 April 1796. William Hill of Halifax County to John Branch of same. For 165 lbs, 296 acres known by name of Scurlock's place. William Hill Acknowledged August 1796.

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, Fl.: This was William Clanton Hill 5/. (m. Sarah Branch).

Halifax County, N.C. Deed Book 18, Pages 217, 218.

7 January 1797 Whitmell Harrington of Montgomery County, N.C. to William Clanton Hill of Halifax County, N.C. For 56 lbs., 10 shillings, -- (pence?) 114 acres (of land) on both sides of Jacket Swamp... being 1/8 part of tract Drury Harrington, deceased, which fell to Whitmel Harrington by heirship. Whitmel Harrington Proved November 1797 by John Spence.

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, Fl.: Again, this was William Clanton Hill 5/, son of Wm. Hill Sr. 4/ & Charity Lewis, son of Robert Hill 3/ & wife Tabitha--? Drury Harrington, the deceased, was the husband to Lurana Hill 4/, a daughter of Robert Hill 3/ & wife Tabitha (both of Halifax Co.). She was the sister of Wm. Hill Sr. 4/, (father of Wm. C. Hill 5/) and thus was the "AUNT" to Wm. Clanton Hill 5/. Whitmel Harrington was probably a son to the deceased Drury Harrington & Lurana Hill Harrington..

Halifax County, N.C. Deed Book 18, Page 445.

18 April 1799. William C. Hill of Halifax County to John Branch of same. For 30 lbs current money, 60 acres, being 1/8 of 483 and 2/3 acres, part of a tract formerly property of Drury Harrington, deceased. William C. Hill
Witnesses: W. Branch.

Acknowledged May 1799.

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, Fl.: Another transaction by William Clanton Hill 5/, (wife was Sarah Branch). Drury Harrington was his "uncle" by marriage to his "Aunt Lurana Hill 4/."

Halifax County, N.C. Deed Book 18, Pages 631, 632.

12 April 1800. Violet Hill of Halifax County to my son, William W. Hill of same. 200 acres whereon I now live, given me by my father.. Violet (x) Hill Proved August 1800 by Henry Motley.

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, Fl.: This was another Hill family of Halifax County, that was probably not related to any of the above

Hills.

Halifax County, N.C. Deed Book 18, Page 646.

16 November 1800. Lurana Harrington, widow of Halifax County, for live (sic) (prbly love) & affection unto my beloved nephew William Clanton Hill, for \$ 800 he paid for me in a judgement against (me) as administratrix of my beloved husband Drury Harrington. Five (5) Negroes and personality.

Lurana (x) Harrington Acknowledged November 1800.

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, Fl.: Lurana Harrington was formerly Lurana Hill 4/, another daughter of Robert Hill 3/ & wife Tabitha (both of Halifax Co). She was a sister to William Hill Sr. 4/, father of the above Wm. Clanton Hill 5/. Drury Harrington was the deceased husband to Lurana Hill 4/.

Halifax County, N.C. Deed Book 29, Pages 113, 114.

24 October 1834. William Wallace Hill of Warren County, N.C. to Spier Whitlock.. Power of Attorney to convey 200 acres on the road from Halifax to Enfield.

W. W. Hill Proved November 1834 by Wm. Plummer.

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, Fl.: This was the son William W. Hill, son of the above Violet Hill and to my knowledge, they were not related to any of the other Hills mentioned previously.

Halifax County, N.C. Will Book 3, Pages 300, 301.

Will of William Hill of Halifax County, N.C. Dated 15 February 1798.

To my son William W. Hill (listed above), all my land. To my loving wife Viley Hill (listed above). The rest of my property to be equally divided between my wife Viley Hill (listed above as Violet) and seven children: Charlotte Hill, Mary Hill, Elizabeth Hill, William Wallace Hill (listed above) Viley Hill, Margaret Hill & Dortha Hill.

Friends Lunsford Long & Henry Molley, executors. William Hill Wits: Eppy Tillery, B. Joyner. Proved February 1798.

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, Fl.: This Hill family of Halifax County was not (to my knowledge) related to the other Hills previously mentioned. Note this William Hill died ca. Feb of 1798. (when will was proved).

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Halifax County, N.C. Will Book 3, Pages 398, 399.

(This is the Will of William Clanton Hill 5/)

dated 25 January 1803. Will of William Hill of Halifax County, being sick at this time, unto my beloved wife Sarah Hill one Negro man Kinshin, Negro woman Bib and her youngest child.. also Personality.

To my beloved wife (Sarah) my land and plantation on the north side of Hill's Road during her natural life.

Unto my daughter Martha Hill... Unto my son James Hill... Unto my son Henry Hill... My three children, Martha, James and Henry.. when Martha comes of age..

Three Negroes to be hired to support (Aunt) Lurancy (sic) Arrington (name was originally Harrington)

Wife Sarah Hill, my brother Richard Hill (of Franklin Co., N.C.) and Marriott Davis, (to be) Executors.

William C. Hill

Wits: William Parham, George (x) Angel, Frederick Wiggins. (Will) Proved May 1803.

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, Fl.: This was the will of William Clanton Hill 5/, son of Wm. Hill Sr. 4/ & wife Charity Lewis. After his death, William Parham and the three children removed to Williamson County, Tenn. I have wondered if he married the widow, who was named Sarah Branch prior to marrying Wm. C. Hill 5/.

FOLLOWING RELATES TO ROBERT HILL 3/, SON OF SION HILL SR. 2/ OF SURRY CO., VA., WHO MOVED INTO N.C. (BERTIE, NORTHAMPTON, EDGECOMBE, HALIFAX COUNTIES) ABOUT 1725/1726.

Note: Halifax County created from Edgecombe County. It was not formed until 1758 but it has the early records of Edgecombe County).

Halifax County, N.C. Deed Book 4, Pages 495, 496.

24 March 1753. Robert Hill of Edgecombe County, planter, to Isham Jones and Sarah Hatley, his mother of same. For divers good causes.. 50 acres on south side of branch called the Hill Branch, granted by patent to Robert Hill on 28 June 1736.

Robert Hill Proved November 1753 by Wallis Jones.

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, Fl.: This was Robert Hill 3/, oldest child & son of Sion Hill Sr. 2/ & wife Elizabeth (Smith)

Spiltimber, widow of John Spiltimber of Surry County, Va. Robert Hill 3/ was born ca. 1678 in Surry County, Va., after marriage about 1712 to Tabitha --?, he lived in Isle of Wight County, Va. and moved the later part of 1725 or in 1726 into N.C., either into what was then Northampton County and then into Bertie County. In 1741, the location where he lived in Bertie County split off to form Edgecombe County. Again, in 1758, his plantation was in an area that became Halifax County.

Halifax County, N.C. Deed Book 5, Page 447.

17 February 1745/46. Robert Hill Sr. of Edgecombe County, planter, to Robert Hill Jr. of same, planter. For 15 lbs current money of Virginia. 200 acres... on the south side on the middle prong of Peach Tree Creek by patent granted Robert Hill Sr. on 7 May 1742. Robert Hill Senior.
Witnesses: Henry Yeats, Thomas Wiggins.

Proved February 1745 by Henry Yeats.

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, Fl.: I have done considerable research on this Robert Hill 3/ family. I am pretty sure he is the same man named as "Robert Hill Sr." What is a surprise is the name of Robert Hill Jr., which seems to imply there was a son by that name. In all of the genealogical data I have ever seen, I have not seen a son named Robert Hill Jr. 4/. There may have been another Robert Hill (maybe a grandson) living in the area and the terminology "Senior & Junior" was used to separate the two men. This same terminology was use by the above Robert Hill 3/ *who used the tern Junior) to distinguish himself from his "UNCLE" Robert Hill 2/, (who used the terminology "Senior." b

My "Gut" feeling is that Junior was a grandson of Robert Hill 3/ (named as Senior), probably a son of his own sons Sion Hill 4/, Green Hill 4/ or Abner Hill 4/. His son Thomas Hill 4/ did name a son Robert Hill 5/, BUT since Thomas Hill 4/ was not born until 1725, and assuming he married after age 21 (or ca. 1746) I have serious doubts that it was he that was named as "Robert Hill Jr." b

Halifax County, N.C. Deed Book 1, Page 351.

15 August 1740. Robert Hill of Edgecombe Precinct, planter, to Wm. Hickman of same, planter. For 15 lbs. current money of Virginia, 75 acres on south side of Blue Marsh, part of patent to Robert Hill on 20 June 1738.

Robert Hill

Wits: Abm. (Abraham?) Green, Thomas Hiles (sic) [may be Hill] Proved August 1740 by Abraham Green.

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, Fl.: This seems to be Robert Hill 3/ who came from Virginia in late 1725 or in 1726. Notice that Edgecombe was not referred to as "county" but as "Edgecombe Precinct."

Edgecombe County was formed the next year in 1741 from Bertie County, so prior to 1741, Robert Hill 3/ and family were residents of Edgecombe Precinct (in Bertie County).

Halifax County Deed Book 5, Pages 2 & 3.

16 November 1741. Robert Hill of EDGECOMBE COUNTY, planter, to Joseph Phillips, planter, of same. For 20 lbs Virginia money. 26 acres on south side of Peach Tree (Creek?) on the middle prong... part of a tract of land bought of said Robert Hill (SIC). Robert Hill Wits: Henry Trenton, Walter McFarlan. Acknowledged November 1741.

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, Fl.: Notice that in this deed Robert Hill 3/ was now officially of Edgecombe County, which was founded from Bertie in 1741 (probably the 1st of the year). b

Halifax County, N.C. Deed Book 5, Page 221.

20 January 1743. Robert Hill of Edgecombe County, planter, to Hopkins Wilder of same.. For 5 lbs Virginia money, 100 acres on north side of Peach Tree (Creek?) on the middle prong... part of a tract of land bought of said Robert Hill (SIC).

Witnesses: Robert Hill Junior, William (x) Wilder. Proved May 1744 by Robert Hill Jr.

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, Fl.: This deed is a little confusing due to the manner it was "abstracted." To me, it shows one Robert Hill selling land to Joseph Phillips. The land was originally purchased by Robert Hill 3/ from someone, not named. Now notice that a Robert Hill Jr. was a witness and he also proved the sale. To me this indicates that the witness was probably a grandson, as Robert Hill 3/ had no son named Robert.

FOLLOWING RELATED TO WILLIAM HILL 4/ (WM. HILL SR. 4/) SON OF ROBERT HILL 3/ AND WIFE TABITHA. THIS WILLIAM HILL 4/ MARRIED CHARITY LEWIS, DAUGHTER OF RICHARD LEWIS OF HALIFAX CO., NC. ABOUT 1752/1753....

Note: Again, Edgecombe County was not created until 1741 from Bertie County, but the early Edgecombe County Deeds are located in Halifax County. Do not be miss lead..

Edgecombe County, N.C. Deed Book OO, Pages 145, 146.

23 September 1760. William Hill of Edgecombe County to Cooper Williams.. for 16 lbs current money, 196 acres on Shelley's line.. on Swift Creek.. part of 206 acres tract granted to William Hill on 8 March 1760.

William (W) Hill Wits: Micajah Thomas, Adam Taply, Thomas (T) Hallow. Proved September 1760 by Adam Taply.

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, Fl.: I believe this to be William Wallace Hill, not related to the other Hills in this document.

Edgecombe County, N.C. Deed Book OO, Pages 214, 215.

8 October 1760. William Hill of Edgecombe County, planter, to William Harris of same, For 18 lbs, 10 shillings of Virginia money, 80 acres... (located on) both sides of Peach Tree Creek.. on the south side... across the creek... part of a patent granted to Robert Hill for 200 acres on 20 April 1745. William (W) Hill

Witnesses: William Lassiter, Abner (A) Hill. Proved March 1761 by Abner Hill.

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, Fl.: This was William Hill Sr. 4/, son of Robert Hill 3/. Abner Hill was brother to William Hill Sr. 4/. William Hill 4/ signed deeds later as "William Hill Sr." probably to separate himself from his own son who was named William Clanton Hill 5/. William Hill 4/ had no brother or father named William Hill and the term "Senior" was used to differentiate from his son.

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