

## R.096 THE DIFFERENT WILLIAM HILLS OF EARLY SURRY COUNTY, N.C. & THE SURROUNDING COUNTIES.

Entered in June, July & August of 1996 by Robert R. Hill of Brandon, Fl.

Source for Information: Abstracted deeds sent to me by Mr. Wade Baker of Anchorage, Alaska. Information from the book "Green B. Hill & Some of His Ancestors: by Mr. Byron Hill in May of 1996, my SC research on William Hill of York Co., SC, and much more information gathered from many other various researchers over the years.

### INTRODUCTION

It has been a very difficult & complex problem of trying to separate the many different William Hills that have been found in and around early Surry/Stokes Counties of N.C. in the early time from of 1760-1845.

It must be remembered Surry County, N.C. split off to form Stokes County, N.C. in 1789. Some of these William Hills obviously lived in this area that was split to form Stokes County. This area of Surry County was once rich in iron ore.

the first two William Hills were father and son. They both originated from Caroline County, Virginia, moving into Surry County, N.C. about 1770.

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### THE FIRST KNOWN WILLIAM HILL OF SURRY COUNTY, N.C.

This William Hill was born about 1710 in Caroline County, Virginia and has been called by some as "The Elder." His wife was named Susannah Smither or Smithers. Many of their sons fought in the American Revolution and based on their depositions they made for their military benefits. they all moved with their family to Surry County, N.C. about 1770. This William Hill died in 1785 in Surry County, N.C. Their children were:

1. Rev. William Hill Jr. 2/, born 1737 in Virginia, died on 20th September. 1792 in Stokes Co., N.C. (death date is questionable, see details later on). He married Hannah Elizabeth Halbert, who remarried 2nd time to John Glenn Jr. of Rockingham County, B.C. .
2. Thomas Smithers Hill 2/, 1739-182 5, married Susannah Mobley, dau. of Wesley Mobley. Ref: Mobley's Will dated 1821 in Surry Co., N.C.). Many researchers say he married Katherine Shropshire. I think his father was the William Hill of Fisher's River in Surry County, N.C.

3. Elizabeth Hill, b. 18 Sept. 1747, d. 6th Nov. 1836. She married William Anson Halbert in June of 1765.
4. Capt. Robert Hill, born 17 February 1752 in Caroline County, Va, he died on 2nd August 1834 in NC. He married Martha Halbert.
5. Major Uel Hill, born 1755 in Virginia, died 17th October 1834 in S.C. He married more than once but no names of wives were listed..
6. Daniel Hill, b on 16th October 1756 in Caroline County, Va., died 28th May 1826. He married Martha (Patsy) Hickman on 16 October 1779.
7. Jesse Hill, born 26 May 1763 in Caroline County, Va., he died 20th June 1855. He married 3 times, last wife was listed as Elizabeth Hill.
8. James Hill, born ??, died 17 September 1835. married Anne Robinson on 10 March 1785.
9. Joshua Hill, born 26 May 1763 in Caroline County, Va., he died on 20th June 1855. Wife was Nancy Eppes Collier.
10. Joel Hill, born 26 May 1763 in Caroline County, Va. He married Anne Watson. He died in Jackson County, Arkansas. on 7th January 1843. Some say he was a twin to Joshua but this has not been proved.

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THE SECOND KNOWN WILLIAM HILL IN AND AROUND SURRY COUNTY, NC.

Reverend William Hill Jr. 2/, (1737-29th September 1792) died in Rockingham County, N.C. He was a son of the above William Hill. Some say he died in late 1784 or January 1785. He was a Revolutionary Soldier, and was born in Caroline County, Virginia. He married in Caroline County, Virginia ca. 1765-1770 to Elizabeth Halbert also of Caroline County, Virginia.

After his death, ca. 1784/85, she remarried to John Glenn Jr., of Rockingham County, N.C. I do not believe this was the same William Hill and wife Hannah mentioned in the church records found later.

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COURT MINUTES, DEEDS ETC.. RELATING TO REV. WILLIAM HILL 2/.

Rockingham County< n. c. Court Minutes, 1786-1795 Pt.2, Page 32.  
Dept, of Archives & History, Raleigh, N.C.

27 August 1792. Ordered that the prayer of William Hill's heirs be granted and that Samuel Henderson, Thomas Henderson, Pleasant

Henderson, James Hayes and John Reagen be appointed to lay of (sic) (off?) the lands as the law directs and make (a) report to next court and that Thomas Henderson be appointed guardian to said children to wit: William Hill, James Hill, Eliza Hill, Cintha Hill, Green Hill and Polly Hill.

Notice the date of this document, 27th of August 1792, so the stated date of death listed above as the 27th of September 1792 is wrong. He was dead by this date of 27th August 1792.

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Stokes County, N.C. Deed Book 3, Page 12.

14 January 1797. James Hill of Rockingham County, N.C. to William Hill of same.. For 75 pounds current money, 464 acres (of land) on the waters of Town Fork on Ash Camp Creek whereon the REVEREND WILLIAM HILL, formerly lived, joining the lands of John Halbert, Samuel Hampton and others.

James Hill

Witnesses: Robert Hill, Thomas (T) Evans  
Proved June 1797 by Robert Hill.

These two men were the sons of Rev. William Hill Jr. 2/ and wife Elizabeth Halbert.

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Stokes County Deed Book 3, Page 57.

7 October 1797. John Hill of Davidson County, Tennessee, to William Hill of the city of Raleigh (NC) for 100 pounds current money, 464 acres (of land) on Ash Creek, waters of the Town Fork, whereon the Reverend William Hill, deceased, formerly lived.

John Hill

Witnesses: James Hill, Thomas Henderson.  
Proved December 1719 by James Hill.

This was two brothers, John Hill 3/ & William Hill 3/, both heirs and sons of Rev. William Hill Jr. 2/ & wife Elizabeth Halbert.

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Stokes County, N.C. Deed Book 4, Pages 143, 144.

15 June 1802. Division of land to the heirs of William Hill, deceased.

Lot No. 1 to Green Hill, 111 and 1/4 acres.

Lot No. 2 to William Hill, 83 acres.

Lot No. 3 to James Hill, 104 acres.

Lot No. 4 to John Hill, 168 acres.

All of these men were sons of the deceased Rev. William Hill Jr. 2/ and Hannah Elizabeth Halbert.

Notice that Cynthia Hill, who m. a Mr. Crawford; Martha Hill,

who m. a Mr. Osborne; Frances (Fanny) Hill, who m.. Major Mark Hardin; Mary Hill, who m. Osborne Childress and Elizabeth Hill, who m. William Anson Halbert, all daughters of the deceased Rev. William Hill Jr. 2/, are not mentioned in this division of property.

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Stokes Co., N.C. Estate Records, WILLIAM HILL, C.R. 90 126, Dept. of Archives & History, Raleigh, N.C.

PETITION OF WIDOW, ELIZABETH (HALBERT) Hill..

10 December 1810. Petition of widow Elizabeth Hill of Stokes County, N.C., the widow of Reverend William Hill Jr.: Petition of John Glen & Elizabeth Glenn, formerly Elizabeth Hill.... that William Hill departed this life on or about----? intestate, (left no will) leaving at the time of his death the following sons: John Hill, William Hill, James Hill & Green Hill; ALSO Elizabeth Hill now Glenn by her intermarriage with John Glenn, his widow & relict.

The intestate was seized of a tract of land lying on Ash Camp Creek, a branch of Town Fork containing 464 acres, adjoining James Hampton and Thomas Evans. Elizabeth (Glenn) is entitled to one-third part as her dower.

John Glenn deposes that he agreed with John Hill, (son) who was the guardian of his brother, Green Hill (by appointment of Court of Rockingham County) to buy Green's part at the price of \$ 300.00. Glenn gave a Negro girl, worth \$ 300.00 as payment to John (Hill) & John sold the Negro. Green Hill has not made good the deed since arriving at the age of twenty-one.

John Hill lived at Cumberland (county?) in 1808 and 1811.  
Green Hill replied to the bill in October 1811. (notes from IBID).  
End of Estate Affairs for Rev. Wm. Hill 2/.

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THE THIRD LISTED WILLIAM HILL OF SURRY COUNTY, N.C.

A third William Hill of Surry & Guilford County, NC was married to Hannah Bridges. Their births are estimated to have been in the 1730's. They settled on Little Fisher River of Surry/Guilford Counties. Their known children were: Thomas, Jacob, John, James, Polly (maybe others). This William Hill is thought to have died in September of 1792.

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

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

Surry County in 1789.

This William Hill was not Reverend William Hill Jr but the one that married Hannah Bridges and settled on Fisher's River.

There has (to date) been found no record to indicate what the relationship was between William Hill and Gustavius Hill. It certainly appears that William Hill's wife was Hannah (Bridges) Hill and Gustavius Hill's wife was Charuty Hill. I think William & Gustavius Hill may have been brothers or cousins.

The record below indicates considerable trouble among these four people, along with a Margaret Hill and a Caty Hill, who may have been daughters of William &/or Gustavus Hill. This is all my 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 Gustavius Hill & wife Margaret Hill were excommunicated. I am told that being dismissed is not the same as being excommunicated. They may have been dismissed because they moved.

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) Gustavius 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 Gulavius (sic) Hill in fellowship again. (Probably Gustavius 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 Gustavus 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 Gustavus 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 Church Minutes 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 suggestion as to what may have 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, Gustivaus 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 (to me) 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 un-named 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.

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

Gustavius Hill and wife Margaret had been excommunicated from the church on 17 September 1776, but were brought back into membership on 15 March 1783. Their membership was annulled for seven years.

On 8th June 1783, it appears that Gustavius Hill and wife Margaret Hill were having marital problems. They both left home over the trouble but the trouble between husband and wife and 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 Gustavius 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 Gustavius Hill & Sister Margaret Hill (probably 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.

Rev. William Hill died in 1784/85 in Rockingham County, N.C. which was formed from Guilford in 1786. Perhaps their home fell into the new county and they started going to another church and therefore were dismissed from this church.

William Hill & wife Hannah are mentioned in the church minutes of 1786, proving this was not Rev. William Hill, but event was accidently lost & not copied .

The above William Hill and wife Hannah Bridges had the following known children:

- A. Thomas Hill 3/, eldest son of Rev. William Hill Jr. 2/, was born on 22nd of December 1759 near Dan River, Rowan County, N.C. (Note: His Revolutionary War Application (W-1606) states birth was in Guilford County, but Guilford was not created until 1771. He died on 5th April 1849 in White County, Tennessee, where both he and his wife are buried in the Anderson Cemetery. He married Catherine Shropshire on the 17th of July 1783 in Guilford County, N.C. She was daughter of Winkfield Shropshire & 2nd wife, Jane Jones. Catherine was born in September 1760, Rowan County, N.C. and died on the 14th of February 1854 in White County, Tennessee. They first moved to Wilkes and then Green County, Georgia before moving to White County, Tennessee. This Thomas Hill was a Revolutionary Soldier and received a pension (#W-1606). He is often confused by researchers with his uncle, the Thomas Smithers Hill 2/, son of William Hill Sr. 1/.  
Thomas' Children:

- i. Elijah Hill 4/, b. 22nd April 1784 Guilford Co., N.C. (now Rockingham Co.), he d. 25 October 1854 in Van Buren County, Tenn. & buried in Laurel Creek Cemetery. He m. Sarah Cummings, b. 2 April 1784 Henry Co., Va.-d. 5 October 1854 Van Buren Co., Tenn.
- ii. James Hill 4/, b. 1786 Guilford Co., N.C. & d. 6 December 1841 White Co., Tenn.
- iii. Abner Hill 4/, b. 20 August 1788 Rockingham Co., N.C., d. after 1861 in Texas. He m. 1st in December of 1806 to Sarah Bartlett, who d. 8 December 1808; 2nd marriage to Katherine Cotton on 10 September 1809 in White Co., Tenn.; 3rd marriage to Nancy Matthews. He was for a time a circuit rider Campbellite preacher.
- iv. William J. Hill 4/, b. 1790 in N.C. & m. Sallie Cotton.
- v. Winkfield Hill 4/, b. 27 February 1792 Greene Co., GA., d. 8 August 1851 White Co., Tenn. He m. Martha (Patsy) Anderson, b. 1798 in Tenn. & d. on 3rd August 1851 in Tenn.



- vi. Jane Hill 4/, b. ca. 1793/94, in Greene County, GA., d. ca. 1815 & married Robert Patrick Bates, Franklin Co., Ala.
- vii. Hannah Hill 4/, b. 13th February 1796 Greene Co., GA., she d. 19 January 1837 & m. Ezekiel Bates.
- viii. Cynthia Hill 4/, b. 4 December 1799 in Greene Co., GA., d. near Nashville, Tenn. She m. in August 1816/17 at Sparta, Tenn. to Gillington Chisholm (1796-31 March 1872).
- ix. Thomas Hill 4/, b. 1804 Greene Co., GA., m. Martha----?

- B. Jacob Hill.
  - C. John Hill Sr.
  - D. Mary (Polly) Hill m. Thonas Gibbons.
  - E. James Hill.
- (There may be other children

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THE FOURTH KNOWN WILLIAM HILL OF SURRY CO., NC

A fourth William Hill, in Surry County, N.C. fought in the Revolution and lived to be over 100 years old. He was born in Southampton County, Va, ca. 1740 and moved to Surry County, N.C. by the time of the American Revolution. I have thoughts that this William Hill descends from Sion Hill Jr. 3/ of early Surry/Sussex and Southampton Counties of Virginia. (Still to be proved). I DO NOT THINK THAT THIS THIRD WILLIAM HILL WAS IN THE IRON BUSINESS AS MR. BAKER HAS HINTED TO. NEITHER DO I THINK HE WAS THE SAME WILLIAM HILL THAT WAS A BAPTIST MINISTER, WHO IS SAID TO HAVE PREACHED IN THIS AREA TO THE QUAKERS. I THINK THE MINISTER WAS REV. WILLIAM HILL JR., LISTED AS NUMBER TWO ABOVE, AND THE SON OF THE ELDER WILLIAM HILL SR. 1/ (THE FIRST LISTED WILLIAM HILL) AND HIS WIFE SUSANNAH SMITHER, ORIGINALLY OF CAROLINE COUNTY, VA., WHO CAME TO SURRY COUNTY, N.C. ABOUT 1770.

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THE FIFTH WILLIAM HILL, KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN IN SURRY COUNTY, NC.

A fifth known William Hill, who had business dealings in Surry County, N.C., was known to be a resident of York County, S.C. and was involved in the Iron Ore business in both North & South Carolina. (More on him later).

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SIXTH KNOWN WILLIAM HILL OF SURRY CO., NC

A sixth known William Hill is referred to as William Hill of Fisher's River. We have no knowledge of his life except that he purchased land in Surry County about 1785 to 1789 on Fisher River and in 1789 deedrd land to his sons, Thomas, John,. James Hill.

Since William Hill Sr. (known as the Elder) died in 1785, this could not have been the same man as some have indicated. Neither does he appear to have been his son, the Rev. William Hill Jr .2/ as his children do not agree with the minister's family.

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#### SEVENTH KNOWN WILLIAM HILL IN SURRY CO., NC

A seventh William Hill that may have been born in Surry County, N.C., is said by Mr. Byron Hill, of Nashville, Tennessee to have been the son of a Green B. (Berry) Hill of Virginia. This William Hill was born on the 20th of November 1800. Byron states evidence strongly points to his birth being in Pendelton County, S.C. OR N.C. (SEE LATER). Byron has a copy of the obituary for this William Hill, which states he was born in Surry County, N.C., but Byron questions this fact. Regardless, due to the information in his obituary, I am listing him along with the another known William Hill of Surry County, N.C.

This William Hill moved to Jasper County, Georgia at age of 3 and lived there until he reached the age of 30, then went to Fayette County, Georgia, for about fourteen years. He then went to Heard County, Georgia where he lived until his death on the 11th November, 1881. (Reference the book "Green B. Hill & Some of His Ancestors," by Byron Hill of Nashville, Tennessee, printed in May 1996.

This possible sixth William Hill was married to Mary Daniel Kirk, who was born on 22nd November 1800 in Surry County, N.C. Their children listed by Byron Hill's book shows:

- 1, Infant Hill born 1827.
2. John N. Hill, born ca. 1823 in Georgia. Married Harriet (?)
3. Priscilla A. Hill, born ca. 1830 in Georgia, married Thomas N. Brown.
4. James Harvey Hill, born on 1832 in Fayette County, Ga., married Atha Anne Barker. He died in July 1832 at Look Out Mountain, Ga. of the measles. CSA Army. 56th Regiment, Co., "K", Georgia Infantry.
5. Thomas J. Hill, born ca. 1834 in Georgia, married Maccanne Owensby. Was civil war soldier, CSA 56th Regiment, Co., "K," Georgia Infantry.
6. Sarah J. Hill, born ca. 1839 in Georgia.
7. Mary Kisah Hill, born about 1841 in Georgia, married Thomas Luck "Dock: Hard/.
8. Isiah (Iseral?) Hill, born 1844 in Georgia, married Eliza Ann Hardy.
9. Wilson L. Hill, born 1848 in Georgia, married Connie L. Shaffer.

William Hill stated that he was born in North Carolina.

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## EIGHTH WILLIAM HILL IN SURRY CO., NC

A eighth known William Hill to have been in Surry County, NC was originally from Wythe County, Virginia and moved into Surry County, N.C. He was very much involved in the Iron Ore Business but does not seem to have been related to the other William Hill, (of SC), who was also involved in the iron ore business. (More on him later). Now we have identified at least seven different William Hills that either lived in or had business dealings in and around Surry County, N.C. Again, they are (listed in a time wise chronological order below):

1. William Hill Sr. 1/ (know as the elder) born ca. 1710 in Caroline County, Va., married Susannah Smither, moved to Surry County, N.C. ca. 1770. He died ca. 1785.
2. Rev. William Hill Jr. 2/ (son of above) married Hannah Elizabeth Halbert. He lived in what later became Stokes County, N.C. He was a Baptist Minister. I suspect (not proved) that he was the same William Hill, who's wife was Hannah & who was involved in the Matrimony Baptist Church in Stokes County, N.C.
3. William Hill & wife Hannah Bridges, settled in Surry/Guilford County, NC, he fief ca. 20th September 1792. He and three sons agreed among them selves how to divide his land.
4. William Hill, born ca. 1740 in Southampton County, Va... on the Meherrin River, came to Surry County, N.C. by the time of the American Revolution, which he fought in. He lived to be over 100 years old (statement made by son Richard Hill & other Witness in 1857).
5. William Hill, lived in York County, S.C., was involved in the Iron Business in both S.C. and Surry Co., N.C. (more later).
6. William Hill of Fisher's River in Surry County, N.C. Had sons Thomas, John, James, Joab. He seems to have died in 1789.
7. William Hill, obituary states he was born in Surry County, N.C. on the 22nd of November 1800. Mr Byron Jill in his book entitled "Green B. Hill & Some of His Ancestors,:" states this is questionable, but he is being listed here. Wife was Mary Daniel Kirk. He died on 11th November 1881 in Heard County, Ga.
8. William Hill of Wythe County, Va., born ca. 1801-1802, came to Surry County, N.C., and was involved in the Iron Business. (more later)

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## THE FORTH KNOWN & LISTED WILLIAM HILL OF SURRY COUNTY, N.C.

It is true that this fourth listed William Hill (born in Southampton County, Va., later of Surry Co., NC) owned land in and very close to the same lands of the subject named William Hill (listed as Number 6) of Wythe County, Va, and later Surry County, N.C. He was an entirely different and unrelated Hill. I have found no evidence to make me think he was a minister OR involved

in the Iron Business.

THE REVOLUTIONARY APPLICATION FOR THIS WILLIAM HILL WAS FILED BY HIS SON, RICHARD HILL IN 1857 !& WAS REJECTED.

WILLIAM HILL , R-5016 (N.C. Service) covers the application of a Richard Hill, a son, living in 1857 in N.C. Richard states his father, William Hill, was born in Southampton County Virginia, but resided in Surry County, N.C. when he entered service. States William died in 1840 at age 100, (b. ca. 1740) his widow died in 1846.

Based on the information above, this William Hill was born about 1840 in Southampton County, Virginia and he died in 1840. His wife, not named, died in 1846. I suspect this man was a son of a Sion Hill, who is known to have once lived in the vicinity of the Meherrin River in Southampton County, Virginia, moved to Northampton County, N.C. and who eventually died in Wake County, N.C. ca. 1787. I suspect he was Sion Hill 4/, a son of Sion Hill Jr. 3/, but this is speculation only.

This Sion Hill 4/ had a son named William Hill, who I suspect it was this same William Hill in Surry County, N.C. I suspect this William Hill was a grandson to Sion Hill Jr. 3/ of Virginia. (Still to be proved).

Since the Revolutionary War was fought about 1776 until about 1782, it appears this William Hill was in Surry County, N.C. by that time. Since Surry County was created in 1771 from Rowan County, there may be some records in Rowan County on this old soldier named William Hill.

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THE FIFTH known & LISTED WILLIAM HILL, OF YORK COUNTY, S.C.

The fifth William Hill, who lived in York County, S.C., obviously was involved in the Iron Business in and around Surry County, N.C. (See Deeds below).

This William Hill was also a Revolutionary Soldier. This William Hill (1741-1st December 1816) was born in Ireland & originally came to Pennsylvania and then to York County, S.C. in 1762.

He had obtained several land grants amounting to over 5,000 acres, mostly in the vicinity of Nanny's Mountain where iron was thought to be plentiful. (Was this in NC or SC?) In 1776 he, in partnership with Isaac Haynes, and they opened an iron works on Allison's Creek (S.C.) securing a loan from the S.C. treasury.

In 1780 most of the cannon balls used in the siege of Charleston (Rev. War) were supplied by these iron works. Later, in June of that year, the British burned these works. William Hill left his family and joined General Sumter as a lieutenant colonel of the militia and he fought at Williamson's Plantation, Rocky Mountain

and King's Mountain. After the war, he served in the S.C. legislature. From 1785 to 1790 he was a member of the county court of York County, S.C.

In 1787 he rebuilt his iron furnace and employed miners, founders, colliers and woodcutters. He also became active in transportation schemes sine he had to ship his product quite some distance to the nearest river.

Hill was a charter member of the Santee Canal Company (in SC) and a member of the state committee on inland navigation improvements.

In 1798 he continued to operate his iron works and sold fifty horsemen's swords and fifteen field pieces with cannon balls to the state. In 1815 he dictated his memoirs, largley to justify General Sumter. His wife was Jane McCall. They had six children.

From my S.C. Files: William Hill, (owner of Hill Iron Works in York Co., S.C.) who lives between Biggers Ferry & the Hill Iron Works, his will signed 21 May 1814, probated 2 Jan. 1817, (Actual death date 1st December 1816. Wife Jane Hill (Jane McCall)., Children: Solomon Hill; Robert Hill; Andrew Hill: William Hill Jr., "Somewhere in western country." Grandchildren: a share to each set. Francis Ross, the son of Alexander Ross; Margaret Malvena Allison & Betsey Adelin Allison, daughters of the late Dr. John Allison. EXS: My friends, Solomon Hill & Robert Clendennin. /Wit. Samuel Melton, Robert McElwaine & Hilliriah McCall. (NOTE By Robert R. Hill Sr, This William Hill was a Revolutionary Soldier and was married to Jane McCall).

Solomon Hill, (son of above) will signed 5 Oct. 1825, probated 18 Oct. 1825 in York (County, S.C.) wife, Nancy Hill Ex. with my son, W.R. Hill, equal (shares) to all my children (not named) My minor son, Albert Potts Hill, to be educated. /Wit. Samuel H. Barry & H.G. Catheart, M.D. This William Hill also had iron dealings in and around Surry County, N.C. as deeds will show.

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2. John N. Hill, born ca. 1823 in Georgia. Married Harriet (?)
3. Priscilla A. Hill, born ca. 1830 in Georgia, married Thomas N. Brown.
4. James Harvey Hill, born 1832 in Fayette County, Ga., married Atha Anne Barker. He died in July 1832 at Look Out Mountain, Ga. of the measles. CSA Army. 56th Regiment, Co., "K", Georgia Infantry.
5. Thomas J. Hill, born ca. 1834 in Georgia, married Maccanne Owensby. Was civil war soldier, CSA 56th Regiment, Co., "K," Georgia Infantry.
6. Sarah J. Hill, born ca. 1839 in Georgia.
7. Mary Kisah Hill, born about 1841 in Georgia, married Thomas Luck "Dock: Hard/.
8. Isiah (Israel?) Hill, born 1844 in Georgia, married Eliza Ann Hardy.
9. Wilson L. Hill, born 1848 in Georgia, married Connie L. Shaffer.

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#### THE SEVENTH WILLIAM HILL, ORIGINALLY OF WYTHE CO., VA.

The seventh known William Hill (of Wythe County, Va.) was born ca. 1801-1802 in Virginia and appears to have come from Wythe County, Va., into Surry County, N.C. The 1850 census implies that all of his children were born in Virginia, indicating his move into Surry County, N.C. was later on in his life. Now for a discussion on some of the data sent to me by Mr. Baker. I have made comments after each deed.

Mr. Baker states The deeds say, Quote: 1780 Hughes Historical Map has William Hill & Isaac Haynes granted lands for iron forge on Tarrant River (Ararat) Surry Co., (MC).

My Comments: South Carolina records clearly show that Isaac Haynes was a business partner with William Hill of York County, S.C. This deed seems to imply that this was the William Hill of York County, South Carolina, with his partner, Isaac Haynes.

Another deed.. Quote "1786 William Hill of York Co., S.C.

purchases David Allen Iron Works and ore lands, (in) western Surry Co. (NC), eastern Wilkes Company (County?) Forge in Surry, land in Surry & Wilkes. William paid in N.C. currency.

My Comments: Again, this seems to show that William Hill of York Co., S.C. purchased iron works & ore land in both Surry & Wilkes Counties of N.C. (I first thought it was Wilkes Co., Ga until I saw Wilks Co., NC).

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Quote "1789 Surry Deed D- 404, 405 William Hill of Surry purchased 390 acres of Fisher's River, (n) western Surry, at forks of Fisher's and Little Fisher's. This was a few miles from the 1788 lands of William (Hill) or York, (Co., SC). Undetermined whether same or different William." End of your quote.

My Comments: I think that this was the William Hill of Fisher River, who's sons were Thomas, John, Jacob, James. I do not think this was William Hill Sr. 1/, who was married to Susannah Smither () and who's death was also in 1789.

1792 Surry Deeds F-273, F- 274: Thomas Hill of Wilkes Co., Ga. deeded the 1789 lands of William Hill, deceased, to William's sons Jacob, James, John (on?) Forks of Fisher's and Little Fisher's Rivers. Note: Writings by Hill researchers indicate Thomas Hill was probably the son of William (Hill) of Fisher's River... BUT this has not been positively confirmed. This Thomas Hill is said by some to have been Thomas Smither Hill, son of William (Hill) "The Elder" and-or son of William (Hill) Jr. (Stokes Co).. Some confusion, not clarified." End of deed..

My Comments: I tend to agree that he was probably the son of William Hill (of Fisher River, Surry County, N.C.) and was not related to any of the other William Hills listed above, BUT I am not prepared to agree he was Thomas Smither Hill. could this possibly have been Wilks County, N.C. and not Georgia?

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WILLIAM HILL OF WYTHE COUNTY, VA., LATER OF SURRY COUNTY, NC My first thought was that this man was probably William Hill Jr., the son who was named in the Will of William Hill of York County, S.C. After reviewing the dates involving the two men, I now do not think so. This William Hill (of Wythe Co., Va.) was born in 1802 (ref 1850 census).

Since William Hill (of York Co., SC) was born in 1742 and would have been a man of about 60 years old when (or if) he had fathered this son William Jr. While the possibility does exist that the mother was much younger than the father William Hill Sr. (of York County, S.C.), I now have serious doubts.

Apparently when William Hill (Sr.) of York County wrote his will, he did not know exactly where his son William Hill Jr. was located, just somewhere in the so called "western country."

I think that all lands in the mountains, and west of the mountains in Va., N.C., S.C. and all of Ky. and Tenn. were considered "western country." Despite this, I do not think the William Hill of Wythe County, Va. was the son of William Hill, of York County, S.C.

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#### DISCUSSION OF LAND DEEDS INVOLVING THIS WILLIAM HILL, ORIGINALLY OF WYTHE COUNTY, VIRGINIA..

I have received many abstracted deeds from Mr. Baker and I have numbered these deeds so that it will be easier to refer to: It is too bad that the day and month were not copied for the following deeds. That way we would have had a more detailed chronological order of things.

Deed Number 1 (Not actually a deed): Quote " 1780 Hughes' Historical Map has William Hill and ISAAC HAYNES granted lands for Iron Forge on Tarrarat River (Ararat) Surry Co. (NC). Accepted as probable but not verified. Incomplete search of Surry land deeds- no grant or registry found, no grantor deeds in names of Hills found showing later dispositions of forge, ore lands, etc." End of quoted deed.

My comments: Looking at the data above, IT IS OBVIOUS THAT IT was William Hill of York County, S.C. that was a partner with Isaac Haynes. He obviously bought land in Surry County, N.C as well as in S.C.

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Deed Number 2 Another Deed sent: Quote "1786 Surry Deed D-138, 139 William Hill of York County, S.C. purchased the David Allen Iron Works and ore lands, western Surry Co. (NC) -eastern Wilks Co (NC) forge in Surry (Co) land in Surry -Wilks Counties (NC). William (Hill) paid in NC currency " End of Quote...

My Comments: These two counties are thought to be in NC (meaning Wilks , not Ga. and Surry. It speaks for it's self.

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Deed Number 3 Another deed sent.. Quote: "1789 Surry D-404, 405 William Hill of Surry purchased 380 acres (of land) on Fisher's River, (in) western Surry Co., (NC), at forks of Fisher's & Little Fisher's (Rivers). This is a few miles from the 1786 ore lands of William (Hill) of York (Co., S.C.) Undetermined if same or different William Hill." End of deed.

My Comments: This was probably the William Hill of Fisher River and not related to William Hill Sr. of York County, S.C. or any other listed William Hills. Some think this was William Hill Sr. 1/, the Elder, of Surry County, N.C., but I do not think so. This William Hill Sr. 1/ died in 1785 while the William Hill (of Fisher's River) purchased the above land in 1789.

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#### Deed Number 4

Another deed sent.. Quote: "1792 Surry Deed F-273, F-274. Thomas Hill of Wilkes Co., Ga. deeded the 1789 lands of William Hill, deceased, to William's sons;; Jacob, James, John. (Located) Forks of Fisher's & Little Fisher's Rivers. Note: Writings by Hill Researchers indicate Thomas was also son of William (Hill) of Fisher's River, this was not confirmed. This Thomas also said to be Thomas Smither Hill, son of William (Hill) the Elder, or son of son William, (Hill) Jr. (of Stokes Co., NC). Some confusion, not clarified. Above is offered to point out William Hill in the iron mining and forging, as was the William Hill here discussed. Perhaps coincidence, perhaps clue to family ties." End of quoted deed.

My Comments: I do not think this was Thomas Smither Hill nor does this appear to me to be his father, William Hill Sr/ 1/ (known as the Elder, of Surry County, N.C. Instead, this seems to be the William Hill, of Fisher's River.

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#### Deed Number 5

Quote " 1844 Surry Deed 3- 521 (deed of trust) William Hill of Wythe Co., Va. in trust to Thomas Wilson and Paul C. Hill, William Bonner, Thomas Bonner as securities with John F. Poindexter as trustee, all (of?) Stokes & Surry, NC. William (Hill) borrows purchased money for forge and ore, above. (He) owes Bank of Cape Fear (Salem Branch) and Thomas Bonner. (William Hill) Mortgages wagons, livestock, lumber, 9,000 pounds of iron. Here Paul C. Hill of Surry or Stokes, NC is security for the loan to William Hill of Wythe (Co.) Va. End of quoted data.

My Comments: The relationship of Paul C. Hill to this William Hill of Wythe Co., Va. is unknown. Based on census data, he does not appear to be a son. It is very obvious that this William Hill was a wealthy business man but, as many business men often do, had to mortgage a lot of property & borrow the money necessary to operate his business ventures. I suspect that initial "C" stands for Costello (Paul Costello Hill).

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#### Deed Number 6

(as quoted to me by Mr. Baker) ""1844 Surry Deed 3-529 Joseph Howard of Surry, NC to William Hill of Wythe Co., Va. Forge lands and ore rights, five tracts on and near Tom's Creek, Surry (Co.) NC- (in?) western Surry, (located on?) Westfield (District) , Chinquapin Creek- (in) Stokes County line vicinity. Deed mentions original owner was Nathan Haines, deceased, second owners Jonathan & Nathan Haines, heirs. The coincidence is noted. Nathan Haines and successors Haines here convey forge and ore lands to William Hill AND Isaac Haynes and William Hill partners in forge and ore lands on Tarrarat (River?) in 1780. Generations of same families (?)." End of quoted data.

My comments: Something is very badly wrong here. I think the original document needs to be checked over again. I question the fact that it was copied correctly because William Hill of York Co., S.C. was long dead (died in 1816) by this date. I think the names of Haines was copied correctly BUT was probably or actually HAYNES, all heirs of Isaac Haynes, the business partner of the deceased William Hill of York Co., S.C. I suspect the heirs Haines (Haynes) sold the land to the "HEIRS of William Hill (deceased) of York Co., S.C." I WOULD LOVE TO SEE THE ORIGINAL DEED!

Perhaps this is how the William Hill of Wythe County, Va, became involved in the Iron Business in Surry County, N.C. While he obviously was not a son to the William Hill, of York County, S.C., he still may have been related and thus possibly and "heir" and purchased the land in NC.

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Deed Number 7

Quote: "1846 Surry Deed 4- 266 (trust) William Hill of Surry to Elisha Banner (Bonner?) Trustee, William (Hill) owes Salem Manufacturing Company. The Firm of William Hill & Paul C. Hill owes Salem Manufacturing Company. The firm of John W. Truslow & Co. of Wytheville, Va. William Hill partner owes Salem Manufacturing Company. Mortgages, four Negroes (= a blacksmith, a collier, a forge worker, all of Surry & Stokes Co., NC."

End of Quoted data.

My Comments: This deed is somewhat confusing but it seems to show that William Hill was a partner with Paul C. Hill. They may have been brothers! They both owed the Salem Manufacturing Company money (how Much?). Elisha Banner (Bonner?) was the trustee for someone (possibly Salem Manufacturing Company). As a result, William Hill mortgages (to Elisha Bonner?) four Negroes to help pay the debt. It does not say for sure if the debt was completely satisfied. I still suspect that the initial "C" stands for the name of "Costello."

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Deed Number 8 Another Quoted Deed:

"1846, Surry Deed 4-268 (trust) William Hill of Wythe Co., Va. owes (the) Salem Branch, Bank of Cape Fear. Edmond W, Lockett, David F. Kent, Gordon Kent, Levi Fisher, securities, with Jacob L. Fulk, trustee. William (Hill) mortgages 19 Negroes, 7,000 acres (of land) etc.." End of Quoted Data.

My Comments: Again, it would have been nice to have had the exact day and month of these deeds. This seems to show that William Hill of Wythe Co., Va.) had AGAIN borrowed money to expand his iron ore business. Notice the number of Negroes and the large acreage of land he puts up for security. I feel certain that even though he says he was of Surry Co in the first deed, he was actually William Hill, originally of Wythe Co., Va. and probably now living in Surry County, N.C.

Deed Number 9

Dated 26th of May 1847, Surry Deed 5-142 (trust) William Hill of Surry Co., NC owes Henry R. Lehmann of the 2nd part and I.G. Lash of the 3rd part.. of the county of Stokes, (NC) whereas Wm. Hill stands justly indebted in the sum of \$1,000 (and) to I. G. & T. B. Lash (and) in the sum of \$ 500., David T. Kent stands security for him in the Farmer" Bank (Va.?) (for) \$ 2,000 also in the Bank of Cape Fear for \$ 2,000, also in the sum of \$ 500 to Ronald A. Larnly, also a collateral bond executed to Robert (Bearteen?) of Pulaski County, Va. for \$ 1250. He stands indebted to James Simmons in the sum of \$ 100, note to James Nun for \$ 70.. to SOPHROUS (sic) HILL, Administrator of Lat Hill, deceased, as William's (Hill) security for William's collateral bond of \$ 10,000 in Franklin Co., Va., to Ephiram McGarvah, to Job Worth and T.F. Hampton as securities in sundry bail bonds for Jesse Hill, Benard Hill, and Tyre Hill, Costelo Hill and H.R. Lehman, witnesses. William (Hill) Mortgages Negroes, lands, tools, livestock, iron etc., obviously the inventory of an iron works. Proved in court on oath of Costelo Hill." End of quoted deed.

My comments: This clearly shows (some of) the debts of William Hill of Wythe Co., VA. Just who Costelo Hill was is not certain but possibly a brother of this William Hill. Census data shows HE WAS NOT A SON! The identity of Lat Hill is also unknown. Again, note the name of Costello and how many of the children of this William Hill have the initial "c." (See later).

It seems that there were many sundry (or miscellaneous bail bonds) for Jesse Hill, Bernard Hill & Tyre Hill, all unidentified but must have been related to William Hill some-how, but again, based on census data, they were not his sons. Perhaps they were nephews or brothers.

It would be real interesting to know their relationship to William Hill. Notice the initials of T. F. in Hampton's name and then notice that these were the same initials for John T. F. Hill, a son of this William Hill. Was Y.F. Hampton and William Hill somehow related and the son was named after this Mr, Hampton? I wonder if the wife Mary Hill was a Hampton before she married and the son was named after this T.F. Hampton?

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Deed Number 10 Another Quoted sent: "1848 Surry Deed 5-405 (trust) to Thomas H. Gordon. Mary Hill, wife of William Hill is entitled to (her) dower in 45,000 acres (of land) PLUS 7,000 acres in Tazewell Co., Va., and in 19,000 PLUS 10,000 PLUS 661 PLUS (?) PLUS 400 PLUS 62 acres in Pulaski and Wythe Counties, Va. Forty Thousand (40,000 acres) are secured to Mary Hill in NC from the control of her husband." End of Quoted Deed.

My Comments: Again, It would be nice to know the exact day and month this occurred. It appears that William Hill (of Wythe Co., Va.) needed money and was gathering up his assets and selling or mortgaging lands to get that money BUT at the same time he made

sure that his wife Mary was taken care of by setting off 40,000  
are of land in NC for her exclusive use.

I have added up the lands mentioned in the above deed and they  
total 37,123 acres of land. It may be more since there was one  
entry that had only a question mark. THIS FIGURE DOES NOT APPEAR  
TO INCLUDE the 40,000 acres that was set aside in NC for Mary  
Hill.

This William Hill must have been awfully wealthy and owned very  
large tracts of land. Remember, the widow was usually entitled to  
1/3 of the estate. Mr. Gordon was to hold this in trust for Mary  
Hill.

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Deed Number 11

Another Quoted Deed: Quote "1848 Surry Co. (NC) 5-274 (trust)  
William Hill to William Owen, trustee. William (Hill) owes  
Lenhard and Blum. (probably the Blum, metalsmiths, of Salem (NC)  
Mortgages 7,000 acres (of land), crops, slaves.: End of Quoted  
deed.

My Comments: This is another record showing that William Hill (of  
Wythe Co., Va.) was having to mortgage 7,000 acres of land, along  
with a undetermined number of slaves and crops in order to raise  
the money owed Lenhard & Blum. This shows William Hill (of Wythe  
Co., Va.) was still alive.

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Deed Number 12 Another Deed sent: Quote "1849 Surry (Co., NC) 6-  
62, For \$500 Lucinda Vaughan deeds to William Hill, both of Surry  
Co., NC Her one fourth interest in the estate of Henry Green,  
deceased, of Mecklenberg Co., VA., lands, Negroes, household, ,  
etc.. bequeathed to her by the will. Polly Vaughan witness.

My Note: Surry Co., NC Census of 1850 has Mary (Polly) Vaughan  
(age 28, born NC, ca. 1822, head of household with 3 children ages  
6 to 11 (widow?) Lucinda Vaughan 23, b. NC included near William  
Hill in Surry County (NC). The Will of Henry Green not  
investigated (to see) whether any (were?) family to William Hill  
(and the relationship) is not known. Is there a coincidence here  
with Green Hill?" End of quoted deed.

My Comments: Mr Baker mentioned the possibility of Henry Green  
having some type of connection to Rev. Green Hill.. I do not think  
so, however, It would be very interesting to know just what the  
relationship was between Henry Green and this Lucinda Vaughan was.  
Also, was there a relationship of some kind to William Hill (of  
Wythe Co., Va. and this Vaughan family. I just wonder if perhaps  
the deceased Henry Green OR Vaughan husband was a business partner  
to William Hill.

One thing that I think needs to be clarified is this.. Despite  
the fact that at times William Hill is said to have been of Wythe

County, Va, and other times of Surry County, NC, I think it was the very same William Hill. He apparently was born in Va., lived in Wythe Co., Va., later moved into Surry Co., NC.

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Deed Number 13

Quote "1850 Surry Co., (NC) 9-94 William Hill, from James N. Null or Hull (trustee). Gordons owed Bank of Cape Fear, Null trustee. Gordons failed to pay. Null sells to William Hill 300 acres (of land) joining forge. Witness was a Joseph Hill who has removed from NC, his writing proved by Job Worth and W. Fulton."  
End of quoted deed.

My Comments: This seems to have had (Maybe) some type of connection to Deed Number 10... As I understand this, it seems that the Gordons (Thomas H. Gordon?) had appointed James N. Null as trustee. The Gordons failed to pay the debt SO the trustee (James N. Null) sells 300 acres of land to William Hill, said land (which was probably security by the Gordons) was adjacent to William Hill's iron ore forge. This was William Hill, originally of Wythe County, Va and later of Surry County, N.C.

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Deed Number 14 Quote: "1850 Surry (co., NC) 6-290 (trust) Martha P. Hill owes William Owens \$ 400. William Hill her surety. William (Hill) mortgages 4 Negroes. Note: Martha P. (Hill) was the daughter of William (Hill)." End of deed,

My Comments: This seems to show that the daughter Martha P. Hill borrowed \$ 400 from Owens and William Hill (her father) posted the 4 Negroes as security, in the form of a mortgage. Was the initial "P" for Martha Hill indicating the name of "Potts?"

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#### IMPORTANT CENSUS DATA.

Next the 1850 Census data sent for Westfield District in Surry Co., NC:

Hill, William age 48 farmer, \$ 11,786, born Va. ca. 1802  
Martha P. (dau.) 21 born Va. born ca. 1829  
Olive (dau.) 19 born Va. born ca. 1831  
Robella (dau.) 18 born Va. born ca. 1832  
Manerva (dau.) 15 born Va. born ca. 1835  
Cintha (dau.) 13 born Va. born ca. 1837  
Ruth A. (dau.) 10 born Va. born ca. 1840  
William C. (son) 7 born Va. born ca. 1843  
John T. F. (son) 4 born Va. born ca. 1846

My Comments: This was the same William Hill, originally of Wythe County, Va. Notice that his wife Mary Hill, was not listed as she was dead by this time. Since the youngest child (John) was born ca. 1846, she must have died between these two dates of 1846 and 1850.

This census indicates William Hill was born in Virginia about

1802. Also note the initial "C" for the son William.. could this mean he was named William Costello Hill? Also the initials for John T.F... These were the same initials of a T.F. Hamilton mentioned in one of the deeds above, Was this Mr. Hamilton a business partner or a relative and the son John was named after him? See the 1860 census later & below:

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#### MORE DEEDS.

Deed Number 15 Another deed sent, Quote: "1853 Surry Co., (NC) 8-22 (trust) William Hill owes Bank of Cape Fear, Salem (Branch, the amount of) \$ 1,950. (He) Mortgages 3,000 acres (of land). Firm (of) Reich & Co., of Forsyth County, NC endorses. In 1848 (above deed Number 10) William (Hill) conveyed to Thomas Gordon as trustee for (wife) MARY HILL for her lifetime and her heirs , 6 slaves. Mary (Hill) since died. Gordon is holding the slaves for the legal heirs of Mary (Hill)- (in other words the children) - Martha P. (Hill), Olive C. (Hill), Ambella (Hill), Minerva (Hill), Cynthia (Hill), Ruthey Ann (Hill), William C. (Hill) and John T. F. (Hill). (There are other spellings of these children elsewhere). The children of Mary (Hill) desire to (secure?) their father William (Hill) and Indemnity Reich & Co. = Martha P. (Hill), Olive C. (Hill) for themselves and their sisters and brothers Arbella, MINerva, Cynthia. (Evidently Martha P. (Hill) & Olive C. (Hill) were of legal age to act for themselves and acting for underage brothers & sisters. All of the Hills sell in trust to Starbuck to protect Reich & Co. (and) the slaves (are) to work for Reich & Co. on the Central Railroad. William (Hill) will pay slaves medical bills and furnish (them) clothes." End of Quoted Deed.

My Comments: Notice that the letter "C" is again used by the daughter Olive as well as the son William. Could this indicate the middle names were Costello? This deed clearly shows that the wife Mary Hill was dead and obviously was dead by the time of the 1850 census since she was not listed. The slaves left to her trustee (Thomas Gordon) was held for the heirs (her children) whom in turn turned them over in order to create and Indemnity for their father (William Hill), who (to me) appears to own part of the Reich & Company. The slaves were turned over to the Reich company to work for it and William Hill was to pay cost of their medical bills and their clothing.

The 1850 Census data shows us that William Hill was born ca. 1802. If he married at about age 25, he married about 1827. Based on the 1850 census data, It appears that the daughter Martha P. Hill was the eldest child and she was born ca. 1829, (ref: above census). The next child was Olive (born ca. 1831 (ref above census).

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Feed Number 16

"1854 Surry (Co., NC) 9-219, William Owens sells to Olive C. Hill 94 PLUS 16 acres (of land) on Tom's Creek at William Hill's

forge pond. (Olive was daughter of William Hill)." End of Quote.

My Comments: Reference to Deed Number 11 above .. For what ever the reason was it appears that William Owens (trustee appointed by William Hill in Deed 11) was selling to Olive C. Hill two parcels of land (totaling 110 acres) that was adjacent to her father's forge pond (meaning William Hill's forge). Again, there is the initial "C" in Olive's name. \_\_\_\_\_

Deed Number 17 Another Deed sent.. Quote: "1856 Surry (Co., NC) Deed 9-355. William Hill sells to (daughter) Arabella Davis formerly Hill) 250 acres on Tom's Creek Joining William Hill. (Arbella Hill daughter of William Hill married Davis)." End of Deed.

My Comments: This deed speaks for its self... William Hill sold land to his daughter Arbella Hill who had married a Mr. Davis, said land was adjacent to his own land.

Deed Number 18  
"1857 Surry (Co., NC) 11-172. William Hill sells to N. A. Whittington (Nancy Ann) 100 plus acres (of land) on Tom's Creek and Haynes Forge Road. (Nancy Ann Whittington married William Hill after death of William's (first) wife Mary." End of Quote.

My Comments: This was the second marriage for both. I suspect Nancy's husband was dead by the date of the deed above, showing William Hill's sale BUT the marriage between her and William Hill did not take place until about 1858. (See Deed Below).

Deed Number 19  
"Surry (Co., NC) Deed 10-275. William Hill owes Joseph Hollerby, Joseph - and Ballard of Va. and Joseph Hill \$ 50 judgement. Very Poor copy, illegible in part)." End of Quote.

My Comments: It is hard to say what this was all about but to me it seems that Hollerby and Ballard (of Va.) posted bond for Joseph Hill (relationship unknown) in the amount of \$ 50 and William Hill was supposed to pay them back. I Wonder what the relationship was between Joseph Hill and William Hill? I suspect brothers..

Deed Number 20  
"1859 Surry (Co., NC) Deed 10-133 Marriage Contract. William Hill intends to marry Nancy A. Whittington, who has her own property. William (Hill) agrees that Nancy convey her estate in trust to secure her from William's liabilities. She sells in trust to Boyles, household items, cattle, 3 Negroes." End of Deed.

My Comments: This kind of speaks for it's self. William Hill and (Widow) Nancy Ann Whittington were to marry. William Hill (having quite a few debts) allowed Nancy to put her estate in trust so that she is protected from his debts. (Probably a smart move

too).

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1860 CENSUS DATA. 1860 Surry (Co., NC)

Census

No. 759 Hill, William (Age) 59 (Occupation) Farmer (born) VA. ca. 1801

Nancy (wife) (Age) 35 (born) NC ca. 1835

This was the 2nd wife, Nancy Ann Whittington. My Note: The 1960 census seems to imply that William Hill was born ca. 1801 while the 1850 census implies birth was in 1802. The second wife, Nancy, was born ca. 1825 in NC. In order to determine just which year William Hill was born, I figure it would all depend on the actual day and month these two census (1850 and 1860) were taken. About all that can be aid was the this William Hill was born in Virginia sometime in 1801 or 1802.

It is quite obvious that this 2nd wife (Nancy Ann) was quite a bit younger than William Hill was. I can find no evidence of them having any children.

The names of Lat Hill, Sophrous Hill, Joseph Hill, Paul C. Hill have all been mentioned in the different deeds. Also, in Deed Number 9 (above) is mentioned Jesse Hill, Bernard Hill, & Tyre Hill BUT there is no way of telling just what their connection was to this William Hill (of Wythe County, Va.). The one thing I did note is that Paul C. Hill and Olive C. Hill had the same initials. Wonder what that stood for? I am sure that they were somehow related, cousins etc..

1860 Surry Co NC Census data continues...

No 760 (Right Next door to the above) Wm. Hill,  
Olive (Age) 30 (born ca. 1830) Carries on Farm (born) NC  
Minerva 27 (born ca. 1833) NC ?  
Cinthia 26 (born ca. 1834) NC ?  
Ruth 20 (born ca. 1840) NC ?  
Wm. C. 18 (born ca. 1843) NC ?  
Jno (John) 13 (born ca. 1847) NC ?

My Note: Olive Hill, listed as Head of Household, was daughter of the above William Hill and his first wife Mary, who had died. The rest of the people listed in this 186- household were also children of William Hill & his first wife, Mary. Therefore they were the sisters and brothers to Olive (C.) Hill, the Head of the Household. \_\_\_\_\_

Deed Number 21

"1862 Surry (Co., NC) 11-441. Job & John Worth sell to Olive C. Hill 147 acres (of land) on The Hollow Road and Tom's Creek. (Olive daughter of William Hill.. by 1st wife). End of Quote

My Comments: Looks like this Olive C. Hill was rather prosperous



ole gal herself. I'll bet this land was adjacent to LAND that she already owned. Apparently she never married, or if she did, it was at a rather old age of 41, when she went to Utah (see later).

She apparently looked after her sisters and brothers and ran the farm. It is quite interesting to note that her father, William Hill, (who we know was involved in the iron business) stated his occupation as "Farmer." (Also note to Deed Number 22 below).

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Deed Number 22

Quote: "1870 Surry (Co., NC) 14-486. Nancy A. Hill (2nd wife of William Hill) sells to Ring. (Land?) Joins Charles Hill (lands?) on Rockford Road, 78 acres. (This Charles Hill was by evidence of Robert Hill Jr., formerly of Stokes Co., NC and is not here associated with the (this) William Hill. Of Wythe Co., Va. & Surry Co., NC who was the husband of this Nancy Hill). Robert Hill Jr. was by evidence a grandson of William Hill, the Elder, of Stokes County, N.C. End of quoted deed.

My Comments: Nancy Hill, 2nd wife to William Hill (of Wythe Co., Va. & Surry Co., NC) was selling off some her own land. Now my information differs a little from Mr. Baker's....

When Mr. Baker says it was William Hill (the Elder), it is my understanding that it was William Hill Sr. 1/, of SURRY COUNTY, N.C., that was "The Elder." The William Hill of Stokes County, N.C. was his son, Reverend William Hill Jr. 2/.

William Hill Sr. 1/ (the Elder)) married Susannah Smither and among their many children were two sons, Reverend William Hill Jr. 2/ (Baptist minister) & his brother Captain Robert Hill 2/. AS I understand it, the correct genealogy that concerns the above named Charles Hill goes like this:

1. William Hill SR 1/ b ca. 1710 Caroline Co., Va. m. Susannah Smither and they came to Surry Co., Nc in late 1750s.
- 2., Captain Robert Hill 2/, son of above, father to Robert Hill Jr. 3/..
3. Robert Hill Jr 3/, b. 30th Dec, 1785, m. Elizabeth West. I do not have a complete listing of children for them but assume that Charles Hill was Charles Hill 4/, son of this Robert Hill Jr. 3/. Robert Hill Jr. 3/ had a twin sister named Elizabeth Hill.

Based on my information, Robert Hill Jr. 3/ was the grandson of William Hill Sr. 1/ (m. Susanna Smither), so Charles Hill 4/ was a great grandson to William Hill Sr. 1/, the Elder, NOT THE WILLIAM HILL OF STOKES COUNTY! At That time Stokes County was still part of Surry Co., NC.

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#### Deed Number 23

Another EXTREMELY interesting deed that has been sent.. Quote:  
"1871 Surry (Co., NC) POWER OF ATTORNEY.. Olive C. Hill of Utah County, Utah to John F. Stephens of Surry Co., NC, Power of Attorney, to administer Olive's properties on Hollow Road, (in) Surry Co. (Olive was daughter of William Hill. born Va., went to Surry Co., NC thence removed from NC to Utah. \*Suggest more might be found in LDS records 1st wife Mary Hill). End of quoted deeds.

My Comments: Well, this is very interesting. As said above, Olive C. Hill went west to Utah. I suspect she moved in or about 1869-1870. Probably all of her own sisters had now married or died and her brothers were old enough to be on their own.

Based on her age in the 1860 census she would now be about 41 years old and STILL YOUNG ENOUGH to enjoy the pleasures of married life (IF SHE DID AT ALL). As Mr. Baker says, more information is probably available on her in the LDS files. I wonder if her and her step-mother were at odds She did not give POWER of ATTORNEY to her father, who was still alive.

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#### Deed Number 24

"1872 Surry (Co., NC) 14-374. William (Hill) and wife Nancy Ann Hill for love and affection and (one dollar) \$ 1.00 sell to Cynthia M. Whit three small tracts (of land on) Tom's Creek, (and Hollow Road. (Cynthia was a daughter off William Hill of Wythe County, Va, and his first wife, Mary Hill. Evidently (Cynthia) married Whit. There are numerous other deeds, obviously business transactions, none identifying family members. William (Hill) was continuously in debt and but for one incident, he managed to pay without losing his properties. He seems to have been able to borrow (money) at will, to enlist sureties, and to have had the confidence of lenders. By the evidence of the land records, he was a large-scale producer of iron and a forge scale farmer."

Deed continues on.. Quote: "The land records beyond 1872 have not been searched. Other Surry records have not been searched for this William Hill. He appears to have been one of several (three?) William Hills in the iron business during the 100 year period 1780 to 1770." End of Quoted info.

My Comments: I get the impression that This William Hill (originally of Wythe Co., Va.) was a very aggressive business man, apparently of good character in order to borrow such large sums of money at will. He seems to have been trusted by others and had the securities to back up his loans. The above Cynthia Hill was a daughter of this William Hill & his 1st wife Mary Hill. Cynthia was age 25 in the above 1860 census, indicating a birth of about 1835. She must have married just AFTER the 1860 census. Note that this land is in the same general area that Cynthia's sister, Olive C. Hill's land was, on Tom's Creek and Hollow Road. William Hill, father to Cynthia & her Step-Mother, Nancy Ann Hill, legally sold the land to Cynthia Hill Whit, but the cheap price of

a dollar was like a gift to her and husband.

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#### OBSERVATIONS, COMMENTS ETC...

First, in the 1850 census it is stated that ALL of the children of William & Mary Hill were born in Virginia. Then in the 1860 census it was stated but questioned "All born in NC). Now lets check the ages in the two census records: William Hill was age 48 in 1850, born ca. 1802 and he was listed as age 59 in 1860, born 1801. The information from these two census records indicates his birth was ca. 1801-1802. The difference in the ages listed was due to two things: One, the dates & months of the two census and two, the month and day of the individuals births. All of this could account for the differences.

Both census indicate that William Hill was born in Virginia, The first wife Mary Hill was not listed in the 1850 census and was apparently dead by this time.

The 1850 census shows a daughter, Martha P. Hill. She was listed as being age 21 (born ca. 1829 in Virginia. She must have married and moved away as she was not found in this Hill household.

Next, in the 1850 census was another daughter Olive C. Hill. In that census she was listed as being of age 21 (born ca. 1829) and in 1860 was listed as age 30 (born 1830). Again, the difference in two ages can be explained by considering just when the two census records were made and the month and the year she was born. The 1850 census says she was born in Virginia but in 1860 it implies birth in N.C.

(It was questioned by the copier. I think she was born in Virginia NOT NC.

The next listing in the 1850 census shows a daughter Robella Hill. In this census she was listed as being age 18 (born ca. 1832 in Virginia). She was not listed in the 1860 census. So,, he probably married and moved out.

The next listing in he 1850 census was the daughter Minerva Hill. In this census she was 15 years old (born ca. 1835) in Virginia. In the 1860 census she was listed as being age 27 (born ca. 1833. Mr. Baker states birth was in NC but wisely questioned it. Now something is definitely wrong in the 1860 census with her age. I think she was actually about 25 years old in 1860 (b. 1835) and was born in Virginia.

Next listing in 1850 census was the daughter, Cynthia Hill. She was listed as being age 13 (born ca. 1837 in Va.). In the 1860 census she was listed as being age 25 (born ca. 1835) and again it was stated that the birth was in NC but it was questioned. Again, the 1850 census appears to be more accurate. I think she was actually about 23 years old in the 1860 census, NOT 25 and was born in Virginia (ca. 1837), NOT NC.

Next listing in the 1850 census was the daughter Ruth A. Hill. She is listed as being age 10 (born ca. 1840 in Virginia). In the 1860 census she is listed as age 20 (born ca. 1840) and this appears to be correct. Again, in the 1860 census her birth was

listed (but questioned) as being in NC but I think she was born in Va.

Next listing in 1850 census was a son named William C. Hill. He is listed as being age 7 (born ca. 1843) in Virginia. In the 1860 census he was listed as being age 18 (born ca. 1842-1843).

Again, the difference here can be accounted for due to date and month the 1850 census was taken, comparing it to the date of the 1860 census and then take into consideration the day & month of his birth. I think he was born in early 1843 and was age 7 at time of 1850 census and was 18 in 1860 census. His birth was probably in Va. NOT NC.

In the 1850 census, the next and last listing of the children was John T. F. Hill. In the 1850 census he was listed as being age 4 (born ca. 1846 in Va.). In the 1860 census he was listed as being age 13, (born ca. 1847 in NC with a question mark). Something is wrong here. Based on the age in the 1850 census he was actually about 14 years old in 1860 census (as was therefore born in Va.

Since the mother of these children, Mary Hill, was alive when this youngest child was born in 1846/47 but not listed in the 1850 census, pretty much establishes the time period she died in.

It is too bad to have all of this information and not have the Will of this William Hill. That will may explain the relationship of the other names of various Hills that have been mentioned.

End of Data.