

R.097 DISCUSSION ON A WILLIAM HILL, OF FISHER'S RIVER IN GUILFORD COUNTY, N.C..

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Introduction

Guilford County, N.C. was created in 1771 from Orange and Rowan Counties. Research from others has indicated that many of the Hill families of Surry County, N.C. lived in an area that became Guilford, Rockingham & Stokes Counties of N.C. In 1789, Stokes County was created from Surry County, N.C. Members of this same Hill family also lived in Rockingham County, which was created in 1785 from Guilford County.

This is an attempt to properly identify a William Hill, who many have claimed to have been either William Hill Sr. 1/ or his son Rev. William Hill Jr. 2/, both originally from Caroline County, Va. to Surry County, N.C. about 1779.

I am of the opinion that Rev. William Hill Jr 2/ owned land that is not shown or listed, prior to the following Land Grants.

THE HILL FAMILY OF BUFFALO ISLAND CREEK IN GUILFORD COUNTY, N.C.

Reverend William Hill Jr 2/ & wife Elizabeth Halbert arrived in NC about 1770. The deed below is the very first one found for him. He settled in what was then Rowan County, NC but later became Guilford County.

ROWAN COUNTY NC DEED BOOK 7, PAGES 236-237

January 31, 1770 James Hampton of Rowan County, NC sells to William Hill of same, 200 acres of land in Rowan County, (no monetary value listed) beginning at a willow oak, it being the northwest corner of the said land standing in Moses Martin's line in lawground 2(sic) running thence west 220 poles to a stake in the center of these pines, then south 135 poles to a pine, thence east 200 poles to the Townfork, thence down the river bank to Moses Martin's line, thence north 27 poles to the beginning, containing 200 acres.,

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, FL:
This is the very first deed found concerning Rev. Hill. It matches up with land later know as Ash Camp Creek.

SURRY COUNTY, NC DEED BOOK C, PAGE 100

March 10th, 1784 William Hill of Surry County & State of NC, sells 84 acres (no monotary value given) to John Halbert of same county & state, land being on Townfork in Surry County, beginning etc.. etc..
adjacent to Major Winston's line.

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, FL:
John Halbert was brother in law to Reverend William Hill.

(FOLLOWING LOCATED IN GUILFORD COUNTY, N.C., BUT LATER IN 1785, IN ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, N.C.)

Note: The Land Grants were entered accordingly by the Enter Date. This was the date the state officialt accepted the request for land from the individual pweson, who originated the requested grant. After such a request there was a [eriod of months before the District Surveyor got around to make the survey, get the platt vack to the Secretaries Office, who then made the grant officially. This was the "Issue Date."

The first grant that I can find was requested by Rev. Wm. Hill Jr 2/ was requested on 26th February 1778.

FIRST LAND GRANT
N.C. Land Grant No. 299 (TO WILLIAM HILL)
Entry No. 161 (382 acres)
Entered February 26, 1778
Issued March 1st, 1780

382 acres "In Guilford County on both sides of Buffalo Island Creek of Dan River. Beginning at white oak on south side of the aforesaid creek; thence west 186 poles to a black oak in Joseph Gibson's line, crossing the creek 206 poles to his corner; thence the same course continuing 80 poles, 286 in all to a poplar in Gustavus Hill's line; thence east along his line crossing white oak fork. 37 poles to a white oak; thence north along his line 54 poles to a black oak; thence east crossing a branch 149 poles to a black oak; thence south crossing the creek 340 poles to the first station."

My Comments: This land grant made to Rev. William Hill Jr 2/ & clearly shows that Gustavus Hill already owned land that was adjacent to this land grant. Just when Gustavus Hill arrived in the area is unknown. This grant establishes the fact that Rev. Wm. Hill Jr. 2/ owned property (this 382 acres) on Buffalo Island Creek & Dan River. This seems to be the earliest or first land grant found for Rev. Wm. Hill Jr 2/. Rev. Hill was born ca. 1737, so in 1780 he was about 40-41 years old when receiving this 382 acre grant.

SECOND LAND GRANT

N.C. LAND GRANT NO. 313 (TO WILLIAM HILL)

Entry No. 150 (350 acres)

Entered: February 26, 1779

Issued: March 1, 1780

350 acres "In Guilford County on both sides of Buffalo Island Creek of Dan River beginning at a white oak running thence north 165 poles to a post oak in the aforesaid Hill's line; thence east along his own line 60 poles to a white oak; thence north along his own line crossing Buffalo Island Creek 160 poles to a black oak; thence east 180 poles to a black oak; thence south crossing a branch 120 poles to a post oak in Henry Seale's line; thence west along his line crossing a branch 60 poles to a black oak; thence south along his line crossing the creek aforesaid and such creek fork 205 poles to a white oak, thence west crossing such fork 180 poles to the beginning"

My Comments: This was the second land grant made to William Hill on March 1st, 1780. This grant was for 350 acres of land. The previous grant was also issued on March 1st, 1780 for 382 acres, showing that as of this date, (March 1st, 1780) Rev. William Hill Jr 2/ possessed a total of 732 acres of land from three two land grants. Remember, he may have already owned other lands that are unaccountable for. The wording of this land grant seems to show that this grant to Rev. William Hill Jr 2/, was adjacent to the land he already owned, probably the same land granted in the previous deed.

This clearly shows he (Wm. Jr 2/) owned land on Buffalo Island Creek.

LAND GRANT

N.C. LAND GRANT No. 337 (TO GUSTAVUS HILL)

Entry No. 879

Entered: December 1, 1778

Issued: March 1, 1780

200 acres "In Guilford County on the north fork of Buffalo Island Creek bounded by the claims of land of Winkfield Shropshire, WILLIAM HILL, and the line of Gibson's land to the south."

My Comments: Notice the "Enter Date" was December 1st, 1778 and the date issued was 1st March 1780. This grant of 200 acres was issued to Gustavas Hill on the same date of the previous grant to Rev. Wm. Hill Jr 2/, 1st March 1780, showing that on this date (March 1st 1780, he actually received a grant that was adjacent to land he already owned.

Based on statements made by his sons on their Applications for benefits for their service in the American Revolution, it is known that the parents to Rev. Wm. Hill Jr 2/, William Hill Sr. 1/, who's wife was Susannah Smithers, and his family, arrived in and around Surry County, N.C. about 1778-1779. I suspect Gustavas Hill was "uncle: to Rev. Wm. Hill Jr. 2/.

DEED NUMBER 1

GUILFORD COUNTY, N.C. DEED BOOK 2, PAGE 280:

William Hill sells to John Hill (350 acres) March 29, 1783

"William Hill of the State of North Carolina and County of Guilford on the one part and John Hill of the aforesaid State and County of the other, (no monetary value listed), part Seale's land containing 350 acres situated) on both sides of Buffalo Island Creek of Dan River, beginning at a white oak, running thence north 165 poles to a post oak is the aforesaid Hill's own line; thence east along his own line 60 poles to a white oak; thence south crossing a branch 120 poles to a post oak in Henry Seale's line; thence west along his line crossing a branch 60 poles to a black oak; thence south along his line..."

Witnessed by:

George Peay

George Peay Jr.

William Shropshire

Comments:: This appears to have been the same 350 acres of land that was granted to Rev. William Hill Jr 2/ in Grant Number 313, which was requested on 26th of February 1779 & issued March 1st, 1780. This transaction took place about 2 years before the death of Rev. Wm. Hill Jr 2/. I think this was Rev. William Hill 2/ selling the land to his son, John Hill Sr 3/ but there are problems with this theory. Information taken from deeds shows John Hill Sr 3 was deceased by 1796, however others say he moved to Tennessee and died there ca. 1809. That certainly needs explaining and still other sources, who submitted a FGS, say he was a Veteran of the War of 1812, seemingly impossible. Despite all of this conflicting data, the names of his children appears to be listed among the heirs of Rev. William Hill 2/. I believe John's birthdate was earlier, ca. 1772, and died ca. 1796. Perhaps it was his son, John Hill Jr 4/ that went to Tennessee and fought in the 1812 war. John Jr 4/ would become "Senior" with the death of his father, and perhaps researchers got confused over this. It is possible he was a family member, but not a son. I still think this was a son, John Hill Sr 3/, son of 2nd wife, Hannah Elizabeth Halbert.

DEED NUMBER 2

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, N.C. DEED BOOK E, PAGE 180

William Hill sells to William Mills (382 Acres)

March 10, 1780

"William Hill of the County of Rockingham and State of North Carolina of one part and William Mills of the County of Henry and State of Virginia of the other part, 382 acres, land situated in the county of Rockingham and on waters of Buffalo Island Creek of Dan River, beginning at a white oak on the south side of the aforesaid creek running thence west 186 poles to a black oak in Joseph Gibson's line;

thence north along his line crossing the creek 206 poles to his corner; thence the same course continued 80 poles (286 in all) to a pole in Gustavus Hill's line; thence east along his line crossing white oak fork.."

Witnessed by:
Charles Gallaway
A. Walker
Lee Murphy

Note: This is the same land of N.C. Land Grant Number 299 (my grant # 1). .

Comments by Robert Hill: Despite the fact that no mention of "Reverend" is made, I am sure this was Rev. William Hill Jr 2/, selling his last 382 acres of land that he had received by land grants. Rev. William Hill Jr. 2/ died just prior to February 1785, based on the court records.

Additional deeds which adds information about this Hill Family are:
(by Jeff Bradley)

A. Rockingham County Deed Book A, Page 221
December 1786

Joseph Pain Johnson to John Hill Sr.
" 137 acres on Buffalo Island Creek of Dan River.. on William Hill's line.. on said Hill's own line..."

My Comments: I think his pretty much proves that this was John Hill 3/, the son of Rev. Wm. Hill Jr. 2/, who bought the property (above) that was part of the land granted to Rev. Wm. Hill Jr 2/ on the N.C. Grant 313 (my # 2 grant) for 350 acres. This seems to show that William kept 177 of the 360 acres for himself. It suggest that at some date, on another deed not found, that William Hill JR 2/ sold this land to Joseph Pain (Payne) Johnson, who was now reselling it baxck to John Hill Sr 3/. Remember, Rev. Wm. Hill Jr 2/ was now dead. It also seems to suggest that the son, John Hill Sr 3/, was still alive as of this date. This deed also proves the brother, James Hill 3/ and a grandson, John Hill Jr. 4/, were alive as they witnessed this deed. I think this was John Hill Sr 3/ & brother James Hill 3/, both sons of the now deceased Rev, William Hill Jr 2/ but perhaps a different wife, Hannah abaridges or 2nd wife, Hannah Halbert. John Jr 4/ was a son of John Sr 3/.

B. Rockingham County, N.C. Deed Book H, Page 109
Dated 1791

Gustavus Hill to David Alexander, 200 acres on Buffalo Island Creek.

Comments: This represents the sale of the land grant Gustavas Hill received from North Carolina (my # 3 grant) and proves he (Gustavus Hill) was still alive on this date.

C. Later Rockingham County Deeds in the time period of 1808-1815 prove heirship of John Hill Jr., 4/, Micajah Hill 4/, Dutton Hill 4/, all as heirs (& sons) of the John Hill Sr. 3/ who bought the N.C. land grant property from his deceased father, Rev. William Hill Jr. 2/, (No. 313) in 1783 as well as the Polly Shropshire connection. (SEE FOOTNOTE BELOW).

My comments: There seems to be a genealogy problem regarding the John Hill Sr 3/ family, who is said to have died in 1809 in TN. A deed implies John Hill Sr 3/ was dead by ca. 1796. His son, John Jr. 4/ became known as Senior. I suspect he was the Veteran of the 1812 War (See foot Note Below). .

The above John Hill Sr 3/ was not the same John Hill, son of Rev. William Hill Jr 2/ & Elizabeth Halbert. MORE ON THIS LATER! John Hill Jr 4/, Micajah Hill 4/ & Dutton Hill 4/ were sons of this John Hill Sr 3/.

FOOTNOTE: REFERENCE ITEM "C" & "D" ABOVE & FGS BELOW:

This John Hill Sr 3/ could not have been a Veteran of the 1812 War because a land deed shows he was dead by ca. 1796. Even if he died in 1809, as listed, he could not have fought in the 1812 war. I think the children listed for him are ok and is supported by existing land deeds, but someone has wrong dates & I suspect got John Hill Sr & Jr mixed up. If John Hill 3/ was born in 1782, as indicated, he could not have bought land in 1792, as he was a minor and too young. Neither could he have married & had six children by 1796. Even if he died in 1809 (as listed), that was 3 years before the 1812 war.. Somebody's genealogical data on this FGS is wrong!

D. The last piece of property on record to be sold from the Hill family land on Buffalo Island Creek was in 1815 when Dutton Hill 4/ sold 75 acres to Polly Shropshire.

E. None of these heirs of John Hill Sr appears in any land transactions in Rockingham County deeds past 1815.

My comments: They had either died or moved to Tennessee!

A FAMILY GROUP SHEET SENT TO ME YEARS AGO BY ???
REFERENCE TO FOOTNOTE ABOVE REGARDING THIS FGS

JOHN HILL SR. 3/ (VETERAN OF 1812 WAR)
B: 29 MAY 1782 GUILFORD CO., N.C. ???
M: JUNE 1800

D: AFTER DECEMBER 1809 IN DAVIDSON CO., TENN. ?? DOUBTFULL DATE
Lived on Buffallow Island Creek.
FATHER: POSSIBLY REV. WM. HILL JR 2/
MOTHER: HANNAH ELIZABETH HALBERT

WIFE: MARY COVINGTON

Children:

1. Micajah Hill 4/.
2. John Hill Jr 4/.
3. Unity Hill 4/.
4. David Alexander Hill 4/. ***
5. Margaret (Peggy) Hill 4/, m. Alexander Joyce.
6. Dutton Hill 4/.

*** Note Gustavas Hill sold 200 acres to a David Alexander.

Comment by Robert Hill: Notice the namss mentioned in paragraph "C" above" John Hill Jr 4/, Micajah Hill 4/, Dutton Hill 4/. They were the sons of John Hill Sr 3/, who appears to have died ny 1796 in Tennessee. I think he was the John Hill that was a son of another William Hill & Hannah Bridges and the brother of Thomas & Jacob Hill.

Rockingham County, N.C. was created from Guilford County in 1785.

THE FOLLOWING DEEDS WERE TAKEN FROM THE RESEARCH PROJECT OF A MR. JEFF BRADLEY, MADE IN 1990 AND SENT TO MRS. WINIFRED JACOB, OF BEAVERTON, OREGON, WHO SENT A COPY TO ME..

This William Hill's origins are unknown. We have no information to establish a date of birth or location but he seems to have been dead by the 10th of November 1792. He had probably but questionable a son named Thomas Hill, he had sons John Hill Sr., James Hill and Jacob Hill.

He does not appear to have been William Hill Sr. 1/, or his son Rev. William Hill Jr, 2/, or William Hill 3/, son of Rev. William Hill Jr. 2/. The name of his wife was Hannah Bridges.

My comments: I agree with Bradley when he says this William Hill was dead by 10th November 1792.

Surry Co., N.C. Deed Book F, Page 348, (100 acres)
Dated 22 October 1792

Deed between Thomas Hill of Wilks Co., Ga. to Benjamin Cadle for 30 pounds current money, sells land lying on Bull Creek, the waters of Tarrarat River beginning at two chesnut trees, the south side B Run and runs East twenty three chains to a pine the north forty three chains and a half, crossing said

Run to a white Oak, west twenty three chains to a Pine then South crossing said Run to the beginning, containing 100 acres etc etc.."

Signed/Thomas Hill

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of:

J. Mackey
JAMES HILL
Jean Mackey

Surry County August Court Term 1796: The execution of this within Deed was proved by the oath of Joel Mackey & ordered to be registered.

Test: J. Williams CC
County Clerk

Comments by Robert Hill: First off, this seems to be Thomas Hill 3/, son of the now deceased William Hill & Hannah Bridges. This is another deed made by Thomas Hill, who was now a resident of Wilks Co., Ga., selling land he owned in Surry Co., N.C. to a Benjamin Cadle of Surry County, N.C. Apparently this land that Thomas Hill was selling, was not part of the land left him & brothers from their father, the deceased William Hill Jr 2/. To me, the wording indicates he owned the land himself, prior to his father's death. The witness, James Hill, was a brother to Thomas Hill.

Surry Co., N.C. Deed Book F, Page 274, dated 10th November 1792 (140 acres)
(same dates as the previous two deeds)

Thomas Hill of Wilks Co., Ga. sells to (brother) James Hill for 90 pounds current money, a tract of land in Surry Co. lying on both sides of Fisher River at the fork in the lower end of Surry made by William Ramsey for 380 acres, "bounded by a conditional line made between the said James Hill and his father William Hill, containing 140 acres"... etc. etc

Signed/Thomas Hill

Signed, Sealed in presence of
J. Mackey
John (x) Watson

Surry County August term 1795, the execution of this within Deed was proved by Matthew Sims and ordered to be registered.

Test J. Williams CC (County Clerk)

Comments by Robert Hill: This was another deed where Thomas Hill, a resident of Wilks Co., Ga. was selling his inherited NC. land to his brother JAMES HILL, who was still in Surry Co., N.C. It proves that Thomas Hill owned land on both sides of Fisher's River. Wm. Ramsey was the District Surveyor & he divided the 380 acres after death

of their father, William Hill.

Surry County Deed Book K, Page 217, (100 acres)
dated 1st December 1795

"John Hill of County of Surry and State of North Carolina of the one part and Colby Creed of the other part... land lying & situate in said county of Surry on Little Fish River being part of the survey made by William Ramsey which said Creed is now in possession of from a purchase of Jacob or Joab??) Hill..."

Witnessed by
C. Tucker
David Clark
George Burns

Notice in these deeds & land grants the land is mentioned as being in or on Buffalo Island Creek of Dan River or Fisher's River, which convinces me there were two different Hill families, Rev. Hill on Buffalo Island Creek & another William Hill & wife Hannah Bridges on Fisher River.

Surry County, N.C. Deed Book G, Page 190
Joab Hill sells to Colby Creed (140 acres)
October 1, 1796

"Joab Hill of the one part and Colby Creed... (sells) 140 acres of land lying and being situate in the County of Surry on Little Fisher River, it being part of a tract deeded for William Ramsey of 380 acres, divided by and bounded by (lands belonging to) Fielding Herrin and JOHN HILL, deceased to said Colby Creed at the upper end agreeable to the conditional lines formerly made containing 140 acres..."

Witnessed by
Joel Mackey
Alexander Mackey
Martin Burrus.

Comments by Robert Hill: This deed shows this land was part of the 380 acres that was divided among the sons of Wm. Hill & his three sons, Thomas, Jacob & John Hill. This was Joab Hill 3/ appears to me to have been a son of John Hill Sr, who had now died in Tennessee. Joab Hill was selling land that he inherited from his father. It shows the land was in Surry County, N.C., on "Little Fisher River," while earlier it was implied that the location was in Guilford County, N.C. This deed shows that the son JOHN HILL 3/ (SENIOR) was now dead. It matches the 140 acres of land that the brother, Thomas Hill 3/ inherited from his father, Rev. William Hill.

Following comments were made by Mr. Jeff Bradley:

The above deeds provide us with the following information:

1. A William Hill purchased the first property on Fisher River on January 20th, 1789. (Where? In Guilford or Surry County, N.C.)?

My comments: This was not Rev. William Hill Jr. This William Hill married Hannah Bridges.

2. This date proves that he cannot be William Hill Sr. (dead by February 1787) or his son Rev. William Hill (Jr.) (dead by February 1785) or his son William Hill (later Secretary of State) since he was too young to own property.

Comment by Robert Hill: I agree with Mr. Bradley's statement about the above not being Wm. Hill Sr 1/ and his death date of Rev. Wm. Hill Jr 2/ dying in 1785, or his son, William Hill III.

3. This William Hill (Of Fisher's River) was dead by November 10, 1792.

My Comments: Rev. Wm. Hill's family were located on Buffalo Island Creek, not Fisher River.

4. This William Hill (of Fisher's River) was the father of Thomas, Jacob; James; and John Hill Sr.

My comments: Thomas Hill should also be listed as a son above. Thomas Hill (b. 1759) was probably the elderst child and James 3/ (b. ca. 1761) were both children of William Hill & Hannah Bridges.

5. This Thomas Hill, although he is never named as a son in any of the above deeds, most probably was a son since he is selling the same property that his father, William Hill (of Fisher's River), bought in 1789.

Note: Mr. Bradley & I agree on this matter. This was Thomas Hill son of William Hill & wife, Hannah Bridges.

The William Hill that sells the Fisher River property was a son, William Hill 3/, first son of Rev. William Hill Jr 2/ and the 2nd wife, Hannah Elizabeth Halbert. This William Hill 3/ did not die until the mid 1850's in Ra;eigh, NC.

6. This Thomas Hill also owned additional property in Surry County as per the October 2, 1792 deed.

My Comments: I agree.

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7. This Thomas Hill was residing in Wilkes County, Georgia by October 2, 1792.

My Comments: I agree! This was Thomas Hill, son of Wm. Hill & wife Hannah Bridges, Thomas Hill married Catherine Shropshire in 1783.

8. John, son of this William Hill, is dead by October 31, 1796, but still living on December 1, 1795.

My Comments: This John Hill was probably the son of William Hill & Hannah Bridges. The birth & death dates on his (John's) FGS above is wrong.

9. The land that Joab Hill sold to Creed was almost certainly the same land that Thomas Hill sold to brother Jacob Hill in 1792 by the description of the property since only Jacob's property bounded John's property.

My Comments: I think Joab Hill was a son of Jacob Hill, who had moved to Tennessee or died.

OBSERVATIONS (BY BRADLEY)

1. If Number 9 is accepted, what happened to the 140 acres which Thomas Hill sold to James Hill in 1792? I cannot find a later deed in Surry County for such a sale!

My comments: There has not been a deed to show what happened to this 140 acres after James Hill 3/ bought the land from brother Thomas Hill, but it is assumed James kept the land until he moved to TN. This accounts for 140 pf the 380 acres that was divided.

2. Why does the 1795 deed from John Hill to Creed state that Creed is now in possession of property "from a purchase of Jacob Hill..." and then in 1796 Joab Hill is selling to Creed the property which was referred to as being sold one year earlier.

My Comments: There is the name Jacob Hill again. I suspect it was Jacob Hill. Perhaps Jacob Hill sold the land to Creed, but died before transaction was completed and his son Joab Hill completed the deal. This accounts for another 140 acres of the 380 acres that was divided.

3. There is, however, no factual evidence to the previous claims that this Joab Hill was the son of the Fisher River William Hill. Likewise, it is erroneous to have connected him in anyway to the Rev. William Hill (Jr.), the Baptist preacher who died in Guilford/Rockingham County by February 1785.

My comments: I think he was part of the William Hill-Hannah

Bridges family of Fisher River, not part of Rev. William Hill's family.

4. The following Hill family was a Surry County family and much confusion has arisen due to the fact that the property of different Hill families in this area had been originally recorded in Surry County. However, as the counties broke off from one another, the land became part of the newly formed counties, as in the case with the Hill property in Stokes; Guilford; and Rockingham Counties. Nevertheless, property cannot move. This Hill family was ALWAYS a Surry County family with respect to their Fisher River Island holdings.

END OF BRADLEY'S RESEARCH PROJECT

1. When Mr. Bradley speaks about William Hill Sr., he is talking about the William Hill Sr. 1/ said to have been born ca. 1710 in Caroline County, Va. and married Susannah Smithers. Statements made by their sons on their Application for Military Service Benefits in the Revolution, all indicate their births were in Caroline County, Va, and they arrived during the 1770's.

I do agree with his analysis that this date of 20th January 1789 PROVES that this could not have been William Hill Sr. 1/ (m. Susannah Smithers) because he was dead by February of 1787, or his son, Rev. William Hill Jr. 2/ (m. Hannah Halbert) because of the following reasons:

The court records show Rev. William Hill Jr. 2/ was dead by 1st February 1785. What evidence has Bradley got to show ANOTHER WM. HILL DIED BY 10TH NOV. 1792 ? That date is merely the date the land was divided. If WM. HILL died in 1785, then naturally he was dead by this date. It was the property of the William, Hill Jr 2/. that was being divided, sp,e 7 years after his death. Remember, Rev. Wm. Hill Jr 2/ died 'intestate' (no Will and the estate was locked up in a law suit for years..

I do agree with Mr. Bradley when he says that it could not be William Hill III, the son of Rev. William Hill Jr, due to his being too young to own land. This son, William Hill III, was born in 1773 and would have been about 16 years old in 1789 when the land was purchased.

2. I think this William Hill had sons named Thomas Hill; Jacob Hill; John Hill and James Hill and was dead by November 1792.

(Comments by Robert Hill: I tend to agree)!

3. John Hill, son of William Hill, was still alive on the 1st of December 1795, but was dead by 31st of October 1796. He had a son John Hill Jr. 4/, Micajah Hill 4/ & Dutton Hill 4/.

My Comments: I agree!

4. Reference to the Question by Bradley: What happened to the 140 acres of land that Thomas Hill sold to James Hill? Mr. Bradley states that he can find no later deed in Surry County for such a sale! I think it was because James Hill remained in Surry County, died there at some later date and the deed was never needed to be recorded, or it was lost over time.

END OF DATA