

R.100 EARLY ACCOUNTS OF SURRY COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

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introduction

This data was entered (at least attempted to be entered) not by page number, but in a chronological order the event took place. It appears that the page numbers are what was found in the original book, but if so, they do not seem to be in a chronological order and I am lost as to explain this.

In this document the names of Nicholas Hill, William Thomas was mentioned. Be it known that William Thomas married Elizabeth Hill, the daughter of Col, Nicholas Hill & his 2nd wife, Syvestra Bennett. A Robert Hill, said to be the son of a John Hill, brother of Nicholas Hill, married Elizabeth Thomas, the daughter of William Thomas & his wife Elizabeth Hill.

Robert Hill 1/ & his wife Mary Webb are said to have immigrated into Isle of Wight County, Virginia in 1642.

A Stephen Webb, arrived in Virginia in 1642 and apparently settled in James City (Jamestown) & Surry County. He was born at Breshley, Worcestershire (England) and was baptized there on 1st September 1598. He was the son of Stephen & Ann Webb. (Ref: "Some Emigrants to Virginia, 2nd Edition, compiled by W.G. Stanard, 1964, Vol. M. III, Page 57).

Mary Webb, may have been a sister to this Stephen Webb and both she and her husband, Robert Hill 1/, may have came over together. To date, her ancestry has not been established.

Surry County, Virginia was created in 1652 from James City County (Jamestown Settlement). It is bounded by Charles City, Prince George, & Sussex Counties. Surry County was the parent county for Brunswick & Sussex Counties, formed in 1753.

[Note: In the documents below, the spelling of certain words may appear wrong, but it has been left intact, just as was in the original documents].

SURRY COUNTY, VIRGINIA RECORDS.

BOOK I, 1652-1672.

Page 75. Robert Webb, son of Stephen Webb, was borne the 16th day of November 1636. William Webb was born the 15th day of February 1645. Being formerly in an old Bible and subscribed by the father's own hand.

Page 79. 3rd June 1655. Debts due from John Spiltimber, Capt. Benjamin Sidway, Capt. John Fox, the Chirgion (sic?) of Fox's shipp (sic), Mrs. Corker, Daniel Masingale, to Mr. Baker for the use of Mr. Symonds, Johanna Brayde.

Comments by Robert Hill: The above is not too clear, except the debts are due for some type of service. However, John Spiltimber's widow, Elizabeth Smith Spiltimber, remarried a second time to Sion Hill Sr. 2/, the son of the two immigrants, Robert Hill 1/ & Mary Webb.

Page 79. 22 January 1655. John Diball, Clk (Clerk?) to RICHARD HILL, a piece of land in Surry County, except 500 acres to Benjamin Harrison, orphant (sic), is made good by 500 acres.. survey 25 9yr (sic) 1650.

Comment by Robert Hill: This Richard Hill is thought to be the son of Colonel Nicholas Hill and his 1st un-named wife. The first wife is unknown but they had the following children, Agnes Hill, a son Richard and Ralph Hill. I do not understand the date 25 9yr 1650. That is new to me!

Page ?. (no date shown) A long list of names is shown.. The balance of accounts for goods sold by William Thomas for the accounts of Henry & John Richards, vist.: (sic)
The list includes
William Webb
John King
Col. Henry Browne
John Spiltimber

Comments by Robert Hill: This list composed of about 84 names, including the above. William Thomas had married Elizabeth Hill, dau. of Nicholas Hill & Silvestra Bennett. I gather that William Thomas (who was in Va.) sold some goods to the people listed for John Richards (who lived in England & who had now died. An and It was being made for the son & heirs & states Quote:

"To any sheriff, or sheriffs in the County
Signed by Bridges Freeman." End of Quote.

It was the names of Quote again: "his highness" & "said to seg. (sic) so much est. (soc) on behalf of John Richards of London to the value of 60,000 pounds of tobacco.. in the Colony of Virginia. Debts being due from said Thomas in Consideration of that estate of said Thomas like to be

conveyed out of the Collony (sic) to the great damafe (sic) of the said Richards. Richards to present an account of what he shall seize." end of quote.

John Spiltimber was first husband to Elizabeth (Smith) Spiltimber, who after the death of John, remarried Sion Hill Sr. 2/, son of the two immigrants, Robert Hill 1/ & wife Mary Webb.

Page 176. Indenture 18th February 1642. between George Powell of Lower Chippoakes, (of) James Citye County, Va. Gentleman, and STEPHEN WEBB of Lower Chippokes, planter, for 40 lbs English money, sell him 300 acres of land on the Creek, Chippoakes, and north to James River, south to the mainland, west to George Powell's land and Dame Clare his wife & ROBERT WEBB, sone of STEPHEN WEBB, building & house 45 by 20 feet.. with two chimneys; glass window, etc..
Wits: Hamba; Fletcher & Wm. Drummond
Recorded: 15 January 1661.

Comment by Robert Hill: I take this to mean that Stephen Webb 2/, who was selling land in Va., & had a son named Robert Webb 3/ , who was alive on this date & owned land adjacent to that which was being sold. This fact was later verified by another brother named William Webb 2/, of England. This verification was made necessary due to the fact that the father, Stephen Webb 1/ & brother William Webb 2/, both lived in England and was not located in the colonies. Apparently Robert Webb 3/ (in Va.) was a minor.

Page 81. February 1655. Eliza Bannister, ROBERT HILL, & Charles Borecraft upon petition of ROBERT WEBB, were appointed his guardians. They desire to be released.

Wits: Thomas Butten, Thomas Dimmet, Rice Williams.

Comments by Robert Hill: This was probably Robert Hill 1/, the immigrant, who was married to Mary Webb. As stated before, her ancestry is unknown, but it certainly appears that she was some how related to this Robert Webb, who had appointed her husband, Robert Hill 1/, as one of his guardians. Robert Hill 1/ and the others (for what ever reason) wanted to be released. We know that Robert Webb 3/ was a son of Stephen Webb 2/ (son of Stephen Webb 1/ of England), so it could be that MARY WEBB (HILL) is suspected to be the daughter of the Stephen Webb 1/ of England, and a sister to Stephen Webb 2/ of Va. & his brother, Wm. Webb 2. of Tewkesbury, Gloucester County, in England.

Page 61. 31 March 1655. Capt. George Jordan petitions to the General Assembly in regards to reports concerning his marriage with Eliza. Coates.. and declares that it may be

just (and?) lawful.
Edward Hill, Speaker.
Thomas Norwood, Clerk of Assembly.
Recorded 20th April 1655.

Page 100. 3 November 1656. Be it known that William Marriott & Thomas Sims are bound to the Court of Surry County for 30,000 pounds of tobacco (to) discharge Eliza Bannister guardianesse (sic) of ROBERT WEBB, orphant, of 30,000 pounds of tobacco, which she was to pay said Webb, he being come of age.

Signed/ William Marriott & Thomas Sims
Wits: Wm. Butt, Karbye Kigan.

Comments by Robert Hill: Eliza Bannister was one of three guardians that this Robert Webb had requested. He also had requested Robert Hill 1/. Apparently the court was releasing or discharging Eliza Bannister from her being his guardian as Robert Webb had come of age, however, she was supposed to pay Robert Webb 30,000 of tobacco since he had come of age. I gather that for what ever the reason was, William Marriott & Thomas Sims was paying this for Eliza Bannister, and she was probably being discharged from her obligation. By the way, William Marriott is thought to have been the father in law to Sion Hill Jr/ 3/.

Page 114. 7th January 1657. ROBERT WEBB received of William Marriott 10,000 pounds of tobacco.

Comments by Robert Hill: This shows Robert Webb received 1/3 of the tobacco due him from Williams Marriott & Thomas Sims. (They were probably paying for Eliza Bannister).

Page 87. 2 July 1656-57. The balance of the Bookes of Major John Westhorpe, deceased, left in the hands of Captain William Thomas at his goings to England and now deceased unto Charles Sparrow, administrator of the said Westhorpe by Thomas Jones feffe (sic) (Left?) in trust of the said Thomas, deceased. (A list of about 56 names was listed and included such names as William Webb, Col. (Nicholas) Hill, Richard Carter, and others.

The balance of the Account above specified & belonging to the estate of John Westhorpe, I, Charles Sparrow, doe acknowledge to have received of Thomas Jones, being left eoffe (sic) in trust of the said William Thomas, deceased. 16th June 1656.

Signed/ Thomas Sparrow.

Wits: John RIchards, Ben Sidway.
In final settlement of this account Mr. John Sidler & Mr. Richard Prine, merchant, were due the rent received from Mr. Rice Hope.

Comments by Robert Hill: This obviously was a very large estate with a great amount of money, some 60,000 pounds of tobacco. Also know that William Thomas married Elizabeth Hill, the daughter of Col. Nicholas Hill & 2nd wife Sylvestra Bennett.

Page 90. 5 November 1656-57. These presents hindeth me, Job Beasley.. (ordered?) to pay Jane Pumplin or her heirs etc.. 1500 (what, pounds?)

Signed/ Job Bagsley

Wits: NICHOLAS HILL, Robert Stanton.

Comments by Robert Hill: Col. (Major) Nicholas Hill was one of the witnesses.

Page 139. 14th July 1659. Tukesbury (located) in the county of Gloucester (England). These presents are to certify that the bearer hereof WILLIAM WEBB was the younger brother of STEPHEN WEBB, lately deceased, wheretofore (sic) lived & died in Virginia, as wee (sic) are credibly informed, and that the said William Webb was an uncle to Robert Webb, sonne (sic) & heir apparent unto the said Stephen Webb, likewise deceased, and that the said William Webb was the only brother of Stephen Webb as to our knowledge, and we are informed by the Certificate annexed that Stephen Webb & William Webb were borne (sic) in the countye (sic) of Bushlye in Worcester.. of the Borough.. and that William Webb with his wife and family are now and for some years past, have lived quietly in the town. Now at the request of the said William Webb, we are bold (sic) to state.

Recorded: 24 July 1659.

John Liat, Bayliffe.

Wits: Thomas Clarke, Edward Phillips, John Batick, & John Carter, Andrew Hollaman, JUSTICES.

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, Fl.: This deposition shows that Stephen Webb 2/ of Virginia was the father of Robert Webb 3/, of Virginia and that bioth were now dead by this date. Ths proves that Stephen Webb 2/, the deceased, had only a brother, William Webb 2/ (of England), and William Webb 2/ stated he was the "uncle" to Robert Webb 3/, (also deceased) so William 2/ had to be the brother to Stephen Webb 2/ & "uncle" Robert Webb 3/. English records shows both Stephen Webb 2/ & William Webb 2/) were the sons of Stepehn Webb 1/ & wife Ann (of England). Whether or not they were related to Mary Webb, the so called wife of Robert Hill 1/, (both emigrants) is not clear. I think she was an older sister to Stephen 2/ & William Webb 2/, but this has not been proved.. This would have made Mary Webb the "Aunt" to Robert Webb 3/, who appears to have been a son of Stephen Webb 2/,

who died in Va. Why else would Robert Webb ask for Robert Hill 1/ (husband of Mary Webb, to be a guardian?

Page 139, 1659, Upon request made unto the minister & churchwardens of the Parrish of Bushly in the county of Worcester (England) by William Webb the bearer therof to certifie (sic) under our hands that the said William Webb was the legitimate brother of Stephen Webb, late deceased in Virginia.. was therefore the minister & churchwarden of the said Parrish of Bushly doe hereby that Stephen Webb was baptized in our Parrish Church of Bushly the fifth daie of September A.D. 1596 and that William Webb, brother of Stephen Webb, was Baptized the Tenth daie of May 1601. both being sons of Stephen Webb and his wife.

Thomas Cooke? Minister of Bushley
Longwoode
Edward Dow/ Churchwardens
Walter Barnes

Also signed by/
Thomas Lane Rive Morris
Richard Biddle Richard Lane
John Mason John Gringer
Nicholas Morris Edward Biddle

Know that I, have examined the books kept in the Parish of Bushly and doe hereby find the above to be true and also I doe know that Stephen Webb was a freeholder of Cornwell Land.. and lived there for many years till he sold his lands to several persons, who doe now enjoy the same.

Signed/ Richard Dowdeswell
Recorded 24th July 1659.

Comments by Robert Hill: This all took place in England. The brother (Wm. Webb 2/) of the deceased Stephen Webb 2/ (of Va.) was having to prove that he was the brother & heir to the deceased brother, Stephen Webb 2/.

Page 130. 10 March 1659. The plantation of ROBERT WEBB, by the decease of said WEBB, falls into the hands of Mr. William Batt, and by lease was to be left in such condition and appoints George Watkins, Edward Pettway & John Dollye and Peter Adams to see that the Plantation is so kept.

Recorded 16 May 1659.
Law. (Laurence?) Baker.

Comments by Robert Hill: This shows that Robert Webb 3/, son of Stephen Webb 2/, had died by this date, having died in Virginia as his father, Stephen Webb 2/ had done. Robert Webb 3/ was the nephew of William Webb 2/ of England & both Stephen & Wm. Webb 2/. were sons of a Stephen Webb 1/ of England.

Page 213 24 March 1662. Anthony Spiltimber sells to John Brady, the neck of land purchased of John Coker, called Besse's Neck, a patent between "my father, deceased, and John Brady. (no signature)
Wits: John Corker.

Comment by Robert Hill: We already know that Sion Hill Sr. 2/ married a widow of John Spiltimber. Her name was Elizabeth (Smith?) Spiltimber. The marriage to John Spiltimber was thought to occurred about 1676 or 1677. Is it possible that this Anthony Spiltimber was related?

Page 257. 1 May 1665. EDWARD WEBB of Hog Island, Lawnes Creek Parish, sells to Captain William Browne certain livestock, the condition being that this is a security for a debt to Capt. William Browne, attorney, for Robert Stanton, for the sum of 309 lbs of tobacco, and caskes (sic).

Recorded: May 1665 by Randall Holt, Attorney for said Webb.
Wits: George Watkins, Nathan Stanton.

Comments by Robert Hill: I do not know anything about this Edward Webb, who his parents were etc.. but the above was located in Isle of Wight or Surry Co., Va.

Page 360. 1 March 1669. Daniel Roome of Surry County, Mary, his wife, ye daughter of GEORGE HILL, and Arthur Allen, 50 acres of land, adjacent to WILLIAM THOMAS.

Recorded: 4 March 1669
Wits: John Cary, HENRY BRIGGS.

Comments by Robert Hill: My memory fails me right now but vaguely tells me that George Hill was the son of Nicholas Hill & 1st wife or possibky the 2nd wife, Silvestra Bennett. I KNOW they had a daughter ELIZABETH HILL who married William Thomas. Notice Daniel Roome's wife was named MARY THOMAS, the daughter of WILLIAM THOMAS and wife, Elizabeth Hill, daughter of Nicholas Hill & 2nd wife Sylvestra Bennett).

The witness Henry Briggs, was the father to Hannah Briggs, who married Richard Hill 3/, son of Sion Hill Sr. 2/ & wife, the widow of John Spiltimber, Elizabeth (Smith?) Spiltimber. Richard Hill 3/ was not born until ca. 1682/84.

Page 322, March 1666. Wm. Porter and wife Elizabeth to George Mansfield 300 acres of land adjacent to Phillip Huniford.
Wits: John Grove, NICHOLAS HILL.

Comment by Robert Hill: This was Col. Nicholas Hill, who later married a 2nd time to Silvestra Bennett.

Page 327. 4 October 1667. WILLIAM WEBB of Tewkesbury, Gloucester, (England) shoemaker, appoints his friend Lott Rocketts of ye city of Bristoll, due from Plantation in Virginia.

Wits: Richard Hill, Conway Whitehorn, Thomas Newsum, Henry Payton, Justice of Peace.

Comment by Robert Hill: Apparently William Webb 2/, surviving heir od his brother Stephen Webb 2/, deceased, had business matters pending (relating to Brother's estate) in Virginia & had appointed Lott Richards as his Power of Attorney.

Rixhards was returning to England. The witness Richard Hill is not known for sure but he may have been the son of Col.. Nicholas Hill.

Page 326 7 December 1668. Jane Tucker, relict of Samuel Tucker, her husband sold land to Major NICHOLAS HILL, of Isle of Wight County.

Recorded: 20 December 1668

Wits: Wm. Harris, Thomas Lockett, Henry Randolph, Notary, statement that she was his wife, and probated his will.

Page 328 (1668?) George Hopewell, merchant, of Exon (England), Major Nicholas Hill Attorney.,

Wits: Thomas Lillicrop, Richard Jarrett, John--?

Comment by Robert Hill: This was Major Nicholas Hill, who later was called "Colonel." He was appointed by George Hopewell as his attorney.

Page 323. 2 May 1668. Phillip Huniford & wife, Jane, sell 600 acres to George Manfield.

Wits: John Grove & NICHOLAS HILL.

Comment by Robert Hill: Again, this was Col. Nicholas Hill who signed as a witness.

Page 357. 1 August 1669. WILLIAM WEBB of Tewkesbury, Gloucester, England, shoemaker (sic) acknowledges that Lott Richards of the City of Bristol, merchant, has paid a debt for selling Webb's land in Virginia to Richard Briggs, 500 acres, at Lower Chippokes, Sunkem (sic) Marsh. a patent 29th March 1660.

Signed/ Wm. Webb

Recorded 4 March 1669

Wits: Arthur Allen, James Sherbourne, Robert Turpin, Peel?,

Capt. Richard Tony.

Comment by Robert Hill: This clearly shows that William Webb 2/ of Tewkesbury, Gloucester County, was located in England AND NOT VIRGINIA. He received the money due him from the sale of his deceased brother's Virginia estate sale. That deceased brother was Stephen Webb 2/.

Page 129. 25 January 1655. Richard Hide of Chippoakes Creek, planter, sells to Christopher Greenfield all his rights in 50 acres of land, part of a dividant (sic) of 450 acres, bounded by a popular at the swamp side, divides (sic) (dives?) this land from Edward Ellis.

Signed/ Richard Hide

Wits: Richard Ellis, WILLIAM HILL.

Comment by Robert Hill: This William Hill is not known for sure.

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