

R.133 IDENTIFYING MEMBERS OF THE HILL FAMILY THAT WERE MENTIONED IN
CHURCH MINUTES OF THE MATRIMONY PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH IN
GUILFORD COUNTY, NC

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church minutes and my own research based on various information from
others.

HILL NAMES IN THE MATRIMONY PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Following named in church minutes:

1. William Hill (wife Hannah Elizabeth Halbert).
2. Gustavas Hill (wife Margaret?)
3. Charity Hill (had a husband named Hill)
Catherine Shropshire (m. Thomas Hill 3/, son of the above William
Hill Jr 2/ & Hannah Elizabeth Halbert. .
4. Caty Hill (believed to be Catherine Shropshire who m. Thomas Hill
3/.

INTRODUCTION

There is no doubt in my mind that this Hill family was part of the
William Hill Sr. 1/ & Susannah Smither family that came from Caroline
County, Virginia into Surry County, NC in the 1780's, with some members
later moving into Guilford. Rockingham and Stokes Counties of NC.

WILLIAM HILL SR. 1/ (FIRST KNOWN GENERATION).

WILLIAM HILL SR. 1/ (1710-1787) has been said by many researchers to be
the son of Sion Hill Jr. 3/ of the Surry County, Virginia Hill line.
This compiler disputes (as do many others) that claim and feels that he
was in no way related to that Hill lineage of Isle of Wight, Surry
County or Sussex County, Virginia. Others say his father was another
William Hill (wife Ann) who's origins were in Maryland & Middlesex
County, Va. Middlesex County is close by Caroline Co., Va.

William Hill Sr. 1/ was born in Caroline County, Virginia ca. 1710,
moved his family to Surry County, N.C. in the 1750's and died there in
1787. His wife was Susannah Smither (Smithers) (1716-) probably the
daughter of Thomas Smither and Susanna Singleton of Gloucester County,
Va. Among their 12 Known children: (2nd generation) was:

- I. Reverend William Hill Jr. 2/, (1737-29th September 1792) in
Rockingham County, N.C. He was a Revolutionary Soldier, and was
born in Caroline County, Virginia. He married in January of 1758
to Hannah Elizabeth Halbert, probably in Caroline County,
Virginia. After his death, in 1792, she remarried to John Glenn
Jr. of Rockingham County, N.C. Among their children were:

- A. Thomas Hill 3/, (3rd generation) eldest son of Rev. William

Hill Jr. 2/, was born on 22nd of December 1759 near Dan River, Rowan County, N.C. (present day Rockingham County) and died on 5th April 1849 in White County, Tennessee, where both he and his wife are buried in the Anderson Cemetery.

Catherine Shropshire married their eldest son, Thomas Hill 3/ and is the person that Hannah Hill had a "spat" with (i.e. Catherine's mother in law)..

Charity Hill. mentioned frequently, seems to have been married to a unknown Hill, who remains a mystery. Charles Massey states that there were three Hill families near the church. They were: William Hill, Gustavas Hill & a John Hill.

Reference to John Hill.. William Hill Jr 2/ & Hannah Hill had a son John Hill 3/, who's wife was named Obedience and they moved to TN.

CHURCH MINUTES RELATING TO HILL FAMILY.

Names Mentioned:

William Hill & Hannah Hill.

Gustavas Hill & Charity Hill

Margaret Hill

Cattron (Caty) Hill

Catherine Shropshire, later Mrs. Thomas Hill 3/, son of the above
William Hill Jr 2./ & Hannah Elizabeth Halbert.

It is important to realize that these church minutes are in no way thought to be the complete minutes, but appears to have been all that has survived the times.

Copies of these minutes were sent to me long ago, and a copy was recently sent to me by Mr. Charles Massey. Comparing the two copies, it seems to show at that least two different individuals copied them, each at times copying "word for word" of the minutes, but then abruptly reverted and wrote down his or her own thoughts about the charges against certain people.

The first entry found was dated December 19th, 1778 with a unrelated Hill matter.

Both William Hill Sr 1/ (known as the Elder) & his son, William Hill Jr 2/ were alive. The "Elder" was a man about 68 years old & lived in Surry Co., NC.

The eldest son, William Hill Jr 2/, was about 41 years old and had fathered about 5 of his 10 children. (No Gustavas Hill). I suspect he moved from Surry Co., NC to here at some unknown date and therefore "transferred by letter" into this church. (See below).

--? 12, 1779:

"The church met together to do the work of the Lord and the first thing we went upon was brought against Gustavas Hill and his wife , late (sic) over (sic)--" [The entry ended abruptly].

My Comments: I do not know what month this was in nor what the charges were against the Hills. I have seen no evidence they were excommunicated, but remember, these records are not complete. They were excommunicated September 18, 1779, so they had to have been received again before this date.

February 12th, 1779:

"Received by letter, brother William Hill and sister Hannah Hill."

My comments: This entry refers to William Hill Jr 2/ & wife Hannah Elizabeth Halbert. They joined by letter, probably from another church. I have been told by others that he was a baptist minister, which caused trouble between him and his father for years, but they later made up.

William Hill Jr 2/ was born ca. 1737 and on this date was a man about 42 years old with a family.

Page 2, 21 March 1779..

Received by letter Brother William Hill & sister Hannah Hill. Joseph Hooper, Clerk.

My Comments: Apparently the Hills rejoined the church by letter.

Page 2, (21 March 1779

Gustavas Hill & wife --? (received?).

My Comments: This entry ended abruptly but think he was received into the church. Notice no mention wife was.

Page 3, September 18, 1779

"The church met together and come upon a matter concerning Charity Hill and one of the neighbor women giving her language ----- to Gospel and her husband holding (?) her in fellowship and the church excommunicated them both." End of Quote.

My Comments: This entry shows there was trouble between Charity Hill and another unnamed woman. When it says "giving her language -----" I think she (Charity) was using profanity towards the other, and her husband (Gustavas Hill) was "holding her in fellowship" meant he was in support of his wife, Charity Hill, and both were excommunicated. Its too bad that the blank was not filled in.

9 November 1780

A matter of dispute between sisters Charity Hill & Hannah Hill & was

found hard spirit in Charity Hill.

My Comments: I do not know the relationship of these two women, only that Hannah Hill was wife of Reverend William Hill Jr 2/. Charity Hill is thought to have been wife of Gustavas Hill or some other unknown Hill.

Page ?? 21 January 1781 Sister Charity Hill gave satisfaction again.

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

February 19th, 1780

"Gustavas Hill and wife Charity received into fellowship again."

My Comments: What ever the problem was, it was solved and Gustavas & Charity Hill were readmitted to the church. They had been excommunicated from September 18th 1779 until this date, February 19th, 1780 or about 5 months. This proves that Charity Hill was wife of Gustavas Hill.

Page ?? December 15, 1780 "Cattron Shropshire for disorder, fell under the churches suspension."

My Comments: I think this was Catherine Shropshire, born in September 1760, Rowan County, N.C. and died on the 14th of February 1854 in White County, TN. Cattron (Catherine) Shropshire had her 20th birthday back in the previous September.

Catherine was a young lady of about 20 years old & probably acting as a young (silly?) lady would at that age, which did not set too well with the church. Notice she seems to have been "suspended" by the church, not excommunicated.

Thomas Hill 3/ was son of William Hill Jr 2/ & wife Hannah Hlalbert, who were members of this same church. Thomas Hill 3/ & Catherine Shropshire married on the 17th of July 1783 in Guilford Co., NC. She married as a 22 year old woman, reaching her 23rd birthday the following September.

Her husband, Thomas Hill 3/, was born on 22nd of December 1759 near Dan River, Rowan County, N.C. (present day Rockingham County) and died on 5th April 1849 in White County, Tennessee, where both he and his wife are buried in the Anderson Cemetery.

Thomas Hill 3/ was on this marriage date of 17th July 1783, b a man about 23 years old, reaching his 24th birthday the next December. They had 9 children & moved to TN.

Page ?? January 21st, 1781 "The church received Cattron Shropshire to fellowship ahain."

My Comments: Catherine was now returned into the church. She was a 20 year old single lady, reaching her 21st birthdate the next September. She was "suspended from the 15th December 1780 until now, or about a month. I picture a young happy lady, simply cutting the fool around a group of zelous religious people. She later marries Thomas ill 3/, eldest son of Rev. William Hill Je 2/ & wife Hannah, both members of this church.

Page ?? March 16th, 1783 "The church excommunicated Charity Hill for lying."

My comments: Charity Hill was in trouble again for lying.

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

My Comments: It is this entry that causes me to think they are a married couple to each other and were having some domestic dispute.

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

My comments: This was the former Catherine Shropshire. By this date she had married Thomas Hill 3/, eldest child of William Hill Jr 2/ & wife Hannah. What ever her crime was, it was settled & she was accepted back into the church.

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

My Comments: This shows Caty (Catherine) Hill was cleared of charges against her, made by Joshua Hooper, and was cleared. Note she was wife of Thomas Hill 3/, son of William & Hannah Hill, both members of this church.

No page, 21 Jan. 1786,
received Hannah Hill in membership again.

My Comments: Hannah Hill accepted back into church. Perhaps this was trouble between her and her daughter in law, the former Catherine Shropshire. Notice below, Hannah's hgusband, William Hill, is accepted back into the church. I suspect a conflict between the parents of Thomas Hill 3/ and his wife (their dau. in law) Catherine Shropshire.

No page, 17 Feb. 1786
Received WILLIAM HILL in membership again.

end of church records