

R.136 LAND GRANTS DEEDS FOR HILL FAMILY OF SURRY, GUILFORD,
STOKES & ROCKINGHAM COUNTIES OF NORTH CAROLINA

Entered in March of 1988, updated in October of 1991 &
updated again in January of 1996 by Robert R. Hill of
Brandon, Fla. Updated again in November of 1998.

Source of Information: Information sent to me by Win Jacob
of Beaverton, Oregon; Research Information in 1990 by Mr.
Jeff Bradley.

Explanation: Surry County, N.C. was obviously populated
with more than one William Hills, and also others with the
+++Hill name. I have found 5 different William Hills in
Surry Co., NC BETWEEN 1775 AND 1850.

Surry County, N.C. was created in 1771 from Rowan County.
Also, in 1771, Guilford County, N.C., another location of
several Hills, was created from Orange and Rowan Counties.
In 1785, Guilford County was split and Rockingham County was
created.

Surry, Guilford and Rockingham counties of N.C. was the home
of several Hill families. Much confusion has arisen over the
different William Hills and this document is an attempt to
help identify them.

Surry County, N.C. Deeds do show that there was a William
Hill of Surry County who had sons named John Hill; James
Hill; William & Green Hill (see below).

This was Reverend William Hill Jr 2/, originally of Caroline
County, Virginia, said to be the eldest son of William Hill
Sr 1/ & wife Susannah Smithers, who moved into Surry County,
NC in 1770.

REVEREND WILLIAM HILL JR 2/.

Rowan County, NC Deed Book 7, pages 236-237

James Hampton sells 200 acres to Reverend William Hill.

January 31, 1770: James Hampton sells to Reverend William
Hill 200 acres of land in said county & state, beginning at a
willow oak being the northwest corner of said land standing
on Moses Martin's line, in a large group running thence west
220 poles to a stake, in the center of these pines, then
south 135 poles to a pine, then east 200 poles to the
Townfork (Creek or River) then down the river bank to Moses
Martin's line, thence north 27 poles to the beginning,
containing 200 acres etc.. etc...

Witnessed by: Moses Martin, Charles McNally, Richard Goode.

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, FL: This seems to be the very first deed in NC relating to Reverend William Hill. This land later became known as Ash Camp Creek, where, it appears, he resided the rest of his life.

NC LAND GRANT (TO WILLIAM HILL)

ENTRY NO. ?

ENTERED ?

SURVEYED ?

ISSUED November 20, 1779

200 acres "Land lying & being in the County of Surry on the east side of the Moravian land, beginning at a pine, thence running east 128 poles to a pine, thence south 250 poles to a chestnut oak, thence west 128 poles to a white oak in the Moravian line, thence north to the beginning...."

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, FL:

This 200 acres was adjacent to his 200 acres that was purchased from James Hampton on the 31st of January 1770. In 1771, Rowan County had split to form Surry County, NC.

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..."

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, FL:

This deed shows that Gustavus Hill's 200 acres was adjacent to the land of William Hill. This WAS NOT Rev. William Hill Jr 2/ that owned land next to Winkfield Shropshire. It was another William Hill that married Hannah Brdiges.

N.C. Land Grant No. 298 (TO WILLIAM HILL)

Entry No. 161

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."

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, FL:

This appears to be the William Hill that married Hannah Bridges, not Reverend William Hill Jr.

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

Entry No. 150

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"

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, FL:

This appears to have been Reverend William Hill Jr obtaining another 350 acres Land Grant from the state of NC.

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... sells 382 acres of 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 298.

Comments by Robert Hill:

Based on the location of the land, this was not William Hill Jr. 2/ but was the father of Thomas, James, Jacob & John Hill. His wife was Hannah Bridges.

SURRY COUNTY, NC DEED BOOK D, PAGES 404, 405
JAMES & CATHERINE BRYSON 380 ACRES TO WILLIAM HILL

January 20, 1789

James & Catherine Bryson of Surry County, NC of the one part sells (no monetary value listed) to William Hill of said county of the other part.. sells 380 acres of land in said county of Surry & Province of aforesaid, situated on Filsher's River, beginning at a pine on the south side of the main river.."

WITNESSED BY: John Bryson Jr., Thomas Hill.

Comments: This WAS NOT REV. WILLIAM HILL. I believe this was another William Hill who's wife was Hannah Bridges buying this 380 acres of land. His son, Thomas Hill was a witness.

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

Rockingham County Court Minutes, 1786-1795 Pk.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.

Comments: This clearly shows that Rev. William Hill Jr. 2/ was dead by this date. This was the courts reply to a request from the heirs of Rev. Hill i.e. James Hill, John Hill & daughter Frances Hill, to divide the estate & give the heirs their inheritance.

Rockingham Court Minutes 1786-1795 in Raleigh, NC under Archives # 85.
26 November 1794

Rockingham County Court Minutes shows that on the 26th of November 1794, the court was agreeable to the petition of John Hill 3/, William Hill 3/ and Frances (Frankey) Hill 3/ to receive their share of their father's estate, meaning Rev. William Hill Jr 2/ (deceased).

The court ordered them to "lay off and divide the real estate and lay off of the widow's dowry, and also lay off and assign to each heir their share of the estate.."

February Term of 1795 Court Records (Listed incorrectly as 1785 in Col. James Hunter DAR Book (Early Families of Rockingham & Stokes Counties with Revolutionary Service) shows the court ordered the heirs to "lay off to the late widow, now Mrs. Glenn, her right of the estate."

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

January 14th, 1797, James Hill sells to (brother) William Hill (Later Secretary of State) his part of 463 acres on Townfork (River, known as Ash Camp Creek, in Stokes County, NC, whereon Reverend William Hill, deceased, lived, joining land of John Halbert Samuel Hampton & others..

Witnessed: Robert Hill, Thomas Evans.

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, FL:
This was James Hill selling to his brother William Hill III, both sons of Reverend William Hill, deceased, and Elizabeth Halbert. James was selling his share of the old home place of his parents. Notice by this time the land fell into a new county, known as Stokes. The witness Robert Hill was the "uncle" of James & William Hill III. John Halbert was the brother in law to the deceased, Reverend William Hill. John Halbert had a sister, Martha, that had married Robert Hill, the uncle.

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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.

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, FL: This was John Hill 3/, another son of Reverend William Hill Jr 2/, selling to his brother, William Hill III 3/. It was witnessed by another brother, James Hill 3/. John Hill 3/ later moved to Cumberland County, TN.

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.

My Comments: When Rev. Hill died, his widow, Elizabeth Halbert, stated there were four sons, James, John, William & Green Hill. The above shows that 488 & 1/4 acres of land were divided among the four sons. This was the courts decision on dividing the lands of Rev. William Hill Jr 2/ to his children.

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.. 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, 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, (John Hill 3/) who was the guardian of his brother, Green Hill (by appointment of Court of Rockingham County) to buy Green's part at \$ 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.

The son, John Hill 3/ lived at Cumberland (county?) in 1808 and 1811. His younger brother, Green Hill 3/, replied to the

bill in October 1811. (notes from IBID).

End of John Glenn's Plea.

End of Estate Affairs for Rev. Wm. Hill 2/.

Now the following events were in Guilford County, N.C.:
Matrimony Primitive Creek Baptist Church Records 1776-1816:

It is suggested that the reader bear in mind & remember the above information and then compare with the following events.

Minutes of the Matrimony Primitive Creek Baptist Church Records Shows:

17 Sept. 1776- membership
Jonas Bridges & wife Rachel) dead
William Hill) dismiss (not Rev. Wm. Hill)
Hannah Hill) dismiss (Hannah Bridges)
Catron Hill) excommunicated.
Gustavis Hill) " "
Margaret Hill) " "

My Comments: This was not Reverend William Hill & wife (Hannah? Elizabeth Halbert! It was another William Hill & wife Hannah Bridges.

I do not fully understand the term "dismissed" but I do know that when one was "excommunicated" for some offense, their membership was removed by a trial of the church. Catton Hill, Gustavas Hill and Margaret Hill's relationship with others, is not known. Notice the names of Jonas Bridges & wife Rache? Perhaps they were related to the mentioned Hannah Bridges.

Minutes continued:
Page 2, 21 March 1779.. Received by letter Brother William Hill & sister Hannah Hill. Joseph Hooper, Clerk.
Page 2, received Gustavus Hill & wife.

Comments: Perhaps William Hill left the area temporarily to fight in the Revolution and was now returning to his home church. Also noted is Gustavas Hill & wife (thought to be Charity were also received.

Page 3, 18 September 1779 the church met together & _____ a matter concerning Charity Hill & one of the _____ wimmem (women). excommunicated them both (& husbands).

Comments: While not able to prove it, I think Charity Hill & her suspected husband, Gustavus Hill, along with Margaret Hill) were all excommunicated for some offense. The

relationship to each other is unknown.

15 July 1780 received Brother Gustavus (sic) Hill in fellowship again.

Comments: About ten months later, Gustavas Hill was received back into membership of the church. Notice the wife (Charity) and Margaret Hill were not mentioned.

9 November 1780 a matter of dispute between sisters Charity Hill & Hannah Hill & was found hard spirit in Charity Hill.

Comments: There was trouble between Charity Hill & Hannah Hill. Both appear to still be void of membership, but church implies that the trouble was due to "BAD SPIRIT" on the part of Charity Hill. Their relationship is unknown.

21 January 1781 Sister Charity Hill gave satisfaction again.

Comments: What ever the trouble was, Charity Hill was forgiven and her membership was again received by the church.

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

Comments: The reason of the dispute between Gustavas Hill and Hannah Hill, the wife of William Hill is unknown. They apparently made up.

Page? Date ? Sister Charity (sic) Hill for lying (to?) the church, excommunicated her.

Comments: Charity Hill was acting up again but no mention of her husband was listed. She was excommunicated again.

no Page given, 8 June 1783. a difference between Brother Gustavus Hill & Sister Margaret Hill & both left run rum (sic) *** (see below) for mistake & came together again.

*** (I suspect the word rum was supposed to be home).

Comments: This is only a guess but it appears Gustavas Hill & maybe a daughter Margaret separated and then returned to each other.

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

Comments: Caty Hill made amends & was returned to the church membership.

Page 6, 21 Jan. 1786, received Hannah Hill in membership again.

Comments: Hannah Hill, wife of William Hill, was again received into the church membership after being out since November of 1780.

17 Feb. 1786, received WILLIAM HILL in membership again.

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

end of church records

The two entries above regarding William Hill proves this was not I Rev. William Hill Jr 2/ & wife, Hannah Elizabeth Halbert, because he had died prior to the 1st of February 1785. This had to be another William Hill.

THE HILL FAMILY OF BUFFALO ISLAND CREEK

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

Deeds & Land Grants

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 (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

Note: This is the same land that was granted to William Hill in Grant Number 313.

Additional deeds which add information about this Hill Family are:

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..."
This proves that this John Hill was the same John Hill who bought the property on N.C. Grant 313 and proves that this John Hill was still alive as of this date. This deed also proves a James Hill and a John Hill Jr. are alive as they witnessed this deed.

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 grant he received from North Carolina and proves he was alive by this date.

C. Later Rockingham County Deeds in a time period of 1808-1815 prove heirship of John Hill Jr., Micajah Hill, Dutton Hill, etc., all as heirs of the John Hill Sr. who bought the N.C. land grant property of William Hill (No. 313) in 1783 as well as the Polly Shropshire connection. (SEE FOOTNOTE BELOW)

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 sold 75 acres to Polly Shropshire.

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

REFERENCE ITEM "C" & "D" ABOVE:
(Note by Robert Hill: This data taken from my files and inserted at this point...

JOHN HILL SR.
B: 29 MAY 1782 GUILFORD CO., N.C. (VETERAN OF WAR OF 1812)??
M: JUNE 1800 (MAYBE 1819)
D: AFTER DECEMBER 1809 IN DAVIDSON CO., TENN.
Lived on Buffalo Island Creek.
FATHER: PROBABLY WM. HILL (WHO D. CA. 1792?) by R. Hill
WIFE: MARY COVINGTON

Children:

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

SOURCE: Mrs. W. L. Vernon, Rt. 1, Box 179, Stoneville, N.C. 27048. Rockingham County Deed Book M-P 544.

Comment by Robert Hill: Notice the names mentioned in paragraph "C" above, ie. John Hill Jr; Micajah Hill, Dutton Hill... It is my opinion that what we may have was a John Hill 2/, brother of Rev. Hill 2/, and who also had a son, John Hill 3/. I think the above FGS belongs to John Hill 3/. I do question his death date or that he served in the 1812 war..

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

THE HILL FAMILY OF FISHER AND LITTLE FISHER RIVER
(SURRY COUNTY, N.C.)

Guilford County, N.C. Deed Book 2, Page 280
March 20, 1783

William Hill sells to John Hill (350 acres)
"William Hill of the State of North Carolina and County of Surry on the one part and John Hill of the aforesaid State and County of the other part... (sells land) 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 west 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.
Wm. Shropshire

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, Fl.:
This was not Rev. William Hill Jr. 2/, but a different

William Hill selling land to his son, John Hill.

Surry Co., N.C. Deed Book D, Pages 404, 405 (380 acres)
Dated 20 January 1789:

"James & Catherine Bryson of Surry County of the one part and William Hill of said county and state of the other part... land in said county of Surry and Province aforesaid situated on Fisher's River beginning at a pine on the south side of the Main River and 9 degrees north, 70 degrees west; 80 chains to a Spanish oak; thence north 37 chains to a black oak; thence east 76 chains to a pine; thence south 63 chains to the beginning.."

Witnessed by:
John Bryson Jr.
Thomas Hill (The eldest son of Wm.)

Note: This is the very first deed found for ANY HILL on Fisher River in Surry County.

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, Fl.:
From what I can gather, it appears that William Ramsey (District Surveyor) had surveyed 380 acres of land for James & Catherine Bryson, who then sold it to William Hill. I believe this was the 380 acres that William Hill made an agreement with his sons, Thomas, Jacob & John Hill, as how to divide the lands among them.

Old English law gave the eldest son the birth right to inherit all property and I suspect Thomas Hill was the eldest son. He had moved to Wilkes County, Georgia and then sold all of his N.C. lands to one of his brothers (as his father wanted them to have). He also sold land to a man named Benjamin Cadle. This land did not come from his father, William Hill, or at least it is not indicated so.

Based on the following deeds, it appears that the father William Hill had died in 1792. There is a death date of the 29th of September 1792 assigned to Recerend William Hill but that was wroing as he died in 1785. This may be the death date for this particular William Hill.

In any case, the land was divided among his sons as they all agreed to before his death.

Surry Co., N.C. Deed Book F, Page 274, (100 acres)
November 1792

Thomas Hill OF WILKS CO., GA. sells to (brother?) John Hill for 100 pounds current money, a certain tract or parcel of

land lying and being situate in the county of Surry on both sides of little Fisher River bounded by the "conditional lines made and agreed on between the said John Hill and his father William Hill, deceased, and the former lines of the Survey deeded by William Ramsey for 380 acres, containing 100 by estimation be the same more or less etc. etc."

Signed, sealed & delivered in the presence of
J. Mackey
John (X) Watson
his mark
Matthew Sims

Surry County August Term 1795: The execution of the within Deed was proved in open court by Matthew Sims and ordered to be registered.

Test: J. William CC (County Clerk)

Comments by Robert Hill: Thomas Hill was the eldest son of William Hill & Hannah Bridges. I think this land was owned outright by Thomas before his fathers death, I do not think this was not inherited land. Thomas 3. went to Georgia and then TN.

Note that Thomas Hill was a witness when his father, William Hill, purchased the land in 1789 and that he also owned the other 100 acres of land in Surry County, which he sells on the 2nd of October 1792. (see above deed).

Deed Number 2
Surry Co. Deed Book F, Page 273, dated 10th November 1792

A Deed between Thomas Hill of Wilks County, Ga. to Jacob Hill for 50 pounds sold 140 acres of land in Surry Co., N.C. located on both sides of Fisher River, on both sides (of) the little river, joining JOHN HILL above and JAMES HILL below, agreeable to the conditional lines made between them and their father WILLIAM HILL in his life time and including the place where he deceased, containing 140 acres by estimation be the same more or less .. etc. etc.."

Signed/Thomas Hill

Signed, sealed & delivered in presence of:
J. Mackie
John (X) Watson
his mark
Matthew (M) Sims
his mark

Surry County August Term 1795: The Within Deed was proved in Open Court by Matthew Sims & ordered to be registered.
Test: J. Williams CC

County Clerk

Comments by Robert Hill: This deed clearly shows Thomas Hill was a resident of Wilks Co., Ga, and was selling another piece of property he owned in N.C. to a brother, Jacob Hill. Again, I am of the opinion that Thomas Hill was the eldest son of a William Hill & Hannah Bridges, and as such, inherited the land from his deceased father, William Hill.

From the wording of the deed, it appears to me that the deceased father named William Hill 2/, had made a verbal agreement with all of his sons as to which land was to become theirs after his death, even to drawing out the boundries.. (see next deed)

THE FOLLOWING DATA WAS TAKEN FROM THE RESEARCH PROJECT OF MR. JEFF BRADLEY, MADE IN 1990.

Surry Co., N.C. Deed Book F, Page 274, dated 10th November 1792 (same days 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: Later research proves that Thomas Hill was not the son of Reverend William Hill & Elizabeth Halbert, but was the son of another William Hill & Hannah Bridges. This was another deed where Thomas Hill, now a resident of Wilks Co., Ga. was selling his N.C. land to his brother JAMES HILL, who was still in Surry Co., N.C.

February 1785) This was not William Hill Sr or his son Reverend William Hill Jr as he died in 1785. Neither was it 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 death date of Rev. Wm. Hill Jr 2/ being "dead by 1st February 1785." Actually he probably died in late 1784 or January 1785 because on this date, the widow filed to

administer the estate. She later remarried to John Glenn Jr.

3. This William Hill was dead by November 10, 1792.

My Comments: This statement is true to a point, but has been erroneously listed as the death of Reverend William Hill. That is wrong because Rev. Hill died ca. 1784 or 1785. This death date, from some unknown source, seems to be the death of a different William Hill that married Hannah Bridges, the parents to Thomas, Jacob, James, John & Mary (Polly) Hill that m. Thomas Gibbons. They were members of the Matrimony Primitive Baptist Church of Guilford County, NC.

4. This William Hill was the father of Jacob; James; and John Hill (SR., also Thomas Hill).

My Comments: Abner Hill, son of Thomas, states his grandmother had a brother named Thomas Bridges, proving she was Hannah Bridges and Thomas was their son.

5. This Thomas Hill, although he is never named as a son in any of the above deeds, most probably was since he is selling the same property that this William Hill bought in 1789. It would be probable that he was the eldest son of this William Hill and was his heir.

Note: Later research shows Thomas was a son of a William Hill & Hannah Bridges. (Ref: Auto-Biography of Abner Hill, son of Thomas Hill & Catherine Shropshire.

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

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

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

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, FL: Remember, this was not Reverend William Hill but the William Hill that married Hannah Bridges who was now deceased himself.

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

My Comments: Bradley later confirmed the name was Jacob Hill not Joab Hill. This was Jacob Hill selling to Creed the land he had obtained from his brother, Thomas Hill.

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!

Comments: It was Jacob Hill, not Joab Hill that sold this land.

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.

Comments: I think John Hill sold Creed land in 1795, which he possessed in 1796 and it was that land that was adjacent to the land that Jacob Hill sold in 1796.

3. There is, however, no factual evidence to the previous that this Joab Hill was the son of the Fisher River William Hill. Note: My understanding the name was Jacob and had been misinterpreted as Joab. 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.
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

Additional details to be added to Bradley's observations by Robert Hill. also reference to the William Hill Sr. genealogy at beginning of this document:

1. When 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.

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, FL: I agree with Bradley's 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. Neither could it have been his son, Rev. William Hill Jr. 2/ (m. Elizabeth Halbert) because he

was dead by February 1785. Neither could it have been William Hill III, a son of Rev. William Hill, born 1773 and later Secretary of State for NC, as he was too young to own land.

This William Hill married Hannah Bridges, and indications are (not proved) that he may have died on the 29th of September 1792.

2. I think this William Hill had sons named; Jacob Hill; John Hill and James Hill and was dead by 10th of November 1792.

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, FL: Later research shows Thomas Hill was also a son.

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. Reference to the Question: 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 recorded or lost over time.

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