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Introduction

In the document below, it will be noted that certain events such as court records, land deeds and grants took place in different NC counties, when in fact, the people involved had not moved, but the county lines had changed.

Surry County was created from Rowan in 1771.

Guilford County, N.C. was created in 1771 from Orange and Rowan Counties. Rockingham County was created from Guilford County in 1785. Stokes County was created in 1789 from Surry County.

Research indicates that many of the Hill families of Surry County, N.C. lived in an area that later became Guilford, Rockingham or Stokes Counties of N.C.

During the summer of 1998, Mr. Charles Massey & I have been in a lengthy discussion of the Reverend Hill family, with different opinions. Charles was of the opinion (and rightly so) that Reverend William Hill Jr 2/ was not the father of his ancestor, Thomas Hill, born in 1759 and who married Catherine Shropshire, daughter of Winkfield Shropshire.

I have spent a lot of time on this project, studying the family & descendants of Reverend William Hill Jr 2/. The purpose was to try and prove if Thomas Hill, born 1759, was the eldest son of Reverend Hill and Elizabeth Halbert, as is listed in just about all known publications. HE WAS NOT!

It was very difficult to go against such prestigious sources that say he was a son, but the evidence found by both of us, is conclusive in that there was a different William Hill that married Hannah Bridges and Thomas was their son.

REV.. WILLIAM HILL JR 2/.

Rev. William Hill Jr 2/ (1737-1785) was the eldest son of William Hill Sr 1/ & Susannah Smithers, all originally of

Caroline County, Virginia.

The book "Reminiscences & Memories of North Carolina & Eminent North Carolinans," by John H. Wheeler describes Rev. William Hill Jr 2/ as a Baptist Minister, a sterling patriot and a honest man. His break with his families Episcopalian background is said to have temporarily caused his father (William Hill Sr 1/) to disown him.

The December 1928 issue of the National Genealogical Society Quarterly Magazine states that Rev. William Hill Jr 2/ came to NC a few years before his father, & owned land on the Dan River, in today's Rockingham County, NC. His plantation was called "Popular Hill." The magazine says Reverend William Hill 2/ lived there until his death.

The father, William Hill Sr 1/, died in Surry County, NC in 1787, outliving his son, Reverend Hill by two to three years. That is the reason for my continues use of the term "Junior" for Reverend William Hill.

William Hill Sr 1/ has also been erroneously listed as a son of Sion Hill Jr 3/ of Surry and Sussex County, Virginia. Fact is, there was no relationship of these two families. This William Hill Sr 1/ seems to have had Maryland origins.

Just about every genealogical publications I find, shows Reverend William Hill Jr 2/ as the father of a Thomas Hill 3/, born on 22nd December 1759, who married Catherine Shropshire.

The following sources list Thomas Hill 3/ (b. 1759) as the eldest son of Reverend William Hill Jr 2/ & Hannah Elizabeth Halbert, born 17th September 1742 in Caroline County, Virginia.

1. The American Genealogical Society
2. The William & Mary Quarterly Magazine
3. The Compendium of American Genealogy
4. Many DAR & SAR Files
5. The book East Goes West, by Alta Craft
6. Southland Genealogy
7. Voorhees's Genealogy

All of these have been considered to be reliable sources for genealogical information. Everyone of these publications show the wife of Reverend William Hill Jr 2/ to have been a woman named Hannah Elizabeth Halbert.

Despite their acceptance of reliability, there has been found evidence suggesting they have confused Reverend William Hill Jr 2/ to another William Hill, who had a wife Hannah Bridges. There is no evidence to show that the wife of Reverend Hill was named Hannah, only Elizabeth Halbert.

Proof has been found to show that Thomas Hill (b. 1759) was not and could not be the son of Rev. Hill and Elizabeth Halbert, but was the son of the another William Hill & wife Hannah Bridges, who lived on Fisher River of Surry County, NC and Guilford County, NC.

In 1764, five years after the birth of Thomas Hill, a court record in Caroline County, Virginia shows that the father, Joel Halbert Sr had died and the daughter Elizabeth was made a "ward to her mother, Frances Halbert, proving she was referred to as Elizabeth (not Hannah) and was still a single woman and could not be the mother of Thomas Hill.

The terminology used in this court document, in addition to other NC Court documents in 1785 & 1810, strongly implies that her (Elizabeth's) family and herself used the name of Elizabeth only, and not Hannah.

AGAIN, THE QUESTION IS, WAS HER NAME HANNAH ELIZABETH? Again I have no evidence to show her name was Hannah.

The 1785 February Court Session of Guilford County, NC shows the widow, Elizabeth (Halbert) Hill applying to administer the estate of her deceased husband, Reverend William Hill Jr 2/. This proves the September 1792 death date for him is wrong!

Rev. Hill married in Caroline County, Virginia to Elizabeth Halbert, sometime between 1765 and 1770 because court records shows she was still single in 1764 but was married in 1770 when they moved to North Carolina and had children.

Elizabeth was a daughter of Joel Halbert Sr and wife Frances Jones, both of Caroline County, Va. They also had a son, Joel Halbert Jr and a daughter Martha Halbert that married a brother (Robert 2/) and sister (Elizabeth 2/) to Reverend William Hill Jr. 2/.

A NC deed shows that Reverend Hill was in Rowan County, North Carolina by January of 1770. (See deed below).

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 Jr 2/. He is thought to have just arrived from Caroline County, Virginia. This land later became known as Ash Camp Creek, where, it appears, he resided the rest of his life.

Beside the 200 acres above, NC land grant records show Rev. William Hill Jr 2/ obtained two land grants in Guilford County, NC, both on the 1st of March 1780.

The first grant he applied for (& granted) was for 382 acres on Buffalo Island Creek of Dan River, and was requested on the 26th of February 1778? (1779) and the second grant was for 350 acres on Buffalo Island Creek & Dan River, requested on the 26th February 1779. The two grants total of 732 acres of land. With the 200 acres he purchased from Hampton on the 31st of January 1770 and these two grants, he now owned at total of 932 acres in NC. (See both grants below).

LAND GRANT NUMBER 1 (Guilford Co., NC)
NC 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 Gustavas 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: Since this land matches that in the 1928 issue of the National Genealogical Society i Quarterly Magazine, convinces me this was Rev. William Hill Jr 2/.

LAND GRANT NUMBER 2
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: The first land grant was for 382 acres and this second land grant made to Rev. William Hill on March 1st 1780, was for 350 acres of land.

Reverend Hill already owned 200 acres he purchased in 1770, making him the owner of 932 acres of land as of this date. 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 200 acres he purchased by the deed dated 31st January 1770 in Rowan County.

In NC Reverend Hill, at the time of his death, owned 464 & 1/2 acres on Ash Camp Creek in Guilford, and later Stokes County and 400 acres on south side of Dan River in Rockingham County.

Tennessee records shows that Reverend William Hill Jr 2/ also owned much more land in Tennessee.

2500 acres on Elk River (now Lincoln County).
1500 acres on Elk River (now part of Lincoln County and part of Giles County).
2000 acres on Richland Creek of Elk River (now Giles County).
640 acres on Cumberland River.
640 acres (another 640 acres) on Cumberland River.

Note: These were the original counties where the land was located but may have changed county names over the time. These Tennessee lands total 7250 acres.

On the 10th of March 1780, or 10 days after receiving the two grants, Rev. William Hill Jr 2/ sells the above 382 acres of land he received on 1st March 1780, leaving him a total of 550 acres of land. (see deed below).

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

Comments by Robert Hill:
Despite the fact that no mention of "Reverend" is made in this transaction, I am sure this was Rev. William Hill Jr 2/, per court records. He is selling his 382 acres of known land that he had received by a land grant. With this sale, Reverend Hill still owned 550 acres of known land in NC, which included the 200 acres he purchased in 1770 and lived on and the 350 acres obtained by Land Grant Number 313.

Then just 19 days later, on the 29th March 1783, Reverend Hill 2/ sold the remaining 350 acres that was granted to him to his son, John (Big John?) Hill Sr 3/, who later went to Tennessee. As far as can be determined this left Reverend Hill Jr. 2/ with only the 200 acres of land that he lived on. (see deed below).

GUILFORD COUNTY, N.C. DEED BOOK 2, PAGE 280:
March 23, 1783.

William Hill sells to John Hill (350 acres)
"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

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/.

On the 2nd of April 1779, NC Land Grant records show that Reverend William Hill Jr 2/ had applied for another grant of 100 acres of land in Guilford County, NC, but had died before receiving it. Notice the time span between the applying date and the date issued. It was officially granted on November 1789, which was after the 1785 death of Reverend Hill.

The original grant information is below:

NC LAND GRANT NO 1685 "TO WILLIAM HILL, MINISTER OF THE GOSPEL."

ENTRY NO. 1365

ENTERED: APRIL 3, 1779

SURVEYED: MAY 13TH, 1784

ISSUED: NOVEMBER 26, 1784

(100 ACRES) "lying and being in the county of Guilford on the south side of the Dan River, beginning at John Oliver's corner a black oak running thence west 208 poles to a post oak, thence north 38 poles to John Whitworth's corner white oak, thence east on Whitworth's and aforesaid Hill's own line, 244 poles to said Hill's and John Regan's corner black oak, thence south on Regan's line crossing Hogan's Creek 230 poles to a black oak, thence west 36 poles to a black oak on the aforesaid John Oliver's line, thence north on Oliver's line crossing Hogan's Creek 192 poles to the first station.

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, FL:

This 100 acres plus the 200 acres left on Ash Camp Creek, left Reverend Hill with 300 acres of land. The survey of this land was made by Joshua Smith on May 13th, 1784, just before the death of Reverend Hill in February 1785. This was close to 5 years after applying for the grant. His survey record was signed by Mark Hardin and John Hill. It expressly states: "virtue of a warrant No. 1365. I thereby certify that I surveyed on the 14th of May 1784, for William Hill, Minister of the Gospel, 100 acres of land."

The reason for the long 5 year delay between the date requested, April 3rd, 1779 and the 1784 dates for the survey and issuing of the grant, is very unusual and can not be explained by me.

The survey record was signed by Mark Hardin, who married Reverend Hill's daughter, Frances (Franky) Hill 3/, and John Hill 3/., a son of Reverend Hill.

Genealogical publications say Reverend William Hill Jr 2/ was a Baptist Minister, having served in the Revolution as a chaplain. Because of this, I first thought that he was the

William Hill & wife Hannah, listed in the church minutes of the Matrimony Primitive Creek Baptist Church in Guilford County, NC, but That assumption was wrong! It was another William T. Hill and wife Hannah Bridges.

I did not copy all of these church minutes, only the two that is extremely important for this discussion.

21 Jan. 1786, received Hannah Hill in membership again.
17 Feb. 1786, received WILLIAM HILL in membership again.

THIS COULD NOT BE REVEREND WILLIAM HILL JR 2/ OR HIS WIFE, HANNAH ELIZABETH HALBERT FOR because Reverend William Hill Jr 2/ had died in February of 1785/. Another reason is that in y 1786, the widow of Rev. Hill, had remarried John Gleen Jr. Even if her name was Hannah, in the 1786 minutes of the church, she was listed as Hannah Hill.

Compare this death date of 1785 with the 1786 minutes of the church, proves that the William Hill & wife Hannah, listed in the church minutes, were not the same persons as Reverend William Hill Jr 2/ or (Hannah?) Elizabeth Halbert.

The question arises, was Reverend Hill and wife Elizabeth, the parents to Thomas Hill, Jacob Hill and a John Hill?
IS THERE PROOF OF WILLIAM T. HILL AND WIFE HANNAH BRIDGES THE PARENTS TO THOMAS HILL 3/, BORN IN DECEMBER 1759? The answer is yes.

That proof comes from the combination of a entry in the Tennessee State Archives and the biography of Abner Hill, a son of Thomas Hill.

Abner makes a brief statement that his grandfather was William T. Hill and that he (Abner) had a "grand uncle Thomas Bridges, brother of my grandmother." This proves her maiden name was Bridges.

Now both Reverend William and this William T. Hill had family members that later moved into Tennessee. In the Tennessee State Archives, in the folder for Reverend Hill's family, is a single notation that states "William Hill Jr. married Hannah Bridges."

I was first inclined to list this a previous marriage of Rev. William Hill Jr 2/ to Hannah Bridges, until the discovery in the 1786 minutes of the Matrimony Baptist Church, which proves it was not Reverend William Hill Jr 2/. Also the biography of Abner Hill 3/ provided more proof that it was not Rev. Hill in these church minutes.

Since William Hill was listed as "Junior" in the Tennessee folder of Reverend Hill's family, some researcher, and unstandably so, confused this wife Hannah to that of

Elizabeth Halbert, widow of Rev. Hill, thinking she was named Hannah Elizabeth Halbert. Not So!

It also established the fact that William T. Hill was the first known generation of another family, that Thomas Hill was their son and the second known generation and that Abner Hill was son of Thomas and the third known generation. Nothing has been found to link these Hills (who lived on Fisher River in Surry County, NC) to the Reverend William Hill family of same county but who lived on Buffalo Island Creek.

Other interesting entries found in the Matrimony Primitive Creek Baptist Church. See below.

17 Sept. 1776- membership
Jonas Bridges & wife Rachel) dead
William Hill) dismiss (dismissed)
Hannah Hill) dismiss (dismissed)
Cattron Hill) excommunicated.
Gustavis Hill) " "
Margaret Hill) " "

Obviously all of these Hills were members before this date. While there is no proof, this Jonas & Rachel Bridges could have been the parents of Hannah Bridges & a brother of her's named Thomas Bridges. Also remember, Abner Hill 3/ mentions a grand uncle, Thomas Bridges.

Another indication of this not being Reverend William Hill, said to be a Baptist Minister, is this.. IF THIS WILLIAM HILL WAS A BAPTIST MINISTER, WHY WAS HE NOT REFERRED TO AS "PREACHER OR MINISTER" IN THE CHURCH MINUTES ? WHY WOULD HE BE DISMISSED?" THE GRANDSON ABNER NEVER MENTIONS HIS GRANDFATHER WAS A MINISTER, WHICH SEEMS ODD.

So, we have answered the following questions:

1. Was William T. Hill the same man as Reverend William Hill Jr 2/? NO!
2. Was the William Hill with wife Hannah, listed in the church minutes, the parents of Thomas Hill 3/? Yes!
3. If No. 2 is correct, how & why was Thomas Hill, listed as probably the son of Rev. William Hill Jr 2/, along with Jacob, James & John, that divided his land? Because it was not the estate of Reverend Hill but the estate of the William T. Hill. The sons listed that divided the lands was children of William T. Hill & Hannah Bridges, not Reverend William Hill.

It appears that William T. Hill died on the 29th of September 1792, which is the listed among he early records and publications as the death of Rev. Hill, who actually died in 1785.

It has been proved by court records that Elizabeth Halbert was the widow of Reverend William Hill Jr 2/, who died ca. 1785.

The Virginia court records prove, that in 1764, five years after the 1759 birth of the (so called) eldest son, Thomas Hill 3/, she was unmarried.

I decided to look at some information in my own files to try and find a William T. Hill. I had no success but I found these two entries in the paper back book entitled "The Hill Family," by the American Genealogical Society in 1975.

"Thomas Hill, born 22nd December 1759, died 5th of April 1849 married Catherine Shropshire. Pension application Number 1606 submitted by widow." [Note: He lived to be 90 years old] but was not son of Reverend William Hill.

So, Thomas Hill 3/ was a Revolutionary Soldier, and after his death, his widow (Catherince Shropshire) applied for and apparently received a pension for his service, because it was did not have the letter "R" preceding the claim number, which would have signified rejection.

Same book but another entry:

William Hill Jr., born 1737, died 1792, ** chaplain, did patriotic serve in North Carolina, married to Hannaniah Elizabeth Halbert."

Clearly, this second entry is referring to Reverend William Hill Jr 2/, but the death date is wrong because court papers of Guilford Co., NC show him dead by February 1785. Here is also that strange name of Hannaniah again being applied to Elizabeth Halbert. .

I would like to know the source of evidence found that caused the assignment of a 1792 death for Rev. William Hill. Based on land deeds and court record, William T, Hill was dead by November 1792, when his sons, Thomas, Jacob, James & John divided the lands as they had agreed to with their father. This 1792 death date just might the death of William T. Hill.

It appears that over the years, both descendants and publishers have got Hannah Bridges, who married William T. Hill, mixed up with Elizabeth Halbert, who married Reverend William Hill Jr 2/, and called her Hannah Elizabeth Halbert.

Important Deeds & Comments, arranged in chronological order:

RELATING TO ESTATE OF REV. WILLIAM HILL 2/.

Rockingham County, NC 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 off (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 by Robert Hill of Brandon, FL::
All of the children named were children of Reverend Hill 2/. Reverend Hill was dead by February of 1785. If there is any doubt left that this was the estate of Reverend William Hill Jr. 2/ that died in 1785, should be dismissed. (See deeds below).

On the 24th of November 1794, the court was agreeable to a petition filed by the heirs of Rev. Hill viz: "John Hill, William Hill & daughter, Frankey Hill to receive their part of the personal estate of William Hill, deceased and appointed those who were to divide the estate, ordering them to "lay off and divide the real estate and lay off the widow's Downey, (1/3) and, also lay off and assign to each heir their share of estate.. (Reference: Rockingham County Court Minutes 1786-1795, Raleigh, NC under Archives #85)..

It was first thought she did not get her dowry, but land deeds shows she did. For reasons unknown in the Stokes County Court of Pleas, Quarterly Session, in March 1811, a Law Suit was filed against John Hill 3/, William Hill 3/, James Hill 3/ heirs "interstate."

John Glenn, (Step father) pleaded in the right of his wife, "Elizabeth" widow of "Reverend William Hill, deceased" to one third of the land on Ash Camp Creek, branch of Townfork containing 460 acres, or just over 153 acres. No settlement of this matter has been found. Elizabeth Glenn was the former Hannah Elizabeth Halbert who married Rev. William Hill 2/.

In 1802, the court had divided 464 & 1/2 acres among the four sons of Reverend Hill Jr 2/. It is not clear or understood how or why in December 1810, the widow and mother, Elizabeth Halbert Hill, who had remarried to John Glenn Jr, filed a petition to the courts for her 1/3 dowry to this land. (See petition later).

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.
Totals 466 & 1/4 acres of land.

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, FL:

It appears that this is the same land that the widow, Elizabeth Hill Glenn & her second husband was asking for 1/3 in 1810. The above division shows that 464 & 1/2 acres of land was divided among ALL of the sons of Rev. William Hill 2/. All of the above sons are named in court minutes as sons of Reverend William Hill Jr's 2/, as was a daughter, Frances (Frankey) Hill.

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, TN?) in 1808 and 1811. His younger brother, Green Hill 3/, replied to the 11th in October 1811. (notes from IBID).

End of John Glenn's Plea.

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, FL:

When the property was divided in 1802, it appears that the heirs (sons) did not layoff the 1/3 part for their mother's dowry or the court made a mistake in the division. Later deeds imply she won her rights.

Rockingham County Deeds in the time period of 1808-1815 prove the heirs of this John Hill Sr were: John Hill Jr., 4/,

Micajah Hill 4/, Dutton Hill 4/, all as heirs (& sons) of the John Hill Sr. 3/ who bought the NC land grant property from his deceased father, Rev. William Hill Jr. 2/, (Land Grant No.313) in 1783. (See FGS Below).

My comments:

There seems to be confusion regarding the above John Hill Sr 3/, known as Big John and another John Hill Sr. The names of the children for Big John Hill Sr seem ok, but a FGS for his counter part says his birth was in 1782 in Guilford Co., NC, married Mary Covington, and had same children. They list him as a Veteran of the War of 1812, yet he died in 1809. Somebody is really confused.

JOHN HILL SR.

Note: The following Family Group Sheet was submitted to me long ago but by whom I cannot remember. It has obvious errors in it, especially the dates.

Robert R. Hill, Brandon, FL:

FAMILY GROUP SHEET FOR JOHN HILL SR.

JOHN HILL SR. 3/

B: ca. 1767 CAROLINE CO., VA.

D: ca. 1829-1830 in Wayne County, Tennessee

FATHER: REV. WILLIAM HILL JR

MOTHER: ELIZABETH HALBERT

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..

*** Question: Gustavas Hill of the Fisher River Hills, sold 200 acres to a David Alexander. Notice that this John Hill Sr had a son David Alexander Hill. Perhaps John's mother was a Alexander, or a daughter of this David Alexander.

John Hill lived in Rockingham County, NC between August 1792 & March 1795.

March 1801 he was in Williamson County, Tennessee.

July 1807 he was in Williamson County, Tennessee.

July 1807 he was in Williamson Co., Tennessee.

October 1810 he was in Lincoln County, Tennessee where he

witnessed the land partition recorded in this county.

In 1820 he was in Wayne County, Tennessee.

Between March 6, 1829 and June 1st, 1830 he died in Wayne Co., Tennessee.

A later Rockingham County Deed (below) proves heirship of John Hill Jr, Micajah Hill, Dutton Hil to estate of John Hill Sr. (son of Reverend Hill, deceased). It was John Hill Sr that bought the Land Grant 313 property in 1783 from father Rec. William Hill, as well as the Polly Shropshire connection (below).

The last deed found involving the property on Buffalo Island Creek was in 1815. (see below).

1815, Dutton Hill sells 75 acres to Polly Shropshire on Buffalo Island Creek

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, FL.
Dutton Hill was a son of John Hill Sr.

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