

R.141 IDENTIFYING 5 MICHAEL HILLS OF SURRY/SUSSEX COUNTIES
OF VIRGINIA BETWEEN 1688 AND 1777.

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Virginia Families by James Boddie; Land Deeds, Wills and
Estate Papers from Surry County, Virginia; "Will Books A-F,
1754-1806 for Sussex County, Virginia" by William Lindsay
Hopkins; Albemarle Parish Records, Wills of Sussex County,
Virginia; History of Bristol Parish by Rev. Philip
Slaughter, D.D.; The Vestry Book and Register of Bristol
Parish, 1720-1789; The Register of Albemarle Parish of Surry
& Sussex County, 1739-1778, FGS for Thomas Hill in
Historical Center in Bartow, Fl., plus information provided
to me by Judie Ruff over AOL.

Explanation regarding information below information: The
figure after a name indicates what generation they belong to.
Those figures were not on the original records, but were
place here by me.

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(FIRST) MICHAEL HILL 3/ OF SURRY COUNTY, VIRGINIA.
BORN 1688-DIED 1755

Genealogy for this Michael Hill 3/ (3rd generation was:

1. Robert Hill 1/ & Mary Webb, 1642 immigrants. Their son
was:
2. Sion Hill Sr 2/ (1654-1705) & Elizabeth Spiltimber.
They had 6 sons, the 5th son was:
3. Michael Hill 3/. listed here below as the 1st Michael
Hill 3/ (3rd generation) (1686-1755)..

MICHAEL HILL 3/ (3rd generation)..

The first known Michael Hill in this research project was
MICHAEL HILL 3/, (third generation) and the son of Sion Hill
Sr. 2/ & wife Elizabeth *(Green) Spiltimber, a widow of John
Spiltimber, a son of Robert Hill 1/ & Mary Webb (1642
immigrants).

MICHAEL HILL 3/ was born ca. 1688 in Surry County, Virginia
and died in Virginia 1755, prior to the 13th of October. He

married Elizabeth Mitchell, daughter of John Mitchell. Only one child is listed for them in the Bristol Parish Record:

Michael Hill Jr. 4/, born 20th February 1721, baptized 2nd November 1721. (Page 312 Bristol Parish Register) (FOR DETAILS SEE 2ND MICHAEL HILL LISTING).

Based upon records of both Bristol Parish and the Albemarle Parish, it is quite obvious that this Michael Hill 3/ family, along with the family of his brother Richard Hill 3/ lived in the southern portions of Surry County that in 1754 fell into the new county of Sussex County.

Another brother, Captain Thomas Hill 3/, also had six sons, including Charles Hill Sr. 4/ (b. 1726) & and a Michael Hill 4/ (b. ca. 1735 & 4th one listed)..

Captain Thomas Hill 3/ was born ca, 1686 and died in 1737 in Sussex Co., Va. He married Priscilla Gray and they had the following children:

1. Charles Hill 4/, b. ca. 1726, m. Sarah Bell..
2. Thomas Hill 4/, b. ca. 1728.
3. John Hill 4/. b. ca. 1730
4. William Hill 4/, b. ca. 1732.
5. MICHAEL HILL 4/, b. ca. 1735.
6. Ephiram Hill 4/, b. ca. 1737. (Ref: Bristol Parish Registry).

ADDITIONAL EXPLANATION: The relationship between this Michael Hill 3/ & the children of Captain Thomas Hill 3/, listed above, was that Michael Hill 3/ was their uncle.

This Michael Hill 3/ and his son Michael Hill Jr. 4/ (2nd Michael Hill listed) remained very close with the children of his deceased brother, Richard Hill 3/, who were his nephews, and cousins to his son, Michael Hill Jr 4/ (2nd one listed).

On March 9, 1748, Michael Hill Jr 4/ had reached the age of 27 years old. On that date, Michael Hill Sr. 3/ deeded to his son Michael Hill Jr. 4/ 120 acres on the north side of Nottoway River. (Surry Co., Va. Deed Book 5, page 435).

Michael Hill 3/ is said to have died in 1755. John Hill 4/, his nephew, appears to have been the administrator of his estate.

The inventory for Michael Hill'3// estate was filed on the 13th of October 1755 by William Gilliam Sr., William Gilliam Jr. and Richard Hill, probably his nephew Richard Hill Jr. 4/. (Ref: Sussex County Will Book "A" Page 34).

This indicates that Michael Hill 3/ probably died just prior to the 13th of October 1755.

On page 9 of the Albemarle Parish Register the following events were recorded:

Burrel 5/, son of John Hill 4/ and wife Meldred (sic) (Mildred), born April 8, christened May 13, 1748. GODPARENTS were: Hincea Gilliam, MICHAEL HILL, Tabitha Gilliam.

The godparent named as Michael Hill was probably Michael Hill 3/ as he was still alive and did not sign as Junior. He died in 1755.

Notation: Take note of the fact that John Gilliam was the father of Mildred Gilliam (wife of John Hill 4/) and William Gilliam Sr. was the father to Margery Hill (wife of Captain Richard Hill Jr. 4/. Mildred Gilliam and Margery Gilliam were two cousins that married two Hill brothers.

Following taken from Surry County Deed Book 6, 1749-1753, Page 320:

13th June 1751. Drury Robertson of Prince George County to William Malone of Surry County for 18 pounds current money.. 100 acres in Albemarle Parish and bounded by the south side of Southwestern (sic) Swamp and said Malone.
Signed/ Drury Robertson

Wits: Thomas Oliver, JOHN HILL & MICHAEL HILL

The witness, Michael Hill, appears to be Michael Hill 3/, as he and son, Michael Hill Jr 4/ were still living. Since Michael Hill did not sign as "Junior," it is thought that this was Michael Hill 3/ (Senior).

William Malone, the buyer of this land, was married to Mary Hill 4/, (b. ca. 1716), daughter of Richard Hill 3/ & Hannah Briggs. She was the sister to both John Hill 4/ and Captain Richard Hill Jr. 4/.

This makes Mary Hill 4/ Malone (wife of the buyer William Malone) the niece to Michael Hill 3/ & cousin to Michael Hill Jr 4/ (2nd one listed)..

EXPLANATION OF THE RELATIONSHIPS FOR THIS MICHAEL HILL 3/..

Michael Hill 3/ had five brothers, Robert Hill 3/, Sion Hill Jr 3/, Richard Hill 3/, Captain Thomas Hill 3/ and William Hill 3/. Michael Hill 3/ (1st one listed) was a nephew to

those five breathers. His son, Michael Hill Jr 4/ (2nd one listed) was a cousin to the children of the five brothers.

(SECOND KNOWN) MICHAEL HILL JR. 4/. SON OF ABOVE, OF SURRY COUNTY AND SUSSEX COUNTY, VIRGINIA. BORN 1721-DIED UNKNOWN

Genealogy for this Michael Hill 4/ (4th generation) was:

1. Robert Hill 1/ & Mary Webb, 1642 immigrants. Their son was:
2. Sion Hill Sr 2/ (1654-17-5) & Elizabeth Spiltimber, who had six sons. The 5th son was:
3. Michael Hill 3/ & Elizabeth Mitchell. Their son was:
4. Michael Hill Jr 4/ (1721-1755??) the 2nd one listed here.

MICHEAL HILL JR. 4/ (4th generation).

Michael Hill Jr. 4/, was the son of the first listed (above) Michael Hill 3/, and Elizabeth Mitchell. He was born on 20th February 1721 (Bristol Parish Register, Page 312), which indicates he was born in Surry County, Virginia. He has been said to have married Susannah Cook, daughter of William Cook about 1740. It appears to me she may have been named Susannah Elizabeth Cook.

The exact date of his marriage is not known, but is estimated to have been ca. 1742. The date of his death is unknown. Only two known children are listed for them:

Bristol Parish Records:

- i. Elizabeth Hill 5/ born 18 July 1743, baptized 4th September 1743. (page 318). Elizabeth Hill, a child, died 28 Sept. 1758, reported by Michael Hill.
- ii. Amie (sic) (Amey?) Hill 5/ born 27 April 1746, baptized 22nd June 1746 (page 319).

NOTE: Amie was listed as Anne in the book "East Goes West."

EXPLAINING THE RELATIONSHIPS FOR THIS MICHAEL HILL JR. 4/.

This Michael Hill Jr 4/ was a cousin to ALL the children of Robert Hill 3/, Sion Hill Jr 3/, Richard Hill 3/, Captain Thomas Hill 3/ & William Hill 3/. This includes Charles Hill Sr 4/, Michael Hill 4/ (4th one listed), and John Hill 4/ & Captain Richard Hill Jr 4/, sons of his uncle, Richard Hill 3/..

(THIRD KNOWN) MICHAEL HILL 5/, (5TH GENERATION, BORN CA.

1734. DIED LATE 1764 OR 1765), SON OF CHARLES HILL 4/ & SARAH BELL.

Genealogy for this Michael Hill 5/ is:

1. Robert Hill 1/ & Mary Webb, 1642 immigrants had a son:
2. Sion Hill Sr 2/ (1654-1705) & Elizabeth Spiltimber. They had 6 sons, the 6th son was:
3. Captain Thomas Hill 3/ (1686-1735) & Priscilla Gray. They had 6 sons, the 1st son being:
4. Charles Hill Sr 4/, (b. ca. 1726, m. ca. 1745 to Sarah Bell. Their 5th son was:
5. Michael Hill 5/ (b. ca. 1724/34- d. 1764/1765, listed below..

CAUTION: Do not confuse this 5th generation Michael Hill 5/ with his nephew, another 5th generation cousin, Michael Hill Jr 5/, who is listed as the 5th known Michael Hill below. Remember, Charles Hill 4/ (4th generation) was the father of this Michael Hill 5/ * uncle to Michael Hill Jr 5/, the 5th one listed.

Charles Hill 4/ had a brother, Michael Hill Sr 4/, who is listed below as the 4th Michael Hill 5/ and who was the father to Michael Hill Jr 5/, the young Revolutionary Soldier listed as the 5th Michael Hill.

MICHAEL HILL 5/.

This Michael Hill 5/ is estimated to have been born about 1734. He is listed in the parish records as marrying Nancy Tyus on the 16th of September 1762. (Reference page 7 of Sussex County Marriages, 1754-1810).

Michael Hill 5/ died in last two days of December 1764 or on the first two days of January 1765. (Ref: Albemarle Parish Records Below). The estate's account was made to the courts on the 26th of August 1770.

On page 164 of the Albemarle Parish Register is found the following deaths: (Between 30th Dec. 1764 and 3rd January 1765). (FIVE DAY PERIOD).

Katherine Newman, ---- Newman, informant was Robert Newman, whose wife and son they were.

MICHAEL HILL, informant ----?

Matthew Whitehead, informant ---?

John Whitehead, informant ---?

Robert Horn, informant ----?

James Smith, informant ---?

Written below this was the following:

"All in the space of five days, VIZ from Sunday 30th December 1764 to Thursday, the 3rd of January 1765."

There is a mystery regarding the wife, Nancy Tyus. Not one shred of evidence has been found for this Nancy (Tyus) Hill, other than their marriage date entered in the parish record.

Since John Tyus was surety in that marriage, it appears that he was Nancy's father, yet John Tyus' will does not name any Nancy Tyus as a daughter, nor does it name her married name as Nancy Hill. IT DOES name a daughter as ANN HILL.

Perhaps she was named Nancy Ann Tyus and the parish entry was more formal, and used the given name Nancy. Perhaps she herself went by the name of Ann, so all other records found and entered was the name of Ann..

There were two known children entered in the Albemarle Parish Records. (See below):

Albemarle Parish Records:

NOTE: Generation figures were not in the original records.
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1. Isaac Hill 6/, (6th generation) son of Michael Hill 5/ (5th generation) and wife Anne (Tyus?), was born 31 August, christened 23rd October 1763. Godparents named were: William Wellborn, John Brown, Sarah Wellborn. (see below).

On Page 128 of Albemarle Parish Records is found:

2. Elisa Mary Hill 6/, (6th generation) daughter of Michael Hill (deceased) and wife Anna, born 28 March 1765, christened 5th May 1765. Godparents: Peter Winfield, Frances Threewitt, Betty Wynne.

This birth announcement of Elisa Mary Hill 6/ shows us that the father, Michael Hill 5/, was dead when she was born on 28th March 1765. The parish record below confirms this and proves he died between the 30th of December 1764 and the 3rd of January 1765.

Sussex County Marriage records shows that on the 31st of May 1766, John Avery married a widow ANN HILL. It is thought that this was the widow of Michael Hill 5/. If so she lost two husbands within in a period of close to three years.

The Inventory of the estate of this particular Michael Hill 5/ was the one filed in 1766 by George Booth, Richard Jones and Richard Hill. (Widow) ANN HILL was Executrix. (REF: WILL BOOK B. "B" PAGE 219).

In Sussex County Will Book "B" 1764-1771, Page 196, dated 16th March 1769, is the Inventory of John Avery, deceased, for Lewis Tyus, administrator (son of John Tyus and brother to Nancy Ann Tyus Hill), widow of Michael Hill 5/, who had remarried the deceased John Avery. The inventory was made by Richard Hill, Jones Freeman and William Wilburn.

Ann Hill was the widow of Michael Hill 5/, who had served as Executrix for her deceased husband, Michael Hill 5/. She continued using her first married name of Ann Hill and not Ann Avery, probably due to the sudden death of her second husband, John Avery. I have been told by other researchers that this was not an uncommon practice in these times.

ISAAC HILL 6/, SON OF THE ABOVE MICHAEL 5/ & ANN (TYUS) HILL). BORN 3RD MARCH 1761, DIED JULY 1823 IN KY.

Isaac Hill 6/ was born on the 3rd of August 1763. He married Mildred Hines. One source says he died in July of 1823 in Barren County, Kentucky. Known children were:

1. Jesse Hill 7/.
2. UNNAMED daughter 7/.
3. Isaac Hill 7/.

Isaac Hill 6/ married Mildred Hines, daughter of John Hines on the 13th of September, 1785 in Southampton County, Virginia. (see below)..

Marriage Bonds & Minister's Returns of Southampton County, Va., 1750-1810 by Catherine Lindsay Knorr.

6 June 1785. Etheldred Kitchen and Patsey (Patty) Hines. Sur: John Hines. 8 June in Ministers' Returns (page 40). Notice John Hines (father) posted Security.

Same Book Page 55
13 September 1786.

Isaac Hill 6/ to Millie Hines. Sur: John Hines. Wits: Tzd. Edmund. (Page 47).. Notice father John Hines posted Security.

On Page 60 of the same book is:

26 January 1801 (in Southampton Co., Va.)

John James and Nancy Hines. Surety: ISAAC HILL 6/. Wits: Samuel Kello Jr., John Hines, Robert Birdsong. (Page 142).

Below is a list of suspected daughters of John Hines & their marriages. This is based on the father posting bond and the son in laws posting bonds after father's death.

1. Patty Hines m. Ethereld Kitchen. (Father John Hines posted Security on 6 June 1785.
2. Mildred Hines m. Isaac Hill.. (father John Hines posted security) on 13 September 1786.
3. Peggy Hines & Robert Birdsong. (Father John Hines posted Security) on 25 October 1800)
4. Betsey Hines m. Frederick Felts (Ethereld Kitchen, security) on 8 November 1800.
5. Nancy Hines m. John James. (Isaac Hill 6/ posted Security on 26 January 1801).
6. Mary Hines m. Henry Freeman. (John James posted security) on 20 February 1804.

Assuming the father (John Hines) posted security for his daughters, he appears to have died sometime after the daughter Mildred Hines married Isaac Hill 6/ and before the daughter Betsey Hines married on the 8 November 1800.

Migrations to Other States: From "Southside Va." Vol 1, by Katherine Elliott....

Jesse H. (Hines?) Hill 7/, of Barren County, Kentucky appoints Isaac Hill 6/, friend, attorney to sell 100 acres in Sussex County, Va., said land willed to (my) mother Mildred Hines Hill by her father John Hines and which tract was sold by my father Isaac Hill 6/ to Henry Ell (sic). Reference to Middlesex County *(Deed Book II, Page 1327)*

** (Think this was intended to be Sussex Co. Deed Book?)

EXPLAINING THE RELATIONSHIPS FOR THIS MICHAEL HILL 5/:

This Michael Hill 5/, was the son of Charles Hill 4/ & Sarah Bell, and a grandson of Captain Thomas Hill 3/ & Priscilla Gray.

Charles Hill Sr 4/ was a nephew to the first listed Michael Hill 3/ and a cousin to his son, Michael Hill Jr 4/ (the second one listed). Charles Hill 4/ was a brother to Michael Hill 4/, (Listed below as the fourth Michael Hill 4/.

Charles Hill Sr 4/ was a cousin to John Hill 4/ & Captain Richard Hill Jr 4/, both sons of there uncle, Richard Hill 3/ & Hannah Briggs.. This Michael Hill Sr 4/ was a second cousin to John Hill 4/ & Captain Richard Hill Jr 4/.

Charles Hill Sr 4/ & wife Sarah Bell were the uncle and aunt to Michael; Hill Jr 5/ (5th generation) and the young Revolutionary Soldier..

(FOURTH KNOWN) MICHAEL HILL SR. 4/, (BORN CA. 1735- DIED
BEFORE FEB. 1777). SON OF CAPT. THOMAS HILL 3/.

Genealogy for this Michael Hill 4/:

1. Robert Hill 1/ & Mary Webb, 1642 immigrants. Their son:
2. Sion Hill Sr 2/ (1654-1705 m. Elizabeth Spiltimber. Had 6 sons, the 4th was...
3. Captain Thomas Hill 3/ (1686-1735 & Priscilla Gray. They had 6 sons, the 5th son was:
4. Michael Hill Sr. 4/ listed here as the 4th Michael Hill below.

Among the listing of the family of Captain Thomas Hill 3/, IS A son, Michael Hill Sr. 4/, born ca. 1735. I believe this 4th listed Michael Hill was the 5th son of Captain Thomas Hill 3/ & Priscilla Gray that is listed below.

Captain Thomas Hill 3/ was born ca, 1686 and died in 1737 in Sussex Co., Va.. The LISTED children of Captain Thomas Hill 3/ & Priscilla Gray are:

1. Charles Hill 4/, b. ca. 1726, m. Sarah Bell, who's son, Michael Hill 5/ is listed above as the 3rd Michael Hill.
2. Thomas Hill 4/, b. ca. 1728.
3. John Hill 4/. b. ca. 1730
4. William Hill 4/, b. ca. 1732.
5. MICHAEL HILL 4/, b. ca. 1735 (Listed here as the 4th Michael Hill).
6. Ephiram Hill 4/, b. ca. 1737. (Ref: Bristol Parish Registry).

Based on the birth dates, this 4th listed Michael Hill 4/ appears to be Michael Hill 4/, the 5th son of Captain Thomas Hill 3/ (1686-1737) & Priscilla Gray. He certainly was not either Michael Hill 3/ or his son Michael Hill Jr. 4/ that was listed above as number one or two..

This Michael Hill 4/ appears to have married ca. 1755 and his wife has been listed by some as Mary Malone. I do not think or believe it was Mary Malone, but think it was Mary Wellborn or?

Since most men in these times usually married at ages 18-25 (more or less) I had previously estimated this Michael Hill's birth to have been about 1730-1737. Until recently, I had estimated his marriage to have been ca. 1750-1757. His death date is unknown, but he was dead prior to February of 1777.

The children of this Michael Hill 4/ and wife Mary is based on the Albemarle Parish Records as listed below.

1. Elizabeth Hill 5/.
2. Michael Hill Jr 5/.

Albemarle Parish Records shows:

Page 106, Elizabeth Hill 5/, daughter of Michael Hill 4/ and wife Mary was born 15 October 1756, christened 28 November 1756. Godparents: William Malone, Lucy Hill, Mary Malone.

Note: Mary Malone was Mary Hill 4/, daughter of Richard Hill 3/ & Hannah Briggs, who married William Malone. They were parents to this Daniel Malone. Mary (Hill 4/) Malone was a cousin to the father, Michael Hill 4/ (4th one listed).

Page 145, Michael Hill (Jr.) 5 /, born 3 May 1759, sponsors, George Robertson, Richard Hill & Francis (sic) (Frances?) Threewats.

Important Note:

The birth date for Michael Hill Jr 5/ of 3rd on May 1759, proves he was the son of this Michael Hill 4/ (the fourth Michael Hill listed and wife Mary).

Michael Hill Jr 5/ was the young Revolutionary Soldier, who is discussed below as the fifth Michael Hill listed

Sussex County Court records shows the following Will of a John Threewits: Dated 13th December 1755, Probated 9th February 1756... Wife Frances Threewits 310 acres of land for life... Son Joel Threewits. Executors: Wife and MICHAEL HILL. Note: Frances Threewits thought to have been Frances Hill, parents unknown.
Wits: MARY HILL & ANN HILL.

Which Michael Hill was named the executor for the estate of John Threewits?

Michael Hill 3/, (first listed), had died in 1755, the year before this event, so it could not have been him that was the executor. The death for his son, Michael Hill Jr 4/ (2nd one listed) is unknown and could possibly be him, but there is considerable doubt about him being the executor.

There are two other and likely possibilities. One of them was that Michael Hill Sr 4/, (4th one listed that had a wife Mary), was the executor and his wife, Mary Hill, signed as the witness.

The other possibility was that the 3rd listed Michael Hill 5/ who died ca. 1765 and was married to Nancy ANN Tyus, was the executor and his wife, Nancy ANN Tyus, signed as a

witness as ANN HILL.

Mary Hill & Ann Hill were related ONLY by marriage with Mary being the aunt (by marriage only) to Ann Hill.

This Michael Hill Sr 4/ obviously had close relations with the family of his cousin, John Hill 4/, son of his uncle, Richard Hill 3/ & Hannah Briggs. Michael Hill Sr 4/ owned land adjacent to John Hill 4/.

Present day Virginia records say that John Hill 4/, son of Richard Hill 3/ & Hannah Briggs, married Mildred Gilliam ca. 1742.

EXPLAINING THE RELATIONSHIPS FOR THIS MICHAEL HILL SR 4/:

This Michael Hill Sr 4/ was a younger brother to Charles Hill Sr 4/, both being grandsons to Captain Thomas Hill 3/ & Priscilla Gray,

Michael Hill Sr 4/ was a nephew to the five brothers of Captain Thomas Hill 3/ (ie. Robert Hill 3/, Sion Hill Jr 3/, Richard Hill 3/, Michael Hill 3/ (1st one listed) & William Hill 3/), and a cousin to all of their children.. This means he was a cousin to John Hill 4/ & Captain Richard Hill Jr 4/.

The witness named Mary Hill was (by marriage only) the "aunt" to Michael Hill 5/ & wife Ann Tyus Hill. Michael Hill 5/ (3rd one listed) & wife Ann Hill were a nephew and niece to Michael Hill 4/ & wife, Mary Hill. It was all in the family.

(FIFTH KNOWN) MICHAEL HILL (JR) 5/, REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIER) .
BORN 3rd Mt 1759-DIED DECEMBER 1777 IN PA.

Genealogy for this Michael Hill Jr 5/:

1. Robert Hill 1/ & Mary Webb, 1642 immigrants. Their son:
2. Sion Hill Sr 2/ (1654-1705 m. Elizabeth Spiltimber. Had 6 sons, the 4th was...
3. Captain Thomas Hill 3/ (1686-1735 & Priscilla Gray. They had 6 sons, the 5th was:
4. Michael Hill 4/ (4th generation) listed above as the 3rd Michael Hill & wife Mary. Their son was:
5. Michael Hill Jr 5/, listed here.. (Rev. Soldier)..

CAUTION: Again, do not confuse this 5th generation Michael Hill Jr 5/ with the other Michael Hill 5/ (3rd one listed). That Michael Hill 5/ (3rd one listed) was the uncle to this Michael Hill Jr 5/ (5th one listed).

The Virginia records shows us that this Michael Hill Jr 5/

was a orphan of a Michael Hill. Who were the parents? They were the 4TH listed Michael Hill 4/ & wife Mary.

Based on the birth records of Albemarle Parish, and the 1777 court records of Sussex County, Virginia, it appears this Michael Hill Jr 5/, was the son of the previous Michael Hill 4/ & wife Mary, listed as the 3rd Michael Hill 4/ (4th generation).

In February of 1777, this young Michael Hill 5/ decided to join the Continental Army to fight the British. Before leaving home he made a will.

Now the entire will was not available to me, but a portion of this will refers to QUOTE "lends my land to cousin George Bell where Mildred Hill now lives." END OF QUOTE.

NOTE: The only way that I can figure James Bell was a cousin to this Michael Hill Jr 5/ was through Michael's aunt, Sarah Bell, who married his uncle, Charles Hill Sr 4/.

Michael's mother is thought to have been Mary Welborne, so the connection is not through her. I believe that the relationship to James Bell was not blood related BUT by marriage only. I think the father of James Bell must have been a brother to one of the parents of Sarah Bell, wife of Michael's uncle, Charles Hill Sr 4/.

Michael Hill Jr 5/ also called the children of James Bell as cousins, probably meaning second cousins.

The administrator that this Michael Hill Jr 5/ named in his will was ("Cousin" James Bell). James Bell himself died in October of 1778. James Bell's will was dated 16th September 1778 and probated on 15th October 1778.

Based upon known existing records it appears the following events took place: This young Michael Hill made his will in February 1777, joined the army, went to Pennsylvania and died there in December of 1777 while in the military service of the United States.

THE FOLLOWING TAKEN FROM SUSSEX COUNTY WILL BOOK "C", 1772-1785 PAGE 320...

18th February 1779: Gray Judkins, as executor of James Bell, deceased, who was the executor of Michael Hill, deceased, states that Michael Hill died before he was age 18.

A George Rose states that Michael Hill 5/ died in Pennsylvania in December 1777 while a soldier in the

Continental Army (as was also the said George Rose) in Pennsylvania. David Mangum, also a soldier in the Continental Army, deposes same (testified under oath).

BURRELL HILL 5/ (son of John Hill 4/ & Mildred Gillum) produces a certificate from the Albemarle Parish Register, which states that Michael Hill (Jr) 5/ was born on 3rd May 1759. The Court rules that Michael Hill (Jr 5) was age 18 when he last spoke with George Rose concerning his will and it is (Ordered to be) probated.

As previously noted from court records, The will of this Michael Hill was contested by Gary Judgkins, the executor of James Bell's estate, claiming Michael Hill Jr 5/ was not 18 years old and was a minor..

When Michael Hill Jr 5/ wrote his will, it clearly states that (Aunt) Mildred Hill was living on his land, BUT, the land was willed to his "cousin" (actually a 2nd cousin) George Bell, son of cousin, James Bell...

In other words, Michael Hill Jr 5/ had gave Mildred Hill, widow of John Hill 4/, deceased, the right to live on his land, which she was doing at that time, but in his will seemed to pass it on to his cousin, George Bell.

Details regarding the final disposition of this land is unknown, but Burrell Hill 5/ apparently had good reasons to pursue this legal matter regarding this will of the deceased cousin, Michael Hill Jr 5/.

NOTE: Regarding Burrell Hill, he was Burrell Hill 5/, his mother was Mildred (Gilliam) Hill, widow of John Hill 4/, deceased, who was living on Michael's land.

Later, a John Hill, probably John Hill Jr. 5/, son of John Hill 4/ (who had died in January or February 1765) and Mildred Gilliam, , was apparently appointed by the court as administrator for the estate of this young 18 year old Michael Hill Jr 5/. I have no other details regarding this matter.

It seems apparent that both parents of this Michael Hill 5/ was dead as he names no heirs and lends Mildred Hill the rights to his property.

Burrell Hill 5/ & brother, John Hill Jr 5/ obviously felt very strong about this matter, which concerned their mother, Mildred *Gilliam) Hill, and went to the trouble of producing

proof of Michael Hill's true age. After all, the mother, Mildred (Gilliam) Hill, was living on the land that was owned by the deceased Michael Hill Jr 5/.

EXPLAINING THE RELATIONSHIPS OF THIS MICHAEL HILL JR 5/:

This Michael Hill Jr 5/ was a SON OF Michael Hill Sr 4/ (3RD ONE LISTED) and a grandson of Captain Thomas Hill 3/ & Priscilla Gray. He was a nephew to the five brothers (previously named) of Captain Thomas Hill 3/, including Michael Hill 3/ (first Michael Hill listed). He was a cousin to the 2nd listed Michael Hill Jr 4/.

Michael Hill Jr 5/ was a second cousin to John Hill 4/, and brother, Capt. Richard Hill Jr 4/. and 2nd cousin to Burrell Hill 5/, the son of John Hill 4/ & Mildred Gilliam..

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