

## R.143 LATEST RESEARCH OF REV. WILLIAM, HILL JR OF GUILFORD, & ROCKINGHAM COUNTIES OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Originally researched in August & September of 1998. Entered in November of 1998 by Robert R. Hill Sr of Brandon, Fl.  
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Source of Information: My research based on Deeds, Court Records of Guilford, Rockingham, Stokes and Surry Counties of NC; Information by Mrs. Win Jacob; Information by Jeff Bradley; The book "East Goes West," by Alta Craft, DAR files and many other sources.

The Joshua Hill Papers, located in the Alabama State Archives indicates that William Hill Sr 2, born ca. 1710 in Caroline County, Virginia, was a son of another William Hill 1/ of Maryland & Middlesex County, Virginia. These Joshua Hill Papers were wrote by a grandson, Joshua Hill 3/ of William Hill Sr 2/.

### INTRODUCTION.

It is very important that the reader understand that in the mid and late 1770's, certain counties in NC split off to form new counties. Surry County, NC originated from Rowan County in 1771, while Guilford County, NC originated from Orange & Rowan Counties in same year of 1771. Rockingham County was formed from Guilford in 1785. Stokes County, NC was created in 1789 from Surry County, NC.

Based on this information, a person could (and did) first settle in Rowan County, then fall into Guilford and even later be in Rockingham & Stokes Counties of NC.

This may give a reader a false impression that a certain family moved or their land fell into more than one county. That is not necessarily the case, only that the county lines changed and their home or land fell into a new county. This is absolutely vital knowledge to remember.

The interpretation and comments to the land deeds is subject to interpreting by other. These comments are my own thoughts, based on the evidence that I have seen.

### SOME BACKGROUND RELATING TO THIS RESEARCH.

Mr Charles Massey, of Chattanooga, Tennessee & a descendant of a Thomas Hill, had questioned that Reverend William Hill Jr 3/ and Elizabeth Halbert were the parents of Thomas Hill, born 22nd of December 1759 that married Catherine Shropshire. My research proves out that he was right! I had knowledge

that a William Hill in vicinity of Surry County, NC had married Hannah Bridges.

For my part, I first thought Reverend Hill 2/ had a previous wife named Hannah Bridges and they were the parents to Thomas Hill, James Hill, Jacob Hill and a John Hill but later, I found out this was another Hill family that originally lived on both Buffalo Island Creek and appears to have moved to the vicinity of Fisher River in Guilford & Surry County, NC.

Then I obtained a copy of a 1764 Virginia court record of Caroline County that showed that Elizabeth Halbert was made a "ward" to her mother, Frances Halbert" due to the death of the father, Joel Halbert Sr. This was some 5 years AFTER the birth of Thomas and shows Elizabeth was still single and could not be the mother of Thomas Hill.

Another observation.. Based on the name entered in the court records of Virginia & NC, the widow of Reverend William Hill Jr 3/ was signed as Elizabeth, not Hannah.

No evidence has been found to indicate her name was Hannah. Her mother signed her as Elizabeth in the 1764 court record of Virginia and she signed herself as "Elizabeth" in NC court records of 1785.

While members of the DAR may be wrong in their old applications, citing Reverend William Hill Jr 3/ & Hannah Elizabeth Halbert as the parents of Thomas Hill, they are still eligible for membership in the DAR as both Reverend Hill Jr 3/ and Thomas Hill served in the war.

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#### OTHER ERRORS FOUND IN THIS RESEARCH

Many various genealogical publications, including the records of the DAR, has the following information listed for Reverend William Hill Jr 3/.

1. He was born in 1737 in Caroline County, Virginia & died on the 29th of September 1792 in Rockingham County, NC.
2. He married Hannah Elizabeth Halbert, who later remarried John Glenn Jr.
3. Their first born child was Thomas Hill, born in December of 1759.

Research in August and September of 1998 has proved the above information to contain errors. .

Reference to Number 1.. Reverend William Hill Jr 3/ was dead by February 1785. (Ref: Guilford County Court Record), when the widow Elizabeth applied to administer the estate. She listed four sons: John 4/, James 4/, William 4/ & Green Hill 3/. She did not list the daughters.

Reference to Number 2.. Elizabeth Halbert is listed as born in 1747. It is thought that Elizabeth married Reverend Hill Jr 3/ sometime between 1764 and 1767, when the son John 4/ was born and just before they came to North Carolina in 1770. She remarried in North Carolina to John Glenn Jr between 1785 and 1792. No record has been found to show that the wife was named Hannah, only Elizabeth.

Reference to Number 3.. Thomas Hill was not a child. The first born child was John Hill 4/, born ca. 1767-1769.

#### REVEREND WILLIAM HILL JR.

Research shows there were several different William Hills in and around Surry County, NC between 1770 and 1800. I feel certain that both Reverend William Hill & wife Elizabeth Halbert, have been confused by researchers, principally with another William Hill & his wife Hannah Bridges, who lived in the same general area of North Carolina as Reverend Hill Jr 3/ lived.

Reverend William Hill Jr 3/, was born in Caroline County, Virginia in 1737. He was the eldest child of William Hill Sr. 2/, born ca. 1700-1710 in Caroline County, Virginia and his wife, Susannah Smithers. The father died in Surry County, North Carolina in 1787.

Reverend William Hill Jr 3/ is listed as being a "Baptist minister" and served as a chaplain in the military service during the Revolutionary War.

William Hill Sr 2/, born ca. 1719 in Caroline County, is listed by the Joshua Hill Papers, located in the Alabama Archives, that HIS father was another William Hill 1/, originally of Maryland & Middlesex County, Virginia.

Some sources say that the father, William Hill Sr 2/, had disowned his son for joining the Baptist faith, but later forgave him.

Reverend William Hill Jr 3/ was born in 1737 in Caroline County, Virginia, the eldest child of William Hill Sr 2/ & Susannah Smithers. Reverend Hill 3/ married Elizabeth Halbert, daughter of Joel & Frances Jones Halbert of Caroline County, Virginia with a son John Hill 4/.

The marriage was sometime after 1764 but before 1770, because in 1764, a court document shows Elizabeth was still single and a ward of her mother. The married couple were in North Carolina by 1770.

Reverend William Hill Jr 3/ has been erroneously listed by a unknown source as dying on the 29th of September of 1792 but

Guilford County, North Carolina Court records prove he was dead by the 21st of February of 1785.

He died "intestate" (no will) and in the Guilford County February Court Term of 1785, the widow, Elizabeth, applied to administer the estate.

Notice the estate was originally filed in Guilford County, Court. Guilford County was broken off to form Rockingham County in the same year of 1885. Some sources say he died in Rockingham County, and that may or may not be true, depending on the exact date of death and creation of Rockingham County.

The following information was taken from "Old Guilford NC Court Minutes 1784-1788 & Genealogical Implications of the Laws In Effect," by Nancy Hawdick & Mary Powell Hamersmith.

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Page 132, 21st or the 3rd Monday, February 1785, Pleas & Quarter Sessions,

William Hill, deceased, Letter of Administration (granted to) Elizabeth Hill, widow & relict, Security by Nathan Peoples, Samuel Henderson, of 5,000 Pounds Sterling.

Comments by Robert Hill:

This was the widow, Elizabeth Halbert Hill filing to administer (probate) the estate of her deceased husband, Reverend William Hill 2/.

Reverend Hill 3/ applied for a land grant in May of 1784. It was the customs of these colonial times for the heirs of a deceased person to quickly file for probate of the estate. Reverend Hill 3/ was dead by February 1785, so it seems likely that he died sometime after May) of 1784 or late January or early February of 1785.

The origins of the 1792 death date is unknown to me, but there is a good reason to believe some body confused Reverend Hill 3/ to one of the other William Hills that lived in the same area.

I believe it applies to the William Hill. who married Hannah Bridges, the parents of Thomas, John, James & Jacob Hill. He & family are discussed in a different document entitled R.143.

Court records shows Reverend William Hill Jr 3/ & Elizabeth Halbert had the following children:

1. John Hill 4/.
2. William Hill 4/.
3. Frances Hill 4/ (daughter).
4. Elizabeth Hill 4/.
5. James Hill 4/.
6. Cynthia Hill 4/.

7. Green Hill 4/.
8. Mary (Polly) Hill 4/ m. Osborne Childress.

See details on these children later at end of document.

The first deed found relating to Reverend William Hill Jr 3/ in North Carolina was in early 1770 when he purchased 200 acres in what was then Rowan County, NC. (see below).

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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 part of a tract known as Ash Camp Creek, where, it appears, he resided the rest of his life. This land was in the area of Rowan County that in 1771 fell into Surry County, but in 1785, fell into a new county known as Guilford County, NC. This land later became known as Ash Camp Creek.

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questionable deed...

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... 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: This particular William Hill was a different man than the William Hill Sr., who married Susannah Smithers and who was dead by February of 1787. However, according to court records of Guilford County, NC, his son, Rev. William Hill Jr. lived until February of 1785. This could not have been Rev. William Hill Jr. because he was dead by February of 1785.

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In March 1784, Rev. Hill sells 84 acres to brother in law, John Halbert. (see deed below).

Surry County, NC Deed Book C, Page 100

March 10, 1784, "William Hill of Surry County State of North Carolina of the one part and John Halbert of said county of the other part, sells 84 to John Halbert, land lying & being on Townfork in the county & state aforesaid, beginning on the Townfork running west 100 poles, to a pine, thence north 50 poles to a willow oak, then northeast 120 poles to a red oak sa?? (sic), then east 82 poles to a willow oak joining Major Winston's line, thence up the Townfork to the beginning, by estimation containing 84 acres.

Witnessed by Richard Goode, John Hale, John Cooley.

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, FL:  
This 84 acres was part of the original 200 acres purchased from James Hampton, leaving 116 acres of the original purchase. John Halbert was the brother in law to Reverend William Hill Jr 3/. This land was originally in Rowan County, NC, but fell into Guilford County as of 1771.

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On the 9th of April 1784, Reverend William Hill 3/ purchased another 300 acres of land from Francis Cook. This land was in Guilford County, adjacent to his original land purchased from James Hampton, originally in Rowan, then Surry County, NC. . (See deed below).

Guilford County, NC Deed Book 3, Page 71.

April 9, 1784, "Francis Cook of Guilford county to William Hill, Minister of the Gospel of same county & state, 300

acres of land, lying on south side of Dan River, beginning at a black walnut saplin (sic), on the river bank, running south 137 poles to a black oak on the road, then west along the road 55 poles to a black oak saplin (sic) on the south side of the road, then south 40 poles to a black oak, then crossing the road 135 poles to a post oak, thence north 135 poles to a black oak, then west to the river, then down the middle of the river to the beginning..."

Witnessed by: Joshua Smith, John Reagan, Joshua Young.

Comments by Robert Hill:

This tract was on the south side of the Dan River. It appears to be a different tract than the original 200 acres purchased from James Hampton & the 84 acres he sold to John Halbert. With the remaining 116 acres left of his original purchase, and the purchase of this 300 acres, Reverend Hill owned a total of 416 acres of land, but in two tracts, one of Tomfork Creek (Ash Camp Creek) and this one, south of the Dan River.

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In November of 1784, Reverend William Hill 3/ obtained a land grant of 350 acres. (see grant below).

LAND GRANT NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ (TO REV. WILLIAM HILL)  
ENTRY NO. ???  
ENTERED \_\_\_\_\_  
SURVEYED \_\_\_\_\_  
ISSUED NOVEMBER 3RD, 1784

350 acres "In county of Surry on Ash Camp Creek, beginning on a red oak near James Hampton's old line, running north 65 poles to a pine in Evan's line; then west 56 poles to Evan's corner; then north with said line 104 poles to a black oak, then west 160 poles to a pine; then north 160 poles to a pine; then west 128 poles to a white oak; then south 214 poles to a post; then south 106 poles to a pine; then east to the beginning.."

Comments by Robert Hill:

This land seems to have been adjacent to the original 200 acres purchased from James Hampton, but Reverend Hill had sold 84 acres to John Halbert earlier. This left him with 116 acres of the original purchase. This land was adjacent to that 116 acres. By adding this 350 acres to it, gave him a tract of 466 acres. This land was on Ash Camp Creek (Tomfork Creek), adjacent to Reverend Hill's own 116 acres of land.

[He now owned 2 tracts of land, one for 466 acres on Ash Camp Creek and 300 acres south of the Dan River].

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Witnessed by: Joshua Smith, John Reagan, Joshua Young.

Comments by Robert Hill:

I believe this land was adjacent to the 300 acres of land located south of the Dan River, giving him a total of 600 acres south of the Dan River and 466 acres on Ash Camp Creek.

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In May of 1784, just before his death, Reverend William Hill 3/ had applied for a land grant of 100 acres, which was apparently granted, but after his death. (see below).

LAND GRANT NO. 1685 (TO WILLIAM HILL, MINISTER OF THE GOSPEL)

ENTRY NO: 1365:

ENTERED: APRIL 7, 1779 ?? (This year thought to be wrong)

SURVEYED: MAY 13, 1784

ISSUED: NOVEMBER 20, 1789

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

Comments by Robert Hill:

This land grant of 100 acres was adjacent to the 600 acre he owned and located on the south side of the Dan River. He now owned two tracts, one for 466 acres and this one for 700 acres.

I do not believe the entry date above of 1779 is correct. That would indicate the land was applied for on the 7th of



April 1779, but was not even surveyed until 5 years later and then another 6 months before being granted. A very unlikely event.

I think Reverend William Hill 3/ had applied for this grant in early (April?) 1784, the survey was made on May 13, 1784. Sometime after that date, Reverend Hill 3/ died, just before receiving the grant. He left no will and his estate was probated in the "intestate" manner, meaning there was no will. This caused a long delay in this land grant being issued to the heirs.

The survey was made by a Joshua Smith and signed by Mark Hardin & John Hill 4/. John Hill 4/ was a son of the deceased Reverend William Hill 3/. Mark Hardin married France Hill 4/, daughter of the deceased Reverend William Hill 3/.

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Comments by Robert Hill:

This was the widow, Elizabeth Halbert Hill filling to administer (probate) the estate of her deceased husband, Reverend William Hill 3/. This seems to imply that Reverend Hill had just recently died. She states there were four sons, John, William, James and Green Hill.

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LAND OWNED BY REVEREND WILLIAM HILL JR. 3/ AT TIME OF DEATH.

After studying the different land grants and deeds, it appears to me that when Reverend William Hill Jr 3/ died 1784 or 1785, he owned two large parcels of land in North Carolina and several huge tracts in Tennessee.

#### NC LANDS.

400 acres on south side of Dan River Rockingham County, later know as Ash Camp Creek, his homesite.

464 (466) acres on Ash Camp Creek in Stokes County

#### TENNESSEE

(Reference to Land Partitions of Davidson, Lincoln & Williamson County, Tennessee).

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

These Tennessee holdings come to a total of 7,290 acres in Tennessee alone. It would appear that Rev Hill 2/intended to move to Tennessee at some future date to acquire this much land.

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

By 1792, Reverend Hill 3/ had been dead some 7 years. His widow had remarried to John Glenn Jr. Because he left no will, the settlement of the estate was tied up in the courts.

The court was agreeable to a petition filed by John Hill 4/, William Hill 4/ and Frances hill 4/ to distribute and receive their share of their father's personal estate. (See court order below).

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Rockingham County Court Minutes, 1786-1795 Pt.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 three of Reverend Hill's children were of legal age, which helps us to give a better understanding of which children were the eldest. They were petitioning the courts to divide their father's estate among the heirs. Remember, the law gave the widow rights of dowry, or 1/3 of the estate. The court stipulated this in this order, but for what ever reason, it appears this was not done.

Also, there still was five children that were minors, James 4/, Elizabeth 4/, Cynthia 4/, Mary 4/ and Green Hill 4/. Notice the court order was to lay off the widow's rights. Apparently this was not done.

At the same time, the court formed a committee, or group of men, to lay off the lands and appointed a guardian for the minor children. They were to report back to the court in the

next session. (see below).

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At some unknown date in late 1794 or early 1795, , John Glenn & wife Elizabeth, formerly Elizabeth Hill, filed a law suit against the estate.

In the February 1795 Court Term of Common Pleas, the court ordered the heirs "to lay off to the late widow her legal portion."

Despite the courts decision granting the heirs permission to receive their share of their father's estate, and ordering the widow to receive her 133 acres, the son James Hill 4/ sold his share of this 400 acres to brother, William Hill 4/. (see deed below).

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

14 January 1797. James Hill of Rockingham County, N.C. to William Hill of same.. For 75 pounds current money, 464 acres (of land) on the waters of Town Fork on Ash Camp Creek whereon the REVEREND WILLIAM HILL, formerly lived, joining the lands of John Halbert, Samuel Hampton and others.  
signed by/ James Hill

Witnesses: Robert Hill, Thomas (T) Evans  
Proved June 1797 by Robert Hill.

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, FL::  
It is interesting to note that no boundaries or acreage is mentioned in this deed, indicating a questionable amount of uncertainty regarding the details of this division. This was James Hill 4/ selling his share of 464 acres to his brother William Hill 4/. This appears to be the same land that the widow (& mother) filed a petition in the courts for her dowry. I think Robert Hill was their uncle, Captain Robert Hill 3/, brother to the deceased Reverend William Hill 3/.

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About nine months later, John Hill 4/, sold his share of this 464 acres to his brother, William Hill 4/.

Stokes County, NC Deed Book 3, Page 57.

John Hill sells to William Hill (his part of 464 (466) acres.

October 7, 1797,  
"John Hill of Davidson County and state of Tennessee of the one part and William Hill of the city of Raleigh, State of North Carolina of the other part.. a Lien released in a dowry conveyance and confirmed with the said William Hill, a tract of land lying in the county of Stokes and the state aforesaid on Ash Camp Creek , waters of Tomfork, whereon the Reverend

William Hill , deceased, formerly lived, and which he is entitled to as one of the heirs of the said William Hill, deceased, containing by estimation in the whole of 464 (466) acres to be the same more or less it being undivided the lines courses and distance cannot be ascertained..."

Witnessed by: James Hill, Thomas Henderson

Comments by Robert Hill:

Again, no mention is made of any boundaries or acreage, indicating details for the division was still questionable. What ever he was entitled to, John Hill 4/ sold to his brother, William Hill 4/.

Some interesting facts are noted here. This obviously was once the homesite of Reverend William Hill 3/.

Reference is made to the 464 acres, this appears to actually have been 466 acres, based on the final settlement.

Notice this was "released in a dowry conveyance..." It could be that both James and John was presumptuous in saying this land was released since by 1810, his mother Elizabeth Glenn, was asking for her 1/3 dowry rights (or about 155 acres).

John Hill 4/ was now a resident of Davidson County, Tn., and William Hill 4/ had moved to Raleigh, in Wake County, NC..

John Hill 4/ was apparently selling to his brother, William Hill 4/, his share of the 464 (466?) acres, or 116.5 acres. This means that William 4/ now owned about 348 acres of the 464 acres. The remaining 116 acres was intended for the brother, Green Hill 4/.

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There was a problem with this intended division. No land was laid off for the widow, who by law was entitled to 1/3, or 155 acres.

In the Rockingham County February Term Court of Common Pleas for February 1795, James Glenn Jr, in right of his wife, formerly Elizabeth Hill, widow of Rev. William Hill, filed a law suit for wife's rights of dowry to the 400 acres on Ash Camp Ash Camp Creek. The law allowed the widow 1/3 portion, or 133 acres.

The court ordered the heirs "to lay off to the late widow, Mrs. Glenn, her right of the estate." This meant she was entitled to 133 acres of the 400 acres, and the four sons were to get about 66.8 acres each.

While I have no copy of a settlement, apparently the Glenns won and her 1/3 of the 400 acres dowry was awarded, because later, in August of 1799, the Glenns sold 133 acres to

Frances Hill 4/ & her husband, Mark Hardin. This was the widow's 1/3 of the 400 acres (or 133 of 400 acres) that the court ordered her to receive back in 1795. (see deed below)..

August 22nd, 1799, Rockingham County, NC Deed Book F, Page 106..

John Glenn Jr & Elizabeth, widow of Rev. William Hill, deceased, of Rockingham County, NC, his wife, sells to Mark Hardin of same county, 133 acres on south side of Dan River, adjoining lands of William Todd & John Regan bounded by etc.. etc.

"Memorandum that there is nothing further intended by the within mentioned deed than full conveyance of the dower of Elizabeth Glenn to the within described land."

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, FL:

This shows that Elizabeth Halbert Hill, formerly the widow of Rev. William Hill 3/, deceased, now Elizabeth Glenn, had apparently won their February 1795 law suit filed by her present husband, John Glenn, for her 1/3 dowry rights (or 133 acres) to the 400 acre property, known as Ash Camp Creek.

Elizabeth Glenn was selling her dowry rights of the 400 acres of land to her daughter Frances Hill 4/ & husband, Mark Hardin. This was once the homesite of Reverend William Hill 3/. This left 267 acres for the four sons to divide, or about 66.76 each.

[Note: Frances Hill 4/ was a daughter of Elizabeth Glenn, by her first marriage to Reverend William Hill 3/].

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Considering the court's decision of February 1795 for the widow to receive her dowry rights of the 400 acres (or 133 acres), it is a mystery to me to understand why it was not done, and who or how someone arrived at the settlement among the four sons in June of 1802.

Since the widow did not get her dowry in 1802, it appears the reason for her law suit filed in February of 1795, was to obtain her rights to 133 acres of the 400 acre tract. After subtracting the 133 acres from the originzl 400 acres, and dividing into four equal parts, implies that each of the sons inherited 66.75 acres.

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NOTE: Court orders and land deeds are subject to interpretation by other, as well as myself. The manner that the lands of Reverend William Hill 3/ were divided is confusing and my comments are based solely on my own interpretation of the evidence at hand.

Robert Hill.

In June of 1802, the courts divided the 464 (466?) acres of land as follows:

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.

466.25 total acreage

Comments by Robert Hill:

The son William Hill was born on the 23rd of September 1773 would be 21 years old on the 23rd of September 1794. The son Green Hill 4/, was born 1782, and was the youngest son. He was about 20 years old at the time the property was divided, and still considered to be a minor. This proves that a minor could own land, BUT only if the land was inherited.

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Remember, in 1797, William Hill 4/ had purchased from his brothers John 4/ and James 4/, their share of this 464 acres.

On the 15th of June 1802, either the courts or someone divided the lands as noted above, but no land for the widow was made. The very next day, on 16th of June 1802, William Hill 4/ sold to his step father, John Glenn, the 350 acres that was in his possession. (see deed below).

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June 16th, 1802, Stokes County, NC Deed Book 4, Page 244

William Hill of Stokes County, NC sells to John Glenn Jr (his step father) 350 acres, located on both sides of Ash Camp Creek..

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, FL:

I believe it was intended by the four sons to have each one own 116.5 acres, but they did not allow for the Widow's rights of dowry. This prompted the law suit by the mother. Meanwhile, the son William 4/, had purchased the shares of his two brothers, James 4/ & John 4/. This included the 116.5 acres that John 4/, James 4/, & William 4/ each had in their possession, and another 116 set off by Green Hill 4/..

By court order, the widow was to get 155 acres and each son would get 77.8 acres, not 116 acres as previously thought. The only way this could be done was for William Hill 4/ to sell to John Glenn the 350 acres he had in his possession. That was done. This meant that the four sons, were now only

entitled to only 77.8 acres.

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At some date in 1802, Green Hill 4/ reached his 20th birthday but was still considered to be a minor.

The 1802 Court papers show that John Glenn gave pages of testimony that Green Hill 4/ had given him an oral deed to his interest in the land on Ash Camp Creek. Glenn states that since Green Hill was a minor, that the "oral deed was binding." Green Hill 4/ disputed this, along with a few other matters regarding a slave and horses, which supposedly were promised to Glenn when Green reached age of 21 and could provide a legal deed..

The settlement of this matter is unclear but it is thought that the courts ruled the widow got her 1/3 portion, or 155 acres, while the remaining 309 acres belonged to the four sons, each owning 77.25 acres each.

While I have found no record or settlement to show this, but based on land deeds, the court must have awarded the Glenns their 1/3 part of this 466 acres, meaning they got 155 acres of the 466 acres.

This land had been divided among the four sons back in 1802. Despite the fact that the court, at that time, had ordered the widow to receive her 1/3 portion of this land (or 155 acres), it appears she did not get it and thus this law suit.

By awarding the widow her 155 acres, that would leave 311.5 acres to be divided among the four sons, or about 77.8 acres per son, instead of the 116 acres they sold.

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In March of 1804, John Glenn sells 350 acres to Osborne Childress. (see below).

March 7, 1804, Stokes County, NC Deed Book 4, Page 360

John Glenn Jr of Stokes County sells 350 acres to Reps (sic) Osborne Childress of Rockingham County, NC 350 acres on both sides of Ash Camp Creek, beginning for first tract at a red oak near James Hampton's old line, running north 65 poles to a pine on Evan's line, then west 56 poles to Evan's corner, then north with said line 104 poles to a black oak, then west 116 poles to a black oak, then north 160 poles to a pine, then west 120 poles to a white oak, then south 214 poles to a post, then south 160 poles to a pine, the west to the beginning point, containing by estimate 350 acres.

The second tract beginning at a pine, then running east 100 poles to a pine, then north 50 poles to a willow, then northeast 120 poles to a red oak sappling (sic) then west 188

poles to a stake, then south 135 poles to the beginning, containing 116 acres, adjoining the first tract.

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, FL:

This land was on both sides of Ash Camp Creek. John Glenn obtained the first tract, 350 acres, from his step son, William Hill 4/. Tract two seems to have been land that Glenn owned himself that was next to the 350 acres, originally owned by Rev. Hill 3/.

Osborne Childress married Mary (Polly) Hill 4/, the step daughter of John Glenn and the daughter of the deceased Reverend William Hill 3/ & Elizabeth Halbert, now Elizabeth Glenn.

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Comments by Robert Hill:

Once again, as with the 400 acres tract on Ash Camp Creek, no part of this 464 acres of land was put aside for the widow's 1/3 (or 155 acres) dowry rights, which the courts had ordered. John Glenn, had already bought & paid for 350 acres of this land and had already sold it to Osborne Childress, his step-son in law in March of 1804.

The settlement is unclear & confusing to me, but it appears that the widow, Elizabeth Halbert Hill (remarried John Glenn) won her 1811 law suit against the male heirs for her dower rights to this 464 acres of land, but Green Hill 4/ did not get his complete share of the Ash Camp Creek land but had to split it with Glenn.

In December of 1811, John Glenn & wife Elizabeth, formerly Elizabeth Hill, filed another law suit against the four sons of Reverend William Hill 3/ & Elizabeth Halbert, now Elizabeth Glenn. (See below).

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, 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.

John Hill lived at Cumberland (Tennessee) in 1808 and 1811. Green Hill replied to the bill in October 1811.

End of Estate Affairs for Rev. Wm. Hill 3/.

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Now these law suits filed in Stokes County, NC provides us with some interesting facts.

1. The first law suit filed by the Glens (in 1802) was against " Green Hill etal" (meaning "and others" or John 4/, William 4/ & James 4/).
2. Elizabeth Glenn states she was married to Reverend William Hill 3/, who died in 178- (left blank) and that he died "intestate."
3. There were four sons: John, William, James & Green Hill. No mention of the daughters was made.
4. She states he left a tract of 464 acres on Ash Camp Creek, a branch of Town Fork, adjacent to lands of James Hampton & Thomas Evans.
5. She states she is entitled to 1/3 as her dowry right.
6. In June of 1811, The sheriff was ordered to serve John, William, James & Green Hill with summons, but only Green was served.
7. On the 10th of October 1810, in Stokes County, NC, Green Hill's affidavit to the court states that his brother John lived "in Cumberland" in 1808 and 1810.
8. By April of 1811, the law suit named only Green Hill as the defendant..

On the 14th, 1802, Stokes County Deed Book 4, Page 143, Shows a plat of land lying on the north side of Ash Camp Creek of Townfork was laid out for William Hill, deceased (Rev. Hill) and is divided into four (4) parts between the heirs of William Hill, deceased. That division is as follows:

Lot # 1 containing 111 & 1/4 acres, valued at \$ 333.00

Lot # 2 containing 83 acres, valued at	145.00
Lot # 3 containing 104 acres, valued at	260.00
Lot # 4 containing 168 acres, valued at	255.00
totals 466 & 1/4 acres	

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\$ 993.00

Lot # 1 sell to Green Hill  
Lot # 2 sell to William Hill  
Lot # 3 sell to James Hill  
Lot # 4 sell to John Hill

This division represents the 116 acres left from the sale of 84 acres to John Halbert on 10th March 1784 plus the 350 acres granted to Reverend Hill from the state of North Carolina on the 26th of February 1789,

The part assigned to Green Hill was the remaining acreage of the 200 acres that Reverend Hill purchased in January of 1770 from James Hampton.

The sum of \$ 993.00\*\* was divided into shares and each heir received the sum of \$ 245.00 and \$ 254.00

The above plan represents a tract of land in the estate of Reverend William Hill 3/, deceased, lying in Stokes County on both sides of Ash Camp Creek, waters of Tomfork, divided up into 4 distributive shares described above between the heirs of Reverend William Hill 3/, deceased.

Witnessed by: Charles Banner, Jacob Soloman, Joseph Winston, Gray Bynum. Thomas Henderson, guardian of Green Hill.

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon, Fl:

I believe this represents the courts division of the 466 acre tract. This division was made too late because both James and John Hill had sold their 1/4 share to brother William Hill in 1797. Green Hill 4/ was now a 20 year old minor, under the guardianship of brother, John Hill 4/. Apparently John Glenn had reached an agreement with John Hill 4/ & Green Hill 4/, to buy Green's part of this property. Glenn says he gave John Hill 4/ a slave as payment and the slave was sold by John Hill 4/.

John Hill 4/ had moved to Tennessee and Green Hill 4/ reached the legal age in 1803. Glenn claimed Green 4/ did not deliver the deed as was agreed. This prompted a law suit by John & Elizabeth Glenn against the heirs.

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The first law suit filed in Stokes County, NC was in December of 1810. John Glenn & wife Elizabeth against Green Hill 4 and etal (and others) Green Hill 4/ was the youngest son, born ca. 1782. In 1803, he reached the legal adult age of 21.

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The intestate was seized of a tract of land lying on Ash Camp Creek, a branch of Town Fork containing 464 (466) acres, adjoining James Hampton and Thomas Evans. Elizabeth (Glenn) is entitled to one-third part as her dower.

Elizabeth Glenn states she was the wife of Reverend William Hill, who departed this life in the year of 178\_ (left blank), that he died "intestate" and left four sons, John, William, James and Green.

Elizabeth testified that he (Rev. Hill) left a tract of land on Ash Camp Creek containing 464 (466) acres, adjoining the lands of James Hampton and Thomas Evans and that she was entitled to one-third as a dowry right..

Note: Believe the 464 acres was actually 466 acres.

John Glenn deposes that he agreed with John Hill, (John Hill 4/) who was the guardian of his brother, Green Hill 4/ (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 4/ lived at Cumberland (county?) in 1808 and 1811. His younger brother, Green Hill 4/, replied to the bill in October 1811. (deed below).

Some type of dispute broke out again between John Glenn and the Hills as another law suit was filed for the widow to receive her 1/3 part of the 464 acres of land. (see below).

In March of 1811, John Glenn, in right of his wife, formerly widow of Rev. William Hill, filed another law suit against the heirs of Reverend William Hill 3/, meaning, John, William, James & Green Hill for her "dowry rights" to 460 sic.. (466??) acres on Ash Camp Creek, where Reverend Hill formerly lived.

Comments by Robert Hill:

I think this 460 acres should be 400 acres. I suspect the law suit was relating to the homesite land (400 acres) on Ash Camp Creek.

In April of 1811, the law suit named only Green Hill 4/. The Sheriff was ordered to serve summons to John, William, James and Green Hill, but only served Green Hill.

On June 11th, 1811, the sheriff stated: "The others not found." The problem was that John Hill 4/ was in Tennessee and William 4/ was in Raleigh. James was thought to be in Rockingham County, NC.

On October 10th, 1811, Green Hill 4/ made a affidavit to the Court of Stokes County, saying that his brother John was living in the Cumberland (Tennessee) in 1808 and 1811.

Green Hill 4/ disputed Glenn's testimony, as well as other matters regarding a slave and a horse.

The settlement of this case is unknown, but in August 1811, James Scales & Green Hill 4/ sold 400 acres to Mark Hardin, Green's uncle. (see deed below).

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I do not know how or when Green Hill 4/ got possession of the full 400 acres on Ash Camp Creek, but in 1813, he sold this 400 acres to his sister, Frances Hill 4/, and her husband, Mark Hardin.

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February 5th, 1812, Stokes County, NC Deed Book 5, Page 443

Green Hill 4/ & (step father) John Glenn of Stokes County, sells 111 and 1/4 acres to Andrew Bowman of same county, lands on both sides of Ash Camp Creek of Townfork, it being a lot laid out for Green Hill 4/ as his portion of the Real Estate of his father, William Hill, deceased, and bounded as follows etc.. etc..

Comments by Robert Hill of Brandon. Fl:

Green Hill 4/ was a minor when his father died in 1785. His mother remarried to this John Glenn. It appears John Glenn's law suit of 1810-1811, gave joint owner ship of this land.

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Rockingham County Deed Book K, Pages 627-629

James Scales and Green Hill sells 400 acres to Mark Hardin.

August 16, 1813, "James Scales of Rockingham County and Green Hill of Stokes County, both is state of North Carolina of the

one part and Mark Hardin of Rockingham County of the other part, ... 400 acres lying and being in the county of Rockingham and state aforesaid, on the south side of the Dan River, bounded as follows (sic) beginning at a box elder on the river bank, running south 107 poles to a black oak on the main road, then west along said road 55 poles to a black oak on the south side of the road, then south crossing a creek 277 poles to a black oak, then west 36 poles to a black oak on James Oliver's line, crossing Hogan's Creek, 192 poles to a corner black oak, then west along said Oliver's line 200 poles to a post oak, then north 38 poles to a white oak, corner of a tract of land occupied by Thomas Whitmore, then east along Whitmore's line 100 poles to a post oak, then north 135 poles to a black oak, then west to the river, then down the river with its meandering to the first station or beginning.

Comments by Robert Hill:

This appears to be the combined land that Reverend Hill 3/ owned. This land was obtained by the 100 acres that he owned as the result of a land grant and the 300 acres that he purchased from Francis Cook.

Mark Hardin had married Frances Hill 4/, daughter of Reverend William Hill 3/ & Elizabeth Halbert. It may be that the mother, Elizabeth Halbert Hill, was now dead, also her second husband, John Glenn Jr. If not, she was about 65 years old. In any case, it appears that Green Hill 4/ was selling his land to his sister and her husband, giving the entire 400 acres back into the Hill family.

Mark Hardin & wife had purchased 133 acres from John Glenn Jr & wife Elizabeth. who was the mother in law to Mark Hardin. This 133 acres was the 1/3 portion of 400 acres, located south of the Dan River, that the widow won in a law suit against the heirs of the estate.

It appears to me that all of the Hill land was (so to speak) back into the hands of the family, except Green Hill 3/ still owned his 111 and 1/4 acres. Remember, he had been a minor, reaching age in 1803.

Because of the deed below, it appears that Green Hill 4/ did not get a full share of his father's property, probably as the result of losing the law suit filed by his step father, John Glenn Jr and his wife and mother of Green Hill 4/, Elizabeth Halbert Hill Glenn.

This seems to show that the court awarded both Green Hill 4/ & John Glenn, joint ownership of the 111 and 1/4 acres set aside for Green Hill 4/. (See below).

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DETAILS ON SOME OF REVEREND HILL'S CHILDREN.

JOHN HILL 4/. Obviously, based on court records, he was the eldest of the children. He was born ca. 1767 in Caroline County, Virginia but came to NC with his parents in 1770. We know he was in Rockingham County, NC in August of 1792 until March 1795, but moved to Davidson County, Tennessee by October 1797. From March 1801 through July 1807, he was in Williamson County, Tennessee, but by October of 1810, he was in Lincoln County, Tennessee to witness a land settlement in Lincoln County. In 1820 he was in Wayne County, Tennessee, where he died between March 6th, 1829 and June 1st, 1830. No details on wife or children given.

FRANCES HILL 4/. Court records show she was one of the three eldest children. Her birth is estimated ca. 1770, probably in NC. In August of 1792 for Rockingham County, NC, she was listed as a minor. She married Major Mark Hardin on the 26th of January 1796. She died on the 2nd of October 1822 in Rockingham County, NC.

WILLIAM HILL THIR 3RD 4/. Court record shows he was one of the three eldest children. He was born on the 25th of September 1773 in Surry County, NC. In July of 1795, he moved to Wake County, NC but by January of 1797, he was back in Rockingham County, NC, but returned to Wake County by June of 1802. On the 6th of January 1803, he married Sarah Geddy. in Chatham County, NC, where he was involved in the mercantile business, but returned to Raleigh, Wake County by 1804. In 1807 until 1811, he Clerk of Court for Wake County, NC. On the 1st of February 1803, his wife Sarah Geddy died in Wake County, and he remarried again on the 5th of April 1804 to Frances C. Blount. From 1811 until 1857, he was the Secretary of State for NC. He died in Wake County, NC on the 29th of October 1857.

JAMES HILL 4/. His birth is estimated to have been ca. 1774 or `775 as he was listed as a minor in the court records for Rockingham County, NC in August 1792. His wife was Nancy Rialty. In 1810, he was in Lincoln County, Tennessee. He apparently died in Tennessee on an unknown date.

ELIZABETH HILL 4/. She was listed as a minor in the Rockingham County Court of August 1792 (under age 21).

CYNTHIA HILL 4/. She too was listed as a minor in the August 1792 court records of Rockingham County, NC. Her birth is unknown but she was listed as a minor in the Rockingham County Court Records for August 1792.

GREEN HILL 4/. He was born in 1782. He married Nancy Mitchell in July of 1803 in Wake County, NC. He returned to Stokes County, NC where he lived from 1811 until 1816.

MARY (POLLY) HILL 4/. Her birth is unknown but was listed in

CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER OF PROPERTY OBTAINED AND SOLD BY REVEREND  
WILLIAM HILL 3/.

1. REVEREND WILLIAM HILL 3/ FIRST PURCHASED 200 AREA FROM JAMES HAMPTON IN ROWAN COUNTY, NC IN 1770. [200]
2. IN SEPTEMBER 1779, REVEREND HILL RECEIVED A LAND GRANT FOR 200 ACRES. I THINK WAS A DIFFERENT TRACT. [400]
3. IN MARCH OF 1784, HE SELLS 84 ACRES TO JOHN HALBERT, WHICH WAS PART OF FIRST 200 ACRES, LEAVING 116 ACRES FOR ONE TRACT AND 200 FOR THE OTHER TRACT, FOR A TOTAL OF 300 ACRES..
4. IN MARCH 1784 HE PURCHASED 300 ACRES, THOUGHT TO BE ADJACENT TO THE 2ND TRACT, GIVING HIM A TOTAL OF 116 ACRES FOR TRACT NUMBER 1 AND 500 FOR TRACT NUMBER 2.
5. IN APRIL 1784, HE PURCHASED ANOTHER 300 ACRES FROM FRANCIS COOK, LOCATED SOUTH OF DAN RIVER, THIS GAVE HIM A TOTAL OF 800 ACRES.

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