

R.145 THE DIFFERENT WILLIAM HILLS OF EARLY SURRY COUNTY,
N.C. & THE SURROUNDING COUNTIES.

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Wade Baker of Anchorage, Alaska. Information from the book
"Green B. Hill & Some of His Ancestors: by Mr. Byron Hill in
May of 1996, my SC research on William Hill of York Co., SC,
and much more information gathered from many other various
researchers over the years.

INTRODUCTION

It has been a very difficult & complex problem of trying to
separate the many different William Hills that have been
found in and around early Surry/Stokes Counties of N.C. in
the early time from of 1770-1845. I have found eight.

I have identified at least eight different William Hills
that either lived in or had business dealings in and around
Surry County, NC between 1770 and 1850. There may have been
others undetected but those I have found are:

1. William Hill Sr. 2/ (know as the elder) born ca. 1710 in
Caroline County, Va., married Susannah Smither, moved to
Surry County, NC between 1770-1779. He died ca. 1787. A
grandson (Joshua Hill 4/) says his father was William
Hill 1/ of Maryland and mother was named Ann.
2. Rev. William Hill Jr. 3/ (son of above), born 1737
Caroline County, Va, married Elizabeth Halbert. He lived
in what later became Stokes County, N.C. He was a
Baptist Minister & died ca. February 1785.
3. William Hill the 3rd, 4/, son of Rev. Hill 3/, born 1773,
married Sarah Geddy & Frances Blount, died in Wake Co.,
NC. He was Secretary of State of NC.
4. William Hill & wife Hannah Bridges, they settled in
Surry/Guilford County, NC on Fisher River. He is thought
to have died on the 20th September 1792. He and sons
agreed among themselves as to how to divide his lands.
He & wife were members of the Matrimony Primitive Creek
Baptist Church from ca. 1776 to 1786. Thought to be
brother of Gustavus Hill but not proved.
5. William Hill, born ca. 1740 in Southampton County, Va...
on the Meherrin River, came to Surry County, N.C. by the
time of the American Revolution, which he fought in. He
lived to be over 100 years old (statement made by son

Richard Hill & other Witness in 1857).

- 6 William Hill, he lived in York County, SC,, was involved in the business of mining iron ore in both SC and Surry Co., N.C. (more later).
7. William Hill, obituary states he was born in Surry County, N.C. on the 22nd of November 1800. Mr Byron Hill in his book entitled "Green B. Hill & Some of His Ancestors,:" states this is questionable, but he is being listed here. Wife was Mary Daniel Kirk. He died on 11th November 1881 in Heard County, Ga.
8. William Hill of Wythe County, Va., born ca. 1801-1802, came to Surry County, N.C., and was involved in the Iron Business. (more later) Owned lots of land and appears to have been wealthy.

It must be remembered that Surry County, N.C. split off in to form Stokes County, NC in 1789. As in 1771, Orange and Rowan Counties split to form Guilford, which was adjacent to Surry County, NC.

In 1785, Guilford split to form Rockingham County. Some of these William Hills owned land in most of these counties, not because they moved but that the county lines changed. This area of Surry County, NC was once rich in iron ore.

The first three William Hills were father, son & grandson. The father & son originated in Caroline County, Virginia, moving into Surry County, N.C. between 1770. The third William Hill was born in NC.

WILLIAM HILL SR. 2/. (2nd generation)

NUMBER ONE

This William Hill 2/ was born about 1710 in Caroline County, Virginia and has been called by some as "The Elder." His wife was named Susannah Smithers or Smithers. Many of their sons fought in the American Revolution and based on their depositions they made for their military benefits. they all moved with their father to Surry County, N.C. about 1770. It appears the mother had died in Virginia.

This William Hill Sr 2/ died in 1785 in Surry County, N.C. Their children were:

1. Rev. William Hill Jr. 2/, born 1737 in Virginia, died on 20th September. 1792 in Stokes Co., N.C. (death date is questionable, see details later on). He married Hannah Elizabeth Halbert, who remarried 2nd time to John Glenn Jr. of Rockingham County, B.C. .

2. Thomas Smithers Hill 2/, 1739-1825, married Susannah Mobley, daughter. of Wesley Mobley. Ref: Mobley's Will dated 1821 in Surry Co., NC). Many researchers say he married Katherine Shropshire. I think his father was the William Hill of Fisher's River in Surry County, N.C.

3. Elizabeth Hill, b. 18 Sept. 1747, d. 6th November. 1836. She married William Anson Halbert in June of 1765.

4. Capt. Robert Hill, born 17 February 1752 in Caroline County, Va, he died on 2nd August 1834 in NC. He married Martha Halbert.

5. Major Uel Hill, born 1755 in Virginia, died 17th October 1834 in SC. He married more than once but no names of wives were listed..

6. Daniel Hill, b on 16th October 1756 in Caroline County, Va., died 28th May 1826. He married Martha (Patsy) Hickman on 16 October 1779.

7. Jesse Hill, born 26 May 1763 in Caroline County, Va., he died 20th June 1855. He married 3 times, last wife was listed as Elizabeth Hill.

8. James Hill, born ??, died 17 September 1835. married Anne Robinson on 10 March 1785.

9. Joshua Hill, born 26 May 1763 in Caroline County, Va., he died on 20th June 1855. Wife was Nancy Eppes Collier.

10. Joel Hill, born 26 May 1763 in Caroline County, Va. He married Anne Watson. He died in Jackson County, Arkansas. on 7th January 1843. Some say he was a twin to Joshua but this has not been proved.

THE REVEREND WILLIAM HILL 3/ IN AND AROUND SURRY COUNTY, NC.

NUMBER TWO

He originally settled in Rowan County, NC in January of 1770 but in 1771 the land fell into Guilford county, NC. Then again, in 1785, Guilford county split to for, Rockingham county. In 1789, Surry county split again to form Stokes county, NC. He and heirs owned land in these counties.

Reverend William Hill Jr. 3/, born 1737 in Caroline County, Virginia. He married in Caroline County, Virginia ca. 1765-1770 to Elizabeth Halbert also of Caroline County, Virginia. He died ca. 1785, as he was dead by February Court Term of 1785 for Guilford County, NC. He was a son of the above William Hill Sr 2/ & Susannah Smithers.

He was a Revolutionary Soldier, and served as a chaplain. After his death, ca. 1785, she remarried to John Glenn Jr., of Rockingham County, N.C. Do not confuse him and wife with a William Hill and wife Hannah, of Guilford County, NC who are mentioned in the church records found later.

Court records shows they had the following children:

1. John Hill 4/, b. ca 1787 in Va., died in TN. between March 6, 1829 and June 1st, 1829.
2. Frances Hill 4/, b. ca 1770 in Va. or NC, m. Mark Hardin.
3. William Hill the 3rd, 4/, b. 1773, m. 1st Sarah Geddy, 2nd to Frances C. Blount. He died October 20th, 1857 in Wake County,, NC.
4. James Hill 4/, m. Nancy Royalty.
5. Elizabeth Hill 4/, listed as a minor in Court records of August 1792..
6. Cynthia Hill 4/, listed as a minor in courts records of August 1792, was a minor in August `792 court record. She m. a Mr. Crwaford (John?)..
7. Green Hill 4/, b. ca. 1782, m. Nancy Mitchell, he died on October 2nd, 1822 in Rockiungham Co., NC..
8. Mary (Polly) Hill 4/ m. Osborne Childress. She died in Lincoln Co., TN on the 14th of November 1816. She. m. Osborne Childress.

COURT MINUTES, DEEDS ETC.. RELATING TO REV. WILLIAM HILL 3/.

Rockingham County, NC 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.

Notice the date of this document, 27th of August 1792, so the stated date of death listed above as the 27th of September 1792 is wrong. He was dead by this date of 27th August 1792.

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.

James Hill

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

These two men were the sons of Rev. William Hill Jr. 3/ and wife Elizabeth Halbert.

Stokes County Deed Book 3, Page 57.

7 October 1797. John Hill of Davidson County, Tennessee, to William Hill of the city of Raleigh (NC) for 100 pounds current money, 464 acres (of land) on Ash Creek, waters of the Town Fork, whereon the Reverend William Hill, deceased, formerly lived.

signed/John Hill

Witnesses: James Hill, Thomas Henderson.
Proved December 1719 by James Hill.

This was two brothers, John Hill 4/ & William Hill 4/, both heirs and sons of Rev. William Hill Jr. 3/ & wife Elizabeth Halbert.

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.

All of these men were sons of the deceased Rev. William Hill Jr. 2/ and Hannah Elizabeth Halbert.

Notice that Cynthia Hill 4/, who m. a Mr. Crawford; Martha Hill 4/, who m. a Mr. Osborne; Frances (Fanny) Hill 4/, who m.. Major Mark Hardin; Mary Hill 4., who m. Osborne Childress and Elizabeth Hill 4/, who m. William Anson Halbert, all daughters of the deceased Rev. William Hill Jr. 3/, are not mentioned in this division of property.

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., the 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, (left no will) 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, (son) who was the guardian of his brother, Green Hill (by appointment of Court of Rockingham County) to buy Green's part at the price of \$ 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 (county?) in 1808 and 1811. Green Hill replied to the bill in October 1811. (notes from IBID).

WILLIAM HILL THE 3RD OF SURRY, GUILFORD, ROCKINGHAM, STOKES
& WAKE COUNTIES OF NORTH CAROLINA.

NUMBER THREE

This was William Hill the third 4/, a son of Reverend William Hill Jr 3/, and the grandson of William Hill Sr 2/ & Susannah Smithers. He was born on the 25th of September 1773 in Surry County, NC, a part that later became Stokes County, NC. He went to Wake County, NC about July of 1795, but returned to Rockingham County, NC by January of 1797. He again returned to Wake County, NC by June of 1802.

He married Sarah Geddy on the 7th of January 1803 in Franklin County, NC, and was involved in the mercantile business in Chatham County, NC from 1803 until 1804. Sometime in 1804, he returned to Raleigh, Wake County, where he became Clerk of County Court for Wake County from 1807 until 1811. He was elected Secretary of State for NC in 1811.

His wife, Sarah Geddy died on the 14th of February 1833 in Wake County, NC. He remarried on the 5th of April 1834 to Frances C. Blount in Wake County. No children are listed.

He served as Secretary of State from 1811 until 1857. He died on October 27th, 1857 in Wake County, NC.

WILLIAM HILL OF FISHER RIVER IN SURRY/GUILFORD COUNTY, N.C.

NUMBER FOUR

Another William Hill of Surry & Guilford County, NC was married to Hannah Bridges. Their births are estimated to have been in the 1730's. They settled on Little Fisher River of Surry/Guilford Counties. They appear to have been members of the Primitive Creek Matrimony Baptist Church of Guilford Co., NC. Their known children were:

1. Thomas, Hill. b. 1759, m. Catherine Shropshire.
2. Jacob Hill.
3. John Hill Sr.
4. James Hill.
5. Mary (Polly) Hill (maybe others).

This William Hill is thought to have died in September of 1792.

Surry Co., NC Deed

"1789 Surry Deed Book??, Pages 404, 405

William Hill of Surry purchased 380 acres (of land) on Fisher's River, (in) western Surry Co., (NC), at forks of Fisher's & Little Fisher's (Rivers). This is a few miles from the 1786 ore lands of William (Hill) of York (Co., SC). Undetermined if same or different William Hill." End of deed.

My Comments: This was the William Hill of Fisher River and not related to William Hill Sr. of York County, SC or any other listed William Hills. Some think this was the first listed William Hill Sr. 2/, the Elder, of Surry County, NC,. but I do not think so. This William Hill Sr. 2/ died in 1787, while the William Hill (of Fisher's River) purchased the above land in 1789.

Surry Co., NC Deed

"1792 Surry Deed Book F, Pages 273, 274.

Thomas Hill of Wilkes Co., Ga. deeded the 1789 lands of William Hill, deceased, to William's sons;; Jacob, James, John. (Located) Forks of Fisher's & Little Fisher's Rivers.

Research in July 1998 indicates Thomas Hill, b. 1759, m. Catherinbe Shropshire, was the son of a William (Hill) of Fisher's River, who's wife was Hannah Bridges. This was not, as some claim, Thomas Smithers Hill, the son of William Hill Sr. 2/(the Elder) b. 1710, or his son, Reverend William, (Hill) Jr 3/ (of Surry, Guilford, Rockingham & Stokes Co., NC.

My Comments: This was not Thomas Smithers Hill nor does this appears to be his father, William Hill Sr. 2/ (known as the Elder, of Surry County, N.C. Instead, this seems to be the William Hill, of Fisher's River.

CHURCH RECORDS OF THE MATRIMONY PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH IN
GUILFORD COUNTY, N.C. (TODAY'S ROCKINGHAM CO., NC)

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

This William Hill was not Reverend William Hill Jr but the one that married Hannah Bridges and settled on Fisher's River.

There has (to date) been found no record to indicate what the relationship was between William Hill and Gustavius Hill. It certainly appears that William Hill's wife was Hannah (Bridges) Hill and Gustavius Hill's wife was Charuty Hill. I think William & Gustavius Hill may have been brothers or cousins.

The record below indicates considerable trouble among these four people, along with a Margaret Hill and a Caty Hill, who may have been daughters of William &/or Gustavus Hill. This is all my assumption at this time.

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

(This is not a complete list):

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

Why William & Hannah Hill were dismissed is unknown. Same as to why Gustavius Hill & wife Margaret Hill were excommunicated. I am told that being dismissed is not the same as being excommunicated. They may have been dismissed because they moved.

Matrimony Primitive Creek Baptist Church Records Shows:

Page 2, 21 March 1779.. Received by letter Brother William Hill & sister Hannah Hill. Joseph Hooper, Clerk.

Page 2, (same date) Gustavius Hill & wife. (received?).

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

15 July 1780 received Brother Gulavius (sic) Hill in fellowship again. (Probably Gustavius Hill).

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

21 January 1781 Sister Charity Hill gave satisfaction again.

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

Sister Charrity (sic) Hill for lying (to?) the church, excommunicated her.

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

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

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

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

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

end of church records

William Hill & wife Hannah (Bridges) are mentioned in the church minutes of 1786, proving this was not Rev. William Hill, but event was accidently lost & not copied .

The above William Hill and wife Hannah Bridges had the following known children:

- A. Thomas Hill 3/, eldest son of Rev. William Hill Jr. 2/, was born on 22nd of December 1759 near Dan River, Rowan County, N.C. (Note: His Revolutionary War Application (W-1606) states birth was in Guilford County, but Guilford was not created until 1771. He died on 5th April 1849 in White County, Tennessee, where both he and his wife are buried in the Anderson Cemetery. He married Catherine Shropshire on the 17th of July 1783 in Guilford County, N.C. She was daughter of Winkfield Shropshire & 2nd wife, Jane Jones. Catherine was born in September 1760, Rowan County, N.C. and died on the 14th of February 1854 in White County, Tennessee. They first moved to Wilkes and then Green County, Georgia before moving to White County, Tennessee. This Thomas Hill was a Revolutionary Soldier and received a pension (#W-1606). He is

often confused by researchers with his uncle, the Thomas Smithers Hill 2/, son of William Hill Sr. 1/. Thomas' Children:

- i. Elijah Hill 4/, b. 22nd April 1784 Guilford Co., N.C. (now Rockingham Co.), he d. 25 October 1854 in Van Buren County, Tenn. & buried in Laurel Creek Cemetery. He m. Sarah Cummings, b. 2 April 1784 Henry Co., Va.-d. 5 October 1854 Van Buren Co., Tenn.
- ii. James Hill 4/, b. 1786 Guilford Co., N.C. & d. 6 December 1841 White Co., Tenn.
- iii. Abner Hill 4/, b. 20 August 1788 Rockingham Co., N.C., d. after 1861 in Texas. He m. 1st in December of 1806 to Sarah Bartlett, who d. 8 December 1808; 2nd marriage to Katherine Cotton on 10 September 1809 in White Co., Tenn.; 3rd marriage to Nancy Matthews. He was for a time a circuit rider Campbellite preacher.
- iv. William J. Hill 4/, b. 1790 in N.C. & m. Sallie Cotton.
- v. Winkfield Hill 4/, b. 27 February 1792 Greene Co., GA., d. 8 August 1851 White Co., Tenn. He m. Martha (Patsy) Anderson, b. 1798 in Tenn. & d. on 3rd August 1851 in Tenn.
- vi. Jane Hill 4/, b. ca. 1793/94, in Greene County, GA., d. ca. 1815 & married Robert Patrick Bates, Franklin Co., Ala.
- vii. Hannah Hill 4/, b. 13th February 1796 Greene Co., GA., she d. 19 January 1837 & m. Ezekiel Bates.
- viii. Cynthia Hill 4/, b. 4 December 1799 in Greene Co., GA., d. near Nashville, Tenn. She m. in August 1816/17 at Sparta, Tenn. to Gillington Chisholm (1796-31 March 1872).
- ix. Thomas Hill 4/, b. 1804 Greene Co., GA., m. Martha----?

- B. Jacob Hill.
- C. John Hill Sr.
- D. Mary (Polly) Hill m. Thomas Gibbons.
- E. James Hill.

THE FIFTH KNOWN WILLIAM HILL OF SURRY CO., NC

NUMBER FIVE

A fifth William Hill in Surry County, N.C. fought in the Revolution and lived to be over 100 years old. He was born in the vicinity of the Meherrin River in Southampton County, Va, ca. 1740 and moved to Surry County, NC by the time of the American Revolution. I have thoughts that this William Hill descends from the Sion Hill Jr. 3/ of early

Surry/Sussex and Southampton Counties of Virginia. Perhaps he was a grandson. (Still to be proved).

He owned land in and very close to the same lands of the subject named William Hill (listed as Number 6) of Wythe County, Va, and later Surry County, N.C. He was an entirely different and unrelated Hill. I have found no evidence to make me think he was a minister OR involved in the Iron Business.

THE REVOLUTIONARY APPLICATION FOR THIS WILLIAM HILL WAS FILED BY HIS SON, RICHARD HILL IN 1857 !& WAS REJECTED.

WILLIAM HILL , R-5016 (N.C. Service) covers the application of a Richard Hill, a son, living in 1857 in N.C. Richard states his father, William Hill, was born in Southampton County Virginia, but resided in Surry County, N.C. when he entered service. States William died in 1840 at age 100, (b. ca. 1740) his widow died in 1846.

Based on the information above, this William Hill was born about 1740 in Southampton County, Virginia and he died in 1840. His wife, not named, died in 1846.

ANOTHER WILLIAM HILL, KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN IN SURRY COUNTY, NC.

NUMBER SIX

Another known William Hill, who had business dealings in Surry County, N.C., was known to be a resident of York County, SC and was involved in the Iron Ore business in both North & South Carolina. (More on him later).

This William Hill was also a Revolutionary Soldier. William Hill, BORN 1741, died on 1st December 1816, was born in Ireland & originally came to Pennsylvania and then to York County, SC in 1762.

He had obtained several land grants amounting to over 5,000 acres, mostly in the vicinity of Nanny's Mountain where iron was thought to be plentiful. (Was this in NC or SC?) In 1776 he, in partnership with Isaac Haynes, and they opened an iron works on Allison's Creek (SC) securing a loan from the SC treasury.

In 1780 most of the cannon balls used in the siege of Charleston (Rev. War) were supplied by these iron works. Later, in June of that year, the British burned these works. William Hill left his family and joined General Sumter as a lieutenant colonel of the militia and he fought at Williamson's Plantation, Rocky Mountain and King's Mountain.

Surry County, NC

The 1780 Hughes Historical Map has William Hill & Isaac Haynes granted lands for iron forge on Tarrant River (Ararat) Surry Co., (MC).

My Comments: South Carolina records clearly show that Isaac Haynes was a business partner with William Hill of York County, SC. This deed seems to imply that this was the William Hill of York County, South Carolina, with his partner, Isaac Haynes.

Another Surry Co., NC Deed..

"1786 William Hill of York Co., SC purchases David Allen's Iron Works and ore lands, (in) western Surry Co. (NC), eastern Wilkes Company (County?) Forge in Surry, land in Surry & Wilkes. William paid in N.C. currency.

My Comments: Again, this seems to show that William Hill of York Co., S.C. purchased iron works & ore land in both Surry & Wilkes Counties of N.C. (I first thought it was Wilkes Co., Ga until I saw Wilks Co., NC on the map).

After the war, William Hill served in the SC legislature. From 1785 to 1790 he was a member of the county court of York County, SC. In 1787 he rebuilt his iron furnace and employed miners, founders, colliers (sic) and woodcutters. He also became active in transportation schemes sine he had to ship his product quite some distance to the nearest river.

Hill was a charter member of the Santee Canal Company (in SC) and a member of the state committee on inland navigation improvements.

In 1798 he continued to operate his iron works and sold fifty horsemen's swords and fifteen field pieces with cannon balls to the state. In 1815 he dictated his memoirs, largely to justify General Sumter. His wife was Jane McCall. They had six children.

From my SC Files: William Hill, (owner of Hill Iron Works in York Co., SC) who lives between Biggers Ferry & the Hill Iron Works, his will signed 21 May 1814, probated 2 Jan. 1817, (Actual death date 1st December 1816. Children named in will:

Wife Jane Hill (Jane McCall),.

Children:

Solomon Hill

Robert Hill

Andrew Hill

William Hill Jr., "Somewhere in western country."

Grand children: a share to each set. Francis Ross, the son

of Alexander Ross
Margaret Malvena Allison

Betsey Adelin Allison, daughters of the late Dr. John Allison.

EXS: My friends, Solomon Hill & Robert Clendennin.
/Wit. Samuel Melton, Robert McElwaine & Hilliriah McCall.

(NOTE By Robert R. Hill Sr, This William Hill was a Revolutionary Soldier and was married to Jane McCall).

Apparently when William Hill (Sr.) of York County, SC wrote his will, he did not know exactly where his son William Hill Jr. was located, just somewhere in the so called "western country."

I think that all lands in and west the mountains Va, NC, SC, and all of Ky. and Tenn. were considered "western country." Despite this, I do not think the William Hill of Wythe County, Va. was the son of William Hill, of York County, SC.

Solomon Hill, (son of above) will was signed on the 5th of October 1825, and probated on the 18th of October 1825 in York (County, SC. Wife was named Nancy Hill. Executors named: with my son, W. R. Hill, equal (shares) to all my children (not named) My minor son, Albert Potts Hill, to be educated.

Wit. Samuel H. Barry & H. G. Catheart, MD.

ANOTHER WILLIAM HILL OF SURRY COUNTY, NC.

NUMBER SEVEN

Another William Hill, that may have been born in Surry County, NC, is said by Mr. Byron Hill, of Nashville, Tennessee to have been the son of a Green B. (Berry) Hill of NC or Virginia, wife Martha Ivy.

This William Hill was born on the 20th of November 1800. Byron states evidence (his obituary) strongly points to his birth which states he was born in Surry County, NC.

Due to the information in his obituary, I am listing him along with the other known William Hills of Surry County, NC.

This William Hill moved to Jasper County, Georgia at age of 3 and lived there until he reached the age of 30, then went to Fayette County, Georgia, for about fourteen years. He then went to Heard County, Georgia where he lived until his death on the 11th November, 1881. (Reference the book "Green B.

Hill & Some of His Ancestors," by Byron Hill of Nashville, Tennessee, printed in May 1996.

This William Hill was married to Mary Daniel Kirk, who was born on 22nd November 1800 in Surry County, NC. Their children that is listed by Byron Hill's book shows:

- 1, Infant Hill born 1827.
2. John N. Hill, born ca. 1823 in GA, Married Harriet (?)
3. Priscilla A. Hill, born ca. 1830 in Georgia, married Thomas N. Brown.
4. James Harvey Hill, born on 1832 in Fayette County, Ga., married Atha Ainne Barker. He died in July 1832 at Look Out Mountain, Ga. of the measles. CSA Army. 56th Regiment, Co., "K", Georgia Infantry.
5. Thomas J. Hill, born ca. 1834 in Georgia, married Maccanne Owensby. Was civil war soldier, CSA 56th Regiment, Co., "K," Georgia Infantry.
6. Sarah J. Hill, born ca. 1839 in Georgia.
7. Mary Kisah Hill, born about 1841 in Georgia, married Thomas Luck "Dock: Hard/.
8. Isiah (Iseral?) Hill, born 1844 in Georgia, married Eliza Ann Hardy.
9. Wilson L. Hill, born 1848 in Georgia, married Connie L. Shaffer.

EIGHTH KNOWN WILLIAM HILL IN SURRY CO., NC

NUMBER EIGHT

An eighth William Hill, known to have been in Surry County, NC, was originally from Wythe County, Virginia and moved into Surry County, NC. He was very much involved in the mining and smelting of Iron ore. He does not seem to have been related to the other William Hill, (of SC), who earlier, was also involved in the iron ore business in the same general area of Surry County, NC

This William Hill (of Wythe County, Va.) was born ca.1801-1802 in Virginia and appears to have come from Wythe County, Va., into Surry County, NC.

The 1850 census implies that all of his children were born in Virginia, indicating his move into Surry County, NC was later on in his life.

Now for a discussion on some of the data sent to me, and which I have made comments after each deed. It is too bad the actual day and months were not copied.

Surry Co., NC Deed

"1844 Surry Deed Book 3, Page 521 (Deed of Trust)

William Hill of Wythe Co., Va. in trust to Thomas Wilson and Paul C. Hill, William Bonner, Thomas Bonner as securities

with John F. Poimdexter as trustee, all (of?) Stokes & Surry, NC. William (Hill) borrows purchased money for forge and ore, above. (He) owes Bank of Cape Fear (Salem Branch) and Thomas Bonner. (William Hill) Mortgages wagons, livestock, lumber, 9,000 pounds of iron. Here Paul C. Hill of Surry or Stokes, NC is security for the loan to William Hill of Wythe (Co.) Va. End of quoted data.

My Comments: The relationship of Paul C. Hill to this William Hill of Wythe Co., Va. is unknown. Based on census data, he does not appear to be a son. It is very obvious that this William Hill was a active, wealthy business man but, as many business men often do, had to mortgage a lot of property & borrow the money necessary to operate his business ventures. I wonder if that initial "C" stands for Costello (Paul Costello Hill)?

Surry Co., NC Deed

"1844 Surry Co., NC Deed Book 3, Page 529

Joseph Howard of Surry, NC to William Hill of Wythe Co., Va. Forge lands and ore rights, five tracts on and near Tom's Creek, Surry (Co.) NC-(in?) western Surry, (located in?) Westfield (District), Chinquapin Creek-(in) Stokes County line vicinity. Deed mentions original owner was Nathan Haines, deceased, second owners Jonathan & Nathan Haines, heirs. The coincidence is noted. Nathan Haines and successors Haines here convey forge and ore lands to William Hill AND Isaac Haynes and William Hill partners in forge and ore lands on Tarrarat (River?) in 1780. Generations of same families (?)."

Comments by Robert Hill:

This land seems to have been located on the border of Surry and Stokes Counties, NC. The SC records shows Isaac Haynes was a partner with a William Hill of York County, SC in the business of minig and smelting iron ore. This William Hill had died in December of 1816 and Isaac Haynes had also died at an undetermined date. A Nathan Haynes was heir of Isaac Haynes. This Nathan Haynes ahd also died, leaving probably two sons as heirs, a Jonathan and Nathan Haynes, who were selling their lands to another unrelated William, Hill of Wythe County, Va.

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