

R.146 LAW SUIT BY RICHARD HILL 5/ TO REGAIN POSSESSION OF SLAVES OWNED BY MOTHER CHARITY LEWIS HILL, FILED ON 23RD SEPTEMBER 1829 IN BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA.

Originally entered in ???, was lost but Reentered in March of 1999 by Robert R. Hill of Brandon, Fla.

Source: Letter containing information from Mrs Hamlett of Albany, Georgia.

1829 BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

RICHARD HILL and others VS Susannah Ross, 1829, a bill of Account Discovery, and PARTITION filed 23rd September 1829. A Will signed on or about the 23rd of November 1759 by RICHARD LEWIS, late of Halifax County, NC lefy to daughter CHARITY a slave DORCAS and her increase, then to go to grandsons i.e. RICHARD HILL & LEWIS HILL.

The daughter CHARITY, onm or about 4th August 1820, at asn advanced age, died in Hancock County, Georgia, and slaves went into the hands of CHARITY'S children by a second marriage.

end of law suit.

Comments to the above by Robert Hill:

The relationship of Susannag Ross to the Hill family is unknown. Apparently she had possession of one or more of the slaves involved. Charity Hill may have remarried after the death of William Hill Dr 4/ (husband) as implied in the law suit, and since she was buried on a Brantley plantation, she may have married a Brantley.

William Hill Sr 4/ (husband of Charity Lewis, died in Hancock County, Georga, sometime after 29th NOvember 1802 and before February of 1806. [Note: Death period based on land deeds of NC & Ga].

I had no knowledge of Charity's second marriage. Assuming this to be true, then I think this defendant (Susannah Ross) was a step child of Charity Hill be her second marriage, and the name of Ross is her married name.

CHARITY LEWIS HILL & HUSBAND WILLIAM HILL SR. 4/ ALSO HAD A SON, ENOCH HILL, WHO MARRIED TWO BRANTLEY SISTERS. THE FACT THAT SHE WAS BURIED ON A BRANTLEY PLANTATION COULD BE THE RESULT OF ENOCH'S CONNECTIONS TO THE BRANTLEYS, OR SHE MAY HAVE REMARRIED A BRANTLEY.

I HAVE THE NAME OF THE BRANTLY PLANTATION OWNER, BUT CAN'T

LOCATE IT NOW.. I WILL KEEP TRYINMG.

THE RESULTS OF THIS CASE IS UNKNOWN, BUT RESEARCH IN BARNWELL COUNTY, SC MAY TURN UP THE ANSWER.

RICHARD HILL 5/, BORN 1757, DIED IN 1832, SHORTLY AFTER THIS LAW SUIT AT AGE OF ABOUT 73..

ISAAC HILL (M. COURTNEY BRASWELL) OF MONROE COUNTY, GEORGIA, GAVE A DEPOSITION (THAT HAS BEEN MISPLACED) THAT STATED HE KNEW "WILL HILL & CHARIT" IN NC.

THIS ISAAC HILL WAS A BROTHER OF A RICHARD HILL, WHO MARRIED TOPPIN BRASWELL, SISTER TO COURTNEY. I BELIEVE THESE TWO BROTHERS (ISAAC & RICHARD) WERE SONS OF ONE OF THREE SONS OF ROBERT HILL 3/ & WIFE TABITHA, OF FALIFAX CO, NC. THOSE SONS WERE: SION HILL 4/, GREEN HILL 4/ & ABNER HILL 4/.

IF TRUE, THEN ISAAC HILL WAS A COUSIN TO RICHARD HILL 5/, THE PLAINTIFF OF THE ABOVE LAW SUIT. THIS HAS NOT BEEN PROVED.

Remarks by R. Hill: This Isaac Hill later went to Monroe County, GeorgiA and in 1829, gave a deposition to the courts regarding a Law Suit filed by Richard Hill 5/ & other (of NC) VS Susannah Ross of Barnwell Co., SC.

Testimony of Isaac Hill of Monroe County, GA. (on) 11 October 1825.

Isaac was 50 years old on the 28th of May 1825, (so born in 1775) and a brother of RICHARD HILL; both claimed the same mother & father. (Too bad they were not named). He reported that Lewis Hill had died nearly 30 years ago in Franklin Co., NC, and (the) witness knew Lewis Hill & his wife Rebecca in Franklin County, NC.

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The brother of Isaac Hill, named Richard Hill, WAS NOT the one that filed this Law Suit. Apparently Richard Hill 5/ (a son of the deceased Charity) sued to gain possession of slaves left to his mother, Charity Lewis Hill by the will of her father, Richard Lewis. The slaves were to go to two grandsons of Richard Lewis, Lewis Hill 5/, who died in 1795 & Richard Hill 5/, who lived until 1832. The mother, Charity Lewis, died on 4 August 1820 in Hancock Co., Ga. Just how or why this Isaac Hill was involved is not completely clear, but I suspect he was a cousinb to William Hill Sr 4/, husband to this Charity Lerwis.

These are important notations but I am not sure just what they were about or what is significant of these dates. I understand that a Richard Hill & a Isaac Hill (probably brothers) married sisters but have been unable to tie these two Hills into a family line as yet.

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