

R.163 FRANCIS HILL OF DUPLIN/SAMPSON CO., NC

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FRANCIS HILL OF SAMPSON COUNTY, NC

Provided by Mrs. Warren:

Francis Hill was born in Virginia between 1740 and 1750. He is said to have first married a woman named Elizabeth -- ?

Francis Hill was found in Newton Grove, Sampson Co., NC and married 2nd time to Mary Blackman, daughter of Joseph Blackman & Elizabeth Lee.

The Will for Francis Hill found in Sampson County, NC list son Bennett Hill, Martha Hill m. John Thornton, Albey Hill m. William Werstbrook and Hester Hill m. Simon Hobbs.

Explanation: Listed below will be found deeds, court minutes and estate papers concerning Francis Hill in Sampson County, NC. Most of the information is "Abstracted Information," with little or no details. Occasionally the court minutes listed some details and they are listed when available.

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Note: Sampson County, NC created from Duplin County in 1784.

DUPLIN/SAMPSON CO., NC DEED, BOOK 5, PAGE 359

100 13 SEPTEMBER 1739, FRANICS HILL TO JOAB BLACKMAN, DOWER OF ELIZABETH, 2 TRACTS OF LAND CONTAINING 297 ACRES, LOCATED GREAT COHEAR.

WITS: JESSE WARD, JOSIAH BLACKMAN.

MY COMMENTS: THIS IS A CONFUSING TRANSACTION AND CAUSES SEVERAL PROBLEMS..

FIRST OFF, THIS TRANSACTION ORIGINALLY TOOK PLACE IN DUPLIN CO., NC BECAUSE SAMPSON COUNTY WAS NOT CREATED FROM DUPLIN COUNTY UNTIL 1787. THIS SALE WAS MADE IN 1737.

SECOND, INFORMATION GIVEN TO ME BY MRS. WARREN STATES THAT FRANCIS HILL AND ELIZABETH HAD ONE CHILD, A SON, BENNETT HILL. I AM TOLD BY MRS. WARREN THAT FRANCIS HILL WAS 20 YEARS OLD IN 1770, BUT IF TRUE, WHO WAS THIS FRANCIS HILL IN DUPLIN CO., NC IN 1737??

THIRD, MRS. WARREN STATES THAT FRANCIS HILL MARRIED A SECOND TIME TO MARY BLACKMAN, WHO WAS 12 YEARS OLD IN 1770. THIS MARRIAGE IS SAID TO HAVE TAKEN PLACE A FEW YEARS AFTER 1770. AGAIN, WHO WAS THE FRANCIS HILL THAT SOLD THE 1737 DOWER OF ELIZABETH IN SAMPSON COUNTY, NC? WAS ELIZABETH HIS WIFE??

FOURTH, IF THE ABOVE DATA PROVIDED BY MRS. WARREN IS CORRECT, THEN WE MUST BE DEALING WITH TWO FRANCIS HILLS AND TWO ELIZABETHS. NOTE THAT MRS. WARREN STATES THE ABOVE FRANCIS HILL IS SAID TO HAVE BEEN BORN IN VA. BETWEEN 1745 AND 1750. THIS 1737 SALE OF DOWER WAS DATED BEFORE THE BIRTH OF FRANCIS HILL IN VA., HOWEVER, MRS WARREN SAYS THE FRANCIS HILL, B. IN VA., IS LISTED AS HAVING A WIFE ELIZABETH--?

MRS WARREN SAYS A BIBLE RECORDS STATES THAT THE FIRST AND ONLY CHILD OF FRANCIS HILL AND WIFE ELIZABETH IS SAID TO BE BENNETT HILL, BORN IN SEPTEMBER 1769 IN VA.

MRS WARREN SAYS FRANCIS HILL WAS AGE 20 IN 1770, INDICATING HIS BIRTH WAS CA. 1750, AND SINCE BENNETT HILL WAS BORN IN SEPTEMBER 1769, INDICATES TO ME THAT FRANCIS HILL AND ELIZABETH PROBABLY MARRIED IN 1768.

ASSUMING HE (FRANCIS) WAS BETWEEN AGE 20-25 WHEN HE MARRIED, IN 1768, INDICATES TO ME THAT FRANCIS HILL WAS BORN CA. 1743 AND 1748, AND COULD NOT POSSIBLY BE THE SAME MAN THAT SOLD THE DOWRY OF ELIZABETH IN 1737 IN DUPLIN COUNTY, NC, NOR THE ONE MRS WARREN SAYS WAS. BORN BETWEEN 1745 AND 1750 IN VA.

THE MYSTERY CONTINUES ON... SEE FIRST DEED/SALE BELOW..

EARLY HILLS TAXPAYERS IN SAMPSON CO., NC

1784 Francis Hill

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THE FIRST CHILD OF THE ABOVE FRANCIS HILL WAS BENNETT HILL, BORN IN 1769, AND ASSUMING HE (FRANCIS) WAS BETWEEN AGE 20-25 WHEN HE MARRIED, INDICATES FRANCIS WAS BORN CA. 1768 AND 1773 AND WAS NOT THE ONE SAID TO HAVE BEEN BORN BETWEEN 1745 AND 1750 IN VA.

IT APPEARS THAT A FRANCOS HILL WAS SELLING HIS WIFE'S (ELIZABETH) DOWER. THIS SEEMS TO IMPLY THAT ELIZABETH WAS NOW DEAD... HOW CAN IT BE???

DEED IN DUPLIN/SAMPSON CO. NC, BOOK 4, PAGE 323

102 APRIL 1770, DUCT (SIC) DEES (SIC) TO JOSEPH BLACKMAN, 20 POUNDS FOR 80 ACRES, OLD FIELD OF THOMAS ODOM WHERE HE LIVED

WITS: FRANCIS HILL, JOHN STRICKLIN

DEED IN DUPLIN/SAMPSON CO., NC BOOK 4, PAGE 343

103 17 JULY 1770, LUKE WOODWARD TO BARTHOLOMEW GAINEY, 17 POUNDS FOR 120 ACRES ON S SIDE STE (SIC) WARTS CREEK, BOUNDED BY MEADOW'S LAND.

WITS: FRANCIS HILL, JOSEPH WILLIAMS

DEED IN SAMPSON CO., NC

374 4 JANUARY 1772 SAMUEL STRICKLAND TO THOMAS STRICKLAND, FOR 10 POUNDS, ?? ACRES LAND ON W SIDE NIXON BRANCH.

WITS: JOHN THORNTON, RICHARD HILL

MY COMMENTS: THIS RICHARD HILL WAS BROTHER TO FRANCIS HILL. IT IS OBVIOUS THAT FRANCIS HILL, RICHARD HILL HAD CLOSE TIES WITH THE THORNTON FAMILY.

DEED IN SAMPSON CO., NC BOOK 7, PAGE 226

104 27 JANUARY 1774, KINCHEN KITCHEN TO ABNER ENGLAND OF JOHNSON CO., 150 ACRES FOR 13 POUNDS, N SIDE GREAT COHERAY, ORIGINAL PATENT TO KITCHEN DATED 20 DEC. 1770.

WITS: FRANCIS HILL, DAVID LEE

DEED IN DUPLUN/SAMPSON CO., NC BOOK 4, PAGE 343

95 31 AUGUST 1773, SAMUEL SMITH OF JOHNSON CO., NC TO FRANCIS HILL, 167 ACRES FOR 60 POUNDS, ORIGINALLY GRANTED TO SAMUEL SMITH ON 29 SEPTEMBER 1754.

WITS: JOSHUA BELL, JOHN BLACKMAN

MY COMMENTS: THIS SHOWS US THAT FRANCIS HILL WAS IN DUPLIN CO., NC BY AUGUST 1773.

DEED IN DUPLIN/SAMPSON CO., NC BOOK 4, PAGE 343

96 31 AUGUST 1774, SAMUEL SMITH, MERCHANT OF JOHNSON CO., NC TO FRANCIS HILL, FOR 50 POUNDS, 200 ACRES PART OF LAND WHERE ARTHUR BLACKMAN FORMERLY LIVED, ORIGINAL GRANT TO JOHN BLACKMAN DATED 27 SEPT. 1745.

MY COMMENTS: THIS WAS ORIGINALLY IN DUPLIN CO., NC, AND AS OF 1784 WAS IN SAMPSON CO., NC. FRANCIS HILL WAS EXPANDING HIS LANDS.

DEED IN DUPLIN/SAMPSON CO., NC BOOK 5, PAGE 343

98 12 MAY 1777, FRANCIS HILL TO RICHARD HILL FOR 15 POUNDS, 150 ACRES EAST SIDE OF GREAT CHOREARY

WITS: JESSE WARD, JOSEPH VICK

MY COMMENTS: I BELIEVE THIS RICHARD HILL WAS A BROTHER OF FRANCIS HILL AND GREEN HILL.

DEED IN SAMPSON CO., NC BOOK 7, PAGE 66

101 30 MAY 1780, WM. WILLIFORF TO GEORGE LASSETTER, 200 ACRES FOR 600 POUNDS MPNEY, LAND LOCATED E SIDE GREAT COHERY MENTIONS PETER LEE.

WITS: FRANCIS HILL

Comment: This deed originally Duplin Co., NC as Sampson Co., not created until 1784.

SAMPSON CO., NC DEED, BOOK B, PAGE 75

623 7 AUGUST 1782, JAMES COOK TO WILLIAM WILLIAMSON FOR 50 POUNDS, 100 ACRES AT HEAD OF SODDER CREEK, MENTIONS ISAAC HILL'S LAND, GR. HILL (GREEN HILL?). 22 FEB. 1773 (SIC).

WITS: JOSEPH HILL, RICHARD MYLES.

My Comment: This Abstracted Data is a bit confusing.. I think this mentions Green Hill either sold or gave land to Cook on 22 Feb. 1773 but not sure..

Jerry, you think Isaac Hill was a son of a Wm. Hill of Brunswick Co., Va.. If so that is another Hill family that connects to the Isaac Hill & wife (??_ Jennings line.

SAMPSON CO., NC DEED, BOOK 8, PAGE 375

94 1 MARCH 1790, FRANCIS HILL TO JOSIAH BLACKMAN, ONE NEGRO SLAVE NAMED BOB FOR 120 POUNDS.

WITS: JOAB BLACKMAN, HENRY LING

Court Minutes, Wednesday, 14 FEB. 1787, FRANCIS HILL ADMINISTRATOR FOR WM. KENAN ESTATE

SAMPSON CO., NC DEED, BOOK 8, PAGE 375

94 1 MARCH 1790, FRANCIS HILL TO JOSIAH BLACKMAN, ONE NEGRO SLAVE NAMED BOB FOR 120 POUNDS.

WITS: JOAB BLACKMAN, HENRY LING

120 27 MARCH 1796, GEORGE SMITH TO THOMAS THORNTON, 3 POUNDS FOR FURNITURE,

WITS: BENJAMIM THORNTON & GREEN HILL.

My Comments: Jerry, Remember these names of Thornton & the Sion Hill affair with a Mendi (Mendy) Thornton, a bastard child?

SAMPSON CO., NC DEED, BOOK 9, PAGE 345

97 17 OCTOBER 1796, FRANCIS HILL TO JOAB BLACKMAN FIR 50 POUNDS, 114 ACRES EAST SIDE GREAT COHEAR, PART OF TRACT TO FRANCIS HILL DATED 10 NOVEMBER 1784.

WITS: BATT LEE & JOHN BRYAN

MY COMMENTS: THIS SHOWS FRANCIS HILL WAS SELLING PART OF THE LAND HE OBTAINED ON 10TH NOV. 1784.

SAMPSON CO., NC DEED, BOOK 11, PAGE 52

93 12 NOVEMBER 1798, FRANCIS HILL TO BENNETT HILL, HIS SON,

THE PLANTATION WHERE I DWELL.

WITS: JOAB BLACKMAN.

MY COMMENTS: I THINK FRANCIS HILL WAS ABOUT TO DIE AND KNOWING IT, LEF HIS PLANTATION TO SON BENNETT HILL

DEED BY FRANCIS HILL IN SAMPSON CO., NC BOOK 11 PAGE 240

99 12 FEBRUARY 1800, FRANCIS HILL TO JOSIAH BLACKMAN, FOR 200 POUNDS, 1 NEGRO NAMED GEORGE, AGE 17..

WITS: JOAB BLACKMAN

MY COMMENTS: THIS IS CONFUSING AS FRANCIS HILL WAS DEAD BY THIS SATE. BOTH THE DATE OF THIS TRANSACTION AND THE DATE OF THE WILL, PROBATED IN 1799. THIS TRANSACTION WAS PROBABLY STARTED BEFORE FRANCIS HILL DIED, THEN COMPLETED[ON THIS DATE. I HAVE NO OTHER CLUE TO THIS ACTION.

FOLLOWING TAKEN FROM OLD'S NC WILLS

A notation states Quote: "These sills copied as they appear in book. They are not on record."

1799, THE WILL OF FRANCIS HILL WAS PRODUCED TO COURT BY JOSIAH BLACKMAN. see details below from court minutes..

"JOSIAH BLACKMAN PRODUCED TO THE COURT THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF FRANCIS HILL, DECEASED, WHICH WAS ADMITTED TO PROBATE BY THE OATH OF JOHN THORNTON AND SAMPSON LEE."

"ORDERED THAT THE EXECUTOR OF FRANCIS HILL, DECEASED, SE;; SUCH PROPERTY AS THE WILL REQUIRES."

MY COMMENTS: IT APPEARS THAT FRANCIS HILL DIED IN 1799. WE NEED A COPY OF THAT WILL AS IT APPEARS HE DIRECTED SOME OF HIS PROPERTY BE SOLD. SEE OTHER RELATED TRANSACTION OF THE ESTATE BELOW.

WILL OF FRANCIS HILL, SAMPSON CO., NC NOT LISTED

105 21 DECEMBER 1800, EXECUTOR BENNETT HILL (SON), JOSEPH BLACKMAN, MENTIONS SON BENNETT HILL, DAUGHTER MARTHA, SON IN LAW JOHN THORNTON, ALEY WESTBROOK SON IN LAW, WM. WESTBROOK, DAUGHTER HESTER HOBBS, SON IN LAW SIMON HOBBS.

MY COMMENTS: This is will of Francis Hill. No mention of any wife.

Francis Hill Will names sin Bennett Hill, daughter: Martha, m. John Thornton; (Son?) William, daughters: Aley Westbrook; Hester, m. Simon Hobbs.

12 MAY 1801, FRANCIS HILL, DECEASED, ESTATE: TO EACH EXECUTOR BLACKMAN PRODUCED INVENTORY ACCOUNT.

MY COMMENTS: APPARENTLY THE ESTATE WAS NOT YET DISTRIBUTED TO THE HEIRS

9 FEBRUARY 1802, FRANCIS HILL ESTATE: SAMPSON LEE APPOINTED TO COMMITTEE TO SETTLE ESTATE OF FRANCIS HILL, DECEASED.

MY COMMENTS: OBVIOUSLY THE ESTATE HAD NOT BEEN SETTLED.

1802, FRANCIS HILL ESTATE: ALEXANDER FLEMMING RETURNED INTO COURT THE AMOUNT OF THE ESTATE OF FRANCIS HILL, DECEASED, WHICH IS 317 POUNDS, 14 SHILLINGS 10 AND 1/2 PENCE. EACH LEGATTE'S PART 99 POUNDS 16 SHILLING 10 AND 1/2 PENCE.

MY COMMENTS: THE COURT'S FINAL APPRAISAL OF FRANCIS HILL'S ESTATE.

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MY COMMENTS: THIS SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN THE FINAL SETTLEMENT OF FRANCIS HILL'S ESTATE.

OTHER INFORMATION FROM SAMPSON CO., NC

Note: This deed below shows that a Green Hill had a wife named Feraby --? and was apparently a brother to a FRANCIS HILL & Richard Hill. (See both deeds).

Source: Book 9 Sampson County, NC Deeds

Page 316 Deed: Dated 21 October 1794.
Green Hill and Feraby Hill to Furnifold Wood: Trans.: 60 pounds "current money" for 75 acres "Beginning at the Run of Kill Peacock Swamp, On the said Wood's line running with the various courses of the Run as it meanders to the upper Patten line," etc. Tract was "half of a certain piece....of land granted by Patent to FRANCIS HILL and transferred by deed from him the said FRANCIS HILL his Brother" (sic). Wit.: Jos. Slocumb and Noah Smith. (See notes 3, 12, 15K, 21 and 24e).

Comments: This proves a Francis Hill was brother to this Green Hill. I over looked the foot note by accident but they may be very important.

Page 18. Deed: Dated 24 October 1794.
Green Hill to Sion Hill. Trans. 60 pounds "currant money of the State" for 75 acres "Beginning... in Goodricks line."
Deed mentions a pond, the run of Kill Peacock Swamp, and Furnifold Wood's and the said Sion Hill Corner." Tract was "half of a certain parcel of land granted by patent to Francis Hill and transferred by deed from him the said FRANCIS HILL to Richard Hill, his brother." Wit.: Joseph Slocumb & Noah Smith. (See notes 3, 12, 15K, 21 and 24).

Comments by Robert Hill: This deed definitely shows that Francis Hill, Green Hill & Richard Hill were brothers. I am not totally convinced that Sion Hill was a brother, BUT INSTEAD A SIN OF THE ABOVE GREEN HILL. I think they tie into the Hill family of Surry Co., Va.

1790 SAMPSON CO., NC CENSUS
males over under females Includes slaves
16 16 Head of household
Jean Hill, 1 2 4 0
Francis Hill 6 1 3 4

Note: A Jean Hill was wife of a John Hill. A Jean Hill had a bastard child. Notice she is listed of her own household with children. John & Jean Hill divided up the estate and I believe this was her. I think her maiden name was Kenan.

1800 CENSUS FOR SAMPSON CO., NC.

SION HILL MALES 16-26 1 born between 1776-1786
FEMALES 16-26 1 " " " "

My Comments: It is my suspicion that this Sion Hill was a son of a Green Hill, who had brothers Francis & Richard Hill.

1800 census for Sampson Cco., NC

BENNETT HILL MALES 3 UNDER 10
1 26-45 born between 1755-1776
FEMALES 2 UNDER 10
2 16-26 3 SLAVES

1810 CENSUS INDEX FOR SAMPSON CO., NC

479 Bebbett Hill (Bennett?)
#. 479 Green Hill
no other data was given by copier. TOO BAD

BELOW IS A MARRIAGE CONCERNING A FRANCIS HILL IN CRAVEN CO.,
NC. THIS HILL FAMILY ORIGINATED IN EASTERN SHORE MARYLAND,
THEN TO NC... A RICHARD HILL & LEVI HILL WERE BROTHERS. I
THINK FRANCIS HILL WAS TOO... THIS IS NOT THE FRANCIS HILL
IN SAMPSON CO., NC

108 28 NOV. 1793, FRANCIS HILL MARRIED REBECCA PEARCE,
BONDSMAN: LEVI HILL.

WITS: S, CHAPMAN

END OF DATA