

SC.001 INFORMATION ON THE CHARLES HILL FAMILY OF  
CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA.

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CHARLES HILL SR. 1/ Charles Hill 1/ died in 1734. He was the father of Charles Hill Jr. 2/ (d. 1751); grandfather of Benjamin Guerard; son in law of John Godfrey (d.1717?); father in law of John Guerard (1706-1764) and Maurice Lewis; brother in law of John Godfrey (d. 1722) and John Abraham Motte.

Charles Hill 1/ immigrated to South Carolina early in the eighteenth century and settled Hillgrave (sic) plantation near Charleston. He left his wife Joan to manage the plantation and sailed for Jamaica where in 1710 he was a merchant.

Sometime within the next two years he returned to South Carolina and in 1712, he purchased a 500 acre plantation on Seewee Bay.

Using property inherited by his second wife, Elizabeth Godfrey, as a nucleus he (Charles) accumulated 300 1/2 acres on the Ashley River opposite Charleston which he settled as "Hillsborough" plantation. Although he owned several plantations, Hill was a Charleston merchant and was concerned with the Indian trade.

As the senior partner in CHARLES HILL & COMPANY, he accumulated a sizable fortune. In 1717 Hill was one of five men elected to fill the four seats allotted to St. Phillip Parish.

Two won their seats outright, but Hill, William Gibbon and Samuel Wragg received equal votes. When one of the winners chose to represent another parish, the remaining three qualified to represent the parish in the Sixteenth Assembly (1717-1720).

As a member of the assembly he signed a petition asking for royal government to replace the proprietors. Hill was a member of the First Royal Assembly (1721-1724) but declined to represent St. Phillip Parish in the Fourth Royal Assembly (1728).

Among his other offices were  
Commissioner, under the Church Act of 1706 (1712).  
Vestryman for Christ Church Parish (1712-1713).

Commissioner, to build a sea wall at Charleston (1714).  
Commissioner, for raising forces to fight the Indians (1715).  
Tax assessor, under the Revenue Act (1716).  
Commissioner of Indian Affairs (1716).  
Commissioner, to try the pirates (1717).  
Commissioner, to pay for Indian trips to Charleston (1721).  
Justice of the peace for Berkeley County (1721, 1734).  
Assistant judge (1721)  
Chief Justice (1722-1724) of the Court of Common Pleas and  
General Sessions.  
Tax assessor for Charleston (1725).

On 13 January 1715 Hill married (2nd time) to ELIZABETH  
GODFREY, daughter of John Godfrey. They had 10 children:

Richard Hill 2/  
Eliz abeth Hill 2/ (m. John Guerard)  
Charles Hill Jr. 2/  
Jane Hill 2/ (m. Maurice Lewis)  
John Hill 2/  
Sarah Hill 2/ (m. Dr. John Lining)  
Mary Hill 2/ (m. John Beswicke),  
Robert Hill 2/  
Judith Hill 2/  
William Jeffries Hill 2/.

Charles Hill 1/ was buried on the 27th July 1734 in St.  
Andrew Parish.

Sixteenth Assembly St Philip

1717-1720 First Royal Assembly Member  
1721-1724 Fourth Royal Assembly St. Philip 1728

Note by R. Hill: The following provided to me by Mr.  
Jonathan Butcher, Professional Genealogist. It is a record  
of the children of Charles Hill 1/ in the St. Andrew Parish  
Register. It was somewhat damaged and some of the dates were  
lost.

(these were 2nd generation children)

1. Elizabeth , baptized 19 November 171-, St. Andrews  
Parish.
  2. Charles Jr., baptized 13 February ----.
  3. Jane, baptized 24 May 1718.
  4. John, baptized 21 December 1719.
  5. Sarah, born 17 April 1721. In 1757 she was the wife of  
John Lining of Charleston.
  6. Mary, born 15 January 1722/23.
  7. Robert, baptized 17 April 1726, buried 16 May 1727.
  8. Judith, buried 25 May 1732.
  9. William Jeffries, born 29 January 1729/30 St. Phillips  
Parish, buried 5 April 1734 St Andrews Parish.
- In the deed of 1757 (RR:350) it is stated that when widow

Elizabeth (Godfrey) (Hill) Quincy returned to England she deeded her lot in Charleston to Jacob Motte in trust for her daughter Sarah.

This seems to tie in with the reference in the will of John Abraham Motte of Berkeley ounty S.C., dated 24 August 1710, who appointed as executor his brother in law CHARLES HILL 1/, "now of Jamaica, merchant." Charles Hill 1/ was apparently related to Richard Hill 1/ of Charleston. On 2nd September 1717 a deed for a lot in Charleston from John Kinard to Charles Hill 1/ was witnessed by Richard Hill 1/ (A:10). (Charles & Richard assumed to be brothers).

"Mrs. Hill ye wife of Mr. Richard Hill" was buried in St. Phillips Parish on 21 July 1734. Richard Hill Esq., of "Charles Town, Berkeley County" made a will on 2 June 1746, proven 3 April 1747. This refers to a marriage settlement made with his late wife, GRACE FARMER, for lands in Bear Forest, called Carrigane Shoneenberg, in the Parish of Mallow, County Cork, Ireland.

Reference is also made to land purchased of Robert Farmer Esq. and wife Grace of the City of Cork. Richard Hill appointed as executors his son CHARLES HILL, John Guerard and JACOB MOTTE, while witnesses were David Hext, John Dart and John Mackenzie. Richard Hill 1/ left property to his sons CHARLES HILL 2/, ROBERT HILL 2/ and WILLIAM HOWELL HILL 2/, and to his nephew Richard, Guerard, son of brother in law John Guerard. Now a younger Charles Hill 2/, probably son of one or the other of the two previous (Charles Sr. 1/ or Richard Hill 1/), married in St. Phillips Parish on 6 March 1745 to Sarah Smith.

This Charles Hill 2/ made a will on 18th November 1750, proven 22 November 1751, which is said to be in part destroyed.

He apparently left all his pro perty to his wife Sarah. Executors were his wife, Charles Faucheraud and Richard Gough. Witnesses were Ann Smith, Jane Faucheraud and B. Stanyarne.

CHARLES HILL JR. 2/ (d. 1751). SON OF CHARLES HILL 1/ (d. 1734); grandson of John Godfrey (d. 1717?) son in law of George Smith (1693-1730) brother in law of John Guerard (1706-1764) and Maurice Lewis.

Charles Hill (Jr.) 2/, son of Charles Hill 1/ and Elizabeth Godfrey, was born in St. Andrew Parish sometime between 1715 and 1718.

With his in laws he was a member of the prosperous mercantile firm of HILL & GUERARD, which had considerable interests in

