

VA.016 GENEALOGY OF A HILL FAMILY ORIGINALLY OF VIRGINIA,
BUT LATER OF DUPLIN, ONSLOW & CARTERT COUNTY NORTH
CAROLINA...

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INTRODUCTION

A lot of people consider that William Hill, who came from England to Boston Harbor on the ship "William & Francis" to be the progenitor of the Hill Family in America. He archived many distinctions in Massachusetts, and later in Connecticut, where he removed in 1644. He apparently died ca. 1649, for the records that have survived of that time, refers to his wife Sarah as a widow.

His six children, five of whom were sons, probably accounts for the fact that branches of the Hill Family are so numerous. Today, branches of the Hill family can be found in every state in the Union, and they are well represented in the arts, sciences, and other professions (medicine, law etc..) as well as the world of commerce.

It must be pointed out that someone doing this research has completely ignored the Southern states in the above research because in just (alone) Virginia Court records shows that MARMADUKE HILL came to Virginia in 1611, some 21 years before the above William Hill landed in Boston. A JOHN HILL came to Virginia in 1620. EDMUND HILL, THOMAS HILL, WILLIAM HILL and ISMAIL HILL...all arrived in Virginia in 1623.

Another JOHN HILL came to Virginia in 1635 as well as ROBERT HILL (1642) & progenitor of the famous "Surry Co., Va. Hills" and a WILLIAM HILL.

One JOHN HILL, who came to Virginia, is said to be the son of Stephen Hill of Oxford and was by trade a book binder.

According to the best records (??) NICHOLAS & SYLVESTER HILL received land grants in the upper Parish on the James River in Isle of Wight County Virginia. Their daughter MARTHA HILL, married ca. 1672 to John Best III., who was born 1652 and died ca. 1694.

(NOTE: This just might be the same Hill Family that was connected to the Woodlee Genealogy).

Colonial Records of Hills in Virginia as well as a D.A.R. line, shows that THOMAS HILL 1/ (b. 1612) of England, came to Virginia in 1620. He later married Mary Piersey (born 1630?-died 1670). They lived in York County, Virginia. Thomas Hill

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served in the House of Burgess in 1641. "Captain" Thomas Hill also served in the York County Militia. He was the owner of large tracts of land.

Note by Robert Hill: Nugent states that Thomas Hill was a brother of a John Hill (Sheriff of Norfolk Co., Va) and Nicholas Hill that married Sylvester Bennett. I am not convinced of that fact.

THOMAS HILL 2/ son of THOMAS 1/, is said to have been born in 1634 but either this is wrong or the birth of his mother is wrong. He died 1669 and married in 1657 to Frances -----?

THOMAS HILL 3/ son of THOMAS 2/, (THOMAS 1/) was born 1658 and died 1720, married in 1677 to Ann Russell, who was born 1660.

THOMAS HILL 4/ son of THOMAS 3/, (THOMAS 2/, THOMAS 1/) was born ca. 1680 and died 1720, married Edith Bell.
(The above was one family)

JOHN HILL, born 1700, married in 1753 to Elizabeth Johnson.

ROBERT HILL, was born 1758 and died 1822, married Rebecca Caldwell (b. 1765-1843).

Now it is known that one William Hill 3/ was born in 1713 in Virginia, and was the son of Captain Isaac Hill 2/ and Margaret Jennings, dau. of Governor Jennings. Isaac Hill 2/ was the progenitor of some of the Hills of Brunswick Co., Va and Carteret, Onslow and Duplin Counties in N.C.

Captain Isaac Hill 2/ of Virginia was the son of a ROBERT HILL 1/, who came to Virginia in 1635 and settled in Culpepper County, Virginia. (Ref: Christ Church Register,

Middlesex County Virginia).

Bertie County N.C. Records indicate that RICHARD HILL, ROGER HILL & FRANCIS HILL were living in that precinct in 1718. It is strongly suspected that all of these 3 men came directly from England into North Carolina.

Craven County N.C. records indicate one Richard Hill was a tanner, according to DEED BOOK II, page 619. The same reference indicates that Roger Hill and John Richard Hill settled on South River in Craven Precinct in 1710. That same year, Francis Hill settled on Adams Creek (see Land Grant Book II, pages 356 and 362).

In 1723, John Hill, Francis Hill and Richard Hill were selected jurymen in Bertie precinct, of N.C..

On the 17th of February 1728, Richard Hill made his will in Craven precinct, naming his daughter Ann Jones, son in law

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Evan Jones, grand daughter Elizabeth Hill and brother Francis Hill. (Craven County Court Minutes).

In 1729, Thomas Spivey made his will and named the following: William Hill son-in-law, Mary Spivey and two grand daughters Mary & Susanna Hill. This will was recorded in Bertie precinct of N.C.

Nathaniel Hill 3/, son of Captain Isaac Hill 2/ of Virginia, lived in Bertie precinct also. (NOTE: Bertie was not yet a county but was part of Halifax County N.C. Also suspect that someone has got the wrong Isaac Hill listed here. The father of Nathaniel Hill 3/ was a Isaac Hill, who died in 1710 and who came from Nansemond County, Va).

Records in Craven County N.C. (DEED BOOK 2, Page 409) shows a deed dated 12 March 1743/44 from Matthew Cupper (Cooper?) of Craven, to ROBERT HILL, County of Bartee (Bertie), yeoman in Province of North Carolina for 30 pounds, 150 acres in Craven County on the north side of the Neuse River, on the south side of Great Contentnea Creek, being land on which Matthew Allen now lives, being the upper half of said Allen's survey of 300 acres.

GENEALOGY OF THE ROBERT HILL 1/ HILL FAMILY OF CULPEPPER
COUNTY VIRGINIA.

SOURCE: Researched by Prof. Claude Moore of Mt. Olive
College.

ROBERT HILL 1/ came from England to Culpepper County Virginia
in 1635 and was married to -----? The only known
child was Captain Isaac Hill 2/.

CAPTAIN ISAAC HILL 2/, born 1680 & died 1734. He was married
to Margaret Jennings, the daughter of Colonial Governor
Edmund Jennings. He resided in King & Queen County Virginia.
His son was WILLIAM HILL 3/.

WILLIAM HILL 3/. was born 1713 and died 1799 in Virginia.
He was first married to Catherine Read, the sister of Colonel
Clement Read. They first settled a plantation in Brunswick,
Virginia, later known as Lunenburg County Virginia. In 1765
they moved from Virginia, purchased and settled a plantation
on Cedar Point N.C. Some of the business records refer to
this place as being in Onslow County N.C. while others
mention Cedar Point Carteret County N.C. In 1769 William Hill
3/ obtained two more plantations in Duplin County N.C.

children:

1. Elizabeth Hill 4/ married Burwell Lanier and had 10
children.
2. Major Hill 4/ died in 1772 unmarried.
3. John Hill 4/ married 1772 to Jane Kenan. He died 1807.
4. Isaac Hill 4/ married Elizabeth Hatch and had 9

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- children. He died in 1815.
5. Thomas Hill 4/ born ca. 1758, his mother died very
shortly after his birth. Thomas Hill 4/ died in 1833.
He was married twice, 1st to Elizabeth Allen in 1777.
2nd marriage was in 1781 to Frances Smith of Maryland
and said to be quite wealthy.

WILLIAM HILL 3/ remarried a 2nd time to a widow MRS.
PRISCILLA (WILKSON) EMBRY.

Listed are their children:

1. Joseph Hill 4/ born 1760 died 1810 married Margaret

Wallace, who was the niece of Col. John Starky, Treasure of North Carolina Province.

2. Priscilla Hill 4/ born 1762/3 married Miles Williams and had 8 children.

After the death of his 2nd wife, WILLIAM HILL 3/ deed gifted his son Isaac Hill 4/ the Cedar Point Plantation and sons John & Thomas Hill 4/ received the lands in Duplin County N.C.

WILLIAM HILL 3/ then returned to Virginia, where he married a 3rd time BUT he had no children by this 3rd marriage.

Information on children of William Hill 3/.

ELIZABETH HILL 4/ and her husband Burwell Lanier settled in Anson County N.C..

Their children were:

William Lanier 5/, Clement Lanier 5/, Isaac Lanier 5/, Thomas Lanier 5/, Fanny Lanier 5/, Martha Lanier 5/, Elizabeth Lanier 5/, Sarah Lanier 5/, Nancy Lanier 5/ & Catherine Lanier 5/.

JOHN HILL 4/ & Jane Kenan, daughter of Honorable Felix Kenan of Duplin County N.C. had the following children: Felix Kenan Hill 5/, Catherine Hill 5/, Sarah Hill 5/, John Hill Jr. 5/, James Kenan Hill 5/, Ann Elizabeth Hill 5/, Edward Blackmore Hill 5/ and William Kenan Hill 5/.

ISAAC HILL 4/ and wife Elizabeth Hatch of Cedar Point N.C. children were: John Hatch Hill 5/ Buckner Hill 5/, Ivy Hill 5/, William Hill 5/, Hatch Hill 5/, Edward Hill 5/, Mary Hill 5/, Didama Hill 5/ and Permilla Hill 5/. These were the Hills of Newport N.C.

Comment by Robert ill: That name of Ivu Hill suggest a possible connection to a Greenberry Hill thatm. Martha Ivy.. They had a son named Ivy Hill.

JOSEPH HILL 4/ and Margaret Wallace had these children: William Starky Hill 5/, Thomas Holt Hill 5/ Elizabeth Ann Hill 5/ and Margaret Hill 5/.

PRISCILLA HILL 4/ and her husband Miles Williams had these children: William Williams 5/, Henry Williams 5/, Miles Williams 5/, Mary Williams 5/, Joseph Williams 5/, John Williams 5/, Sarah Williams 5/ and Elizabeth Ann Williams 5/.

THOMAS HILL 4/ and his wives lived in Duplin County N.C. It appears that his children were by his 2nd wife, Francis Smith, a daughter of Cuthbert & Elizabeth Smith. Thomas Hill 4/ was a prosperous planter (farmer) and slave holder. He owned 2,099 acres of land and 46 slaves. The children were: Elizabeth Chamberlayne Hill 5/, born 1782, William Lanier Hill 5/, Catherine Hill 5/, Thomas Hill Jr. 5/, who died 1861, John Smith Hill 5/, and Buckner L. Hill 5/.

Elizabeth Chamberlayne Hill 5/ was born 1782, married 1798 to David Wright of Duplin County N.C. She died 1841. children were: Thomas Wright 6/, John Wright 6/, March Wright 6/, Rebecca Wright 6/, Martha Wright 6/, David Wright 6/, Isaac Wright 6/, Elizabeth Wright 6/ and Catherine Ann Wright 6/, died 1828. She married in 1805 to Lewis Dickson and they had 2 daughters, Martha Dickson 7/ and Elizabeth Dickson 7/..

Thomas Hill Jr. 5/ was a doctor and married Frances Jernigan and they lived on their plantation near Scott's Store in Duplin County N.C. Children were: Spaight Hill 6/, Dr. Calhoun Hill 6/, Warburton Hill 6/, Antoninette Hill 6/ and Buckner L. Hill 6/.

Note by Robert Hill: I noticed that the Hills married into the Dudley Family.... someone stated that the William Hill Sr. (b. 1710 in Caroline Co., Va), Family, who is a disputed son of Sion Hill Jr 3/, and who married 7 Susanna Smithers, had children or grandchildren who married into a Dudley Family. I wonder if someone, somewhere is getting confused with the above William Hill Family line or visa verse..

GENERAL William Lanier Hill 6/ was born 1785, married 1809 to Ann Dudley, daughter of Colonel Christopher Dudley & wife Margaret Snead. She was sister to Governor Edward Dudley of North Carolina. William & wife Ann settled on a plantation on New River called "Cedar Point." This was in Onslow County N.C.

In 1814 William Lanier Hill 6/ was Commissioned as a Major in the N.C. Militia and continued to be promoted until he was a Brigadier General in 1822. In 1823 he sold his holdings in Onslow County and returned to Duplin County N.C., where he inherited land, he also purchased more land. Not only was he a very successful planter but was also a producer of Naval Stores. William Hill 6/ died in 1860.

children:

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1. Robert Dudley Hill 7/ b. 1809- d. 1817.
2. Christopher Dudley Hill 7/, b. 1811- d. 1816.
3. Col. Edward Dudley Hill 7/, b. 1813 d. 1838.
He attended University of N.C.
4. Christopher Dudley Hill 7/, b. 1817 d. 1874.
His older brother Christopher died young and another was named after his. Reference ...

Colonel Christopher Dudley Hill 9/ he inherited his grandfather's plantation. He was a lawyer, banker and mayor of Warsaw, N.C. He was commissioned as Colonel in the Confederate Home Guard in 1865 when General A.H. Terry and the Union Army were in the vicinity of Faison, N.C. and they made their headquarters at his home. This genealogy is somewhat confused in it's original state but it appears that Col. Hill 9/ was married 3 times. His 1st wife seems to have been a Mary Hicks and it appears that they had following children:

- A. James Hicks Hill 10/ (1859-1897). He m. Josephine Carney and was a lawyer and judge of Marion County Fla.

son:

Captain James Hick Hill 11/, b. 1897 d. 1957.

- B. Mary Faison Hill 10/, (1861-1896) married Henry McDonald? Robinson, a lawyer of Fayetteville, N.C. They had 2 daughter:

- A. Mrs. Katherine McDonald?? Everett, a lawyer of Durham, N.C.
- B. Mrs. Elizabeth H. Fort, of Raleigh, N.C. both living in 1969.

After the death of his first wife, Colonel Christopher Dudley Hill 9/ remarried the second time to the sister of his deceased wife. Her name was Elizabeth Williams Hicks. Elizabeth gave birth to two sons....

- John Van Sickel Hill 10/, who died young.
- Robert Dudley Hill 10/, b. 1869-d. 1939.

His 3rd wife appears to have been Mary Lou Brown. They were

married in 1855??. They had two sons.

Dudley Brown Hill 10/

John Bright Hill 10/.

5. Thomas H. Hill 7/ b. 1818 d. 1820.

6. Margaret Dudley Hill 7/ b. 1821 d. 1867. She married in 1841 to Wentworth W. Peirce. He was one of the engineers who helped build the Wilmington & Weldon Railroad (later called Seaboard Railroad & still later merged into the Seaboard Coast Line).

children:

a. Ann Elizabeth Peirce 8/ b. 1842- d. 1920 m.

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Mr. Taylor.

b. William Edward Peirce 8/ b.1844 d. 1891

c. Wentworth W. Peirce 8/ b. 1845 d. 1851

d. Thomas Buckner Peirce 8/ b. 1847 d. 1912

m. Sallie E. Faison. Thomas Buckner Peirce & Sallie his wife, lived on their plantation called "Peirceville" located 2 miles west of Warsaw, N.C. and the home was still standing in 1969. Children:

i. Margaret 9/ m. Mr. Orme.

ii. Thomas Buckner Peirce Jr. 9/.

iii. James Peirce 9/.

iv. Christopher Dudley Peirce 9/.
(retired Col U.S. Army).

v. Isham Peirce 9/.

vi. Martha Winfred Peirce 9/ m. Mr.
Best.

vii. Christopher Hill Peirce 8/, b. 1848
and he d. in 1893.d.

In 1969 some members of the above group (Mrs. Sallie Faison, Mrs Ann Hines Shewbrooks Stafford and Mr. John Miller were living in Washington D.C.

7. Robert Dudley Hill 7/ (2nd son with this name)
born 1823 d. 1824.

8. Frances Catherine Hill 7/ b. 1826 d. 1826.

9. William Edward Hill 7/ b. 1829 d. 1900.

10. John Smith Hill 7/ b. 1837 d. 1856.

William Edward Hill 7/ was the son of General William Lanier Hill 6/. William Edward Hill 7/ graduated from the University of North Carolina in 1849 where he studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1851. He represented Duplin County in the Legislature of 1851-1852. He was a Trustee of the University in 1868-1899. He was a planter and merchant. He owned 1,600 acres of land in 1860 (600 acres improved) and 55 slaves. (Ref: 1860 Census). In 1853 he married Francis Diana Faison (1831-1916). She was daughter of Isham & Sallie (Thomson) Faison. Frances attended school at Warrenton Academy. They first settled on a plantation 2 miles east of Faison and later moved to Faison, N.C.

children:

1. Emily Howard Hill 8/ (1855-1925) unmarried.
2. Edward John Hill 8/ (1857-1927) Graduated in 1878 from the University of N.C. and was Counsel at Montivideo, Uruguay 1837-1890. He married Beatrice Raynor.

children:

- a. Dr. Christopher Dudley Hill 9/.
- b. Virginia Faison Hill 9/, died unmarried.
- c. Sallie Faison Hill 9/.
- d. John Smith Hill 9/, died young.

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- e. John Sprunt Hill 9/, was dead in 1969.

Dr. Christopher Dudley Hill 9/ son of Edward John Hill 8/, was born in 1861, attended the University of N.C. in 1881 and in 1888 received his M.D. Degree from the University of Virginia. He married Robena Rector and they lived in Jersey City N.J.

children:

- i. William Frances Hill 10/.
- ii. Majorie Martin Hill 10, m. Reynolds.

John Sprunt Hill 9/ son of Edward John Hill 8/, was born in 1869, graduated from University of N.C. in 1889, was principal of Faison High School 1890-1891. Studies law at the University of N.C. & Columbia University, He was a lawyer in N.Y. 1894-1903. He was also a banker, member of the N.C. Highway Commission, a State Senator 1935?-1937, and served in

the U.S. Army. He married in 1899 to Annie Louise Watts, daughter of George Watts. They removed from N.Y. in 1903 back to N.C.

children:

i. George Watts Hill 10/.

ii. Mrs. Laura Valinda Hill 10/, m. Dubose.

iii. Dr. Frances Faison Hill 10/, m. Fox **

** Note** Watts Hospital of Durham, N.C. was founded by this family.

Buckner L. Hill 6/ was born 1800 and died 1860. He married Ann Maria (Rhodes) Ward, daughter of General James Rhodes & widow of Edward Ward. Buckner Hill 6/ was a wealthy planter and a physician. His wife Maria is buried in the Old Wayneboro Cemetery near Goldsboro, N.C. He built his first home west of Mount Olive (said to be very nice) and later built a handsome house southeast of Faison, N.C. near his father's home. Both were still standing in 1969.

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