

VA.017 GENEALOGICAL CONNECTS OF THE HILL-MARSHALL-  
THOMAS-WOODLEE FAMILIES IN AND AROUND ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY  
VIRGINIA.

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Mary Quarterly, & Tyler's Quarterly Magazine, Hill-Woodlee  
Data furnished to me by Mr. Ralph Willis.

Note: The purpose of this document is to better understand  
the connection of the above families in and around Isle of  
Wight County, Virginia. The connection are very complicated  
and great care is necessary by the reader to accurately  
understand all of the connections. One of the solutions to  
a particular marriage is hampered considerably because in  
"Lost Tribes" the information on page 612 and that on page  
623 does not agree, making it impossible for one to have a  
definite answers. Because of the confusion and due to the  
interest, I had to draw up a chart to better understand it  
and have it enclosed the results in this document.

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Note by R. Hill: I have placed a figure after the individual  
names to designate what generation that person belonged to in  
their respective family line.

THE MARSHALL FAMILY  
(JOHN MARSHALL 1/)

Source: "A Statement" by James Francis Crocker

The first of the Marshall line in Isle of Wight County to be  
found was John Marshall 1/, to whom a patent of 200 acres was  
issued on 8th June 1655 in Smith's Neck. The will of John  
Marshall 1/ (dated 4th October 1687) was admitted to record  
on 9th June 1688, mentions two children, a son Humphrey  
Marshall 2/ and daughter Mary Marshall 2/. Also mentioned is  
a brother Humphrey Marshall.

On the 18th of June 1698, a Robert Marshall's will mentions  
wife Mary Marshall and children: John, Elizabeth, Humphrey,  
Joseph, Mary and James, witnessed by Anthony Holladay,  
Humphrey Marshall, & John Penny, all residents of Smith's

Neck.

There is also a Power of Attorney from John Day of the City of Bristol (England) to Humphrey Marshall 2/, dated 28th April 1697, witnessed by Anthony Holladay and another, authorizing the said Humphrey Marshall 2/ to collect debts for him in Virginia.

There is a bequest in the will of the said Humphrey Marshall 2/, that appears to be important. It is the bequest to John Thomas 3/, the son of William Thomas 2/ & wife Elizabeth Hill 3/, and the bequest to the said Elizabeth (Hill) Thomas, wife of William Thomas 2/.

The opinion is that this Elizabeth Thomas was originally Elizabeth Hill 3/ and the wife of WILLIAM THOMAS mentioned in the Will of Silvestra Hill, and who was the daughter of hers and her husband Nicholas Hill 2/, as does also appear from the will of John Jennings, dated 31st December 1695 and admitted to record in June of 1698. John Jennings married Mary Hill 3/, another daughter of Nicholas Hill 2/ & Silvestra (Bennett) Hill and thus calls the said William Thomas brother.

On the 16th of October 1699, Humphrey Marshall 2/ confirmed a deed, executed by his father John Marshall 1/ to William West, dated 6th June 1667, conveying to him a patent of land for 160 acres, being on west side of a dividend of land granted John Marshall 1/ by patent dated 5th April 1667.

It is felt that this Humphrey Marshall 2/ is the testor above mentioned. John Marshall 1/ was a prominent Bacon man in Bacon's Rebellion and was one of the signers with other prominent citizens of Isle of Wight, County (Va.).

After the rebellion was suppressed, John Marshall 1/ was made to apologize on bended knees before the court and required to make a retraction for his part in the rebellion.

HUMPHREY MARSHALL 2/.

Humphrey Marshall 2/ was born ca. 1620 and was the son of

John Marshall 1/. Priscilla Thomas 3/, a daughter of William Thomas 2/, was the first wife of Humphrey Marshall 2/ and the mother of all of his children. His second wife was Mrs. Ann Smith, widow of of Colonel Nicholas Smith. Humphrey Marshall's 2/ will was proven in Isle of Wight County, Virginia in 1711. Many of his grandchildren moved to North Carolina.

#### JOHN THOMAS 1/.

John Thomas 1/, born ca. 1585, came to Virginia ca. 1610 (Ref. Nugent pages 185-186). John Thomas 1/, the original ancestor of the Thomas Family, owned lands in York County, Virginia as early as 1637 (Nugent p. 73). In 1639 the Headrights of both John Thomas 1/ and Henry Marshall were used in taking up lands in York County, Virginia (Nugent p. 102).

#### JOHN THOMAS 1/ & WIFE DOROTHY

Four sons were:

1. WILLIAM THOMAS 2/ m. Elizabeth Hill 3/.
2. RICHARD THOMAS 2/.
3. PHILLIP THOMAS 2/.
4. JOHN THOMAS (JR.) 2/.

Reference 1... William Thomas 2/ (Number 1 above) married Elizabeth Hill 3/, a daughter of Major Nicholas Hill 2/ & Silvestra Bennett (his 2nd wife).

In 1639 John Davis used the Headrights of William Thomas 2/ and Richard Thomas 2/ and EDWARD MARSHALL when he patented lands on QUEENS CREEK in York County, Virginia. (Nugent p. 107). In 1648, York County, Virginia, William Thomas 2/ by deposition proved the last will and testament of RICHARD MARSHALL. (Fleet's Abstracts, No. 25, p. 96). The above clearly shows the early associations of the Thomas and Marshall families in Virginia.

#### THE HILL FAMILY

It is said by Nugent (but not proved) that Major Nicholas

Hill of Isle of Wighy County, Va., Thomas Hill of York County, Va. & John Hill Sr., of Norfolk County, Virginia were brothers. They are being assigned as the first known generations.

Thomas Hill 1/ lived in York County, Virginia and was the administrator to the estate of his brother, John Hill Sr. 1/, who's will was probated in 1647.

John Hill Sr. 1/ had two known sons, Robert Hill 2/ & John Hill Jr. 2/, who became Sheriff in Norfolk County, Virginia.

Little else is known of John Hill Jr. 2/ but his son Robert Hill 2/ married Elizabeth Thomas 3/, daughter of William Thomas 2/ & Elizabeth Hill 3/, who was the daughter of his uncle, Nicholas Hill 1/ & Silvestra Bennett. Therefore, William Thomas 2/ was the father in law to Robert Hill 2/. Elizabeth Hill 3/, wife of William Thomas 2/, was the cousin to Robert Hill 2/ as well as his mother in law.

Now Humphrey Marshall 2/ married Priscilla Thomas 3/, the daughter of William Thomas 2/ & his wife Elizabeth Hill 3/, daughter of Nicholas Hill 2/ & Silvestra Bennett. Therefore, Nicholas Hill 2/ & Silvertra Bennett were the father and mother in law to Humphrey Marshall 2/. This would then make Robert Hill 2/ & Humphrey Marshall 2/ be BROTHER IN LAWS, having married sisters.

Now Robert Hill 2/ & wife Elizabeth Thomas 3/ had a son named Thomas Hill 3/, who married his cousin, Mary Marshall 3/, daughter of Humphrey Marshall 2/ and wife Priscilla Thomas

3/, daughter of William Thomas 2/ & Elizabeth Hill 3/, daughter of Nicholas Hill 2/ & Silvestra Bennett. So Humphrey Marshall 2/ & wife Priscilla Thomas 3/ were the father & mother in law to Thomas Hill 3/ who's wife was Mary Marshall 3/.

Thomas Hill 3/ left a will in Isle of Wight County, Virginia, dated 3rd May 1719 and probated on 25th July 1720. In that will he names his wife Mary (Marshall 3/); children Thomas Hill Jr. 4/; Joseph Hill 4/; Mary Hill 4/; and Ann Hill 4/. The widow of Thomas Hill 3/, Mary Marshall 3/ died ca. 1735.

Thomas Hill Sr. 3/ bequeaths two Negroes (Dick & Frank) to son Thomas Hill Jr. 4/ until he becomes of age (21) then Dick goes to son Joseph Hill 4/ and Frank to daughter Mary Hill 4/ at "their becoming of age respectively." He gives land he lived on and 300 acres bought of Mr. Alexander Forbes, formerly belonging to Mrs. Silvestra Hill, to the son Thomas Hill Jr. 4/ and for want of male heirs to son Joseph Hill 4/ and for warrant of such then to daughters Mary 4/ and Ann Hill 4/.

He gives his wife use of his cattle and sheep and when son Thomas Hill 4/ becomes of age, leaving the above equally to son Thomas 4/ and his mother (the widow) Mary. To the son Thomas Hill Jr/ 4/ he also gave him his screw barrel pistols, his silver hilted sword and two belts, my trumpett, colours and all thereto belonging, his Jack Boots and one---? mare; to the sons Thomas 4/ & Joseph 4/ all his books equally; to wife Mary, his old mare, furniture; to daughter Ann Hill 4/ one---?; all the residue of estate, excepting ---? now in my custody, given by "my mother unto my children, to my wife and four children. He appoints wife Mary Hill and son Thomas Hill 4/ executors.

The land that Thomas Hill 3/ had was left in possession of his widow, Mary Marshall 3/, who died ca. 1735, then the land went to the son, Thomas Hill Jr. 4/, who died ca. 1739, who also left it to a son Thomas Hill III 5/.

Thomas Hill Jr. 4/ (son of Thomas Hill 3/) was the clerk of the vestry of the old Bay Church, and in 1724, after the death of his father, Thomas Hill 3/, made a visit to England and before starting this trip, he notified the church of his intentions as the old vestry book shows. On his return, he again assumed the duties of the clerk of the vestry.

Joseph Hill 4/ (son of Thomas Hill 3/) married Frances Woodley 3/, daughter of John Woodley 2/, son of the immigrant Andrew Woodley 1/. Elizabeth Hill 5/, daughter of Joseph Hill 4/ & Frances Woodley 3/, married John Harrison, who's daughter Elizabeth Hill Harrison (6th generation of Hill family), married her cousin's grandfather, Andrew Woodley 4/, who was a son of John Woodley 3/, who was a son of Thomas

Woodley 2/, the son of the immigrant Andrew Woodley 1/.

Joseph Hill 4/ had a son named Henry Hill 5/, who married his cousin Mary Hill 5/ in 1763, daughter of his uncle Joseph Hill 4/.

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In "Lost Tribes" on page 612, it states that Elizabeth Thomas 3/, daughter of William Thomas 2/, married ROBERT HILL 2/, said to be a son of JOHN HILL SR. 1/. Robert Hill 2/ was the brother to the sheriff of Norfolk County named John Hill Jr. 2/. Then on page 623, it is stated that Elizabeth Thomas 3/, daughter of William Thomas 2/ married a THOMAS HILL 2/, the son of JOHN HILL SR. 1/, and their son Thomas Hill 3/ married a cousin Mary Marshall 3/, daughter of Humphrey Marshall 2/ & Priscilla Thomas 3/, daughter of William Thomas 2/ & Elizabeth Hill 3/ (daughter of Nicholas Hill 2/ & Silvester Bennett..

NOTE: It certainly seems that the author of this "Lost Tribes" is confused on this point and the will of John Hill Sr. 1/ (of Norfolk County) definitely needs to be checked to see who his children were and if there was a son Robert or Thomas that married Elizabeth Thomas. Which ever one it was, it does appear however that one of these sons (Robert Hill 2/ or his son Thomas Hill 3/) married Mary Marshall 3/, daughter of Humphrey Marshall 2/, son of John Marshall 1/.

Nicholas Hill Sr. 2/ was first married to an unknown woman and had three children by this wife who had died. Those children were: Agnes Hill 3/; Ralph Hill 3/ and Nicholas Hill Jr. 3/. His second marriage was to Silvester Bennett. They had six children being: George Hill 3/; Martha Hill 3/ m. John Best; Mary Hill 3/ m. John Jennings; Anna Hill 3/, Richard Hill 3/ & Elizabeth Hill 3/ m. William Thomas 2/.

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Nicholas Hill 2/, John Hill Jr. 2/ and Robert Hill 2/) were said to be brothers, (Nugent P. 353). Could the following be the basis for such thinking?

Ref: Barbados Records, Will & Administrations, Vol. 1 & 2, 1681-1700 by Sanders

HILL, John, Gentleman, of town & Parish of Wickwarr County (Glouster, England now of Barbados). 12 April 1665 RB6/15, p. 407 Friends Philip Erbery & Richard Parker of St. Michaels, merchants-Supervisors & Administrators: cousin Thomas Trotman, Robert Hussey; Richard Glascock: Thomas Hicks merchant: brother THOMAS HILL at 21 & after the decease of mother ELIZABETH HILL-land in Wickwarr, as next heir to my brother ARTHUR HILL, late deceased; brother NICHOLAS HILL at 21-land in Wickwarr formerly purchased by father JOHN HILL, Gentleman of Wickwarr, deceased, brother NATHAN HILL at 21; sister MARY HILL at 16; aunt HILL, wife of uncle EDWARD HILL

ESQUIRE of Cam. County Clocester & their children: EDWARD

HILL Executor; servant William Jones-freedom.

Signed/JOHN HILL

Witness: Edward Hussey, Edmund Lawes, Richard Glascock Scr:  
WILL PROVED 25 AUGUST 1665

While this will clearly shows that a John Hill's mother was Elizabeth Hill and he was the brother to a Thomas Hill, Nicholas Hill, Nathan Hill, Arthur Hill and Mary Hill, it does not appear that he was the same John Hill Sr. 1/ that was living in Norfolk County, Virginia and who is said to have died ca. 1647, and who's will was administered by his brother, Thomas Hill 1/. Was the brothers named in the above will the same Nicholas Hill that married Silvester Bennett and was the brother Thomas Hill the same one that administered the will of his brother, John Hill Sr. in Norfolk County in 1647? This is questionable.

It has been stated that both John Hill Sr. 1/ & Thomas Hill 1/ were kin to the Bennetts and Blands. Thomas Hill 1/ probably lived in York County or James City. Nicholas Hill Sr. 2/ married (2nd time) to Silvestra Bennett and he lived in Elizabeth City County, Virginia (Ref: Nugent Page 175). Again, his first wife's name is unknown.

Since Nicholas Hill's 2/ will, dated 19th April 1674, proved on 20th October 1675, was both recorded and proven in Isle of Wight County, it seems obvious that he moved there.

William Thomas 2/ was the son of the immigrant, John Thomas 1/ and appears to have married Elizabeth Hill 3/, daughter of Nicholas Hill 2/ and Humphrey Marshall 2/ married William Thomas's daughter, Priscilla Thomas 3/.

Now JOHN HILL SR. 1/ lived in Lower Norfolk County, Virginia, at Sewell's Point. His wife may have been Anne Applewhite. He was a neighbor of Cornelius Lloyd, John Norwood and the Bennetts. He had two sons, ROBERT HILL 2/ & JOHN HILL JR. 2/. His son JOHN HILL JR. 2/ became the Sheriff of Norfolk County and was accused of persecuting the Quakers or dissenters.

Now JOHN HILL SR. 1/ had acquired the headrights of John Marshall 1/, father of Humphrey Marshall 2/ and also that of Nicholas Smith. JOHN HILL SR. 1/ died ca. 1647 and his brother THOMAS HILL 1/ was the administrator of his Estate (Ref: Nugent's Book, Page 172).

Now JOHN HILL'S SR. 1/ other son ROBERT HILL 2/, married Elizabeth Thomas 3/ (daughter of William Thomas 2/) and sister of Priscilla Thomas 3/, who married HUMPHREY MARSHALL 2/. ROBERT HILL 2/ (or Thomas Hill 2/?) and Elizabeth Thomas had a son named THOMAS HILL 3/, who married MARY MARSHALL 3/ (daughter of Humphrey Marshall 2/ and Priscilla Thomas 3/).

Thus WILLIAM THOMAS 2/, was the brother in law of HUMPHREY MARSHALL 2/ and ROBERT HILL 2/, became the son in law of NICHOLAS HILL 2/, who was also his the of ROBERT HILL 2/ (m. Elizabeth Thomas 3/) and JOHN HILL JR. 2/, the Old Sheriff of LYNHAVEN PARISH in Lower Norfolk County, below the Bennett Settlement.

This is very confusing at the first reading, so much that I had to draw up a chart to explain it more clearly and easily. The chart is listed below:

#### WOODLEE (WOODLEY)-HILL CONNECTION

Source: "A Statement" by James Francis Crocker.

Andrew Woodley 1/ (Woodlee) was the immigrant into Isle of Wight County, Virginia. He settled in Little Neck, of that county and became the owner of about 900 acres of land. Little Neck lies near (today's) Smithfield, Virginia, between two branches of Pagan Creek, which joins and flows into Pagan Creek about a mile above Smithfield. Andrew Woodley 1/ was known to have been in Virginia by 14th September 1691, where a deed by Edward Cobb and his wife Dorothy is made to Andrew Woodley 1/ (Deed Book 1, Page 42). They had four children: Thomas Woodley 2/, Mary Woodley 2/, Henry Woodley 2/ & John Woodley 2/. Andrew Woodley 1/ died ca. 22nd of August 1720.

The son JOHN WOODLEY 2/ was named in his father's will, dated 25th September 1718 and proven on 22nd August 1720. John 2/





:Hill) so Wm. Thomas was also :  
:father in law of Robert Hill :  
:& also Humphrey Marshall, so :  
:Robert Hill & Humphrey Marshall  
:were brother in laws. :

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Mary Marshall, d. ca 1735, :  
Dau. of Humphrey Marshall & :  
wife Priscilla (Thomas) :  
Marshall m. Thomas Hill 3/ :  
son of Robert Hill 2/ who was:  
brother in law to Humphrey :  
Marshall. Now Wm. Thomas :  
was father in law to both :  
Robert Hill & Humphrey :  
Marshall. Humphrey Marshall :  
then was father in law to :  
Thomas Hill, son of his own :  
brother in law, Robert Hill. :

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Sons of John Hill Sr.

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Robert\_Hill\_\_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_John\_Hill\_Jr\_(Sheriff)

m. Elizabeth Thomas 3/ Lived in Norfolk, Co.  
(dau. of Wm. Thomas 2/) near Lynn Haven Parish.  
: & Elizabeth Hill 3/, William Thomas would be a  
: dau. of Nicholas Hill uncle to this John Hill.  
: 2/ & Silvester Bennett.

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Thomas\_Hill\_m.\_Mary\_Marshall\_(daughter\_of\_Humphrey\_Marshall)  
thus Humphrey Marshall was the : (Thomas Hill d. in 1720)  
father in law to Thomas Hill, who : Will names children as:  
was the son of his own brother in : Thomas Hill Jr. 4/ Joseph

law Robert Hill and Humphrey was : Hill 4/; Mary Hill 4/ &  
the uncle (by marriage) to John : Ann Hill 4/  
Hill Jr. 2/ (Sheriff of Norfolk Co)  
Thomas' will dated 23 May 1719, :  
proved 25 July 1720. Wife, Mary, :



married Robert Hill 2/, thus William Thomas 2/ was the father in law of Robert Hill 2/, a nephew of his father in law, Nicholas Hill 2/. This would also make William Thomas 2/ the uncle to the Sheriff, John Hill Jr. 2/ (brother of Robert Hill 2/).

Now Mary Marshall 3/, daughter of Humphrey Marshall 2/ & Priscilla Thomas 3/ married Thomas Hill 3/, the son of Humphrey's brother in law, Robert Hill 2/, thus Humphrey Marshall 2/ was the father in law to Thomas Hill 3/, son of his brother in law, Robert Hill 2/.

NOTE: Some sources give Thomas Hill 3/ & Mary Marshall 3/ as being the parents of a Henry Applewhite (Applewaite) Hill but the will of this Thomas Hill 3/ does not show that to be true. I am of the opinion that perhaps they are getting his son, Thomas Hill Jr. 4/ mixed up with him. Please note that the son, Thomas Hill Jr. 4/ did have a son named Henry Hill 5/ (of Granville Co., N.C.) and that this Henry married a cousin, Mary Hill 5/, the daughter of his uncle Joseph Hill 5/. Perhaps these are the parents to the Henry Applewhite (Applewaite) Hill?

#### THE BENNETT FAMILY

Edward Bennett, was a merchant of London. He owned ships that traded back and forth between Virginia and London. He was the first to establish a large plantation in Virginia (Isle of Wight) and he and his family were responsible, over a period of different times, for 800 persons immigration into Virginia. Edward Bennett did not stay in Virginia but traveled back and forth between England and Virginia.

Edward received his patent of land in Virginia on 21 November 1621, set up for 200 immigrants. It's location was at a place called "Warrascoyack" after the nearby Indian tribe. On March 22nd of 1622, on Good Friday, a great Indian Massacre occurred and out of 1240 settlers, 347 were killed by the Indians. Edward Bennett's plantation lost 53 persons that day. As a result the plantation at Warrascoyack was abandoned for a time. By 16th February 1624, a census shows there were thirty-three persons at Warrascoyack. On 7th February 1625, a census shows 1,095 persons at Warrascoyack..

Edward Bennett was married to Mary Bourne, daughter of Jasper Bourne of Stanmore. They had the following children:

From Parish of St. Olaves (London) Records...

Elizabeth Bennett, born May 31, 1629.

Silvestra Bennett, born October 25, 1630, died 1706 in Isle of Wight County, Virginia. (She married Lt. Colonel Nicholas Hill, thus the HILL-BENNETT Connection).

John Bennett, born February 17, 1632.

Ann Bennett, born May 13, 1633-34, died May 10, 1634.

Jasper Bennett, born May 10, 1634.

Mary Bennett is not listed among the birth or baptism records of the parish, so it is assumed she was born and baptized in another location. She married first Thomas Bland and second marriage to Luke Corpley, of London.

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