

VA.026 WILLS & DEEDS OF ESSEX COUNTY VIRGINIA

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ESSEX COUNTY VIRGINIA

Source: "Obtained by Mrs. Margaret L. Hill, genealogist who researched Essex County for me in May of 1988.

1. 10 September 1703 Leonard Hill was in Old Rappahannock County by this date, when he was one of the persons who inventoried the estate of James Sargeant (Wills & Deeds, Book 11, Page 92). Leonard had a wonderful habit of dating each of his signatures.
2. 27 April 1705 Leonard Hill is described as a merchant of (OLD) Rappahannock County (Wills & Deeds, Book 14, page 363).
3. 31 December 1723 Deed, Leonard Hill, South Farnham Parish, to Reuben Welch for 250 acres at 80 pounds. (Deed Book 17, Pages 341-343).
4. 20 February 1727/28 Will of HENRY HILL, St Mary's Parish, proved; written 15 March 1726/27. Mentions wife Anne; son, Richard; daughter Elizabeth. Both children are under 20 years of age. Witnesses: Robert Thomas, Gabrill Tombs, Francis Wilkin (WILL BOOK 4, Page 259).
5. 21 January 1728/29 WILL of Leonard Hill proved; written 12 May 1728. Legatees are daughters, Ann Tunstall, Betty Hill, Catherine Hill (latter two under 18 yrs. of age); son, Leonard Hill; godson John Covington. Witnesses: Stephen Drewer, William Allen, George Berrick. (WILL BOOK 4, Page 284). (Wife was widow (Elizabeth?) Bryant and this is the first Leonard Hill).

Following sent by Mrs. Summers of Bend, Oregon...

From Wm & Mary Quarterly, Vol. 16, Series 2, 1936 on Page 490

Leonard Hill May 1728 Jan. 1728/29

dau. Ann Tunstall

dau. Betty

dau. Catherine

son Leonard *** (see # 7?)

godson John Covington. Executor: Leonard Hill.

Witnesses: Stephen Drower, William (x) Allen,
George Berrick. Executors Bond: Leonard Hill,

Richard Taylor Jr., Gent., and John Micou.

6. 13 June 1729 Deed, Leonard Hill, Gentleman, South Farnham Parish, to Eleanor Medley for 50 acres. (DEED BOOK 19, Pages 33-35).
7. 6 March 1734 WILL of Leonard Hill proved; written 14

June 1733. Mentions wife, but does not name her; sons: Leonard and Thomas; daughter, Mary (under 21 yrs. of age); sisters Ann Tunstall, Catherine Price, Betty Hill; brother: John Bryant. Son Leonard to receive 300 acres, part of the tract known as "Bridgers North." Son Thomas to receive part of "Bridgers North" that is part of Dragon Swamp. Mary to receive 100 pounds. (WILL BOOK 5, Page 199-200). (This is the second Leonard Hill, son of the first Leonard Hill).

Following sent by Mrs. Summers of Bend, Oregon...
COL. LEONARD HILL June 1733 March 19, 1733/34

1. Son Leonard Hill *** (see # 14).
2. Son Thomas Hill 172- to 1765 m. Elinor Raoy (Sept 1758)
 - i. Son Thomas Hill m. 1787 in King George County to Ann Thornton, dau. of William Thornton.
 - ii. Dau. Ann Hill m. 1st Henry Micou, Caroline Co., Va. son of John Micou & Catherine Walker.
 - iii. Dau. Mary Elinor Hill (176?-1797) m. 1781 to Col. Larkin Smith (ca.1757-1813) Speaker of Va. House of Delegates.

3. Dau. Mary Hill (under 21)
WIFE of THIS LEONARD HILL was MARY MICOU, daughter of Dr. Paul Micou. She married 2nd time to Joshua Fry of Albemarle County Virginia before April 1736. More information on Paul Micou with several mentioning of Hills from Wm. & Mary Quarterly, Vol. 16, Series 2, 1936, page 241-246, 490-492, 653-667; The Virginia Genealogist, Vol. 4, pages 153-157.

8. 19 May 1741 Deed of Gift, Barbary Hill from her father, John Watkins of South Farnham Parish. (DEED BOOK 22, Page 236). (See additional comments at end of this article)

9. 17 September 1745 LEASE, James Hill of Albemarle County and his wife Ann, to John Clondas of Essex County. (Deed Book 23, Pages 303-305).

10. 19 October 1756 Will of Leonard Hill, South Farnham Parish, proved; written 29 March 1756. Mentions brother, Thomas Hill; wife (unnamed); daughters: Mary and Elizabeth (under 18 yrs.) Executors: Friend Richard Tunstall, Francis Smith, John Clements, Gentleman. Wits: John Clements, Richard Johnson, Samuel Johnson. (WILL BOOK 10, Pages 102-103). (This is the third Leonard Hill, son of Leonard Hill 2 and grandson of the first Leonard Hill).

11. 14 May 1759 DEED, Thomas Hill, Gentleman, Essex County, to Mary and Elizabeth Hill, daughters and legatees of

Leonard Hill, deceased, for 300 acres adjacent Dragon Quarter at 150 pounds. (DEED BOOK 28, Pages 154-155).

12. 21 June 1764 DEED, Richard Hill Jr., planter, South Farnham Parish, and his wife Mary, to John Cassell of St. Anne's Parish, 40 acres at 30 pounds. Wits: Leonard Hill, Leonard Hill Jr., Alexander Roane. (DEED BOOK 29, Page 336).

13. 20 August 1764 Will of Richard Hill proved; written 29 July 1764. Legatees are sister Mary Patterson; half-sister Ann Sanders; nephew Richard Hill, son of brother John Hill; Sarah Graves, daughter of Elizabeth & Richard Graves. Brother Leonard Hill is to be executor. Wits: Leonard Sale, James Sullivan, Ann Rennolds. (WILL BOOK 12, Pages 138-139). COMPLETE WILL AT END OF DOCUMENT.

14. 16 September 1776 WILL of Leonard Hill of St. Anne's Parish, proved; written on 8th September 1775. Mentions wife, Sarah; daughters Suca & Molly; Sons: William and Thomas. Executors: (sons) William and Thomas. Wits: William Watkins, Daniel Sullivan, Jesse Hill. (WILL BOOK 13, Pages 47-48).

This provided by Mrs. Summers of Bend, Oregon....

ESSEX COUNTY, VA. made 8th September 1775 LEONARD HILL,
perfect sense & memory. Names daughter Luca Hill: 1 Negro
girl, Nan, a Negro boy named Robbin, 1 feather bed &
furniture of 8 pounds value, 1 pewter dish, 6 plates.

Son William Hill: 1 Negro boy Toby, 1 Negro girl, Pat, 1 bed
& furniture of 8 pounds value, 1 pewter dish, 6 plates.

Son Thomas Hill: 1 Negro boy Phill, 1 Negro girl Aggie, 1
bed and furniture of 8 pounds value, 1 pewter dish and 6
plates.

Dau. Molly Hill: 1 Negro boy named Sippio & 1 Negro girl
named Amy, 1 bed and furniture, 1 dish, 6 plates.

Wife SARAH HILL remainder of estate real & personal. Her
decease land is to be divided between two sons. Son William
to pay sister Luca 1/2 value of his part of land. Thomas to
pay sister Molly 1/2 of his part of land. Four children share
equal in his estate. Witnesses: William Watkins, Daniel
Sullivan & JESSE HILL.

Filed Essex County in Tappahannock on 16 September 1776.
At above mentioned court 15 November 1784, Thomas Hill, an
Executor came into Court and qualified as such by taking
oath.

15. 17 February 1777 WILL of John Hill, South Farnham
Parish, proved; written 3 August 1776. Mentions wife,
Barbary, all estate real & personal; son: Richard, all my

part of land formally belonged to my brother Richard Hill;
son Leonard Hill, the land and plantation where I now dwell;
son Jesse Hill, land & plantation I bought of William
Watkins; daughter Lucy Hill, 15 pounds paid from estate;
Richard & Leonard Hill Still, Desire that their mother have
liberty to still her liquor freely. The Remainder of estate
sold: 20 pounds to daughter Lucy Hill then balance of estate
to be divided equally between the four children. Wife, and
sons Richard & Leonard to be executors. Wits: William Webb,
Benjamin Fisher, Thomas Hill, (WILL BOOK 13, Pages 61-63).

Note: Barbary was married to John Hill on 26th January 1740/41; she was the daughter of John Watkins (DEED BOOK 22, Page 236). (See Number 8 above and *** at end of this article).

16. November 1784 Division of Estate of Leonard Hill among his children: William Hill, Thomas Hill, Susanna Fisher (wife of Benjamin Fisher), Molly HALL (wife of John). Recorded 19 September 1785. (WILL BOOK 13, Pages 518).

17. 15 November 1784 Will of Richard Hill; proved; written 24 September 1784, mentions wife, Mary; sons Humphry, Robert (under 21 yrs.), Lewis, John and Richard; daughters: Elizabeth, Mary Ann, Pheby & Pegey (Peggy). Son Richard to be maintained for his lifetime. The widow to be executrix. (WILL BOOK 13, page 450).

18. 11 February 1789 DEED, Leonard Hill and Elizabeth, his wife, to William Fisher, for 94 acres in South Farnham Parish for 125 pounds. Wits: William Webb, William C. Fogg, Thomas Hill, Richard Covington, William Hill. (DEED BOOK 33, Pages 215-216).

19. 28 December 1798 Division of Estate of Leonard Hill; to widow, Sarah, now the wife of Mr. Campbell, to daughters, Mary Browne and Elizabeth Dunlop, wife of James Dunlop. (WILL BOOK 15, Page 467).

Following provided by Mrs. Summers of Bend, Oregon... Leonard Hill married 4 October 1752, and had brother Thomas Hill. Wife was SARAH, she died 1798 leaving large estate. She married 2nd time to James Campbell, they had a son Thacker Campbell. Sarah was daughter of Col. Edwin Thacker of Middlesex County, Virginia and wife Elizabeth (Stith?).

1. Dau. Mary Hill married on June 8th 1775 to Bennett Browne, son of Charles & Priscilla (Brooks) Browne.

2. Dau. Elizabeth Hill married James Dunlap, son of William Dunlap of Glasgow, Scotland..

Executors: Friends Richard Tunstall, Francis Smith & John Clements.

Witnesses: John Clements Jr., Richard Johnson, Samuel Johnson.

Executors Bond: R. Tunstall, Jno. Clements, William
Daingerfield, Obediah Marriott.

(NOTE BY R. HILL...From the above, it is apparent that there were three (3) generations of a Hill Family with the given names of LEONARD HILL, who was the father, son and grandson. The first Leonard Hill married a widow Bryant and made a will in Essex County on 12 May 1728, proved on 21 January 1728/29.

The second Leonard Hill (son of Leonard) married Mary Micou and made a will on 14 June 1733, proved 19 March 1733/34.

The Third Leonard Hill (son of Leonard, grandson of Leonard Hill the first) married on 4th October 1752 to Sarah Thacker, Will dated 29 March 1756, proved 19 October 1756).

20. 16 April 1804 WILL of William Hill proved; written 23 February 1804. Mentions wife Clarissa; daughters: Suckey Waller Hill and Clarissa Hill, both under age; brother: Thomas Hill. Wits: William Gatewood, Edmund Jones, Charles Latham. (WILL BOOK 16, pages 274-276).

***Reference to article number 8 above...and number 15 above...This John Hill was the son of Richard Hill and Jane, supposedly to be Jane Maguffey. John Hill married Barbara Watkins, daughter of John Watkins. RICHARD HILL, brother of John Hill, died in 1764. His will is listed below.

WILL BOOK 12, PAGES 138-139 ESSEX COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

WILL OF RICHARD HILL

(He was son of Richard Hill & Jane Maguffey)

In the name of God Amen, I RICHARD HILL being in good health of body and of a sound and perfect mind and memory, praised be the almighty God for it, do make and ordain this my present last will and testament. 1st...I give to my sister Mary Patterson and her heirs, executors & administrators, the sum of forty pounds current money then I give my half-sister Ann Sanders fifty shillings current money, then I give unto Sarah Graves, the daughter of Richard Graves & his wife Elizabeth, fifty shillings current money, more all to be levied out of my Estate. Then I give to RICHARD HILL the son of my brother JOHN HILL my horse bridel and saddle and gun and half---puter plates then I give the half of my land to my brother JOHN HILL and the other half to my brother LEONARD HILL, their heirs, executors & administrators, to be divided as John and Leonard can agree and if their is any more estate devide it likewise, but do not sell my waring aparel but give it to my relations, especially (sic) to my name sake I leave JOHN HILL & LEONARD HILL my executors-as Witness my hand and seal this 29th day of July 1764.

(signed by) RICHARD HILL

Signed sealed and Delivered in
the presence of
Leonard Sale
James Sullivan
Ann Rennolds

At a court held for Essex County at Tappahannock on the 20th
day of August 1764, this last will & testament was presented
into Court and sworn to by the Executors therein named,
proved by Leonard sale and James Sullivan, two of the
Witnesses, thereto and ordered to be recorded.

Test.
John Lee Jr.
Clerk

SOURCE OF FOLLOWING: MRS. SUMMERS OF BEND, OREGON.

(Bold print my own comments. R. Hill).

NOTE: Based on the above information it is obvious that
RICHARD HILL & wife JANE MAGUFFEY were the parents of JOHN
HILL, LEONARD HILL, RICHARD HILL, MARY HILL (m. Patterson).

ESSEX COUNTY VIRGINIA, from William & Mary Quarterly, Vol.
16, Series 16, Page 667: Shows Thomas Blanton sells land to
JANE (HILL), the widow of RICHARD HILL for life and at her
decease to her son JOHN "all that his part" containing 47
acres which his brother, John Blanton sold to RICHARD HILL,
deceased in 1719.

KING WILLIAM COUNTY VIRGINIA, from "Old Newspapers & Files"
by Elizabeth Hawes Ryland, Dietz Press, Richmond, Va. 1955

Page 22, June 14, 1752

To be sold 420 acres of land in King Williams County about
ten miles from Aylett's Warehouse, part of a tract lately
belonging to Col. Edwin Thacker. Any person inclinable to
purchase may apply to Mr. Henry Thacker in Middlesex County
or to Col. Lewis Burwell in James City.

Col. Edwin Thacker was a burgess for Middlesex County, 1723 and probably other years. His daughters were: Frances who married Lewis Burwell of "Kingsmill," of James City County; Ann who married Henry Washington of Middlesex County; SARAH who married LEONARD HILL of Essex County, Virginia and Elizabeth.

Note by Mrs. Summers: See Will of Leonard Hill, Essex County, Va. 1775. (Article # 14 above).

Page 79, dated September 1808
John Hill had daughter Fannie Hill who married Thomas Walker of "Mayfair."

Page 101, in 1837
Humphry Hill had a son William Hill who had a daughter Elizabeth Hill.

Page 121, Died 13th December 1820 at Oak Grove in King William County Virginia in 54th year (of age) Mrs. Elizabeth Hill, consort of Major Thomas Hill.

Note by Mrs. Summers: Those in bold print are great grandparents of our present Deputy Clerk, Thomas T.H. Hill. (I have no understanding or meaning to this. R. Hill).

Page 126, Died 30th September 1833, King William County, Virginia, JUDITH HILL, relict of WILLIAM HILL, deceased, age 44 (Issue of October 18, 1833).

COLONIAL CLERGY OF VIRGINIA, N.C. & s.c. by Rev. Frederick Lewis Weis, THD

Page 25, James Hill settled Catawba (Halifax County) Virginia 1773-1777 Baptist.

Source: ?? Essex County, Va.
In 1666 bought land. Robert Hill of Lancaster County, Dragon Swamp, perhaps father of 1st Leonard Hill but not proven.

Source Letter #391??? Note by Mrs. Summers. Cannot verify.
Stafford County Virginia, Leonard Hill was overseer for Col.
Landon Carter of Sabine Hall on his Park Quarter Plantation
in Stafford County 1776-1777.

INDENTURE. STAFFORD COUNTY VIRGINIA.
Lawrence Washington of St. Pauls Parish in King & Queen
County and Elizabeth his wife, to LEONARD HILL of Stafford
County 1250 acres in Stafford County for 500 pounds. Patent
date 13 August 1726 to Augustine Washington for 4350 acres.
He gave by will to sons GEORGE WASHINGTON & SAMUEL WASHINGTON
2500 acres. Samuel Washington's moiety of 1250 acres by deed
on 9 March 1778 to Lawrence Washington. Witness: John Latham,
Thomas Lowrey, Edward MacKenzie, Frances Latham. Stafford
County Court, October 1784.

Leonard Hill of Stafford County & parish of Overwharton and
his wife Elizabeth to John Latham. 250 pounds for 201 and 3/4
acres. Signed by LEONARD HILL & ELIZABETH HILL. Witness:
Edward McKenzie, Thomas Lowry, Frances (x) Latham, and John

(x) Bacon. Stafford County Court, October 1784.

EARLY MARRIAGES, WILL & SOME PRE-REVOLUTIONARY WAR RECORDS,
BOTETOURT COUNTY, VIRGINIA by Anne L. Worrell, G.P. Co.?

page 24, James Hill & June Culbertson on July 8, 1772.
Thomas Hill & Elizabeth Dunason (widow) on
April 10, 1800.
William Hill & Rachel Poage on March 20, 1789.
