

VA.039 CONTAINS INFORMATION THAT REPUDIATES THE LONG STANDING CLAIM OF WILLIAM HILL SR. (1710-1787) OF VA. AND N.C, BEING THE SON OF SION HILL JR. (OF SURRY CO., VA.) AS SUGGESTED IN THE BOOK "EAST GOES WEST," AND MANY OTHER SOURCES.

Entered in November of 1988 by Robert R. Hill, updated in March of 1992 by additional comments.

Source: Information was provided by Mr. Felix Earle Luck of New Jersey and my own research in 1991 and 1992..

Note: I too, have long claimed that this William Hill Sr. 1/, said to have been born in Caroline County, Va. ca. 1710, was not part of the Sion Hill Jr. 3/ family. I still feel that to be true, they were two different families. There has been no documentation presented to Sion Hill Jr. 3/ was the father or even related. William Hill Sr 1/ (m. Susanna Smither) is said to have been born in Caroline County, Va., ca. 1710. This is in extreme northern Virginia and there has been absolutely no evidence to show Sion Hill Jr 3/ was ever in northern Virginia.

There is considerable evidence to indicate Sion Hill Jr 3/ lived in Brunswick County, Va., and probably in Southampton or Greenville Counties of Va., where he appears to have died ca. 1766.

There is proof that Sion Hill Jr. 3/ had a son named Green Hill 4/, but not the one that married Grace Bennett as indicated in the book entitled "East Goes West," by Craft.

There is some strong evidence that Sion Hill Jr 3/. had a son Abner Hill 4/, who sold property in Chatham County, NC in the 1780s and who stated his father was Sion Hill, deceased, of Greenville County, Va.

Some evidence exist that there was a son William Hill 4/ but not the one born in Caroline County, Va. in 1710. There may be another son, Sion Hill 4/, who is the one that died in the mid 1780s in Wake County, NC.

In the will of this Sion Hill 4/ he names wife as Sarah (Brown?) and leaves a legacy to Quote: "Green Hill, son of Sion Hill Jr. 3/, deceased." End of Quote.

There is absolutely no evidence to show Sion Hill Jr. 3/

ever moving into Caroline County in northern Virginia, but instead all of his movements was southward, into Brunswick, Southampton and Greenville Counties of Va. and his descendants went into Wake and Chatham Counties of NC.

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Several widespread references have indicated Sion Hill Jr. as William's father, differing only as to whether the first wife was Elizabeth Browne or Elizabeth Marriott. Inclusion of the numerous Hill descendents in this Gookin genealogy was predicted upon the marriage of Sion Hill Jr. to Elizabeth Marriott, as argued in entry 803 preceding. Questions have been raised, however, as to whether William Hill Sr. was indeed a son of Sion Hill Jr., no matter who that first wife may have been.

These doubts have arisen primarily from a family account by William's son, Joshua Hill [Joshua Hill Foster papers, located at the Alabama State Archives-account of the Hills, as told by Joshua Hill to grandson Joshua Hill Foster]. In these papers Joshua-stretching his recollections back to events almost 150 years before-says his father, William Hill Sr., was born in Middlesex County, Va. in the Spring of 1700, had one brother, John Hill, and several sisters. Their father, thought to have been also named William, was said to have moved to Virginia from Maryland, where he was born.

Research by Felix Earle Luck and others have shown very considerable correspondence between Joshua's account and various historical records of this brother and sisters and their children, thereby developing increasingly persuasive documentation that William Hill Sr. (m. Susannah Smithers) of this entry was not, after all, a son of Sion Hill Jr. Mr. John Frederick Dorman of Washington, D.C. concurs with Mr. Luck's findings and remarked in a letter to him (on) 25 May 1988, "It looks to me... that all those claims of a connection with Sion Hill can be put to rest."

Mr. Dorman had informational advantage of having undertaken an abortive search himself a number of years ago for a Sion Hill Jr. connection to William. Joshua Hill was more than

half a century younger than his father and dictated his account at a great age in 1850. Though the interval stretched back about 150 years-affording considerable opportunity for imperfect or misinformed recollection and knowledge of that far-off time-Mr. Luck reasonably points out that Joshua must have discussed the family history with older siblings and perhaps with his father.

Two other family accounts have contributed confusion to the history. Letters of Martha A. Bruce (daughter of Joshua and grand-daughter of William) in her own extreme age stated, "grandfather William came from England and landed in Virginia and married there:" credibility is somewhat diminished, however, by a latter remark, "I think my grandfather's name was William."

At the time of her writing, May 1899, only one year short of two centuries had passed since William's supposed birth-year (according to Joshua). [It may be that her errors arose from

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early DAR records of a "Lt. William Hill, b. 1724, England; d. 1796, Tennessee," which gave a list of children identical to those following. Action has been taken by the DAR on unpublished record cards of transfer to correct this error and ascribe those children to the proper William Hill-(infor. 6/87, L. Winifred Jacob, Beaverton, Or.).

Note by Robert Hill: The above DAR records may be ok for a William Hill BUT IT WAS NOT for the William Hill Sr that we are discussing and who married Susannah Smither and died in Surry Co., NC.

Robert R. Hill
March 1992

Another account, dictated 28 July 1897, at age 86 by Daniel Brown Hill (1811-1904) says William was a sea-captain in the English service who quit the sea, married and settled in N.C. long before the Revolution. (Daniel is even further removed in relationship than that of Martha A. Bruce, being a great grandson: he grew up in Tennessee-away from N.C. records-wrote 197 years after William's reputed birth-year, differs

considerably from William's own son Joshua's 1850 account, and significantly miss-stated a family relationship-as seen later.

It is unknown when and where there occurred the first genealogical claim of Sion Hill Jr. 3/ as (the) father of William Sr., but it is curious that such a claim should have been made at all in the face of the presumably much earlier account by Joshua, which was preserved by his descendents and later placed in the Alabama Archives.

It is likely, of course, that such various claims for Sion Jr. 3/ may stem from a single, probably erroneous, interpretation, and merely copied from one account to another over a period of time.

Mr. Luck's detailed researches into the ancestry of William Hill Sr. (b. ca. 1710) have included the so-called "Joshua Hill account of the Hills" and comparison of it with historical records, contained in the Parish Register of Christ Church, Middlesex County, Va. 1653-1812, Amelia County, Va. Will Books, and other sources.

The overwhelming correspondence between Joshua's 1850 account and later published records, indicate that he (Joshua) could not have seen, or even been lead to the inescapable conclusion that Joshua's father, William Hill Sr (b. 1710, m. Susanna Smither) could have been a son of Sion Hill Jr. 3/ and Elizabeth Marriott (or another wife), and thus should be excluded from the line of Thomas Warren's descendents in this GOOKIN genealogy.

However, in view of the several published claims for Sion Hill Jr. as father of William, it is probably sensible genealogically to retain this entry on William Hill, as a warning and disclaimer. The "fate" of information of descendents of William Hill, laboriously gathered through years of correspondence and good will from many of those descendents, is another consideration. This collection of data has generated a very considerable amount of information which will prove to be of genealogical value to those who do have an undisputed descent from William Hill, of Virginia and

North Carolina.

The following family-group is of William Hill of Maryland & Virginia, (and) the father of WILLIAM HILL of Virginia and North Carolina, who had heretofore erroneously been said to have been a son of Sion Hill Jr. and Elizabeth Marriott. It is based upon Mr. Luck's extraction from pertinent records, with addition of grandchildren by this compiler from Middlesex County, Va. records of Christ Church Parish.

WILLIAM HILL, b. _____ Md.; d. 6 May 1720, buried 9th May (P. 176 of Parish records), Middlesex Co., Va.

(Joshua Hill Record: "(William) Hill b. Maryland, married Va. (Hampshire), died in middle life; two sons (as below) and several daughters." Married Ann(e) _____ (b. probably Virginia; died Middlesex County, Va. 15th January 1726, buried 17th January) (Also on Page 183 of Parish Records).
CHILDREN: (Born Middlesex County, Virginia)

1. Isabella Hill, b. 1 May 1698 (Page 46 of Parish records-married 20 May 1729 to John Jones (Page 166 of Parish records).

a. John Jones Jr. (Page 166 Parish Records).
"John, son of John & Isabella Jones born 29 February 1729 (1730), baptized 29th March 1730."

{N.B.: Discrepancy between birth-date and parent's marriage is obviously due to O.S. calendar}.

2. WILLIAM HILL, b. ca. 1700 {Joshua Hill Papers, not found in Parish records}; died 1787, Surry County, N.C., Married 1st, 24 April 1729, Middlesex County, Va. to Bridget (Hearn) Mullinax (Page 166 of Parish Records), widow of John Mullinax, married 1st May 1718 (Page 162 of Parish records). Married 2nd time ca. 1736, in King George County, Va. to Susan Smither and settles in Caroline County, Va. where all children were born (Joshua Hill Papers).

[From Joshua Hill Papers: "William Hill married a widow in Middlesex County. She had a grown son."
[N.B.: as she was married to Mullinax in 1718 and to

Hill in 1729, any grown son would have to have been from a marriage prior to Mullinax]... "Morning after (the) marriage (to Hill) (she) brought her apron full of money and poured it into his lap, saying 'give my son 50 L (pounds) out of that. (William) moved to N.C. in 1772-died in 1787."

3. Ann Hill, baptized 30th March 1701 (Page 48 of Parish Records). Married 26 June 1720 to John Dudley (Page 163, Parish Records), may be John, son of John & Elizabeth Dudley, baptized 23 June 1695-(Page 44 of Parish Records). [Joshua Hill Papers says daughter of William (Hill) Sr. married a Dudley].
 - a. Elizabeth Dudley, b. 25 June 1723, baptized 28 July 1723 (Page 113, Parish Records).
 - b. Ambrose Dudley, b. 20 October 1725, baptized 21 November 1725 (Page 119, Parish Records).
 - c. John Dudley, b. 26 October 1729, baptized 9 November 1729 (Page 127, Parish Records).
 - d. Ann Dudley, b. 4 November 1734, baptized 1 December 1734 (Page 139, Parish Records).
 - e. Mary Dudley, b. 4 July 1737, baptized 31 July 1737 (Page 145, Parish Records).
4. Elizabeth Hill, baptized 2 March 1706/07 [O.S. Calendar] {Page 69, Parish Records} [Joshua Hill Papers says a daughter of William Hill Sr. married a Whitaker]. May be the son of Charles and Margaret Whitaker, baptized 18 June 1693 (Page 42, Parish Records).
 - a. Charles Whitaker, b. 12 April 1727, baptized 21 April 1727 (Page 122, Parish Records).
 - b. Anne Whitaker, b. 18 May 1729, baptized on 25 May 1729 (Page 126, Parish Records).
 - c. Thomas Whitaker, b. 24 June 1740 (Page 15, Parish Records).
 - d. Elizabeth Whitaker, b. 25 July 1743, (Page 156 Parish Records).
 - e. Mary Whitaker, b. 10 February 1746/47 [O.S. Calendar] (Page 161, Parish Records).
 - f. Precilla (Priscilla) Whitaker, b. 16 August 1---(Illegible, but probably 1751) (Page 300, Parish Records).
5. John Hill, baptized 1 October 1710 (Page 76, Parish Records); died Amelia County, Va. 1779 (Joshua Hill Records). Married Elizabeth----.
 - a. William Hill. died before 1777 (Will)-a calico printer (Joshua Hill Papers).
 - b. John Hill, (Will)-a "mechanic" (Joshua Hill papers).
 - c. Joel Hill (Will).
 - d. MOSES HILL (Will).
 - e. Isaac Hill (Will).

f. Precilla Hill (sic)- married John Bell.

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[N.B.: Amelia County, Va. WB 3, pages 28-30 (will dated 11 February 1777-Will proved** 15 September 1779. "I John Hill Sr., of Amelia... beloved wife Elizabeth... son Joel.. children of my son William (deceased)... my four children... John, Moses & Isaac Hill & Priscilla Bell... grandson John Humphress? (Humphreys) Hill....[1779] son Joel Hill has moved a great distance from me... son in law John Bell].

6. Mary Hill, baptized 19 May 1713, (Page 87 of Parish records) Married 4 June 1733 to Richard Carter (Page 168, Parish Records) [No further record of Carter is found in Parish Records.
7. Dianah Hill, born 25 August 1715, baptized 25 September 1715 (Page 92, Parish records)- married 30 May 1734, Middlesex County, (to) David Barwick [Barrick in Index]; marriage not found in Parish Records Index.
 - a. George Barwick, b. 4 May 1736, (Page 145, Parish records).
8. Priscilla Hill, b. 17 September 1718, (Page 100, Parish Records).

N.B.: Joshua Hill Records said one daughter married a Pannell in Amhurst-this has not been found in Parish records, but there is a record of the surname in an earlier non-connected entry; another daughter was said to have married a Smither - this also has not been found-possibly second marriage.

Reference to Parish Record = Parish Register Christ Church, Middlesex County, Virginia, 1653-1812, published 1897 by National Society of Colonial Dames of America in the State of Virginia. This early edition has a defective index-up to 1,200 entires are said to have been omitted.

Joshua Hill Papers (Records)=Joshua Hill Papers, Alabama Archives-from accounts of the Hills as told by Joshua Hill (1850) to his grandson Joshua Hill Foster.

The following text resumes the line of WILLIAM HILL, child #2

of the family group above, who has traditionally erroneously been said to have been a son of Sion Hill Jr., of Surry County.

The marriages of William Hill have also been subject to diverse views. Worth S. Ray, on page 609 of "Tennessee Cousins," remarks without documentation-"there is a tradition that the wife of William Hill was an Elizabeth Williams but it was later concluded that he had married a Susanna Smither, and the later version has been generally accepted by the Hill Family, but it seems plain to me that he probably had as his first wife the Elizabeth Williams, by whom he had at least one son, (or more), and after her decease, married the

Smithers, who was probably the mother (sic) of most of his children." A different view is noted by Carl M. Hill, of Harrison, Tennessee, who says (documentation unknown) that William first wife was Susanna Smithers, and after her death he married Elizabeth Williams in 1750. Mrs. Helen Weona Hill Warwick (deed), DAR NO. 434304, says William Sr. was the first and only child of Sion Hill Jr. and his wife Elizabeth (Browne): [See entry 803 for further refutation of the Browne marriage]. Mrs. Warwick further claims William Hill Sr. first married Mary Catlin and had a son William Catlin Hill, "in some places referred to as William Jr," second wife was Susannah Smithers, married 1736-probably Caroline County, Va.-the mother of the William Hill (1737-1792) who is most often referred to as Rev. William Hill. [C.M. Hill & Mrs. Warwick's views sent 2/82 by Jane Goldhamer, Dayton, Ohio].

[N.B.: Account continues as in entry 906 of Gookin genealogy. Entire line of descent from William Hill of Virginia and N.C. will be extracted to an Appendix in the final revision of the genealogy].

CHART CONSTRUCTED FROM CHRIST CHURCH REGISTER AND JOSHUA HILL'S TESTIMONY TO HIS GRANDSON JOSHUA HILL FOSTER IN 1850 SHOWING GENEALOGY OF THE HILL FAMILY OF MIDDLESEX COUNTY, VIRGINIA. (by Robert R. Hill, Oct 31st 1988)

William_Hill_

b. 1701/02
wife, Anne ??? (d. 15 Jan. 1726)
d. 6 May 1720

They had eight children, (listed below in bold print) all listed in Christ Church Register EXCEPT SON WILLIAM. (Wonder Why not?)

Isabella_Hill____William_Hill____Ann_Hill____Elizabeth_Hill

b.1 May 1698 b. 1700 (spring) 1701 baptized 2 Mar.
| m.John Jones (SEE BELOW) baptized 1706/07. She
| on 20 May 1729 30 Mar. 1701 m. 13 Feb.1725
| m. John Dudley to Edward
| 26 June 1720 Whitaker
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John_Hill____Mary_Hill____Dianah_Hill____Priscilla_Hill

b. 1 Oct 1710 Baptized b. 25 Aug 1715 b. 17 Sept. of
This is the 19 May 1713 baptized 15 of 1718
same John Hill m. 4 June 1733 Sept. 1715
that left a to Richard
Will in Amelia Carter
Co., Va. dated
1779 & shown
above. In the Will

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he names wife,
Elizabeth & children:

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William Hill (a calico printer)
John Hill
MOSES HILL
Isaac Hill
Priscilla Hill m. John Bell

The following chart was made by Robert Hill, from a combination of the Joshua Hill Foster Papers, The Register of Christ Church of Middlesex County, Virginia; Information provided by Mrs. L. Winifred Jacob of Oregon & the Bible Record of Hiram Hays of Clark Co., Georgia, Pension Papers of Joel Hill.. It is the information From Winn Jacob that shows

William (b. ca. 1710 in Caroline Co., Va.) as son of Sion Hill Jr., and showing all his children being born in Surry Co., Va. I THINK THIS IS WRONG! Thus it has been omitted. Joshua Hill states all children were born in Caroline County, Virginia.

***indicates his being a soldier in Revolution

WILLIAM_HILL_(Son_of_William_&_Ann_Hill)
b. Spring of 1700 Middlesex Co., Va.
m. 1st Bridgett Mullinax 24 April 1729 ??
2nd ca. 1736 (widow) Susanna Smithers
d. 1787 in N.C. (or Williamson Co., Tenn.)

1st four children

William_Hill_Jr.	Thomas_Smithers	Elizabeth_(Capt)_Robert		
b. 1737	b. 1739	b. 1747	b. Feb. 1752	
m. 1758 to Hannah E. Halbert	d. 1825	m. Susan Mosely	m. 1765 to Wm. Halbert	m. Sep. 1769 to Martha Halbert
d. 1792 Surry Co., N.C.			d. 3 Aug. 1834 Stokes Co., N.C.	

next five children

Green_(Berry?)_Uel	Daniel	James	Jesse	
b. ca. 1753	b. 1755	b. 1756	b. 1759	b. 1761
d. prior to 1787	m. 1st a Hartfield,	m. 1779 Martha	m. Mary? d. Anderson ??	m. to May ??
(THIS CHILD IS QUESTIONED)	2nd a Duval Hickman	CO., SC. (no d. in May	d. 1826	dates?) ?? ARK.
	William-	Jackson Co		, TN.

last two children

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Joshua_Hill	(TWINS)	Joel_Hill
b. 10 May 1763		b. 10 May 1763
m. Nancy Wyatt Collier		m. 16 Oct. 1791 in
d. 20 June 1855		Richmond Co., Ga. to

Ann Watson
d. 6 Jan. 1843 in
Jackson Co., Arkansas

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