

VA.059 GENEALOGICAL INFORMATION ON THE MARRIOTT & WARREN
FAMILIES OF SURRY COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

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Florida.

Source: "American Origins," by David B. Trimble (1974) of San
Antonio, Texas. This information was provided to me by Mrs.
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Note: Several researchers claim that a William Hill,
born ca. 1710 and who was married to Susannah Smithers, was a
son of Sion Hill Jr. 3/ & Elizabeth Marriott. Thus the
significance of this genealogy. While this William Hill is
said to have been their son, others say he was not even
related to this Hill family, and which this writer agrees.

This William Hill is said to have been born up in northern
Virginia, in Caroline County, while others say he was born in
Surry County, Virginia. The dispute continues on to this day,
but no evidence has come forth to show that his said father
(Sion Hill Jr. 3/) ever went anyplace but southward into N.C.

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WARREN & MARRIOTT OF SURRY COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

Thomas Warren was born in England about 1722 and came to
Virginia before 1640 with Daniel Gookin, who was probably his
cousin. On February 3, 1640, he was granted 450 acres of land
on the Smith Fort Creek in James City County (now Surry)
Virginia, and was regranted 290 acres of the land on July 3,
1648 1/. He established Smith's Fort Plantation and about
1651 he built a brick house there which was his home the
remainder of his life 2/. After the death of his first wife,
whose name is unknown, Warren married again in 1654 to Mrs.
Elizabeth (Spencer) Shepherd, daughter of William and Alice
Spencer. Warren was caretaker of the estate of Major Robert
Shepherd and guardians of his orphans (Warren's step-
children). About 1658 he married again (3rd time) to Mrs.
Jane King, who survived him and later married Samuel Plaw 3/.

In May of 1661, Warren was a vestryman of Southwark Parish,
and on December 22nd, 1668, he was appointed a commissioner
of Surry County by Governor William Berkley 4/. He made his
will on March 16, 1669, and died shortly afterwards, leaving
the following children 5/.

(by first marriage)

- a. Alice Warren, born ca. 1645.
- b. William Warren, born ca. 1648; died as single person
1670 in Surry

County, Virginia.

(by 2nd marriage)

- c. Elizabeth Warren, born 1654, married 1671 to John Hunnicutt.

(by 3rd marriage)

- d. Thomas Warren, born January 9th, 1659/60; died 1721 in Surry County, Virginia; married Elizabeth_____, died 1724, children:

1. William Warren.
2. John Warren.
3. Joseph Warren.
4. Robert Warren.
5. Elizabeth Warren married James Davis, died 1746, children:

- a. Thomas Davis, died 1748.
- b. Jane Davis married _____ Warren.
- c. John Davis.
- d. Henry Davis died 1767, married Mary Marriott (see p. 125); children:

1. William Davis d. 1772 in Brunswick County, Virginia.
2. Jane Davis.
3. Ann Davis.
4. Benjamin Davis died 1817 in Autauga County, Alabama; married Tabitha Rose.
5. Isham Davis.
6. Randolph Davis married Hannah Marriott (see p. 127).
7. Elizabeth Davis married John Rose.
8. Henry Davis.
9. Keziah Davis.
10. Marriott Davis.
11. Sylvia Davis.
12. James Davis.

- e. James Davis died 1783, married Elizabeth Baldwin.
- f. Robert Davis died 1749.
- g. Nathaniel Davis.
- h. Anne Davis married James Nicholson.

- e. Allen Warren, born ca. 1663, died ca. 1713 in Surry County, Virginia.
- f. Robert Warren, born ca. 1666, died 1721 in Surry County, Virginia.
- g. William Warren, born 1669, died 1702 in Surry County, Virginia.

1. Alice Warren was born about 1645 in Surry County, Virginia. About 1665 she married Matthias Marriott 6/, who on September 24th, 1670, received his share of the estate of Thomas & William Warren. On March 20th, 1670/71, he gave the other heirs their shares. On October 13th, 1671, Marriott sold a slave to George Watkins, and on August 14, 1672, he and Thomas Hart received a grant of 338 acres from the Virginia government. On July 23, 1673, Matthias & Alice Marriott sold the Warren house and 400 acres called Smith's Fort, inherited from her father, to John Salway 7/.

Matthias Marriott made his will on June 12th, 1707, leaving his property to his wife and children. The estate was probated on September 2nd, 1707. His children were as follows:

- a. Margaret Marriott married Robert Flake.
- b. ELIZABETH MARRIOTT MARRIED A HILL, THOUGHT TO BE, SION HILL. (Sion Hill Jr. 3/).
- c. Marian Marriott married _____ Cryar.
- d. William Marriott, born ca. 1685.

Note: This is the basis of Sion Hill Jr 3/ marriage to Elizabeth Marriott.

(same as d, above)

2. William Marriott, who was born about 1685, was a planter in Surry County, Virginia his entire life. About 1715 he married Sarah Collier of Surry County, who was born about 1695 (See p. 4). On March 9, 1722, he sold 200 acres of land adjoining Ware Neck to Michael Harris for five shillings. On June 19th, 1723, he sold 343 acres in Southwark Parish to Abraham, Jacob & Nicholas Faucon for five shillings. On October 27, 1724, he sold 35 acres near Mill Swamp to James Nicholson for 16 Pounds. On November 16, 1725, he sold 100 acres on Warrior's Swamp adjoining James Davis to William Westhus for 16 Pounds 15 shillings. On November 1st, 1731, he sold 60 acres adjoining the Southwark Parish Church to Thomas Bage for 5 shillings. On October 22, 1732, he sold 135 acres to William Gray Jr. for 5 shillings and on May 16th, 1735, he sold 235 acres to John Johnson for 5 shillings.

On May 4, 1735, William Marriott bought 630 acres on the south side of Meherrin River and Avent's Creek in Brunswick County, Virginia from Thomas Avent for 40 pounds. His son Thomas Marriott farmed the land and received it by his father's will, made on September 20, 1765 and probated on January 20th, 1767, in Surry County, Virginia. William & Sarah Marriott had the following children:

- a. William Marriott, born ca. 1716, dsp (sic) 1755 in Surry County, Virginia.
- 3. b. Thomas Marriott, born ca. 1720.
- c. Matthias Marriott, born ca. 1722, died 1774 in Surry County, Virginia, married Elizabeth Gray.
- d. Benjamin Marriott, born ca. 1725.
- e. Mary Marriott, born ca. 1728, married Henry Davis (see p. 124).

3. Thomas Marriott, who was born about 1720 in Surry County, Virginia married Elizabeth _____ about 1745 and moved to his father's 630 acres tract on the south side of the Meherrin River and Avent's Creek in Brunswick County, Virginia. On November 3, 1750, he acquired an adjoining 476 acres from the colony of Virginia, and on May 11th, 1754, he bought an adjoining 130 acres on Avent's Creek from William McKnight for 47 pounds 11/.

Marriott may have been a merchant as well as a planter, as in September 1753, Thomas Marriott & Company sued the estate of Edward Gowing for debt. He sold his 130 acre tract to Sylvanus Stokes Jr., for 70 pounds and June 28th, 1757, and on this same date he sold 270 acres of his plantation to John Knight for 55 pounds. On June 25th, 1764, he sold 100 acres to William Davis for 55 pounds and on February 17, 1770, he sold 130 acres to his son-in-law, Nathaniel Robertson, for 70 pounds. He made his will on October 21, 1785, leaving his property to his four children and his daughter Sarah's children. The estate was probated on August 24, 1789. His children were 12/:

- a. Sarah Marriott, born ca. 1750, married 1st in 1768 to John Warren, who died October 31st, 1779. Her 2nd marriage was to William Holmes on June 15, 1782. Children (by 1st marriage) 13/..
 - 1. Elizabeth Warren, born ca. 1771.
 - 2. Marriott Warren, born ca. 1773, died in December 1798 in Mecklenburg County, Va. He married in 1794 to Mary Holmes, daughter of Samuel Holmes. Children:
 - a. Samuel Holmes Warren, married 12th December 1820 Elizabeth Rebecca Delony, lived in Mecklenburg County, Va. in 1829.
 - b. Jane Warren married David H. Abernathy on February 16, 1824, lived in Mecklenburg County, Va. in 1829.
 - c. Marriott Warren lived in Richmond County, Va. in 1829.

3. John Warren, born ca. 1775.
4. William Warren, born ca. 1777.
5. Thomas Warren, born ca. 1779.

(by 2nd marriage) (perhaps among others) sic

- b. Elizabeth Marriott, born ca. 1752, died ca. 1790 in Brunswick County, Virginia; married October 23, 1769 to Nathaniel Robertson (see p. 178).
- c. Hannah Marriott, born ca. 1755, married ca. 1772 to Randolph Davis (see p. 124).
- d. Thomas Marriott, born ca. 1760, married December 14th, 1785 to Elizabeth Suggett, born ca. 1769, daughter of Edgecomb Suggett and Constant Edmundson. He probably moved to Roane County, Tennessee ca. 1807 and died there. His widow lived in Morgan County, Missouri in 1850. His children, among others, were as follows 14/:

1. Constant Marriott, born ca. 1786, married March 3, 1806 to John Allen.
2. Edgecomb Marriott, born ca. 1788, lived in Morgan County, Missouri.
3. Benjamin Marriott, born ca. 1797, lived in Morgan County, Missouri.
4. Thomas Marriott lived in Tennessee.
5. John Marriott, born ca. 1809, lived in Morgan County, Missouri.
6. Prudence Marriott, born ca. 1812, married Martin Silvey and lived in Morgan County, Missouri.

REFERENCES (IN BOLD PRINT ABOVE)

1/ Thomas Warren was probably the person by that name who was baptized on January 30th, 1624 at Ripple, Kent, England, the son of William Warren & Catherine Gookin; John Bennett Boddie, Historical Virginia Genealogies (Redwood City, California; Pacific Coast Publishers, 1954); Virginia Patent Book 1, Page 146, State Archives, Richmond, Virginia.

2/ Surry County, Virginia, Deed Book 2, Page 166; the house was bought by the Rockerfeller Foundation, restored, and given to the Society for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities, which now operates it.

3/ Surry County, Virginia Deed Book 1, Pages 56 , 169.

4/ Ibid., Book 1, Pages 56, 168, 338.

- 5/ Ibid., Book 1, pages 377, 389, Will Book 9, pages 488; records belonging to John B. Boddie.
- 6/ Matthias Marriott was probably a close relative but not a son of Major William Marriott, who was in Surry County, Virginia, prior to 1660.
- 7/ Surry County, Virginia, Deed Book 1, pages 374, 377, 389, Book 2, page 30; Virginia Land Grant Book 6, Page 413, State Archives, Richmond, Virginia.
- **8/ Surry County, Virginia Deed Book 5, Page 374
- 9/ Ibid., Book 7, Pages 795, 473, 451, 568, 627, Book 8, pages 281, 279, 493.
- 10/ Brunswick County, Virginia, Deed Book 1, pages 220; Surry County, Virginia, Wills.
- 11/ Surry County, Virginia Wills, Virginia Land Grant Book 29, page 363, State Archives, Richmond, Virginia; Brunswick County, Virginia Deed Book 5, page 615.
- 12/ Brunswick County, Virginia, Order Book 12, page 80; Deed Book 6, pages 191,194, Book 7, Page 492, Book 9, page 603, Will Book 5, page 316.
- 13/ Ibid., Marriages; Mecklenburg County, Virginia, Marriages Will Book 4, pages 85.
- 14/ Records belonging to Mrs. Ernest L. Marriott.

ADDENDA:

REFERENCE FOOTNOTE 8 - "Appears good" on paper and is being accepted as PROOF HOWEVER this reference is actually the 1707 WILL for Matthias MARRIOTT, the father of Elizabeth Hill.

This WILL states: "Elizabeth Hill, my daughter," and does not identify her husband. Sion Hill Jr. has been purported as being her husband, but this citation DOES NOT prove what is being claimed! This clarification will impact the veracity of several lineages in the 17th Century Colonial Dames Society and elsewhere.

ALSO, in a recent letter from John Frederick Dorman, a Professional Genealogist and editor of THE VIRGINIA GENEALOGIST, is stated: "There is no evidence in Virginia that a Sion Hill Jr. ever married or had any children."

In all fairness to this "claimed" position, HILL researchers are referred to the HILL Family folder at the Wake Forest University Library in Winston-Salem, N.C.

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