

HILL FAMILY

VOLUME V

Hill Family Data
of
Jerry Reid Hill
Jessie Lynn Bell
Jacquie K. Hoggard

Research Papers
of
Jane Smith Hill

Research
of
Jerry Reid Hill

Robert Hill b. 1615 Northumberland
Co, ENGL., d. 1682 I of W Co VA m^d Mary Wells
b 1621 Northumberland Co. ENGL. d 1684 I of W Co
VA.

#1 Ch: SION W. d 1654 I of W. Co VA. d. 1705 Surrey
Co VA m^d 1677 to Elizabeth (Smith) Spotsylvania

Ch: Robert b. 1678 I of W. d 1745 Halifax Co NC
m^d 1705 to TABITHA (Green or Brown - skid)
b 1635/89, d 1766 Halifax Co NC,
Richard;

SION Jr. b 1684 I of W VA, d 1705 I of W VA
m^d 1677 to Elizabeth Smith b 1662;

Capt. Thomas

Michael Williams

#2 Robert b. 1667 Surrey Co VA, d 1740 Brunswick
Co VA, m^d before 1704 to Elizabeth (Hickman)
b 1670, d. 1740, ~~EB~~

#3 Elizabeth - NFI

#19381 Laverne & Hill relative

ISAAC HILL

CAN ANYONE HELP WITH ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION ON THESE?

b. 1836 d. _____

JAMES R. HILL

(IN CIVIL WAR)

b. 1841 d. _____

JOHN J. HILL

(DIED IN CIVIL WAR)

PHILIP LEROY

b. d.

M.

SHIRLEY O'CONNOR
CHATHAM CO., NC.NATHANAEL BURKE

b. 7-21-1974

CHATHAM CO., NC

GRACE SHARMON

b. 5-17-1977

CHATHAM CO., NC

JERRY REID HILL

b. 9-28-1944 d.

M. 10-17-1969

JUDITH CAROLYN MARLEY b. 8-13-1946
AT MOONS CHAPEL PARSONAGE
RANDOLPH CO, NC
CHATHAM CO., NC.OLIVIA RUTH

b. 6-8-1978

CHATHAM CO., NC

(1950 CENSUS
LIST AS INFANT)
FOR CHATHAM
COUNTY, NC.

★ ISAAC HILL

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INFORMATION ON THESE?

b. 1836 d. —

JAMES R. HILL (IN CIVIL WAR)

b. 1841 d. —

JOHN J. HILL (DIED IN CIVIL WAR)

b. 1809 d. —

b. 1843 d. —
CELLA H. HILL

ISAAC HILL

M.

NANCY —

b. 1806 d. —

b. 1846 d. —
MARY A. HILL

b. 1847 d. —

AMANDA E. HILL

b. — d. —

WILLIAM H. HILL

(1850 CENSUS
LIST AS INFANT)
FOR CHATHAM
COUNTY, NC.

VA.39 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.

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, 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. Researchers 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. 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 (cn) 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 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.)). 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 that 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 mis-stated a family relationship-as seen later.

It is unknown when and where there occurred the first genealogical claim of Sion Hill Jr. 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. 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 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 he could not have seen, lead to the inescapable conclusion that Joshua's father William could not have been a son of Sion Hill Jr. and Elizabeth Marriott (or other 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) (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 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. [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, bit 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?)

<u>Isabella Hill</u>	<u>William Hill</u>	<u>Ann Hill</u>	<u>Elizabeth Hill</u>
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

<u>John Hill</u>	<u>Mary Hill</u>	<u>Dianah Hill</u>	<u>Priscilla Hill</u>
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			
he names wife,			
Elizabeth & children:			

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. Winfred Jacobs 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

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William Hill Jr.	Thomas Smithers	Elizabeth (Capt) Robert	
b. 1737	b. 1739	b. 1747	b. Feb. 1752
m. 1758 to	m. Susan Mosely	m. 1765 to	m. Sep. 1769
Hannah E. Halbert	d. 1825	Wm. Halbert	to Martha
d. 1792 Surry Co.,			Halbert
N.C.			d. 3 Aug.
			1834 Stokes
			Co., N.C.

next five children

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

↑
 Believe he is son of
 Wm. Hill Jr. & a grandson
 to ABN Wm. Hill Sr.

last two children

Joshua Hill	Joel Hill
(TWINS)	
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

END OF DOCUMENT

VA.40 WILL OF JOHN HILL SR. OF AMELIA COUNTY, VIRGINIA
WROTE 11TH FEBRUARY 1777, UPDATED 15TH SEPTEMBER 1779.
(FILED IN WILL BOOK 3, PAGES 28-30).

NOTES: For a better back ground on this John Hill, please refer information in VA.39 (preceding document) and to the Joshua Hill Foster Papers in Alabama State Archives, as was told to him by his grandfather Joshua Hill Sr. ca. 1850. It seems that this John Hill was a younger brother of William Hill and their father was a William Hill, who was born in Maryland, moved and married in Virginia.

The father was the William Hill, who is listed in the Christ Church Parish Records of Middlesex County, Virginia as having died on 6th of May and buried on 8th of May in 1720. The records shows that his wife Anne Hill died on 15th January 1726 and was buried the next day, on the 17th of January 1726. (Pages 176 & 183 of Parish Register)

Based on information from the above documents, it appears that this John Hill Sr. was born, probably in August or September of 1710, because he was baptized on 1st October 1710 in Christ Church.

He apparently wrote the following will on 11th of February 1777, but his son Joel Hill had moved away and so on 15th of September 1779, he made a correction (codicil?) to the will. No date of the Will being proved was given.

WILL OF JOHN HILL SR.
(FILED IN AMELIA CO. WILL BOOK 3, PAGES 28-30).

In the name of GOD AMEN, I JOHN HILL SENIOR of the County of Amelia, being sick and weak but of Perfect mind & memory, do make this my last Will and Testament, first I recommend my Soul unto the hands of Almighty God, who gave it & my body to the earth, to be buried in Such decent Christian like way as my Executors hereinafter named may think proper & as to what worldly goods it hath pleased God to bless me with, I WILL & DESPOSE OF AS FOLLOWETH:

ITEM...I leave to my beloved wife ELIZABETH, the use & possession of all my land & plantation whereon I live except what I shall give by this, my Will, to my son JOEL, during her natural life or as long as she Continues my widow, I also lend her all my Negroes and Personal Estate in the like manner-

ITEM...I give unto my son JOEL & to his heirs forever that part of my land whereon he lives, lying on the North West side of the Spring house branch, beginning at Jacob Seay's line and thence up the branch to the fork thereof and thence up the left hand fork to the Road, I also give the other party of my land that i have Lent to my wife, to my son JOEL

after her marriage or decease, to him and his heirs forever,
I also give him my Still...

ITEM...My Will & desire is at my wife's marriage or decease my Negroes and all other of my Estate, not already disposed of by this my will, be divided into five equal parts and the value of one fifth part thereof I give to be equally divided among the children of my son WILLIAM, deceased, and the other four parts, I give to be equally divided among my four children, JOHN, MOSES, & ISAAC and PRISCILLA BELL to them and their heirs forever, and whereas my son JOHN and my son (???) has done work for me at different times, for which I think I nearly satisfied them, (see note below) for my Will is that the Legacy given them may Claim against my estate and that they receive no other pay without forfeiting (forfeiting) their Respective legacies to my other children.

ITEM...It is my will and desire that at the division of my estate as before directed, my son MOSES have the Negro Girl named Ador, but this Negro girl is to go in part of his forth part, as before described and in case the said girl should die before that time, then the division to be as if this legacy had not been named. I also (give) unto my son MOSES the best horse or Mare that should be in the Estate at the time of the division, to be allotted him exclusive of his other part.

ITEM...I give unto my grandson JOHN HUMPHRASS (HUMPHREYS?) HILL, my small guns, to be allotted him before the division--and hereby I constitute and appoint my sons ISAAC & JOEL Hill Executors of this my last Will and Testament, revoking & making void all former Wills by me made & in Witness whereof I have set my hand & affixed my seal this **11th day of FEBRUARY 1777.**

(Signed by) JOHN HILL SR. (LS)

Signed, Sealed & Published)
in presence of)
Christopher Ford)
John Hubbard)
James League)

(This appears to be a codicil, but it is not stated such. It was just wrote in and dated 15th September 1779..)

Whereas my son JOEL HILL has removed at great distance from me, which makes it requisite that some alterations be made in this my WILL...I therefore now Order that at my wife's marriage or decease--that all land whereon I now live & also all my land that by this my Will I had given unto my son JOEL, be sold to the highest bidder and also my Still and the money arising from which sale, I give to be equally divided among my Children & Grandchildren, in the same manner as the other part of my estate is directed to be divided in the

former part of this my Will.

ITEM...It is my will that at the division of my estate, my Negroes be appraised and that my Son in Law JOHN BELL, receive from my other Legatees part, his equal proportion of their value, and I desire he may have none of the Negroes & Lastly I appoint my son ISAAC HILL & my Neighbor Christopher Ford, Executors, of this my will, revoking the Executorship of my Son JOEL, Witness my hand and Seal the 15th of September 1779.

Signed by/ JOHN HILL SR. (LS)

Sealed & Published)
in presence of)
Henry Harper)
John Hubbard)

NOTE: Reference to the Will, It appears that a son's name has been left out of the above underlined portion of the Will that states QUOTE "and whereas my son John and my son ????? has done work for me at different times for which I think I have nearly satisfied them..."

*Terry Hill, 1802-1850 m. Jane Sharp, issue:

1. Sanford (Semp) Hill m. Rebecca Davis
2. Parley Hill m. John Brantley
3. Tinney Hill m. Joseph Brantley
4. Oliver Hill 2nd. m. Martha Jane Williamson
5. Malinda Hill never married
6. Elizabeth Hill m. John B. Weaver
7. William Hill m. Catherine Witt
8. *Ferrin Hill m. Elizabeth Snodderly
9. Henry Hill m. Elizabeth Hardin
10. Manon Hill m. (1) Lucy Witt, (2) Melcina Oakes
11. Union Hill m. Sarah Martin

*Ferrin Hill, 1841-1931 m. Elizabeth Snodderly (1859-1939) issue:

1. Samuel J. Hill b 26 Jan. 1881, never married
2. Harriet (Hattie) Hill m. Sam A. Hill, a great, great grandson of Elijah and Mary Sharp Hill
3. Maud Hill 1885-1928 m. William H. Thomas (1882-)
4. Lucy Hill m. W. O. Walker
5. Ollie Hill m. Murphy Hamilton
6. Elbert Milton Hill m. Emma Bridges
7. Mossie Hill m. Henry Bledsoe
8. Altie May Hill m. Bert Hodges
9. Reid Hill m. Mary Irwin

William Hill, Sr., son of Sion Hill, Jr. and first wife, Elizabeth Browne, (this William Hill, Sr. was a half brother to Green Hill, Sr. (Wm. Hill, Sr. 1710-1787) m. (1) Susannah Smithers and (2) Elizabeth Williams, issue:

1. William Hill, Jr. 1737-1787 m. Elizabeth Halbert, dau. of Joel and Elizabeth (Jones) Halbert, Stokes County, N.C. William a Baptist Minister and Chaplin during the American Revolution.
2. Thomas Smithers Hill b 1739 no farther data
3. Elizabeth Hill b 18 Sept 1747 Va. d Abbeville District S.C. m. William Halbert son of Joel and Elizabeth (Jones) Halbert living in Germanton Stokes County N.C.
4. Robert Hill b 17 Feb 1752 d 2 Aug 1834 m. (1) Martha Halbert dau of Joel and Elizabeth (Jones) Halbert, living in Germanton Stokes County N.C.
5. Uel or Ewell b 1755 m Miss Duval 1st. m Miss Hartsfield 2nd. d Abbeville District S.C.
6. Daniel Hill b Oct 1756 m 1st. Martha Hickman. According to Mr. Worth Ray "Daniel Hill a Revolutionary soldier served under Gen. John Sevier, and settled in McNairy County Tenn. He came to Washington County N.C. from Loudoun County Va. In 1803 he sold his farm on the north side of Nollichucky River about eight miles from Morristown to Baldwin Harle. Issue:
1. Abraham Hill m Miss Walker
2. Elijah Hill m Rebecca Coffman
3. James Hill m Nancy Coleman moved to Missouri
4. Jesse Hill moved to Missouri
5. William Hill
6. John Hill
7. Elias Hill
8. Jefferson Hill m Miss Womack
9. Sarah Hill m Joseph Graham moved to Franklin County Tenn.
10. Massey Hill m Lucinda Harle, dau. of Baldwin Harle, and moved to Coffee County Tenn, in fact he and his wife are buried six miles from Tullahoma. He helped to develop Coffee County, built the first brick building in Coffee County and one highway is named for him.

Massey Hill b Jefferson County Tenn. 12 March 1808 d 10 Dec 1873
Coffee County Tenn.

wife

Lucinda ~~Hille~~ Hill b Jefferson County Tenn. 21 July 1823 d 27 Nov
1868 Coffee County Tenn.

Issue:

1. John Wesley Hill, d young
2. James Wiley Hill, school teacher, Methodist Minister, died 1884
as presiding elder Methodist Church
3. Ellen Hill, named partly after her grand-mother, Martha Ellen
Hickman Hill, m S.E. Carnes, a lawyer, had: Arthur, William, Edna,
and Florence. Mr. Carnes died in Manchester Tenn. and Ellen moved
to Moody Texas
4. David Miller Hill, b 1849, named after David Miller of Virginia
5. William Adolphus Hill
6. Baldwin Hill
7. Arthur Hill
8. Lavinia m Dr. Clow he died and she moved to Santa Barbara, Calif.
9. Mattie Hill m _____, living in Nashville Tenn. died there
Lavinia was living in 1934 by statement of Joseph Tribble Graham,
in his eighty year, Booneville Lincoln County Tennessee.
(Records JLS G3 ref.)(Graham records Scotland-Coffee County Tenn.)

7. James Hill b 1759 (son of Wn. Hill, Sr.) twin m Margaret Cowan d
27 March 1832 Jefferson County Tennessee was a Methodist Minister.
They were the parents of Rev. James Hill, Jr. Methodist Minister
who married Sarah Moore (b 25 Oct 1821) dau. of James Moore.
Rev. James Hill, Jr. and Sarah Moore Hill were the parents of Geo-
rge W. Hill b Dec 1855 that married Sallie Kuykendall dau. of M.H.
Kuykendall, a native of Tenn. James had a brother, James P. Hill
b 1844 that married Martha J. Walker.
8. Jesse Hill b 1759 twin of James Hill, married, _____ moved to
Abbeville District S.C. Had a son Wn. P. Hill.)
9. Joshua Hill b 26 May 1763 twin m 7 April 1790 Nancy Wyatt Collier
in Abbeville District S.C. Issue:
 1. Mary E. Hill b 1791 m James Foster to Ala.
 2. John Hill b 1792 m Julia Dyer Clerk of Court Jasper Co. Ga.
 3. Elizabeth Wyatt Hill b 1795 m Hardy Foster to Ala.
 4. Sarah Blackwell Hill b 1797 m Robert Jones
 5. Susannah Collier Hill b 1799 m Cameron Jones to Miss.
 6. Wn. Wyatt Hill b 1802 m Harrett Wetherington
 7. Edward Young Hill b 1805 m Annebelle Dawson (lawyer)
 8. Hulda Hill b 1810 m John Daniel
 9. Joshua Hill, Jr. b 1812 m Emily Reed (member of Congress) lawyer
 10. Phoebe Hill b 1817 m Edmund Jones moved to Tenn. (well to-do)
10. Joel Hill b 26 May 1763 twin of Joshua Hill m 16 Oct 1791 to
Ann Watson, d 6 Jany. 1843 ~~Brunswick County North ALA.~~
All ten children of Wn. Hill, Sr. were born in Carolina Co. Va. and
all but Thomas Smithers Hill served in the American Revolution.

William Hill, Jr. son of Wn. Hill, Sr. (1710-1787) b 1737 Carolina Co. a Baptist Minister d 29 Sept 1792 Stokes Co. N.C. m Jany. 1758 to Elizabeth Halbert (b 1740) dau. of Joel and Elizabeth (Jones) Halbert Issue:

1. Thomas Hill b 22 Dec 1759 Guilford Co. N.C. d 1849 White Co. Tenn m Catherine Shropshire 1783, had: William, Abner, Jane, *Thomas Winkfield, Hannah, James, Cynthia, and Elijah.
2. James Hill b 1761 m Nancy Royalty *check for Fall's Creek HILL'S*
3. Mary Hill b 1764 m Osburn Childress
4. Elizabeth Hill b 1768 m John Moore d 1821 Guilford Co. N.C.
5. Joab Hill b 1770 m 1802 Elizabeth Lane, Col. war 1812
6. Green Hill b 1774 m Nancy Geddy Mitchell
7. Cynthia Hill b 1776 m Mr. Crawford
8. Francis Hill b 1778 m Mark Hardin (a Major)
9. John Hill b 1780

Some one had said Wn. Hill, Jr. also had a son Joseph Hill that m a Miss Wallace, have no record.

#2 James Hill settled in Claiborne Co. Tenn, had son: Joab Hill m Mary McNeil lived near Maynardville, Tenn.

#9 John Hill settled in Davidson Co. Tenn.

#5 Joab Hill settled at Tazewell, Claiborne Co. Tenn. member of Tenn Legislature 1802, then settled at Niota, McMinn Co. Tenn. He was a Baptist Minister, died in Missouri.

Mr. W. H. Thomas of Andersonville, Tenn. now dec'd, in his notes says: "Wn. Hill, Jr. had a son Wn. Hill, 3rd. m Sarah Geddy 1st. and Frances Blane 2nd. and served as Secretary of State for North Carolina for forty years, d at Raleigh, N.C. (This must be the WILL that I have that I could not understand, as to the date.) JLS

Going back to page #2 with GREEN HILL, SR. b 20 Nov 1714 m Grace Bennett march 1738 had a son:

William Hill b 20 Feb 1750 m Mary Jones of Granville Co. N.C. had a son:

Matthew Hill, Sr. d. 1804 Stokes Co. N.C. m Lucy _____, had a son: Matthew Hill, Jr. b 1773 d 1850 Stokes Co. N.C. m Mary (Polly) Moore (dau. of John Moore that married Elizabeth Hill, the dau. of Rev. Wn. Hill, Jr. (1737-1792) and his wife Elizabeth Halbert Hill. Issue of Matthew and Mary Moore Hill, Jr. a son:

David Hill m Lucinda Henderson had issue:

Lemuel Hill m Francis (Frankie) Shelby (dec. of Capt. John Shelby) issue:

Edmund Hill b 1 June 1868 d 27 May 1942 m Julia Greer b 11 May 1879 d 6 Feb 1929 had issue:

Samuel Elbert Hill b 9 Feb 1913 d 1 July 1970 m 1 Jany. 1938 to Opal Ruth Waggner b 18 Jany. 1922, who sent me these notes on Green Hill, Sr. down to her husband and herself from Knoxville, Tenn. in November of 1970.

Moore

Shield Moore m Bland and Risdon had son:

Risdon Moore m Mary Smith had John Moore that married Elizabeth Hill, dau. of Wn. Hill, Jr. and had a daughter:

Mary (Polly) Moore that m Matthew Hill, Jr. Stokes Co. N.C.

MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 22, 1981
 SUBJECT: William Hill, the father-in-law, and Thomas Hill, the husband, of Catherine Shropshire (1760-1854)
 FROM: David B. Hill, 2814 Pierre Place, College Station, Texas 77840 *DBH*

Substantial confusion abounds in published genealogies and family histories regarding the Thomas Hill (1759-1849) that married Catherine Shropshire in North Carolina in 1783. At least three different Thomas Hills have been "married" to Catherine. Confusion also exists regarding the identity of Thomas' father, William Hill. This memorandum is intended to eliminate some of the confusion.

Relying on primary sources alone, what do we know for certain about Thomas Hill, the husband of Catherine?

A. Catherine Shropshire's Revolutionary service pension file (W 1606) indicates that:

1. Thomas was born on December 22, 1759 in "Guilford County, North Carolina, that part which later became Rockingham County..." (Guilford was not created until 1770. Perhaps an error of memory).
2. Thomas married Catherine (Catharine?/Katherine?) in 1783 in NC.
3. About eight years after the close of the Revolution, Thomas moved from Guilford County to Surry County, NC where he lived for about two years before moving to Greene County, Georgia. Thirteen years later he moved to Tennessee where he died in 1849 at home near Sparta (White County).

B. An "obituary" or autobiographical statement by Abner Hill, the son of Thomas Hill and Catherine Shropshire, indicates that:

1. Thomas was the son of William Hill. "Of what county I am not advised, only I have heard my father say that he was of Welsh extraction."
2. Thomas and Catherine had four sons in NC. Five more children were born in Georgia.

C. Land records I have obtained from the Surry County Register of Deeds Office provide several clues. First, they confirm the move from Guilford to Surry County in about 1789. William bought 380 acres of land in that year on Fishers River in Surry County. This land must have become the property of Thomas on William's death. Although no will is extant, Thomas, as eldest son, would have inherited his father's lands under primogenitor inheritance practices. The land records show further that Thomas sold this same land to two brothers, John and James Hill, and another man named Jacob Hill. The family relationship with this man is not known. Perhaps he was a brother of William and an uncle of Thomas, John and James. This possibility will be explored further below. The land records indicate that Thomas was of Wilkes County, Georgia when he sold the land to John, James and Jacob. Later records show Thomas in Greene County. This suggests that he probably resided in that portion of Wilkes County that was added to Greene County in 1802. This area is now the northeast corner of Greene County ("north of the headwaters of the Ogeechee River") and the north portion of Taliaferro County (SOURCE: Rice and Williams, *History of Greene County Georgia*, 1961, pp. 59, 235 and *The Story of Washington - Wilkes*, p. 38, published by the University of Georgia Press in 1941). Each of the relevant land documents from Surry Deed Books D and F is abstracted below:

1. 20 Jan 1789 James and Catharine Bryson to William Hill 100 pds Specie 380 ac Fishers River S side main River
 John Bryson Junr)
 Thomas Hill) s/James Bryson
 (no signature for Catharine)
2. 10 Nov 1792 Thomas Hill, Wilkes County Georgia to Jacob Hill 50 pds 140 ac both sides Fishers River adj John Hill above and James Hill below agreeable to the condit line made bet them & their father William Hill in his lifetime & inclu the place where he deceased.
 J. Mackay) John X Watson)
 Matthew X Sims) s/Thomas Hill
3. 10 Nov 1792 Thomas Hill, Wilkes County Georgia to James Hill 90 pds 140 ac both sides Fishers River lower end survey made by William Ramsey 380 ac adj condit line made bet James & his father William Hill
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D. The fact that William Hill and sons Thomas, John and James lived together in Surry County is supported by the 1790 census which shows each as a head of household with their four families listed adjacently in the Surry County enumeration. This census, taken one or two years before Thomas left for Georgia, indicates that Thomas' household consisted of himself, one white female (Catherine Shropshire), and four white males under 16 years of age (the four brothers that Abner said were born in North Carolina).

The Surry land records and the 1790 census help us establish one fact that is crucial in successfully identifying the Thomas Hill that married Catherine Shropshire. Thomas' father William was alive in 1790 when the census was taken, but had died by 1792 when the lands were sold by Thomas. Therefore we are seeking a Thomas whose father William died between 1790 and 1792.

Some genealogies allege that Catherine Shropshire married Thomas Smithers Hill the son of William Hill, Sr. and brother of William Hill, Jr. (well known Baptist minister and a member of the Surry County Committee of Safety that served as delegates to the Hillsborough Congress in 1775). Other genealogies state that Catherine married a son of the aforementioned William Hill, Jr. Both of these assertions are incorrect. The wills of both William Hill, Sr. and William Hill, Jr. were probated before 1789 when William Hill, the father-in-law of Catherine, bought land on the Fishers River. William Senior's estate was probated in Surry County Court on February 15, 1787. William Junior's estate was probated in Guilford County Court during February 1785. Therefore, neither man could be Catherine Shropshire's father-in-law as both were dead before the real William bought land on Fishers River and was counted in the 1790 census. The attempt to identify William, Jr. as the Catherine's father-in-law is especially dubious since no primary record is extant which indicates that William, Jr. ever had a son named Thomas. The tradition that William, Jr. had a son named Thomas who married Catherine seems to have originated in a genealogy entitled "Line of Decent from

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FIRST FEDERAL CENSUS, 1790—Continued.

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SURRY COUNTY	Patrick Adams.....	1				
	Frederick Alberty.....	1				
	Thomas Ballard.....	1				
	Sherril Brock.....	1				
	John Brannon.....	1				
	Martin Burrus.....	1				
	William Dean.....	1				
	William Barker.....	1				
	James Cookman.....	1				
	Thomas Chisholm.....	1				
	John Clarke.....	1				
	John Curry.....	1				
	Edward Gragg.....	1				
	Leonard Hart.....	1				
	Thomas Hall.....	1				
	William Davis.....	1				
	Jonathan Davis.....	1				
	John Dean.....	1				
	Job Dean.....	1				
	Edison Edwards.....	1				
	Amos Freeman.....	1				
	John Fletcher.....	1				
	Joseph Gentry.....	1				
	Phelon Gentry.....	1				
	Elijah Gentry.....	1				
	John Holt.....	1				
	John Hughes.....	1				
	Thomas Hill.....	1				
	William Hill.....	1				
	James Hill.....	1				
	John Hill.....	1				
	Edmond Hudon.....	1				
	William Hudon.....	1				
	Bartholomew Hodge.....	1				
	Amos Hudon.....	1				
	William Hodge.....	1				
	Hudson Hall.....	1				
	Stirling Hudon.....	1				
	John Hayes.....	1				
	Elizabeth Jervis.....	1				
	Joseph Kirby.....	1				
	Philip Kirby.....	1				
	Joseph Kirby.....	1				
	Henry Kirby.....	1				
	William Keith.....	1				
	John Lanthrop.....	1				

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	Frederick Albert	1	2	1
	Thomas Ballard	1	3	4
	Sherod Brock	1	4	6
	John Brannum	1	4	4
	Martin Burrus	1	3	4	..	1
	William Bean	1	..	2
	William Barker	2	..	8
	Rhodes Cochran	2	..	4
	Thomas Clonabert	1	4	5
	John Clarke	1	2	2
	John Cary	1	3	3
	Edward Craig	1	3	3
	Leonard Barr	1
	Thomas Cullie	2	1	1
	William Davis	1	2	5
	Jonathan Davis	1
	John Dean	1	2	4
	John Dean	1
	Oliver Edwards	1	2	2	..	19
	Anron Freeman	1	4	4	..	2
	John Fletcher	2	1	5
	Joseph Gentry	1	1	4	..	3
	Shelton Gentry	1	2	3
	Elijah Gentry	1	2	5	..	1
	John Holt	2	2	3
	John Hughes	1	12	3
	Thomas Hill	1	4	1
	William Hill	4	..	5
	James Hill	1	1	1
	John Hill	2	..	2
	Edmond Hodges	2	3	2
	William Hudson	1	..	1
	Bartholomew Hodge	1	1	4
	Andrew Hodges	1	..	3
	William Hodges	1	1	3
	Hudson Hall	2	..	2
	Stirling Hudson	1	3	3
	John Hayes	2	2	5
	Eliphaz Jervis	1	4	4
	Joseph Kirby	1	..	2
	Philip Kirby	1	3
	John Kirby	1	..	3
	Henry Kirby	2	2	4
	William Keith	1	..	3
	John Lanthrop	2	2	4

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ATTACHMENT 2

EARLY FAMILIES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA COUNTIES
OF ROCKINGHAM AND STOKES WITH REVOLUTIONARY SERVICE

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THOMAS HILL--Born 22 Dec 1759 Guilford Co, NC, died 5 Apr 1849 White Co, Tenn, buried in Anderson Cemetery; married July 1783, Catherine Shropshire, born Sept 1760, died 14 Feb 1854 White Co, Tenn, dau of Winkfield Shropshire (Sr).

Thomas Hill, as a resident of Guilford Co, NC entered service in the Revolutionary War in June 1776 as a private in Capt John Leak's Company of Col James Martin's Regiment, commanded by Gen Rutherford. This first tour of three months was to quell trouble with Indians on the Tennessee River. His next tour of three months was in 1781 under Capt. John May and he was member of force assigned to preventing the British from crossing the Dan River and to protect the county from the ravages of the British. He was not on the battle field at Guilford Court House. Later he served another three months out in the area that became Hawkins Co, Tenn under Capt Robert King to protect the area from Indians.

Thomas Hill received a pension for his service as a private in the Revolutionary War and in 1850 his widow, Catherine, applied for a widow's pension in White Co, Tenn. Sons Elijah and Winkfield also made corroborating testimony. (Designation #W-1606)

In his declaration, Thomas Hill stated that he was born near the Dan River in that part of Guilford Co that later became Rockingham Co; was living there when he entered service and for about eight years after the Revolution, after which he lived in Surry Co about two years; Greene Co, Ga about thirteen years; Claiborne Co, Tenn, two years; and White Co, Tenn.

Children:

1--William Hill.

2--Abner Hill.

3--Jane Hill, married Robert Bates.

4--Thomas Hill.

5--Winkfield Hill, born 27 Dec 1792; married Patsy Anderson. It was with this couple that Thomas and his wife were living in the 1840 Census of White Co, Tenn.

6--Hannah Hill married Ezekiel Bates.

7--James Hill.

8--Cynthia Hill married Gillington Chrisholm.

9--Elijah Hill, born 22 Apr 1794, died 25 Oct 1854; married Sarah Cummings. (There is some evidence in the pension application that Elijah was older than Winkfield. *NOTE: Yes, Elijah was older. See Henry Hill Obituary. DAN*)

Reference for data on the children: Roster and Soldiers - The Tennessee Society, NSDAR, 1894-1960. *NOTE: This source erroneously lists Thomas' father as William Hill, Jr. DAN*

*WAS BORN BEFORE
1775 in NC*

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WILLIAM HILL, Jr.--Born ca 1737 Caroline Co, Va (by most records), died ca 1785 Guilford Co, NC: married Hanniniah Elizabeth Halbert, born Caroline Co, Va. Elizabeth married 2nd ca 1792 Rockingham Co, NC, John Glenn, Jr.

William Hill represented Surry Co in the NC Provincial Congress at Hillsborough that convened on 20 Aug 1775. (Colonial Records of NC, Vol X, pages 164-169) At this Congress he was also appointed as Lieutenant to serve in one of the two regiments this Congress voted to form, but there is no other evidence that he served in this capacity. William Hill was a patriot Baptist minister who served as a chaplain to the American forces at the Battle of Guilford Court House on 15 Mar 1781. (Soldiers and Patriots in the Battle of Guilford Court House, by Rachel Caldwell Chapter, NSDAR)

In his service as a Baptist minister, William Hill lived in the Surry-Stokes area for a while, but it appears that he lived the latter part of his life in the Guilford-Rockingham area. Deeds of land sold in the settling of his estate were recorded in Rockingham Co and suggest that he lived near the Dan River. He had died by the Feb Term of the Guilford Co, NC Court in 1785 when his wife Elizabeth Hill was appointed executor of his estate. His estate records are in the NC Archives and Records Office in Raleigh in a folder filed under Guilford Co. There is also a folder under Stokes Co at the Archives, pertaining to the sale of land that he owned in Stokes Co. The estate records do not mention the names of his daughters and state that he had four sons when he died. Perhaps proof of other children can be found elsewhere, but proof in this area has only been found on the following children:

1--John Hill.

2--William Hill, III, born 23 Sept 1773 Surry Co, NC, died 29 Oct 1857 Raleigh, NC in Wake Co; married (1) Sarah Geddy (2) Mrs. Frances C. Blount, widow of Joseph Blount, Esq. of Chowan Co, NC. William Hill served North Carolina as Secretary of State from 1811 until his death.

3--James Hill.

4--Green Hill, born ca 1782.

5--Mary (Polly) Hill, married 18 Feb 1805 Stokes Co, NC, Osborn Childers.

6--Frances Hill, born 1780, married 26 Jan 1796 Rockingham Co, NC, Mark Harden.

Other references: DAR Patriot Index; Moravian Records of North Carolina; Courthouse records of Guilford, Rockingham and Stokes Counties; Hill File in Wake Forest College Library.

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WILLIAM HILL, Sr.--Born 1710-15, died ca 1787 Surry Co, NC; married Susannah Smithers. Some records say that both were born in England. There are also records that give a 2nd wife as Elizabeth Williams.

William Hill, Sr rendered patriotic service during the American Revolution. (DAR Patriot Index)

Evidently William Hill, Sr was a widower when he wrote his will in 1777, as no wife was mentioned. The will was probated in Feb Term 1787 in Surry Co, NC. A copy of the original will in the NC Archives and Records Office in Raleigh, discloses that he gave the home plantation to son Dan Hill; an adjoining plantation to son Jesse Hill; and that his three youngest sons James, Joshua and Joel Hill were to receive five pounds each to be applied to their education. His ten children were to share equally and were named in this order:

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3--Thomas Smithers Hill.

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5--Ewell Hill.

6--Daniel Hill, born Oct 1756 Caroline Co, Va, died 28 May 1826 Williamson Co, Tenn; married ca 1779 Surry Co, NC, Martha Hickman, born 16 Oct 1758, died 20 Apr 1845, dau of William Hickman.

7--Jesse Hill.

8--James Hill.

9--Joshua Hill.

10--Joel Hill, born 26 May 1763 Caroline Co, Va, died 7 Jan 1843 Jackson Co, Ark; married 16 Oct 1791 Richmond Co, Ga, Anne Watson, born 10 Oct 1773, died after 5 May 1855 Augusta, Jackson Co, Ark.

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Court is a Court of Record, having an official seal, do certify that the foregoing is a full, true and perfect copy of the last will and Testament and the probate of Thos. Hill, deceased, as appears of record in this office and recorded in will. Page 172.

JESS WHITKOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, at Halifax, North Carolina, this the 10th day of June 1948.

CLERK SUPERIOR COURT
GEORGE A. HUA
North Carolina

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HILL 1. The BROTHER OF THOMAS HILL OF HALIFAX COUNTY, NORT. CAROLINA married GRACE, the daughter of William Bennett whose will was probated in Northampton Co N C in 1775. He mentioned the following persons: His wife Grace (Van Cortlandt), daughter Anne and daughter GRACE HILL, also grand children.

OF RICHARD OF SUSSEX COUNTY, VIRGINIA (very probably the brother of Robert Hill of Wight Co Va and Halifax Co N C and father of Thomas Hill and Green) was probated August 1775. In it he mentions his wife Margery, sons Green, Richard and Thomas (with a legacy left Thomas Hill by his grandfather Gilliam). His daughters: Rebecca (under age) and Sarah Ruffin; grandchildren, Robert Ruffin and Sarah Ruffin. wife Margery, son-in-law, Wm. Ruffin and son Green Hill, witnesses James Wm. Winfield and Burrell Green.

SARAH HILL

In the name of God Amen. I, Sarah Hill of Halifax Co and State of N C do ordain and make my last Will and Testament, in manner following viz: I give and bequeath to my daughter Sally Alston one feather bed and furniture and one hundred pounds in Money. I give and bequeath to my Daughter Fanny McNeill, one feather bed and furniture and one hundred pounds in Money. I give and bequeath to my daughter Nanny Long, one feather bed and furniture and one hundred pounds in Money. I give and bequeath to Christian Lassiter called Quashes Mares Colt. It is my will, that everything else that I leave, my property, be equally divided between my three daughters, Sally, Fanny, and Nanny. I appoint my son Robert Hill and Matthew Jones my executors of this my Will. In my hand and seal, this 24th day of January 1791.

her

SARAH X HILL (SEAL)
mark

Sealed and Delivered

James Mason Thrower

HILL

HALIFAX COUNTY SS

Session 1793 Then this Will was exhibited in open court, and duly proved by the said James Mason Thrower, one of the witnesses thereto and on Motion ordered to be recorded. Witness L. LONG C.CT.

Under 27, 1787 Benjamin Hill married Mary Wooten, the daughter of Jesse Wooten, a Soldier of Johnston County, N C. Below you will find the marriage bond as written by the writer in Smithfield.

Warrants that JOHN GREEN goes on the bond of Benjamin Hill for 500 lbs.

NORTH CAROLINA, JOHNSTON COUNTY

BY THESE PRESENTS: That we Benj. Hill and John Green are held and firmly bound to His Excellency Richard Caswell-Governor, in the just and full sum of 500 pounds, to be paid to the said Governor, his heirs, executors and administrators. Sealed with our seals and dated this 28th day of November A.D. 1787.

Condition of the above obligation is such, that whereas the above bounded, Benjamin Hill has application for a license for marriage to be celebrated between himself and Mary Wooten in Case it shall not appear hereafter that there is any lawful cause to the said marriage then the above obligator to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

Sealed and delivered in the presence of

BENJ. HILL

JOHN GREEN. Their marks made.

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kind to me, a stranger except by correspondence, and hand-copied four pages
of information and sent it to me along with material from which I copied
the reverse side of this page.

The following list of names should be added to the Surry County Estate Index. Please add to your copy. So sorry about the error. BJC

Hemings, R. T.	1904
Hendrick, Frederick	1835
Hendrix, A. L.	1904
Hendrix, J. W.	1908
Herring, Charles	1834
Herring, Hardin C.	1872
Herring, Henry	1904
Herring, Henry	1799
Herring, Mary	1855
Herring, Stephen	1828
Herring, William	1832
Herring, William C.	1829
Hiat , Anderson	1871
Hiatt, Collins	1802
Hiatt, George	1793
Hiatt, Jacob	1911
Hiatt, Martin P.	1887
Hiatt, Polly	1899
Hickman, W. Hardin	1891
Hicks, J.	1849
Hicks, J. F.	1903
Higgins, Martha	1898
Hill, Benjamin	1894
Hill, C. D.	1881
Hill, Charles W.	1884
Hill, Joel	1884
Hill, John	No Date
Hill, John	1844
Hill, John H.	1887
Hill, John W.	1904
Hill, Leonard	1830
Hill, Moses	1828
Hill, Nancy	1907
Hill, R. D.	1869
Hill, Richard	1845
Hill, Robert	1896
Hill, Robert	1844
Hill, Ruby	1863
Hill, Samuel	1907
Hill, Sanford	1884
Hill, Susan R.	1885
Hill, William	1787
Hill, Zepharias	1839

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CHILDREN OF JOHN DENNY No. 13-

- No. 131 Samuel Denney Son of No. 13.
Married Elizabeth Wooten in Surry county, N.C., July 10th., 1793.
North Carolina records show she was killed by a careless act with a gun. Gallia county, Ohio records show that she was poking the fire in the fire place with an old gun barrel that had a load in it. Samuel later married her sister and went to Gallia county, Ohio. If he had any descendants they surely are in Gallia county, Ohio, but so far we have never been able to contact any of them. We have no indication that he had any children. We find some of his land deals in the Surry county records.
- No. 132- William Denney Son of No. 13.
Married Sally Hill, sister to Richard Hill. He settled where Martin Hiatt lived and died. He sold out and went to Gallia county, Ohio. He had two sons, John and Obediah. The above are North Carolina records.
The Gallia county, Ohio records show he had 6 children. They show his wife to be Sally Wall. He was a son of John and Sally Denney. He had a brother Samuel (131). His father John was killed at the battle of Kings Mountain in the Revolutionary war. He was born in N.C. in 1777 and came to Gallia in 1806 and died there in 1843. He served in the war of 1812 and received two land warrants in payment. His wife died in 1862. She was the daughter of William and Sally Wall, the former lived to be 115 years old and his wife 110. William Wall was a Baptist minister for 80 years but also a farmer. The Gallia records are undoubtedly in error regarding his mother as they have his mother's name and his wife's name confused. A letter from Rev. Reuben R. Denney of Gallia county bears this out although the record of William Wall cannot be ignored. Rev. Reuben R. Denney's letter says his father often spoke of the Hills as his kinfolks. To date this data has not been cleared up.
William Denney was 6 months old when his father was killed. Reuben R. Denney occupied the residence of his Grandfather, William in Bidwell, Ohio until he died. The writer visited this house, 1937.

CHILDREN OF JAMES DENNEY, No. 18:-

- No. 181-Azariah Denny Son of No. 18
Probably born Patrick county, Virginia.
Marriage bond in Patrick county shows he married Sally Blackburn, May 14th., 1800. Nothing further is known about this family at this time.
- No. 182- Frances (Denny) Pilson Daughter of No. 18
Probably born in Patrick county, Virginia.
She married Richard Pilson and her marriage bond shows up in the Patrick county records as of Dec. 25th., 1794.
Nothing further known of this family at this time.
- No. 183- Martha Denny Daughter of No. 18
We have no record of any marriage or migration from Virginia.

Property of Ruby Flinchum McPhail
Rayford, N.C.

Her Father
113175

GENEALOGY OF THE NORTH CAROLINA BRANCH OF THE DENNY - DENNEY FAMILY

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not in phone book;
check vital stats.

"Key" - ✓ Anties Ancestors
Page 117 Martin Rice Key + Rebecca Key
21-117 Achilles Key + Sarah Denny (Denny-Jullien)
30-1172 Williams S. Key + Lida Jones
John A. Key + Sallie A. Hiatt
Cora Emma Key + Jimmie Flinchum

"Denny"
* Ancestors of
Ruby Flinchum McPhail
Page 117 - 113 - Samuel Denny
21-117 - 113 - William Denny
29-113 - 1131 - Arnold Denny
49-1131 - 11317 - Joel Denny
104-113175 - 113175 - Elizabeth Denny
Jimmie Jones Flinchum

J.J. Flinchum "Jones"
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The Children of John Stephen Hill

1. Williamina, born Jan. 19, 1788
2. Charles, born June 8, 1789
3. James, born Dec. 7, 1790
4. Polly, born July 20, 1792
5. Benjamin, born Jan. 29, 1794
6. John, born Dec. 21, 1795
7. Martha, born July 7, 1810
8. Kitty, born June 22, 1813

9. Nancy, born Oct. 19, 1797
10. Peggy, born Mar. 15, 1799
11. Jenny Dean, born May 5, 1800
12. Joshua D., born May 5, 1802
13. Betsy, born Sept. 13, 1804
14. Levin, born June 20, 1806
15. Sarah Mary, born 1808

Descendants:

Aileen Hill Brown (Tom) No. 189394

MOSES HILL -- Born about 1750; Died 1820 Camden Dist., Fairfield Co., S.C.; Married prior 1782 Savilla Rhoden, died Green Co., Ala., 1844 (will filed for prob. Sept. 9, 1844).

Moses Hill served as soldier 120 days duty in Militia in 1781-82. "Stub entries to Indent for Rev. Claims". Edited by A. S. Salley of Hist. Comm. of S.C. Vol. R-T p. 28. He resided in S. C. During the Revolution.

The Children of Moses Hill

1. Thomas, born 1780, married Jemima Woodward
2. James, born Nov. 21, 1782, married Susannah Glenn
3. Sarah, married Rev. John Pearson

4. Moses, born 1795, died 1824, married Mary Glenn
5. George, married Miss Moore
6. Harriett, married Ed. P. Mobley *Ha.*
7. Rebecca, married Trezevant DeGraffenreid

Descendants:

Mary Bowdre Scaife Nicolson (Robert Wormeley) No. 362693

LT. RICHARD HILL, SR. -- Born April 15, 1728, Lynchburg, Va.; Died Dec. 13, 1793, Vance Co., N.C.; Married Permelia Pullen, born 1738, died 1792.

Richard Hill served as a 2nd Lt. Jan. 13, 1777, promoted to 1st. Lt. Oct. 20, 1777, in Capt. Samuel Eddens' Company of the First Continental Artillery, under Col. Charles Harrison. He resigned from the service on April 1, 1779. (Rev. War Record Virginia, Brumbaugh, page 129, Virginians in the Revolution, Guathney, page 377).

The Children of Lt. Richard Hill, Sr.

1. Richard, Jr., born Dec. 10, 1775, died Aug. 22, 1845, married Elizabeth Royal

Descendants:

Mary A. H. Farley (E. Ray) No. 441703
 Mattie H. Harris, No. 60091

Sara Louise Rodes, No. 89848
 Margaret A. McFarland (T.F.)
 No. 113729

CAPTAIN ROBERT HILL -- Born Feb. 17, 1752, Caroline County, Virginia; Died Aug. 2, 1834, Stokes County, North Carolina; Married Martha Halbert.

⁵
 Captain Robert Hill in American Army 1776-1781. North Carolina under given Colonel's. Bureau of Pensions, Washington, D.C. No. 16659.

S/O Wm. Hill, Sr. 4 / Susannah SMITHER (5)

Some North Carolina HILL Marriages

References:

1. Marriages listed from Rutherford Co, N.C submitted by David Hill, R#1, Box 776, Maggie Valley, N.C. 28751 (704) 926-3169.
2. Marriage Records of North & South Carolina.
3. Surry Co, N.C. Marriage Bonds 1780-1868.
4. Abstracts of Vital Rec from N.C. Newspapers 1799-1819.
5. Marriages & Death Notices in Raleigh Reg & NC State Gazette.
6. N.C. Marriages & Deaths 1799-1825.

HILL, ???? : 1818 12 00: Anson Co, N.C.:
?? Hill of Anson Co and Mary Waddell of Chatham Co.

HILL, Aaron: 1745 11m 2d: Pasquotank Co, N.C.:
Aaron Hill and Miriam Overman.

HILL, Aaron: 1778 03 03: Guilford Co, N.C.:
Aaron Hill and Martha Hunter.

HILL, Aaron: 1781 11 08: Guilford Co, N.C.:
Aaron Hill and Sarah Rice.

HILL, Aaron: 1796 08 12: Chowan Co, N.C.:
Aaron Hill and Rachel Perry. Surety-Shadrick Felton.

HILL, Aaron: 1832 11 29: Rutherford Co, N.C.:
Aaron Hill and Elizabeth Wilson.

HILL, Abel: 1825 08 30: Rutherford Co, N.C.
Abel Hill and Drusilla Mooney. Bd-David Hill.

HILL, Abraham: 1756 01 07: Chowan Co, N.C.:
Abraham Hill and Katherine Christian Walton, bd-Thomas Walton.

HILL, Abraham: 1761/2 05 01: Chowan Co, N.C.:
Abraham Hill and Rachel Scott. Surety-John & Amos Hobbs.

HILL, Agnes: 1747 00 00: Halifax Co, N.C.:
Agnes Hill and Charles Arrington/Harrington.

HILL, Albert G: 1818 04 08: Cumberland Co, N.C.:
Albert G. Hill and Mrs Maria Lash in Fayetteville.

HILL, Alexander: 1821 01 24: Rutherford Co, N.C.:
Alexander (Ellick) Hill and Leviney Street.

HILL, Alexander: 1843 10 22: Rutherford Co, N.C.:
Alexander (Ellick) Hill and Martha Cooper.

HILL, Amanda: 1829 04 02: Co, N.C.:
Amanda Hill and Dr Wm McLean of Yorkville and Lincoln Co, N.C. (York Dist, S.C.)

HILL, Ann: 1790 03 20: Tyrrell Co, N.C.:

Shared by: Mrs. J. Sanford HILL
(Betty PENROSE)
Rt. 2, Box 434A
Dogwood Lane
Maynardville, TENN 37807
15 Sept. 1985

HILL, Rial: 1815 06 24: Rutherford Co, N.C.:
Rial Hill and Karon Hapoch Gear.

HILL, Richard: 1778 03 11: Bute Co, N.C.:
Richard Hill and Lidia Watkins. Bd-Solomon Harris.

HILL, Richard: 1794 01 17: Rutherford Co, N.C.:
Richard Hill and Margaret Irvine. Bd-Thomas Camp.

HILL, Richard: 1799 10 15: Caswell Co, N.C.:
Richard Hill and Betsy Royal. Bd-Wm Norton.

HILL, Robert: ^{Capt.} 1770/5 ?? ?? ^{Am. Rev.} ~~Rowan Co, N.C.~~ m. Caroline Co., VA.
Robert Hill and Martha Halbert. Res: Stokes Co., NC

HILL, Robert: 1779 11 06: Warren Co, N.C.:
Robert Hill and Martha Johnson. Bd-Thomas H. Hall?

HILL, Robert: 1800 ?? ??: Iredell Co, N.C.:
Robert Hill and Jane Fisher.

HILLS, Robert: 1802 12 18: Rutherford Co, N.C.:
Robert Hills and Polly Robinson. Bd-Zadoch Hills.

HILL, Robertson: 1825 05 20: Rutherford Co, N.C.:
Robertson Hill and Ailsey Nanny.

HILL, Rosa A.: 1837 11 21: Chatham Co, N.C.:
Rosa A. Hill and Thomas Ashe of Fayetteville at Pittsborough.

HILL, Ruth: 1738/9 12M 7: Perquimans Co, N.C.:
Ruth Hill and John Bundy.

HILL, Sally: 1816 10 16: Rutherford Co, N.C.:
Sally Hill and James Nanny.

HILL, Sally: 1824 01 27: Rutherford Co, N.C.:
Sally Hill and Thomas H. Alford.

HILL, Samuel: 1793 08 21: Orange Co, N.C.:
Samuel Hill and Hannah Anderson. Bd-Caleb Harvey.

HILL, Samuel: 1828 04 00: Co, N.C.
Samuel Hill and Rebecca Hornaday. (RR 15 Apr 1828)

HILL, Samuel: 1843 02 04: Randolph Co, N.C.:
Samuel Hill and Maria Miller of Jones Co in Wayne Co at Neuse River M.H.

HILL, Sarah: 1732 10 06: Perquimans Co, N.C.:
Sarah Hill and John Scott.

HILL, Sarah: 1773 04 06: Bute Co, N.C.:
Sarah Hill, ward of Henry Hill, and Lewis Hicks.

HILL, Sarah: 1783 03 17: Wake Co, N.C.:

2 April 1985

Mr. Jerry Hill
Rt. 1, Box 257
Siler City, North Carolina 27344

Dear Jerry Hill:

Thank you for your letter of 3 March 1985 and for your offer of help on my husband's HILL line. My research on that family has come to a screeching halt from lack of primary sources and time to spend with the land records.

I have consulted the Stokes and Surry Heritage books, but although they have good information, they do not tie in with what I have so far.

Robert's father, John William, gave me much information before he died, but he did not know any farther back than William "Chickie" Hill, born c. 1820 who married Ella Dosia Whitaker, marriage bond dated 8 March 1842. They lived "on the waters of the Ararat River" and I have seen the remains of the old house. According to the census William and Dosia had only four children: Laranza Johnson, b. c. 1843, William Green, b. 21 July 1844 (Robert's line), Westley, b. c. 1848, and Nancy, b.c. 1854.

Ella Dosia was supposed to have been a mid-wife, and to have delivered many, many babies.

In 1860 census, William and family are living next to Richard Hill, age 70 with Sarah Bray Hill 61. There are deeds for land from a William Hill to Richard Hill, his son for land on the Ararat River. Enclosed is a copy of a deed dated 1818 from William to Richard, his son. This one lists personal property rather than land.

William "Chickie" Hill is in the 1850 census as HOLD. I had a time finding him. In that census, he is next to William and Nancy Harrison Whitaker, who are supposed to be Ella Dosia's parents.

Laranza Johnson Hill may have been killed in the Civil War, as I find records about a man by that name. William Green Hill married Saluda "Ludie" Patterson, daughter of William C. "Billy" Patterson and Caroline Maynard. William Green and Saluda are buried at Hill's Grove Baptist Church, which is located very near the old Hill home site. Nancy Hill married Schylar Asbury Patterson in 1869. She was born 21 December 1856. Schylar was a sister of Saluda Patterson.

Westley Hill, b. c. 1849, married Caroline _____. They had no children that I have found, although I believe they adopted some.

This branch of the HILL family lived just south of NC Highway 268 down toward the Ararat River. I wish I could tie in with the Hill family from Virginia: Robert; Sion; Sion, Jr.; William; William, Jr.; Joab. If you have researched ALL the lines of this family, you have really done a labor!

If you need more data, let me know. Thank you again for your kind offer.

Sincerely,

Jane Smith Hill
(Mrs. Robert B. Hill)

Rt. 1, Box 257
Siler City, N. C.
27344

March 3, 1985

Dear Mrs. Hill,

I am continuing working on the HILL genealogy line. I just recently went to Richmond, Va. Archives and also Hall of History I met Mr. Clay whom we meet at Wentworth seminary.

At last with all the years of persistence and work I have made a lot of progress. I now have my direct line from the first one who came over, ROBERT HILL, who was born in 1620 married MARY WEBB in 1642 the same year. They came over and bought land in Isle of Wight Co., Va. I have my line down to the present; however it leaves much work to be done yet.

There were many brothers in our line and there were many, many, ROBERTS. Some of these ROBERTS moved to Surry and Rockingham Co., N.C. One of them fought the Cherokee Indians. One of them was injured by a falling tree while on a march to a battle and was sent back.

I believe that if you will furnish me a copy of the work that you have done I can connect your line into some of the brothers of our line. It is all so very interesting when things fall in place and you find your lineage.

If you will please send me a copy of your information I will work on it and return what I find out to you.

Thanks very much.

Sincerely,

Jerry R. Hill

Jerry Hill

February 26, 1986

Mrs. Robert C. Hill
336 West End Blvd.
Winston-Salem, N.C. 27101

Dear Jane:

Just a "quickie" acknowledgement as this is not my week for genealogy. I want to say a great big "Thank You" for your cooperative spirit re: ALL OF THESE HILL's! Interestingly, Jerry HILL has already made contact with me about three weeks ago. If we are patient with him, I have great hopes for his lineage which I believe will be the Robert (3rd gen.)/Tabitha HILL line of VA/Halifax Co., N.C. -- a line with which I am becoming somewhat knowledgeable. Incidentally, there are a couple of Richard HILL's in that line; but I will have to "delve" deeper into my "stacks."

Are you aware of the number of Quaker HILL's in early N.C. (Colonial/Rev. War era)? There is a "Fellow" who lives in Hillsboro, OR (about 9 miles west of Beaverton) who edits the QUAKER YEOMAN, and is putting these Quaker HILL's in N.C. onto his computer. He is:

James E. Bellarts, Editor
Quaker Yeoman
2330 S.E. Brookwood Ave. - Suite 108
Hillsboro, OR 97123
1 (503) 640-2217

In the notable HILL lineage of Robert (1), Sion, Sr. (2), Sion, Jr. (3); William the elder or Sr. (4); and Rev. William HILL, Jr. (5th gen.) of Surry Co., VA. and Surry Co., N.C., were you aware that Sion HILL, Sr. (2nd gen) had a son: Richard HILL who m. Hannah BRIGGS? Surely, they had a son named: Richard. (Sorry, I am at the Restaurant as I draft this so can't double check my source, but off the top of my head, I think it is from Boddie's SOUTHSIDE VA. FAMILIES.)

Also, on this same lineage, have you had an opportunity to review "EAST GOES WEST" (Part II - The HILL Family) compiled by Alta D. Craft of Hawaii in 1984? There is a copy available in NCSL in Raleigh. Personally, I am seeking all collaborative evidence on Joab HILL NC(1775-1847)MO who m. 14 June 1802 in Claiborne Co., TENN. Elizabeth LANE NC(1784-1864)MO (6th gen), (d/o Lt. Isaac LANE of Battle of Kings Mtn. and Sarah RUSSELL). I am convinced; but, if one were to believe the documented evidence, then Rev. Wm. HILL, Jr. had only 4 children whereas through family Write-Up's, etc., it would appear that Rev. Wm. HILL, Jr. had 11 children! Jane, I love

you for your statement that there is a gap in official documents.

There are so many "loose ends" in these families -- especially as concerns the correct parentage of the Green HILL VA(1714-1769)NC who m. Grace BENNETT. It is my opinion that those in the "R/T" line just accept Stuart Hall HILL's statement that GH/GB was the s/o "R/T" (Robert/Tabitha) without looking for any other possibility. This grants Tabitha with an unusually long "birthing" pattern. It looks to me that "researchers" are juggling the marriage year of "R/T" to accommodate this Green HILL. I am of the opinion that we are not going to really resolve our William HILL's until we can resolve the discrepancy of this "floating character" Green HILL; he is attributed to 4 of Sion HILL's six sons and these records are firmly embedded into the printed record.

Hence, my very deep involvement and serious Extended HILL Family Research. Incidentally, this Extended Family theme really belongs to our genealogy instructor at Portland Community College, Mrs. Evelyn Greenstreet (my Mentor). She is not a professional, but is probably better grounded in family research and these migration patterns than many professionals.

I work on all HILL lines so I can better understand what I can let go of -- I call this Negative Research. Wish I had started my HILL research this way years ago.

Be assured, Jane, that I shall keep your Richard HILL in mind. Also, I am "delighted" to meet your William Green HILL. This is going to come out in a double bind so bear with me. There is a man in Texas who is putting all HILL's onto his Computer, and he has a lady who is chasing all over for a particular William Green HILL. Her letter to me was so demanding that I was "turned off" and didn't even put her name and address in my files. Heavens knows where her letter is in my "stacks." However, the man is (in case you did not catch his Adv. in The Genealogical HELPER) is:

Donald E. Hill
9719 Santa Monica Dr.
Houston, TX 77089

Another gal who is chasing James HILL's and has some 250-300 FGS's on VA/NC HILL'S is:

Mrs. J. Sanford HILL (Betty Penrose)
4 Wimbledon Way
Shalimar, FL 32579

A long-shot, yes; but, you never know until you try.

Jane, I am virtually convinced that there is a "connectedness" among many of the HILL's in North Carolina which they ~~know~~^{no} longer are aware of. Were you aware that the William HILL who was Sec. of State of N.C. for 40 years after the Rev. War was, in reality, Wm.

HILL, III? He did not go by that appellation; in fact, he has been variously identified as Jr. in some instances. It was his brother, Green HILL who m. 29 June 1803 in Wake Co., N.C. Nancy MITCHELL. One of my favorite questions is:

If William HILL, the elder or Sr. didn't have a dearly beloved and highly respected step-mother named Miss (? Hanna) GREEN, then how come he had more offspring named Green HILL than Green HILL, Sr. himself had? I am in the minority (that's the "thinking bunch") who believes that William HILL, Sr. and Green HILL, Sr. were half-brothers. Pages 95-96 in EAST GOES WEST has a fairly good illustration of this point, but many researchers tend to totally discount the evidence because of an old man's seeming inaccuracies. Personally, I grant him credence in that in my own family when we refer to Grandma HILL, she was my great grandmother and my own son doesn't even realize that she was his 2-gr. grand-mother. Hence, Rev. Thomas BAIN's AFFADAVIT contains more truth than people are willing to assimilate. This^{is} the "key" why "Worthless Ray's TENN. COUSINS is so difficult at times. The people with whom he talked failed to be specific as to whether they were referring to their grandparents, great grandpaps, or the dim 3 or 4 generations earlier -- hence, its condensed generations!

Perhaps the word: "kinship" is the word without specifying the degree of relatedness.

Jane, aren't you going to be the Program Chairman for the upcoming WGS/NC Conference of the States? I feel that one subject which needs a Workshop or two by a genealogically-oriented historian would be the NC/East TENN. connection. I am frustrated by those obviously History Majors in the McClung Collection in Knoxville. My experience through the years is to discount anything coming out of Tennessee unless it is "solid gold" evidence.

I know that I am rambling, but I have had an opportunity to "play" on my DecMATE II at work (I call it my Playmate) Word Processor. That's another topic I've been watching for. Computers in Genealogy have many workshops, but seldom any on how to utilize the Word Processor in genealogy and that's what we genealogists really need. Computers are being "over sold." As one genealogist recently said: Since I've discovered the Word Processor, I haven't touched my typewriter!

I have high hopes for Digital coming out with a Genealogy Program for their DecMATE as they have finally got one for the RAINBOW which is the Computer model of my dedicated Word Processor. Who needs Computers which take up so much memory using w/p programs. The key word which the trade doesn't tell the buying public is: Dedicated Word Processing rather than Computers with w/p packages! The DecMATE is so honest and up front with its w/p and you don't have to learn a "foreign language," which is so frustrating.

Jane, if your William Green HILL died in 1928, do you have a Death

Certificate? The reason I ask is that it should reflect not only the names of his parents but where they were born. Today's national standards for Death Certificates is the "fritz." They only give the names of the parents.

Jane, I do want to thank you for your cooperative spirit and I shall endeavor to pull some of these loose ends together.

Sincerely and genealogically yours,

Winifred Jacob
Mrs. L. Winifred Jacob
5200 S.W. Colony Court
Beaverton, OR 97005

*Got carried away with my Dec
MATE word processor.*

*Made you a copy of Jessie
Lynn Bell's book (first portion)
as Jerry Hull was unsuccessful
in locating this book. — This
is assuming that you two
are more "connected" than
either of realize.*

Wj

JULIA ANN b 1840 d 1930

NEVER MARRIED

BURIED LEE CO. JONESBORO CEMETARY (NC)

ALSO- WE FOUND ON 1 CENSUS
RECORD A ELIZABETH b.1839.
was she the first child?
DID she die as a child?
We can find no other
mention of her anywhere.

Isaac Newton b 1842 d 1863 (Approx. Feb. 28)

BURIED DANVILLE, VA MILITARY CEMETARY
(SOLDIER IN CIVIL WAR)

LYDIA CATHERINE (KATE) b 1848 d

m. Thos. Carroll CLARK

MARIE AFFIR b 1848 d

m. TERRELL BROOKS BRANTLEY

TWINS

LEE CO. NC

BURIED JONESBORO CEMETARY

b 6-5-1850 d 1-1-1915

THOMAS WEST HILL

m. 12-24-1877 ELIZABETH ANN ELLINGTON

b 1-7-1859 d 9-20-1919

BURIED JONESBORO CEMETARY

LEE CO. NC

↑ ALL THESE WERE BORN
IN CHATHAM CO, NC
BEAUMONT COMMUNITY

MARGARET FLORENCE

b. 2-13-1882 d. 5-3-1966
 BURIED LEE CO, NC JONESBORO CEMETARY
 m. 12-28-1904
 ARTHUR REID RIVES

THERE WAS ALSO AN INFANT
 BORN BEFORE MARGARET
 WHO DIED AT BIRTH. NO
 MENTION OF NAME OR
 ANYTHING ELSE CONCERNING IT.

JULIUS TYSON

b. 7-17-1885 d. 11-29-1964
 BURIED NEWCASTLE, ALA.
 WALKER CHAPEL CEMETARY
 m. 10-1909 MYRTLE FAUCETT FOSTER

← ALL THESE WERE BORN IN
 CHATHAM CO, NC.
 BEAUMONT COMMUNITY

WILLIE PASCHEL

b. 10-9-1888 d. 7-12-1905
 DROWN AT SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC
 IN HUNT'S POND
 BURIED LEE CO. NC JONESBORO CEMETARY

BORN LEE CO. NC

REID TUCK

b. d.
 m. ELIZABETH

ROBERT TROY HILL

b. 2-19-1891 d. 11-21-1965
 BURIED NEWCASTLE, ALA.
 WALKER CHAPEL CEMETARY
 m.

JULIA OLIVIA CAMPBELL
 PITTSBORO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, NC } TWINS

HENRY LEROY (LIVED ONLY 6 MONTHS)

b. 2-19-1891 d. 8-23-1891

BORN CHATHAM CO, NC
 DIED ROME, GA
 BURIED HICKORY MTN.
 METHODIST
 PITTSBORO, NC

LEROY HILL

b. 3-12-1919
 d. 2-14-1946

m. CLARA LEE STOUT
 BORN

WALLIE WEST

b. 12-23-1894 d. 2-20-1977
 m. 4-19-1941
 CARL B. LEMMOND
 BOTH BURIED GREENSBORO, NC

ELIZABETH DRAPER

b. 11-1-1897 d. 11-4-1978 BURIED STANLEY, N M
 m. 6-29-1931 FREDERICK ISAAC YOST

November 18, 1986

Mrs. Jane Smith Hill
336 West End Blvd.
Winston-Salem, N.C. 27101

Dear Mrs. Hill;

I scribbled a hand written letter to you well over two months ago and have not typed it yet. Then, when I finally think I can get to type it my IBM type writer is not working. I have four typewriters, just about a new IBM electric and not one of them working. Some how I just have to do better than this!

Now I have received two letters from Mrs. Jacob and I also need to type about six others.

Enclosed is data and charts of my family line. This probably will not be of any help to you at this point, but could be later. Feel free to share it with anyone that could use it.

I need data on: (of my chart), WILLIAM CLANTON HILL, wife SARAH BRANCH, also his father WILLIAM HILL (4).

Also the children of Wm. CLANTON HILL, JAMES, MARTHA, and HENRY. (6) Also a son of HENRY HILL (6) named ISAAC HILL and his children, JAMES R. HILL, JOHN J. HILL, CECLIA A. HILL, AMAMDA E. HILL, MARY A. HILL, and WILLIAM H. HILL. After the 1850 Census they seem to disappear from N.C. and I cannot find a trace on them.

I am reasarching the FALLS CREEK, MOORE CO, N.C. HILLS and I need to know who the parents of a THOMAS HILL b. 1832 and m. NANCY WELCH. I have been trying to find out for a long time just how they fit in the line? (or if they do at all).

Now back to the first of the letter I had written to you.----A couple of weeks ago I was reminded again that I must stop and write you. When I saw your name and address on some research on the VESTALS in the Siler City Library. Are you related to the VESTALS? It so happened that this data helped me to locate one of our THOMAS HILLS. He lived on land joining the Vestals at Rocky River Quaker Chruch. I had located all the other early HILLS in Chatham Co., N.C. on the 1870 map. I never was so SURPRISED that THOMAS HILL lived there, because I only live 5 miles from Rocky River Chruch.

It was good to have seen you at Raleigh. Did you find any new helpful data there?

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I do apologize for not answering your last letter. At the time I received it I looked over quite a few of my papers. I have less data on the Surry and Stokes Hills since they are not my direct line than I do about the others. Also, last I knew from Wentworth you were not of the opinion that your HILLS were descendants of the Virginia HILLS. Therefore, I knew that I had data that proved that WM. HILL, SR. moved to Surry Co., N.C. and settled on "TOWN FORK" now in Stokes Co., N. C. Also that WM. HILL, JR. b. in Caroline Co, Va. 1737 moved to a place on the Dan River, Rockingham Co., N.C., called "POPLAR HILL". No doubt by now you have this data but enclosed are copies of their children. About the only other data I have is the N.C. 1790 Census. Listed for SURRY CO., N.C.

two--WILLIAM HILL
THOMAS HILL
JAMES HILL
RICHARD HILL *****

JOHN HILL
BARTLETT HILL
JOSEPH HILL

STOKES CO.

MATHEW HILL
JESSE HILL
JOSHUA HILL
THOMAS HILL

ROBERT HILL
ISAAC HILL
john hill

Then, of course, there were Wilkes and Rowan Co., with HILLS to.

If the RICHARD HILL you have living next to WILLIAM HILL was born in 1790.

Wonder if the RICHARD HILL Head of Family in 1790 Surry Co., could be the Father of your RICHARD HILL ?? What we need are wills or abstracts of wills, also inventories. Have you found one for RICHARD ? I do not have wills for these counties.

The way I research is to make photocopies of any Hill information I find at all (Even if they may not be any kin at all). Later with more data, they usually fit in somewhere in other lines.

Also another thing, I went as far on the proven line as I could go, but I could not get any father. So I jumped ahead and worked on other HILLS in the area of my known ones. Getting wills to find out who their children were. Often times the process of elimination will help.

I believe you only like 2 or 3 generations until we can connect into the Va. HILLS. When at all possible, I use books, or abstracts. They are much faster. I only use the Archives as a last resort.

Your last letter mentioned the Stokes and Surry Heritage Books. I have never seen them. I sure would appreciate it if you could send me some copies from them. I would try to tie the Hills in with my data on the Va.

Hills. I am constantly getting new data.

I am sorry if my first letter was misleading as to the data I had on these lines.

Keep up the good work. We can make it yet !

Sincerely,

Jerry Reid Hill

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, VA.
COUNTY OF SULLY, VA.
b. 1654 d. 1703

ZION HILL

M 1677

ELIZABETH SMITH SEPTEMBER

b. — d. —

b. 1660 d. —

Robert Jr.

M 1633

ELIZABETH HALLAM

b. — d. —

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I THINK IT SHOULD BE THROUGH
RESEARCH.

ISLE OF WIGHT CO, VA.
BORN IN SURRY CO, VA.
b. 1654 d. 1705

SION HILL

M. 1677

ELIZABETH SMITH SPLITIMBER

b. — d. —

FROM NORTHUMBERLAND CO.
ENGLAND TO ISLE OF WIGHT, VA.

b. 1620 d. 1679

FEET HILL

b. 1642

MARY WEBB COUNTY KENT, ENGLAND

b. 1621 d. 1684(c). after SURRY CO, VA.

DEPARTED IN ENGLAND BEFORE
COMING TO AMERICA

b. 1660 d. —
Robert Jr.

M. 1688

ELIZABETH HALLEMAN

b. — d. —

HALIFAX, SURRY CO, VA
AND EDGECOMB CO, NC

b. 1682 d. 1765 (BORN SURRY CO. VA.)

BERT HILL

b. 1713 IN ISLE OF WIGHT CO. VA

Tabitha

b. 1684 d. 1762 (DIED HALIFAX CO. VA.)

b. 1684 d. 1755

Michael (BORN SURRY CO. VA.)

ELIZABETH MITCHELL

b. d.

b. 1686(c) d. 1723 SURRY CO, VA.

Richard (BORN SURRY CO. VA.)

b. 1713

Marrah Briggs

b. 1692 d. —

b. 1686(c) d. 1737

Justin Thomas (BORN SURRY CO, VA.)

Priscilla Gray

b. — d. —

b. 1687 d. —

Sam Jr. (BORN SURRY CO. VA.)

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b. 1712 d. 1793

WILLIAM HILL

M.

EDGECOMB, NASH + CHATHAM CO. N

b. 11-20-1714 d. 1772

GREEN (SR)

M. 1739 GRACE BENNETT

Siob b. 1718 d. 1782(c)

M. SARAH

HALIFAX CO, VA + WAKE CO, NC.

b. 1720 d. —

ABNER

M. SARAH

CHATHAM CO, NC

b. 1724 d. 1789

THOMAS

M. SARAH LEWIS

HALIFAX CO, VA.

b. 1726 d. —

TABITHA

M. JOHN CHAPMAN

b. 1728 d. 1797

AGNAS

M. CHARLES ARRINGTON

b. 1720 d. 1771

CHATHAM CO, NC.

b. 1731 d. —

LAWRAINA

M. — ARRINGTON

ANN b. 1733 d. —

M. — STEED

MARY b. 1735 d. —

M. WILLIAM BRYANT

MILBY b. 1738 d. — M. JOHN WILLIAMSON

LEWIS b. d. 1795(c)

REBECCA WATKINS
NASH COUNTY, NC

SON b. d. 1795 (c)

Drewsilla _____
NASH CO., NC.

RICHARD b. d.

LYDIA WATKINS
NASH AND FRANKLIN CO, NC.

WILLIAM CLANTON b. 1752(c) d. 1803

SARAH BRANCH

HALIFAX, EDGECOMB, AND NASH CO., NC.

JAMES b. d.
M.MARTHA b. d.
M.

HENRY HILL b. 1776(c) d.

M.

Agnes Fike
b. 1773 d.HALIFAX AND CHATHAM
CO., NC.

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b 1798 d _____FROM HALIFAX CO. NCTO CHATHAM CO. NC

b _____ d _____

Rhodiab 4-6-1803 d 6-7-1883WILLIAM C. HILLm. Elizabeth Foushee
7-29-1836b 1808 d 8-4-1890MARRIED IN CHATHAM CO.
NORTH CAROLINALydia b 1806 d _____* ISAAC b 1809 d _____

m. Nancy ?

b 1806 d _____

↑ ALL THESE WERE (PROBABLY)
BORN IN SAME PLACE
CHATHAM CO, NC BEAUMONT COMM.

* SEE SWEET UNTIL ISAAC HILL

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Inspired and helped by Mrs. L. Winfred Jacob of Beaverton, Or. to get some of my paper work in order and that it may be of help both to others and my self. I am writing a condensed history of my line of Hill's starting with myself.

The following will be known and proven facts up through HENRY HILL (6) to me. Now after HENRY HILL(6) at this point it is not proven but there are many strong indications that our HENRY HILL(6) is the son of WILLIAM CLANTON HILL (5) and also that this WILLIAM CLANTON HILL(5) is the son of WILLIAM HILL(4) who is the son of ROBEET HILL (3) and TABITHA. Little is known about this WILLIAM HILL(4) and WILLIAM CLANTON HILL(5) Anyone having more information please get in touch with me.

HISTORY OF JERRY REID HILL AND ANCESTOR LINE

by Jerry R. Hill

I was born in Siler City, Chatham Co., N.C. on 28 th. of Sept., 1944 and named JERRY REID HILL(11). I have one brother PHILIP LeROY HILL (11) born July 24, 1940. No sisters or other children as our father Le Roy HILL (10) died young at the age of 26 in Rome, Ga. Our mother is Clara LEE STOUT HILL (10) born 1-1-1920 in Chatham Co., N.C.

Even though I traveled through 15 states (west & mid west working as a Private Detective out of Indianapolis, Ind. for a few years, I have spent the rest of my life living 8 mi. East of Siler City in a rural area. I have also been a Police Patrolman for several years, and worked at other varied jobs.

On Oct. 17th., 1969 I married JUDY CAROLYN MARLEY of Siler City, N.C. We have 3 children one son, NATHANAEL BURKE HILL(12) b-July 21, 1974 and two daughters, GRACE SHARMON HILL b-May 17th., 1977 and OLIVIA RUTH HILL b-June 8, 1978.

My father had only one brother, REID TUCK HILL b-6 July 1915. He had two half sister 's , JEAN DORSETT BEALE and EVAGHN BEALE. Their mother and my grandmother was JULIA OLIVIA CAMPBELL HILL. The most wonderful grandmother a person could ever have. Her first husband was ROBERT TROY HILL ((9) Now I never met grandpa (BOB), ROBERT HILL (9) for they separated about 8 or 10 years after they married. Grandpa's brother JUNE TYSON HILL moved to New Castle, Al. in the late part of 1907 looking for work, during the hard times(depression), June got a job

in the coal mines. While living at a boarding house , JUNE HILL met MRYTLE ELIZABETH FAUCETT and married her. (she was 16 yrs. old.) They raised 5 son's and 3 daughters, having several grand children.

After some time Grandpa BOB HILL (9) and grandmother moved down with his brother JUNE. Later they moved out and I do not know if they separated while in New Castle, Al., or if they moved back home. But later grandpa moved back to New Castle and never married again. BOB lived the rest of his life there. Grandmother was living back home, Pittsboro, Chatham Co, N.C. In the 30's Grandmother was running the Blair Hotel. She later remarried a LACY BEALE. They had two daughters Jean7 & Evaghn.

Now Bob's (ROBERT HILL) (9) father was THOMAS WEST HILL(8); and his father was WILLIAM C. HILL(7) and his father was HENRY HILL(6).

DOCUNMATION: My Great Aunt VALLEY WEST HILL and also-History of Pleasant Hill Methodist Church by Grace GREEN Tysor. Also Chatham Co. Census.

An article ran in the Sanford, N.C. paper about Aunt Valley; Valley's are Valley's and Hill's are Hill's and West is West but VALLEY WEST HILL lives in Sanford, N.C.

HISTORY OF PLESANT HILL CHURCH-Est. 1850

At that time, there were in the neighborhood many people called HILL who were either members of the church or active in its work. Among them were HENRY HILL and his wife AGNES FIKE HILL, and their children ISAAC, LYDIA, RHODIE, and WILLIAM C. HILL. The latter WILLIAM C. married ELIZABETH FOUSHEE and lived nearby. Their children were brought up in the church. Their names were: Julia Ann, Isaac Newton, (who died during the Civil War, in Danville, Va., about two weeks prior to Feb.28, 1863.) LYDIA CATHERINE(known as "KATE"--who married a Clark., MARIE AFFIR (who married Terril Brantley), and THOMAS WEST HILL(who married ELIZABETH ELLINGTON, better known as "Mrs. Bet Hill". Also Mrs.T. W. HILL was a good woman and helped in every way in the church, but remained a member of the Emmaus Baptist Church near her girlhood home.

So! Surrounded by hills, located on such a pleasant hill, and partly composed of HILL'S, there was no reason why the new church should not be christened or dedicated PLEASANT HILL CHURCH !

HILL FAMILY GRAVEYARD-before 1850, (church of plesant Hill)

I beleive that HENRY HILL(6) and WILLIAM C. HILL (7) their wives and

other must be buried here. My step-Grandpa LACY BEALE told me about this OLD FAMILY GRAVEYARD. He told me that it was located between the church and the old HILL house. But it is so grown up with briars, weeds etc. that I could not find it. Also could have been destroyed by a wood company. I made a second trip with my brother and two more people, but could not find it. Even if I did, many of the markers I may not be able to read. But thought I could at least get a count of people. (At this point I do not believe that it is our WILLIAM C. HILL or any of the others that went to Ga., but I could be wrong.

I found the two old Hill houses in Chatham Co., N.C.. I found the foundation of the old HILL house on a very beautiful, secluded high hill about 1/2 mile across the woods North of Pleasant Hill Church, Beaumont Community. It had been a very large house for its day; a two story one. Also the smaller house had been on the lower side of the Hill.

I asked the oldest people living in the area about the old Hill Family graveyard, but no one knew about it!

Now so far my line is proven through HENRY HILL(6). Now Henry and his descendants lived in the Southeast part of Chatham Co., N.C., old community of Beaumont, later Pleasant Hill. On land that has two near by creeks; HARLANDS and LANDRUMS CREEK. Here HENRY HILL(6) was deeded 50 acres of this land by WILLIAM HILL(5), his father., in 1801. Book L-328 Chat. Co, N.C.

Please note ENOCH and HERBERT, and ISAAC HILL, appear to be brothers of my HENRY HILL(6). What do you think? Some people say they are. Now from the will of William C. Hill (5) of Halifax County, NC Will #683 page 398, January 25, 1803. We learn that William C. (5) had a son Henry Hill (6) (my line) and also another son James and a daughter Martha. Can someone give me some data on them? Also, we see brother Richard Hill of Franklin County, (NC?) and wife Sarah as executor, and again Aunt Arrington mentioned who was a sister to his father William Hill (4).

It is documented that Robert and Tabitha Hill (3) had 11 children including William Hill (4). William (4), we think from land deeds had 4 children: Lewis, Sion, Richard and William Clanton.

For William Clanton (5) we see a will mentioning 3 children: James, Martha, and Henry(6). From Henry, I know through the church records and County Census and family tradition (my Aunt Valley) that the line is correct.

There were no Clantons in the 1815 tax list for Chatham County.

Please note the deeds of CHATHAM CO., NC. between the WILLIAM HILL (4) and WILLIAM CLANTON HILL (5) and the others.

Now to find out where this WILLIAM HILL (4) and William Clanton Hill (5) came from. Please go over the deeds and land marks that I now mention. This is NOT PROVEN but is my idea and seems to be very logical and possible. If you have any ideas or can prove or disprove it please let me know.

I will start with land that was once part of a patent granted to ROBERT HILL (3) Nash Co., N.C., also EDGECOMBE CO., N.C. Seems to me this is the WILLIAM HILL (4), Edgecombe Co., N.C., son of ROBERT AND TABITHA HILL (3).

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NASH CO, N.C. DB 00,214, Abstract, I do not have date.

WILLIAM HILL (4) Of Edgecombe, Co, N.C. to William Harries 80 acers Southside Peachtree Creek. (part of patent granted to ROBERT HILL (3) for 200 acers ? , 20 April 1745.

William Larsiter

WILLIAM HILL

ABNER HILL

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NASH CO., DEED BOOK, N.C. 00,145

3 Sept. 1760

WILLIAM HILL OF Edgecombe Co., N.C., to Cooper Williams of the same county. For 15 lbs. current money of Va., 196 acres on SWIFT CREEK part of land containing 206 acres granted unto William by Earl of Graniville 8 Mar. 1760.

Micajah Thomas

Adam Topley

Thomas Hollow

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WILLIAM HILL (Sept. 1760 court)

NASH CO. N.C. DEED BOOK 1,101

12, March 1762

Thomas Lewis (Halifax Co, N.C.) to WILLIAM HILL (4) Of EDGECOMBE CO., N.C. For 18 lbs. current money of Va. 100 acres on SWIFT CREEK.

Thomas Mann

Thomas Lewis

Wilson Williams

Benjamin Bridgers ('?') spelling

DEED1 'S with *WHERE FURNISHED TO ME BY: MR. L. JERRY Mc DOWELL
6408 DIXON DR.

MANY THANKS TO JERRY!!!!!!

RALEIGH, N.C. 27609

NOTE: NASH CO., N.C. DEED BOOK 1,12 WILLIAM HILL (4) Sells all the land that he owned in the county !!!! He had also deeded land in Nash co. on SWIFT CREEK and RED BUD CREEK to his sons LEWIS and SION HILL .

Now 3 different times the NASH CO. deed book mentions WILLIAM HILL (4) then of CHATHAM CO., N.C. deeding land to others. One his son LEWIS HILL still living in NASH CO., N.C.

NASH CO. DEED BOOK 929.3N8n W339 ab

Nov. 6, 1789

DB 4-64 LEWIS HILL and wife, REBECKAH HILL of Nash Co., N.C. to Denton Mann of same, For 135 pds. VIRGINIA money a tract of 270 acers on the South side of SWIFT CREEK by certificate of survey made by John H. Drake, surveyor for Nash Co. adjoining said Denton Mann and LEWIS HILL, Cooper (?) Williams, Benjamin Bridgers, and RED BUD CREEK. It was the land wheron said Lewis Hill then lived and was conved from WILLIAM HILL (4) to SION and LEWIS HILL and from SION HILL to LEWIS HILL .

Wit: Silas Drake

Allen Mann

***** RED BUD CREEK, Was mentioned in Will of ROBERT HILL(3) *****

NASH CO., N.C. DEED BOOK 1-213

Oct. 4, 1780

SION HILL and his wife DREWSILLA HILL of Nash Co, N. C. to Thomas Lewis of same Co. for 1000pds. current money 250 acres on the SOUTH SIDE OF SWIFT CREEK, it being part of a tract conveyed from WILLIAM HILL(4) to his sons, SION HILL and LEWIS HILL, AND FROM LEWIS HILL to SION HILL.

Wit: William Hendrick

William Parks

NASH CO., N.C. DEED BOOK 1,124

30 Dec. 1779

WILLIAM HILL (4) Chatham Co., N.C. To Abraham Bass for 10 pds. current money. 300 acres adjoining Abraham Bass, it being part of a tract granted since the FOURTH YEAR OF INDEPENDANCE.

LEWIS HILL

WILLIAM HILL

Peter Hedgepeth

NASH CO., N.C. DEED BOOK 1,372

14 April 1782

WILLIAM HILL(4) of CHAT. CO., N. C. to LEWIS HILL of NASH CO., N.C. For 50 pds., 160 acres adjoining LEWIS HILL and Cooper Williams.

RICHARD HILL

LYDIA HILL

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Chatham Co., N.C., Deed Book A, 250

10 Jan. 1774

WILLIAM HILL (of EDGECOMBE CO., N.C.) to Frederick Cobb (Chat. Co.)
For lbs. 66, 13, 4. ? 208 acers on River.

John Bunt Sr.

WILLIAM HILL

John Bunt Jr.

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NASH CO. DEED BOOK 1, 12 N.C.,

23 Mar. 1778

WILLIAM HILL (4) (Nash Co, N.C.) To SION HILL AND LEWIS HILL
Both of Nash, Co. For 200 lbs. Va. money. 516 acers SOUTH SIDE OF
SWIFT CREEK, adjoining Cooper Williams and (***** WAS ALL THE LAND
HE OWNED IN THE COUNTY. ***)

Abs. Lancaster

WILLIAM HILL (4)

WILLIAM CLANTON HILL (: 5)

So OLD William Hill, Sr. ? (4) was on the move between these 3 Counties,
Edgecombe, Nash, and Chatham Co, N.C. (my Co.) !!

NASH CO., N.C. DEED BOOK 2, 173

10, NOV. 1779

State of N.C. to WILLIAM HILL (4), Nash Co., 640 acers SOUTH SIDE
RED BUD CREEK, adjoining Benjamin Boon, Irby and Michel Counsel.

RICHARD CASWELL

NASH CO., N.C. DEED BOOK 1, 254

31 Dec. 1779

WILLIAM HILL (Chat. Co., N.C.) To Joel Walker for 30 lbs. 200 acers
adjoining Ben Boon, John Webb, the main road, and Council, it being
part of a tract granted since the INDEPENDENCE.

THOMAS LEWIS

WILLIAM HILL (4)

LEWIS HILL

NASH CO., N.C. DEED BOOK 1, 125

31 dec. 1779

WILLIAM HILL (4) CHAT. CO., N.C. to Thomas Lewis For 5 lbs. current
money. 160 acers adjoining SION HILL, LEWIS HILL, Abraham Bass, and
William Bridgere, it being Part of a tract granted since the 4 year of
Independence.

LEWIS HILL

WILLIAM HILL

Joel Walker

NASH CO., N.C. DEED BOOK 1,264

9 April 1782

WILLIAM HILL(4) Of CHAT. CO., N.C. to Benjamⁿ Boothe(Edge.Co.NC)
For 90 pdl., 340 acres North side of the road adjoining John Webb and
Kerby.

WILLIAM HILL

SION HILL

William Young

The earliest mention of a WILLIAM HILL(4) in the Deed Books of
CHATHAM CO., N.C. is in Jan. of 1774. WILLIAM HILL (4) was then
living in EDGECOMBE CO. N.C. but he sold 208 acers to Frederick
Cobb of Chat. Co.

But then some of the Chat. Co. records are a DISASTER!!! Around 100
Chatham Co. WILL'S from the 1771-1800 period are so dim and faded
that they are completely illegible. Also it is estimated that 1,334
were either destory by fire or never recordrd. I am still searching but
I do believe that the WILLIAM HILL, Sr. ? that I need and also that
most of the CLANTONS were in the missing ones, as I cannot find them
but I am still searching.

Now please note the CHATHAM CO. DEEDS of land, especially the 8
abstracts that all mention the LAND MARKS, HARLANDS AND OR LANDRUMS
CREEK, or MATTHEW RAMSEY CORNER. This is where my HENRY HILL(6)
was from!!!!Also NOTE: the 1789 WILLIAM HILL, SR. (4) of Chat.Co, N.C.
to WILLIAM CLANTON HILL(5) ,sold 250 acers for 100 pds. of Va.money.

I want to share this DATA with others who are working on WILLIAM HILL(40
and WILLIAM CLANTON HILL(5). I hope we can make some progress on
them. As no one has done much work on this line as they have on the
other lines.

CHATHAM CO., N.C. DEED BOOK A, page 250

7 jan. 1774

WILLIAM HILL(4) of EDGECOMBE CO., N.C. to Frederick Cobb of
Chatham Co.-66 pds. for 208 acers.

Wit; John Burt Senr. John Burt jur.

WILLIAM HILL

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CHATHAM CO., N.C. DEED BOOK C, PAGE ~~XXX~~ 147 31 march 1780

State of North Carolina to WILLIAM HILL(4) 50 sh. for every 100 a.
357 acers on HARLANDS CREEK. !!!!!!

Wm. Sheppard Sec.

rd. Caswell

CHATHAM CO., N.C. DEED BOOK B, page 545

31 March 1780

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA to WILLIAM HILL(4) 50 sh. for ever loo a.
500 acers on both sides of LONG BRANCH the North of LANDRUMS CREEK
joins Roe's line.

Wm. Sheppard Sec.

Gov. Rd. Caswell

**** Note Landrums Creek!!!!

CHATHAM CO., N.C. DEED BOOK C , Page 49

31 March 1780

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA to WILLIAM HILL(4), 50 sh. for every 100 a.
100 acers on the WATERS OF ROCKY RIVER-joins MATHEW RAMSEY.

Wm. Sheppard Sec.

Gov. Richard Caswell

CHATHAM CO., N.C. DEED BOOK C, Page 391

1 Nov. 1784

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA to WILLIAM HILL (4) 50 sh. for every 100 a.
100 acers On the NORTH SIDE OF ROCKY RIVER-joins Aaron Evans and
his own line.

J. Glasgow Sec.

Alex. Martin

CHATHAM CO., N.C. DEED BOOK D, Page 612

Feb. 1789

WILLIAM HILL SR. (\$ 4) of CHATHAM CO., N.C. TO WILLIAM CLANTON
HILL(5) of HALIFAX CO., N.C.; WILLIAM HILL SR.(4) sold 250 acers of
land in Chatham Co. to WILLIAM CLANTON HILL (5) for 100 pds. VIRGINIA
money, next to MATTHEW RAMSEYS land.

Wit. Robert Brinkley
Abner LANDRUM

WILLIAM HILL

!!!!Landrums Creek was named for the Landrums, Note Abner Landrum.
This deed here is one of the key, CONNENCTING POINTS for me. Along
with the landmarks!!!!!!!!!!!!

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CHATHAM CO., N.C. DEED BOOK ?

19 Dec. 1793

WILLIAM HILL (4) of Chat. Co. to John Bull (Chat. Co.) 50 pbs. for
100 acers along line (Foushee) and HARLANDS CREEK, RAMSEY'S line,
and New Road.

Wit. HENRY HILL

Travis, George

!!!! NOTE: FOUSHEE line! Now Now my WILLIAM C. HILL (7), the son
Of HENRY HILL (6) married ELIZABETH FOUSHEE 29, July 1839.

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CHATHAM CO., N.C. DEED BOOK K, Page 211 30 Dec. 1795
Another listing ? Feb. 1800
Indenture between WILLIAM C. HILL (5) Of Halifax Co., N. C. and
HERBURT Hill of Chatham Co. N. C. For 90 pds. WILLIAM C. HILL
sells to HERBURT HILL 250 acers, Matthew Ramsey line to WILLIAM Hill's
corner.
Wit; HENRY HILL
ISAAC HILL

CHATHAM CO., N.C. DEED BOOK L, Page 328 31 Jan. 1801
WILLIAM HILL, SR. (4) of Chat. Co. to HENRY HILL (6) of Chat. Co.
For 25 pds. , 50 acers Northside of HARLINS CREEK, ALONG FOUSHEE line!!!!
Wit. Phil Meroney WILLIAM HILL
ENOCH HILL
THIS is my HENRY HILL (6) see my PLESANT HILL CHRUCH RECORDS!!!!!!

CHATHAM CO., N.C. DEED BOOK 1, Page 288 31 Jan. 1800
WILLIAM HILL, SR. (4) Chat. Co. To ENOCH HILL (Chat) On the waters of
LANDRUM AND HARLENS CREEK , to a hickory at the LONG BRANCH
200 acers for 150 pds.
Wit; John Ramsey WILLIAM HILL
Phil Meroney
HENRY HILL

CHATHAM CO., N.C. DEED BOOK ? 29 Nov. 1802
WILLIAM HILL of County of HANCOCK, state of GEORGIA!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
of the one part ENOCH HILL of CHATHAM CO., N.C. for 50 pds.
125 acres on LONG BRANCH.
HENRY HILL (Signed in presents of) WILLIAM HILL
CHATHAM CO. Feb. Lepions 1806, Deed only proven in open court by the
oath of HENRY HILL, a lubsinbing witness and orderd to be registered.

LONG BRANCH is located NORTH of GUM SPRINGS, flowing West off
HAW RIVER, near Mt. Pleasant, across from Jes. Campbel, John Dark and
C. Justice land.

NOTE: First Deed above of HERBURT HILL, was only proven in Feb. 1800
Lepions, Court by the oath of HENRY HILL (6)

I am about to pull my hair out; to find out if HERBURT HILL, ISAAC HILL
and ENOCH HILL are brothers to my HENRY HILL (6) ??????????????
James Seward says: yes----But I cannot find anyone's WILL who names
them!!!!!!

Now at the time of all these other land DEEDS ABNER HILL: also has a
lote of them. I DO NOT KNOW WHO HIS CHILDREN ARE?? Can anyone

help here? ? Also there are deed for SHADRACK HILL.

There are quite a few deed's for THOMAS HILL, Wife; ELIZABETH.
Is this son of THOMAS HILL, Sr., brother to ABNER HILL and WILLIAM ~~XXXXXXXX~~
HILL, Sr. (4) . ??

I have located all the others land on the 1870 Chatham Co. Map but do not
have enough information to locate Thomas Hill's land at this time!!

I am also trying to work on the Hill's at FALLS CREEK, CHATHAM CO. N.C.
near the MOORE CO. LINE.

THOMAS HILL, SR. b. 6-19-1832 D-3-17-1882 married to NANCY WELCH

THOMAS HILL, JR. b. 9-15-1855 D-12-15-1933 "" "" MATY ELIZABETH

MARTINDALE

Anyone having any data , please help me.

Now back to WILLIAM HILL(4) and the CLANTONS !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

WILLIAM HILL(4) son of ROBERT & TABITHA HILL (3): assumed Father of
WILLIAM CLANTON HILL(5). Land deed's show both HILLS and CLANTON'S
in Chatham Co., N.C.. It is assumed that the above WILLIAM HILL married
A CLANTON, thus naming a son WILLIAM CLANTON HILL(5). But no one can
prove who?

!!

CHATHAM CO., N.C. DEED BOOK ? Page 322 1 July 1779

State of North Carolina to CHARLES CLANTON , 50 sh. for every 100 acers
300 acers on both sides of LONG BRANCH, joins WILLIAM HILL(4) !!!!!!!

William Bryant and JOHN BIRDSONG.

J. Glasgow Sec.

Gov. Rd. Caswell

NOTE: Charles CLANTON living beside WILLIAM HILL(4) !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

CHATHAM CO. N.C. DEED BOOK ? Page 317 20 Aug. 1779

State of N. C. to CHARLES CLANTON-77 1/4 acers on both sides of LONG
BRANCH, Waters of ROCKY RIVER- joins BIRDSONGS line.

J. Glasgow Sec.

Gov. Rd. Caswell

CHATHAM CO. DEED BOOK ? Page 207 29 Sept. 1779

William Haley to CHARLES CLANTON-630 pds. for 198 acers on both sides
of LANDRUMS CREEK-joins WILLIAM HILL, John Ross.

Witt: John Auld, John Morphis

Wm. Haley

NOTE: CHARLES CLANTON living beside WILLIAM HILL(4) !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

CHATHAM CO., N.C. DEED BOOK ?

Page 59 29 July 1775

John Brantley to CHARLES CLANTON-- 8 pds. for 20 acers on both sides
of ROCKY RIVER at the said John Brantley's corner.

Wit: Jos. Brantley

John Brantley

Elijah Philips

Land deed, page 322 shows CHARLES CLANTON owned land in Chatham Co.
N.C. on Long Branch that joined the land of WILLIAM HILL(4)

In addition to CHARLES CLANTON living in Chat. Co., there were also
RUBIN CLANTON, BENJAMIN CLANTON, and EDWARD CLANTON.
Names taken from witnesses of land deeds.

AGNES HILL HARRINGTON--Dau. of Robert & Tabitha Hill (3) and SISTER
to my WILLIAM HILL(# 3)

AGNES HILL--b.1728- d. 1797 Chatham Co., N.C. Married in Fayette Dist.,
Chat. Co., N.C.; 1747 to Charles ARRINGTON, SR.

In May 1771 her husband was wounded in the BATTLE OF ALAMANCE, now in
Alamance Co., N. C.; and died later from his wounds. Died after May
1771, but before July 19, 1773.

After the death of Charles Harrington, under the Law of King George, Charles
Harrington, Jr. acquired his father's estate and soon parted with it, and
his brothers living on it, had to seek homes elsewhere and the exodus of
the brothers began during the Revolution and lasted until 1790.

CHATHAM CO., N. C. DEED BOOK

? Page 380 17 Feb. 1780

CHARLES CLANTON to AGNIS HARRINGTON 600 pds. for 300 acers on
both sides of the LONG BRANCH--joins WILLIAM HILL(4) and William
Briants.

Wit: B. Birdsong

Charles Clanton

Jas. Cheves

!!!!!!!So we have Charles Clanton, Agnis Harrington, and WILLIAM HILL
All living on land that joins each other!! INTERESTING!!!!!!

CHATHAM CO., N.C. DEED BOOK

? Page 389 17 feb. 1780

CHARLES CLANTON of Chatham Co., to James Cheaves of Wake Co., N.C.
198 acers for 1,000 pds. on both sides of LANDRUMS CREEK--Joins John
Roe and WILLIAM HILL(\$ 4)

Wit: Joseph Rosser

CHARLES CLANTON

. B. Birdsong

!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

CHATHAM CO., N.C. DEED BOOK ? Page 374 17 Feb. 1780

CHARLES CLANTON to AGNIS HARRINGTON (Note only 3 pds. !!!!)
3 pds. for 77 1/4 acers on both sides of the LONG BRANCH waters of
ROCKY RIVER--joins BIRDSONG'S line.

Wit: B. Birdsong
Jas. Chives

CHARLES CLANTON

CHATHAM CO., N.C. DEED BOOK ? Page 336 9 May 1780

AGNIS HARRINGTON to William Ashford- 700 pds. for 186 1/2 acers
Part of that tract of land which CHARLES CLANTON formerly lived on.

Wit: B. Birdsong
John Morphis

AGNIS HARRINGTON

CHATHAM CO., N.C. DEED BOOK ? Page 352 1 July 1779

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA to JOHN HARRINGTON (He was a son of
Agness Harrington) !!! 50 Sh. for every 100 acers. 500 acers on both
sides of LANDRUM'S CREEK--joins Benjamin Harriss, WILLIAM HILL(4)
and John Row.

J. Glasgow, Sec.

Gov. Rd. Caswell

CHATHAM CO., N.C. DEED BOOK ? Page 212 3 Nov. 1781

JOHN HARRINGTON (son of Agness) !!! to James Williams-600 pds.
(no amount of acers) joins Benjn. Harris, WILLIAM HILL(4) and John
Row--On both sides of LANDRUMS CREEK.

Wit: AGNES HARRINGTON
MARY HARRINGTON

JOHN HARRINGTON

!!~~XXXX~~ NOTE: Mary, was a dau. of Agnes H. and she married
ABNER LANDRUM!!!

CHATHAM CO., N.C. DEED BOOK ? Page 407 25 Oct. 1774

CHARLES HARRINGTON, JR. to William Bailstone-37 pds. One Negro girl
named RACHAEL about three years old.

CHARLES HARRINGTON
Jr.

Wit: Hugh Peoples
Milner Burck

Charles Harrington, Jr. is the son of AGNES H.

In working with the Chatham Co., N.C. Land Deeds, I ~~XXXX~~ noticed
that just about everyone that was involved had either been in the
Revolutionary War or the Chatham Co. Militia. Especially where my
HILL'S were in the old community of Beaumont, now Pleasant Hill, named
for the Chruch there. So I decided to list the most common names.

P.S. ****I DID NOT LIST THE ABOVE LAND DEED'S BY DATE, BUT RATHER

BY THE WAY THEY WERE MOST HELPFUL WITH MY RELATIONS.*****

Taken from Pensions Roles, Militiar Rosters, Dar Roster.

ABNER HILL, THOMAS HILL, Both were appointed Captains by the
Provincial Congress. ABNER HILL was later a Presiding Justice of
Chatham Co., N.C.

DRURY & SION HARRINGTON--Sons of AGNES HILL HARRINGTON

John BIRDSONG, William Brantley

Ambrose & Matthew Ramsey

Lewis Tyson

Abner & William Laseter, Sr.

John Foshee

David GREEN

(Above were for Rev. War, Regular Service, I guess?

CHATHAM CO., N.C. 1772 MILITIA

CAPT. JOHN BIRDSONG'S COMPANY

(Also in May-1779-May-1781 JOHN BIRDSONG was SHERIFF of Chat. Co., N.C.

BENJ. CLANTON, Sgt.

CHARLES CLANTON

REUBIN CLANTON

Reubin ~~XXX~~ LANDRUM----!!! LANDRUM'S CREEK !!!!

Charles Foshe

Elijah Fike

John Brantley

CAPT. CHARLES MATTHEWIS COMPANY

GREEN HILL--!!! Oh no!!, what Green Hill

Joseph & James Brantley

Thomas, Abner, & William
Lassetor, Jr.

CAPT. STEPHEN POEIS COMPANY

SION & DREWRY HARRINGTON(sons of Agnes Hill)

Richard WEST

Thos. Stone

Joseph Foshe, Sr. & Jr.

John, Simon, & William Foshe

Nathan Fike

CAPT. JEDUTHAN HARPER'S COMPANY

John & Benj. Landrum

James Fike

Ignasious West, Wm. West, THOMAS WEST JR. and THOMAS WEST, SR.

(Must be that my THOMAS WEST HILL, was named for one of these? !!!!

Wm. Ramsey

Thos. Brooks, Jr.

CAPT. ELISHA CAIN'S COMPANY

Thomas Tucker

RICHARD HILL, Could he be my Franklin Co., N.C. , Richard ? I did not
find a land deed for him. Did not know he was in Chat. Co.

One week later: having made another brief trip to Raleigh, N.C. Archives
I found a Index that listed a Bill of Sale for RICHARD HILL in the Chat. Co.
records , no date but listed in the 1800, others. Sale of what ever, was
made to Wm. Moody.

ABSTRACT OF WILL

sent note of this
12 Aug letter,
1821

21.

NAME OF DEVISOR: Thomas Hill Sr.

RESIDENCE OF DEVISOR: Surry Co. N.C.

DATE OF WILL: 8 July 1825 DATE OF PROBATE: Aug. Ct. 1825

COUNTY: Surry BOOK: 3 PAGE: 165

TO MY WIFE:

TO MY SON(S): Lewis, Jesse, Thomas

TO MY DAUGHTER(S): Tabitha, Sarah Hill, Rhody Hill, Rachel Hill, Elizabeth Studard

TO OTHER(S):

EXECUTOR(S): ~~Thomas~~ Burch

WITNESSES: William Ross, JWD Burch

DETAILS OF PROBATE:

CREAT:

ORIGINAL WILL IS IN:

Wm West Masely B 3 p 149 1821/1821 Susannah Masely wif of Thomas Hill

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PREFACE

It has been said that "Those who forget the past have no future". (Selected) This statement has been a guidepost for the major author of this genealogical writing, Jessie Lynn Bell. Her realization of the importance of recording the histories of her HILL and LYNN ancestors became increasingly important as the years went by. She had grown up on the tales that her grandparents told as she sat at their knees - tales of immigration from Scotland and Ireland to the "land of opportunity" - exciting tales of settling in North Carolina, and then moving westward to Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas looking for a better life.

To preserve this knowledge and to prove its validity for present and future generations of Hill and Lynn descendants became her desire. This desire led her to make numerous inquiries into public records in the states where these early families settled in order to establish a firm and binding ancestry and relationship. The author spent many hours in research - poring over state and county records in Archives and Courthouses, visiting old cemeteries, churches, and churchyards, talking to Hill and Lynn descendants about their "family trees", and corresponding with interested persons who were willing to aid in her search. Many people, too numerous to name here, were most helpful in supplying information concerning their particular family lines and in giving her clues to where she might glean further information. Especial gratitude is expressed for the research done by Marielou Roach Fair, whose book Roach, Roberts, Ridgeway and Allied Families was used as the primary source for tracing Benjamin Hill's ancestry back to the Hills of Virginia. This invaluable information made the first four chapters of this work possible. Many queries were left unanswered, however; and this accounts in part for some gaps in the genealogies recorded in the last section of the book. X

The task of gathering the material for this history began some eighteen years ago when the author became interested in finding the most thorough and exact information possible concerning her Hill and Lynn ancestors, and recording such for posterity. This is by no means the 'final word' on the family lines included within, but is as complete and authentic as the author found it possible to make it through her research. There is an abundance of information concerning the Hill and Lynn families here represented still to be obtained, and it is our hope that someone can use this work as a starting point for further research.

All of the research for this book was done by Jessie Lynn Bell, the principal author, with the aid of interested Hill and Lynn relatives. The beginning Chapters of the History Section (Chapters 1 through Part A of Chapter 6) were written by Carmine Banks Bell, daughter-in-law of the author, using some of Marielou Roach Fair's Hill data from her above mentioned book and Jessie Lynn Bell's personal research and observations as a basis for her

writings. The author's daughter, Doris Bell Bazard, assisted by editing and typing a large portion of the book, especially the Genealogical Section. The bulk of the volume concerns the history of Benjamin Hill, great-great-great grandfather of Jessie Lynn Bell, and his sons and their descendants. The author's Lynn ancestors, and kindred, are interspersed throughout the Hill Section with a special Section dealing with the Matthew Lynn Sr. line.

The primary purpose of this work is to present factual information about the early Hill and Lynn families who helped carve a country from a virtual wilderness and to trace their lineage to modern times. These early families were pioneers leaving a heritage of which their present day descendants can well be proud. They were real people, with real needs and emotions. Bits and pieces of the hardships, endurances, successes, and failures they experienced in everyday life can be grasped from this presentation of their family histories. As Stephen Vincent Benet so aptly put it in "Western Wagons",

"They went with axe and rifle when the
trail was still to blaze,
They went with wife and children in
the prairie schooner days ..."

As our Hill and Lynn ancestors cut their way through the wilderness, it is hoped that this book will cut its way into the memory and experience of its readers as a record of generations past, but not forgotten.

Carmine Banks Bell
February, 1975

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About the Author



Jessie Lynn Bell

Wife of William Thomas Bell, Jr.; mother of Doris Lynn Bell Hazard, William T. Bell, III, and Roeland T. Bell; daughter of Robert Hearsey and Susie Hill Lynn; granddaughter of John Thomas and Sarah Ida Hill Hill (maternal), and Jesse William and Saletha Archibald Lynn (paternal); great granddaughter of both John Calvin Hill and Samuel Shaw Hill, Sr. (brothers), and of Matthew Lynn Jr.; great great granddaughter of both William Hill and John Hill (brothers), and of Matthew Lynn, Sr. (emigrant ancestor); great great great granddaughter of Benjamin and Mary Wooten Hill whose descendants are traced in this Genealogy.

Some people can be described in the light of possessing a special deep feeling for history and "the old" of this world. Such a description is fitting for Jessie Lynn Bell, the author. As a young girl, she loved ancient stories, legends, fables and rhymes. She was particularly interested in historical events and eagerly listened while her grandparents and other "old folks" told tales of their forebears leaving homes in the British Isles for a better life in pioneer America; and their migrating from one part of this country to another. Later, she dreamed of being a writer but necessity overcame desire, and she instead chose to be a school teacher. Into her classroom she brought her love for the

heritage of our country, and the literature of the past. Her young students flourished under her firm but gentle hand, as she taught them more of life than is included in just the "three R's". Today her dream of historical writing has become a reality in the publication of this, her second Genealogy.

Jessie Lynn Bell was born March 19, 1908, in Archibald, Richland Parish, Louisiana. At that time her parents, Robert Hearsey and Marie Hill Lynn, were living on the original homesite of her Archibald ancestors for whom the village was named. The history of these Archibalds is recorded in her first book, ARCHIBALD, (1969), of which she was co-author. She was reared in Archibald, Louisiana and received her early schooling there. In 1925 she entered college at Louisiana Polytechnic Institute (now Louisiana Tech University), Ruston, Louisiana, where she met and later married her husband, William Thomas Bell, Jr., of Baskin, Franklin Parish, Louisiana. The major part of their married life was spent in Vicksburg, Mississippi, his death occurring there on March 25, 1975. Mrs. Bell continued her education after her marriage, and was graduated with a BSE Degree from Mississippi College.

The author's teaching experience spans over a period of many years - first in the Archibald Elementary School for nine years, and then in the Warren County Mississippi Schools (Vicksburg) at Martin Academy and Jett Elementary School from 1943-1972. She is now retired, but is an active member in the First Presbyterian Church, Vicksburg; the Daughters of the American Revolution; and in the Oak Park Garden Club. She is also a member of the Mississippi Genealogical Society, and a Life Member of the Vicksburg-Warren County Historical Society in which she served several years on the Board of Directors.

Mrs. Bell continues to have an influence on the younger generation through her relationships with her eight grandchildren. What a wonderful heritage she is leaving for these descendants, and the future generations through her writings!

Caroline Banks Bell
April 1976

Hill - Lynn History

Chapter 1

Early English and American Hills

The surname Hill, according to all available records, is of English origin with its roots deeply embedded in the soil of Britannia. The Lord Mayor of London in 1492 was Sir Rowland Hill and three hundred years later a Sir Rowland Hill originated the English Penny Postal System.

Many of these English families of Hills immigrated to America in the 1600 and 1700's, and were among the first to settle in the American Colonies. The first Hill, of whom we found any record in America, was Burrows Hill who came over to James City in the ship 'Elizabeth' in 1611.

Numerous subsequent Hill settlers are known to have been in the Colonies, but the one we turn our attention to is ROBERT HILL, of the Isle of Wight, Virginia. He came with his wife Mary to the Isle of Wight County, Virginia, in 1642. Also, according to Cavaliers and Pioneers, there were many Hill families who were immigrant ancestors, especially to the state of Virginia, all of them obtaining titles to land in that state. They included Nicholas Hill, Thomas Hill, John Hill, Edward Hill and the above mentioned Robert Hill. The exact relationship of these early Hill families is unknown, but they evidently came from England and were related, as the names in the families and the proximity of their land holdings signify.

According to Stuart Hall Hill in his book entitled The Hill Family of North Carolina, "The family was very celebrated and married into equally distinguished families - the CARTER for one."

Arms for Virginia Family of Hills, show a coat of arms consisting of "Azure on a chevron between three owls, argent; three mullets, sable; a bordure ermine". It is with the descendants of ROBERT HILL, one of the very early Hill settlers of Virginia, that this work will deal.

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(D)
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 From England to Virginia, 1642.

2,1
 *1. Sion Hill, b. 1654 - m. Eliz. Splitimber, 1677, Surry Co., Va. 2. Robert Hill, b. 1667, m. Elizabeth (?Halleman) No data.

*1. Robert Hill, m. Tabitha b. ca 1682 2. Richard Hill b. 1636 3. Sion Hill Jr., m. Eliz. b. ca 1687 4. Wm. Hill b. 1690
m. twice 3
1/2 brothers
 Wm. Hill, 4 1710; m. Susana Smithers

1 Wm. Hill b. 1714 m. 1739, Grace Bennett 2 Green Hill b. 1714 m. Sarah 3 Sion m. Sarah 4 Abner *5 Thos. Hill b. 1725 m. Sarah 6 Tabitha m. Chapman 7 Agnes 8 Lewrainy 9 Ann 10 Mary 11 Milbry

V-I
m. twice
 Green Hill II, Minister, Tenn.
 m. Mary Seawell, 1773

m.
 Green Hill III (and others)
 m. Mary Long - moved to Greene County, Ala.

m.
 Gabriel, Nicholas, John A., Thomas, William, Joshua.
 (All in Greene Co., Ala.)

Thos. Jr.; Robt.; Richard; *Benjamin; Elizabeth;
 m. Eliz. m. Frances b. 1761, N.C. Mary;
 Garner, d. 1841, Ala. Sally;
 1782 m. Mary Anna;
 Wooten, 1787, Fanny.
 Johnston Co., N.C.

(* denotes direct line)
 of authors

*Wm. Hill; b. 1791 m. Patsey Shaw, N.C. 1811	*John Hill; b. 1798 m. Fanny Shaw, N.C. 1815	Mary; b. 1800 m. John Moore N.C.	Wooten; b. 1803 m. Sara Lynn, N.C.	Barry; b. 1807 m. Eliz. Reach, N.C.	Sherrod; b. 1809 m. Mary Smith, Ala.	James; b. 1811 m. 1834 Martha Lynn, Miss.	Jesse; b. 1813 m. 1st, Eliz. Carpenter, Ala.	a dau. m. O'Neal lived in Ala.
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Chapter 2

Robert Hill (d. 1678) and Sons

Our emigrant ancestor, Robert Hill, as previously mentioned, migrated with his wife Mary, to the Isle of Wight County, Virginia, in 1642. According to Cavaliers and Pioneers, page 140, the following land transfer was made: "Francis England, 746 acres Isle of Wight County, June 30, 1642, Adj. Capt. Pierce, Transfer to 15 persons: Robert Hill, Mary his wife, John Powell, Eliz. Webb, Sarah England, John Lippett, Jon Sykes, Robert Davis, Hugh Brent, Edward Palme, Jon Acton, Thomas Coggins, James Piland, Alexandria his wife." On this land deeded to him in Isle of Wight County, Robert and Mary Hill settled and reared two sons: 1) Sion Hill born 1653 or 1654 and died ante 1703, and 2) Robert Hill, Jr., born about 1667 to 1670.

In 1653, Robert Hill evidently increased his land holdings as evidenced in the following from Volume 1, Part 2, p. 427, Wills and Deeds, Isle of Wight County, Virginia, date of deed, February 9, 1678, signed: Sion Hill (son of Robert Hill) and wife Elizabeth Hill.

"Whereas George Archer by writing 30th January 1653 did assign to my father, Robert Hill, deceased, a plantation in Isle of Wight County described as a sale from George Bressy to George Archer 7th December - now is possession of Edward Wickens and for 4390 pounds of Tbc. paid by Edmund Wickens sell all rights in same."

This deed substantiates the fact that Robert Hill established a lasting home in Isle of Wight County, Virginia, and continued to live there as a farmer and planter until his death, leaving a legacy for his sons Sion and Robert.

A. Sion Hill, Sr.,² Eldest Son of Robert Hill (d. 1678)

Sion Hill, Sr., eldest son of Robert Hill and Mary, his wife, was born about 1654 in Isle of Wight County, Virginia, and died after 1703. He married Elizabeth Splitimber, widow of John Splitimber, about 1677. Elizabeth was probably the daughter of Nicholas Smith of the same county. Records show that in 1677, the year of his marriage, Sion Hill was granted a commission of administration on the estate of John Splitimber at Southwarke in Surry County, Virginia, he (Sion Hill) having "married the relict of said Splitimber"

As mentioned earlier, Sion Hill and his wife, Elizabeth Hill, signed a deed on Feb. 9, 1678, relinquishing all rights to a plantation in Isle of Wight County formerly owned by Sion Hill's father Robert Hill, then deceased. Sion and Elizabeth evidently moved to Surry County, Virginia, and were settled, contributing members of the community by 1677, as shown by the following records found in Surry County:

a. Sion Hill's name appeared on juries serving at the terms

According to Nugent's:² "property adjoining" on Contiguous!

of Court of the Surry County sessions in May and September, 1677. At these sessions persons were convicted and fined for depredations committed during Bacon's Rebellion, 1676.

b. Sion Hill and Nicholas Smith were among the tithables in Surry County in 1680.

c. Sion Hill's signature was found on the following deed in Surry County, Virginia, dated 1680:

"Ralph Hill sells to Samuel Swan of Surry County land which Col. Nicholas Hill, father of Ralph Hill, possessed in Isle of Wight and bequeathed to his son, Richard Hill, who dying in infancy, it was diverted to Ralph Hill as elder brother and he now sells to Samuel Swan, 9th September 1680."

d. Virginia Land Office Records, Book 7, p. 11, show that Sion Hill received a land grant of 420 acres in Upper Parish of Surry County, with his patent there dated July 28, 1681. This grant was issued for his importing nine persons into the colony.

e. Sion Hill is listed among those freeholders and inhabitants of Surry County, Virginia, qualified to serve in the Military in the year 1687 as footsoldiers. (Colonial Service)

During the years that Sion and Elizabeth Hill lived in Surry County, Virginia, four sons were born to them. They were 1) Robert Hill, born ca 1682-83, died ca 1766; 2) Richard Hill, born ca 1686; and 3) Sion Hill, Jr., born ca 1687. Their youngest son, William Hill, was born about 1690. Two of these, Richard Hill and Sion Hill, Jr., apparently remained in Virginia while the other two, Robert Hill² and William Hill, migrated to N. Carolina.

B. Robert Hill, Son of Robert Hill (deceased ante Feb. 1678)

The second son of Robert and Mary Hill was Robert Hill II, born ²about 1667 in Isle of Wight County, Virginia. Here he lived with his parents and his brother Sion, and married Elizabeth, probably a daughter of William Halleman. Records in that county reveal the following evidence of Robert Hill II, the son of Robert Hill (deceased before February 1678), as an inhabitant of Isle of Wight County, Virginia, in December, 1725.

"December 15, 1725 Robert Hill of Isle of Wight County, Plantation, Elizabeth, his wife, deeded to Jos. Pettway, Planter, of Surry County, consideration of shillings, land in Terrapin Swamp in Surry County on Anselow Branch. Witnesses: William Smith, William Baldwin, Allen Warren."

The will of Robert Hill, dated April 10, 1740, Brunswick County, Virginia, designates his heirs to be his wife Elizabeth, son ~~John~~, and daughter Margaret, also Elizabeth, Amey, and Mary Hill, daughters of his.

According to the above information, Robert Hill II and his wife Elizabeth Hill lived out their lives and reared their family in the Colony of Virginia, not far from their birthplace

Chapter 3

Sons of Sion Hill, Sr., Eldest Son of Robert Hill (d. 1678)

a. Robert Hill,³ Eldest Son of Sion Hill, Sr.²

As previously mentioned, Sion Hill and his wife Elizabeth S. Hill moved from Isle of Wight County to Surry County, Virginia, around 1677, and here established themselves as landholders in that area. Their oldest son was Robert Hill, born about 1682-83. Robert Hill and Tabitha, his wife, are found living on a plantation in Isle of Wight County, Virginia, in 1724, as shown by the following deed:

"In 1724, Robert Hill of Isle of Wight County, Virginia, was granted 145 acres of land in that county. January 23, 1724, Robert Hill deeded to Arthur Jordan 145 acres on South side of Fountain's Creek in Isle of Wight County - plantation on which the said Hill is now living." Tabitha, his wife, relinquished dower. Witnesses, Thomas Halleman, Senior and Junior.

In 1725, Robert Hill, Jr., was granted 233 acres on North side of Fountain's Creek, at Robert Hill's line. This Robert Hill, Jr., was obviously Sion Hill's son and was designated as Robert Hill, Jr., because his uncle, Robert Hill, was living in the same area.

North Carolina Records indicate that Robert Hill and wife, Tabitha, moved to North Carolina in 1725 from Virginia, living the remainder of their days in that state, until Robert Hill's death 1761-1762 in Halifax County, North Carolina. Robert Hill's North Carolina land holdings are, as follows:

- 1) May 22, 1725, Robert Hill was granted 160 acres on south side of Fountain's Creek, Northhampton County, N. Carolina.
- 2) October 14, 1737, Robert Hill deeded 80 acres of the above grant to Thomas Deloach, Jr., who in turn deeded the same property to Thomas Tarver.
- 3) 1738, Robert Hill was granted 200 acres on Southside of Blue Marsh, Edgecomb County, North Carolina.
- 4) August 1, 1740, Robert Hill deeded 75 acres of the Blue Marsh land to William Hickman. Witnesses: Abner Green and Thomas Hill.

Clark's Records, North Carolina show Robert Hill's land holdings in Edgecomb County, North Carolina, part of which became Halifax County, in 1758, as follows:

- 1) 200 acres in 1738 in Edgecombe
- 2) 300 acres in 1742 in Edgecombe (p. 619)
- 3) 200 acres in 1745 in Edgecombe (p. 767)

Clark's Records, North Carolina, Vol. 4, p.149, list Robert Hill as paying ferryage, 18 lbs. 53 o.d., in 1734-34.

According to the Will of Robert Hill, son of Sion Hill, Sr., which is recorded in Halifax County, North Carolina (Will Book I, p.159), there were eleven children born to Tabitha and Robert Hill. They are shown, as follows: William Hill, Green Hill, Sion Hill, Abner Hill, Thomas Hill (our progenitor), Agnes Hill,

Assumption: Robert Hill³ m. Tabitha ca. 1711/13! Aug

Tabitha Hill, Lewraina Hill, Ann Hill, Mary Hill and Milibry Hill. Since records show that Green Hill was born in Isle of Wight County, Virginia, November 1714, it can be assumed that his older brother, William Hill, was also born in the same county prior to 1714. And, as Robert Hill and his wife, Tabitha, moved to North Carolina around 1725, their older children were obviously born in Isle of Wight, Virginia, while some of their younger children were probably born in Northampton County, North Carolina, Edgecombe County, North Carolina, or Halifax County, North Carolina.

The Will of Robert Hill, Jr., eldest son of Sion Hill, Sr., is found in the records of the North Carolina Historical Commission, Raleigh, North Carolina, and in the Halifax County Courthouse Records, Halifax, North Carolina. The will was proved (probated) in Halifax County, North Carolina, in April Court, 1766. This will is as follows:

Will of Robert Hill

In the name of God Amen, I Robert Hill of Halifax County in his Magistys Providence of North Carolina being in health and perfectly sound in mind and memory and knowing that it is appointed for all men Once to Die and for the better preventing of Controversies and Disputes after it shall please God to call me hence I make and Constitute my last will and Testament in manner and form following -

First I Recommend my soul to God who gave it and my Body I Recommend to the Earth in a Decent and Christian-like Burial at the Discretion of my Executors and as for what Worldly Benefits it is pleased God to Bless me with all I Give and bequeath in manner and form following. Imprimis I lend to my Beloved wife Tabitha Hill the use of three negroes to wit: Sambo, Sarah and Ben so long as she is my Widow also I lend her six Cows and Calves and all the Household Goods in my house also I lend her two Horses the one a Bron Colt and the other a Bay Horse - and after the marriage or Decease of my Beloved Wife Tabitha I give my Negro Sambo to my son William Hill and my negro Sarah I give to my son Green Hill. Item I give to my son William Hill a negro girl called Dealse that he is now possess'd with to him and his heirs and assigns forever -

Item I give to my son Green Hill a negro called Simon that he is now possess'd with to him and his heirs and assigns forever. Item I give to my son Sion Hill the plantation and Land whereon we now live lying on the South side of Blue Marsh after the decease of me and my wife and I also give him two negroes one called Toney the other called Trompey to him and his heirs and assigns for ever. Item I give to my son Abner Hill a negro called Peter and a girl called Bibby to him and his heirs and assigns forever - and after my Decease I leave fifty pounds Virginia Currency to my son Thomas Hill for my Executors to pay out of my Estate. Item I give to my daughter Tabitha Chapman a negro fellow called Jemmy that she is now possess'd with to her and her heirs and assigns forever. Item I give to my Daughter Agnes Arrington a negroe called Jack that she is now possessed with to her and her heirs and assigns forever. Item I give to my daughter Lewraina Arrington two pounds Ten

Shillings Virginia Currency. Item I give to my Daughter Ann Steed a negro girl called Tuggy to her and her heirs and assigns forever. Item I give to my Daughter Mary Bryant a negro girl called Daffney that she is now possess'd with and also I give her a negro wench called Jenny also I give her a piece of land lying on Both sides of Red Bud Creek below the mouth of Crab Tree and the south side and below the mouth of Reedy Branch on the north side to her and her heirs and assigns forever. Item I give to my Daughter Milibry my plantation and land lying on both sides of Red Bud Creek and all the land lying above the mouth of Crab Tree and the mouth of the Reedy Branch also I give to her two negroes one named Hannah the other named Barbery and all the cattle I have given her mark't with a swallowfork in the Right ear to her and her heirs and assigns forever and after my decease and my Debts paid I leave all my cattle on Redbud to be Divided Equally Between Agnes Arrington and Mary Bryant and Milibry Hill and my Grandson John Chapman. I do furthermore Constitute and appoint my sons Abner Hill, Sion Hill and Green Hill my jointly Executors of this my last will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal.

Robert Hill (Seal)

Sign'd Sealed and Delivered as witness my last will and Testament this 18th day of June 1762 Jesse Lee, Thomas Thrower, and Wilson Williams.

Halifax SS: April Court 1766. Then the aforegoing Will was exhibited in Open Court on Oath by the Exrs. and duly proved by the Oath of Wilson Williams a witness thereto whereupon the Exrs. therein named came into Court and was duly qualified in due form of Law. Ordered said will be Recorded.

Test Jos. Montford C.C.

b. Richard Hill, Son of Sion Hill, Sr.

Sion Hill, Sr., and his wife Elizabeth's second son was Richard Hill, born about 1686 in Surry County, Virginia. The approximate date of Richard's birth is estimated from the time he was listed among the tithables. He is mentioned in Virginia records as witnessing a deed from his brother Robert and wife Tabitha to Henry Brown in 1721. He also is recorded as having been the recipient of a patent for 200 acres in 1728. This land was sold in 1735 by Green Hill to William Evans. The names of his wife and children are unknown by the authors.

c. Sion Hill, Jr. (b. 1687)

The third son of Sion Hill, Sr., and his wife Elizabeth was Sion Hill, Jr.³ born about 1687. He married Elizabeth Browne, MARRIOTT daughter of Captain William Browne and his wife Jane Meriwether and grand-daughter of Lieutenant Colonel William Browne. In his will of 1705, Lt. Col. Browne left 250 acres of land on Black Water to Sion Hill - "the said Sion Hill having already made ①

6 ① Assumption of m. relationship rather than consummation of a business association

satisfaction of the same The rest of his estate was left to his son William Browne, father-in-law of Sion Hill, Jr.

Sion Hill, Jr., and his wife Elizabeth (Browne) had one son, William Hill who was born in Virginia about 1710, and who married Susanna Smithers, 1736, in Virginia.

m. 2) ca 1711/13 Miss (?Hanna) GREEN, gr. dau. Col. Peter GREEN & HAD Green Hill, Sr. VA (1714-1769) ne m. Grace BENNETT.
d. William Hill (b. 1690), Son of Sion Hill, Sr.

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William Hill, the fourth son of Sion Hill, Sr., and his wife Elizabeth, was born about 1690. Records show that on February 28, 1733, he was granted land in Northampton County, North Carolina, adjoining his brother Robert Hill. This said land consisted of 100 acres on the south side of Meherrin River and on the north side of Fountain's Creek. William sold this 100 acres in 1745 to Thomas Person of Brunswick County, Virginia. North Carolina Records show that William Hill was deeded 100 acres in Northampton County by William DeLoach on November 8, 1742. This land was patented March 4, 1718, by Nicholas Smith and on February 20, 1736, by DeLoach "the subscriber and the said William Hill", signed by DeLoach, Sam Wall, Benjamin Morrell. William Hill is mentioned as living at this time on land lying in Bertie County on the north side of Cypress Swamp taken into the Colony by the county line.

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Chapter 4

Children of Robert Hill Eldest Son of Sion Hill, Sr. (1654-1703)

A. Daughters of Robert Hill

As mentioned earlier, Robert Hill and his wife, Tabitha, were the parents of eleven children, five sons and six daughters. This is evidenced in his will dated June 1762. Little is known about the daughters except the information shown in Robert Hill's Will. Two of the daughters, Agnes and Lewraina, married Arringtons (or Harrington). Records show that Agnes Hill married Charles Arrington, who was wounded at Alamance, Chatham County, North Carolina. Chatham County court records list Agnes, Thomas and Philemon Harrington (the latter two were sons of Agnes) as deeding land to John Auld of Anson County. The said land consisted of 212 acres and adjoined the land "whereon the Chatham County Courthouse now stands".

On May 15, 1780, Agnes Harrington deeded to Philemon Harrington land in Chatham County at the "corner of William Hill's land, divided between said Hill's and William Bryant's land". An Aunt Lurancy (Lewraina) Arrington is mentioned in the will of a William Hill, apparently the son of Green Hill I, Halifax County, North Carolina, dated January 27, 1803, and proved May 1803. The said William C. Hill provided that certain negroes should be hired out annually to support his Aunt Lurancy Arrington and his three children, and that the negroes were to be divided among his children after the death of Aunt Lurancy Arrington.

Further information on Agnes Hill and her husband Charles Harrington (Arrington) is found in John Bennett Eddie's Historical Southern Families, Volume 1, p. 17. It shows the following record of the marriage of Agnes Hill and Charles Harrington, and lists their eight children, as follows:

Charles Harrington, born ca 1720 - died after May 1771 at Chatham, North Carolina, was married to Agnes Hill, 1747, Fayette District, North Carolina, (daughter of Tabitha and Robert Hill). She was born about 1730 and died in Chatham County about 1797. Their children were: 1) John Harrington, m. Frances (Fannie) Bust; 2) Charles Harrington, b. ca 1748. m. Patience Braysdale; 3) Drury Harrington, b. 1751, m. Rachel Petty; 4) Mary Harrington, b. before 1756, m. Abner Landrum; 5) Philemon Harrington, b. ca 1757, m. Frances Harmon; 6) Thomas Harrington, b. 1760, m. a Higdon; 7) Tabitha Harrington m. Robert Johnson; and 8) Whitmel Harrington, m. Sarah Rowe. Some of these are known to have removed to Hickman County, Tennessee, where records on them can be found.

The above mentioned Philemon Harrington was born in 1757 and died in 1803 according to his will in Chatham County, North Carolina, which was probated August 1803. He was married to Fannie Harmon, who died after 1822. Their children were, as follows:

- 1) William Harrington, b. ca 1782. (Was 67 years old in 1850 Hickman County, Tennessee, Census.)
- 2) Nancy Harrington, b. ca 1784, m. William Maddox.
- 3) Larany Harrington, b. ca 1786, m. James McCaleb, Jr.
- 4) Drury Harrington, b. 1788, m. Mary Maddox.
- 5) Dempsey Harrington, b. ca 1790.
- 6) Polly (Mary) Harrington, b. ca 1798 and d. ca 1840, Hickman County, Tennessee, m. Enos Coleman.

Tabitha Hill, daughter of Robert and Tabitha Hill, married a David Chapman and her son John Chapman was mentioned in her father's will. Her sister Ann Hill married a Steed, while her sister Mary Hill married a Bryant. Milbry Hill apparently was not married - ^{Matthew Gibbs} at the time of her father's will. All of these daughters were living in North Carolina, in or around Halifax County, at the time of the death of their father Robert Hill, in June 1762.

B. Three Sons of Tabitha and Robert Hill (1682-1762)
William Hill, Sion Hill and Abner Hill

Robert and Tabitha Hill's eldest son was William Hill, ⁴ third son Sion Hill, and the fourth, Abner Hill. These will be considered together here as information on them is slight. William Hill, born ante 1714, is shown as deeding land in Chatham County, North Carolina, to William Clanton Hill of Halifax County, November 2, 1789. Richard Hill, son of William Hill of Chatham County, North Carolina, is the receiver of land in Franklin County, North Carolina, conveyed to him by his father in a deed dated Dec. 7, 1790. William Hill also deeded certain land in Chatham County to John Bull on Dec. 19, 1793, as witnessed by Henry Hill and Gravis George. There are other deeds of later dates recorded in Chatham County granted by a William Hill, but this is believed to be a William C. Hill whose will is recorded in Halifax County, North Carolina, in 1803. Since he mentions an Aunt Marancy Arrington, this William C. Hill could well be the nephew of William Hill, the son of Robert Hill (1682-1762).

Of the third and fourth sons of Robert Hill and his wife Tabitha, even less is known. Sion, the third son, and Abner, the fourth son, both are mentioned as sons and heirs of Robert Hill in his will of June 1762. Sion Hill's will, dated March 29, 1780 and proved December 1780, is found in Wake County, North Carolina, records. This will names his wife Sarah as executrix, and their children, and was witnessed by James Gilbert and Amy Davis.

⁴ C. Green Hill I, Son of Robert Hill (1682-1762) ^①

Green Hill, the second son of Robert and Tabitha Hill, was born in Isle of Wight County, Virginia, November 1714, and died before 1769. In 1739, he married Grace Bennett, who was born April 26, 1721, and died in 1772. Records in North Carolina show that Green Hill and his wife Grace were living in that

"EAST GOES WEST"

① See pp 95-96 AFFIDAVIT of Rev. Thomas BAIN.

Green Hill I was brother (half) of Wm. Hill, Sr.

Sons of Sion Hill, Jr.

state, as is evidenced in the following:

- 1) 100 acres granted to Green Hill in Bertie County, North Carolina, March 15, 1743.
- 2) Green Hill listed as a vestryman, St. George Parish, Northampton County, 1758.
- 3) Deed in Library of the North Carolina Historical Commission dated June 14, 1762, from Green Hill of Edgecombe County to Sion Hill of Halifax County.

According to the will of Green Hill dated Aug. 14, 1766, and proved in Northampton County, North Carolina, 1769, Green Hill and his wife Grace had seven children: Henry Hill, Bennett Hill, Green Hill II, Mary Hill, Sarah Hill, Temperance Hill and Elizabeth Hill. Dr. Thomas Neal Ivey in his book Green Hill, page 6, states "Green Hill, the elder, had four sons and four daughters. Facts are available from a number of sources, among these being two Hill Bibles. The four sons were Henry, born in 1740; Green, born in 1741, Bennett, born in 1745, William, born in 1750. The daughters were Mary, born in 1754, Sarah, born in 1756, Temperance, born in 1761, and Elizabeth, born in 1763. ..." Dr. Ivey also states, on page 5, "The first Green Hill was a prominent citizen of the state, public-spirited and influential."

The will of Grace Hill dated August 27, 1772, and proved in November 1772, Bute County, North Carolina, mentions all the above children, with the exception of Elizabeth, as heirs of "the remainder of my estate", to be divided equally among them. Her sons Green Hill and William Hill were named executors. The original will of Grace Hill is held by the North Carolina Historical Commission. It was witnessed by Thomas Hill, Jr. and Henry King.

D. Thomas Hill, Son of Robert Hill (1682-1762)
(Our direct ancestor)

Thomas Hill, the youngest son of Robert Hill and his wife Tabitha, was born about 1725, and died 1789, probably in Halifax County, North Carolina. Records show that he was a Revolutionary Soldier and a Patriot, also the Lord's Proprietor for land grants for the Earle of Granville in the Colonies. Thomas and Sarah Hill according to his will dated 1787, were the parents of nine children, four sons and five daughters. They are, as follows: Thomas Hill Jr., Robert Hill, Benjamin Hill, b. 1761 (our progenitor), Richard Hill, Elizabeth Hill, Mary Hill, Sally Hill, Anna (Nanny) Hill and Fanny Hill.

Records show that Tabitha and Robert Hill moved from Virginia to North Carolina shortly after the birth of their son, Thomas Hill. The Hills lived in Edgecombe County, that part which became Halifax County in 1758, and owned land in both Edgecombe and Halifax Counties. Thomas grew up in these counties and records show he entered land in Edgecombe County as early as May 5, 1742. He and his wife Sarah lived out their days in and around Edgecombe and Halifax Counties, near the home of his father and his older brothers, and their families. Thomas Hill was a substantial land

owner, as evidenced in the following North Carolina land transaction records:

- 1) Land entered in Edgecombe County, May 5, 1742.
- 2) 220 and 500 acres entered in Edgecombe County, July 27, 1743.
- 3) 640 acres in Johnston County, North Carolina, Nov. 2, 1752, described as: "Beginning at a pine on the north side of Swift Creek and runs south 320 poles to a pine, thence west 320 poles to a pine, thence north 320 poles to a pine thence east 320 poles to first Station. Dated Nov. 2, 1752." Johnston County was a newly formed county and Thomas Hill's land was near land purchased by Capt. James Wooten, Oct. 31, 1752. These two families became closely associated in the following years, as will be noted later in this book.
- 4) 250 acres of land in Johnston County sold by Thomas Hill to Day Wright in 1763.
- 5) According to Warren County, North Carolina Records, Vol. II (Deeds of Colonial Bute County, N. C.) Thomas Hill was involved in these two transactions: Deed Book A, p. 117 - Joseph Montfort to Thomas Hill, both of Halifax County, 26 Dec. 1764. 40 pounds Procl. money for 425 acres on Shocco Creek, Fishing Creek, Maple Branch - part of a grant to Edward Moseley Sr. Deed Book A, p. 178 - Thomas Hill from Heseciah Terrell, the former of Halifax County 422 acres on BS Sandy Creek, adj. Allin Mountjoy, John Kaindakar, John and Heseciah Terrell, part of three tracts of land. Witness: Thomas Hill Jr., Beaumont Sutton.

As a citizen, Thomas Hill served his community in various capacities. One instance - in 1787, the Courts of North Carolina paid him 222 lbs. "for services rendered". This information is in Clarke's Records of North Carolina, but does not state what type of service it was. Very likely, it was in connection with his Military Service with the Colonies.

The will of Thomas Hill, son of Robert Hill, recorded in Halifax County, North Carolina, was written Nov. 27, 1787, and probated in August 1789. At the time the will was written, Thomas Hill owned 80 slaves and was residing in Halifax County, near Scotland Neck. The Wills of Thomas Hill and his wife Sarah are as follows:

Will of Thomas Hill, Halifax County, N. C., Will Book 3, p. 172

In the name of God Amen. I Thomas Hill of Halifax County and the State of North Carolina, Planter, being weak of body, but by the blessing of God enjoying the perfect use of my natural understanding, and considering the certainty of Death and the Uncertainty of life. Do on this twenty seventh Day of November Anno-Dominy One thousand seven hundred and 87 - appoint this to be my last Will and Testament: First of all I commend my Soul unto the hands of the Almighty God who gave it, and my body to the ground, to be buried in a decent manner according to the description of my executors hereafter nominated, trusting that this merits of our Savior, And the mercy of Our God, that all my sins will be forgiven and my Soul and body reunited and restored to a life of endless happiness: And as to what Worldly

goods it was pleased God to bestow upon me, after all my lawful and Just debts are paid off I give and bequeath as follows - I leave my beloved Wife Sarah Hill One thousand and forty acres of land with the Mannor plantation lying on the East side of Fishing Creek and four hundred and Seventy acres of land lying on the West side of sd. Creek - and the still likewise fifteen negroes. Viz: Jack, Sidda, Hannah, Sawl, Daniel, Willea, Clara, Isham, Sam, Peter, James, Jonas, Sanna, Wuash, Jinnea, Olopeg, and likewise one negro man named Matt, and likewise fifty head of Cattle such as she shall choose, and all the Horses except the Stud Horse that belongs to the Manor Plantation, and all the Hogs there and at Ceasars. And all the Sheep belonging to the sd. Plantation, and otherwise all the Household and Kitchen furniture Except One feather bed and furniture and likewise all the Money that is left after what I leave to my Children is taken away. I leave to her during her natural life - and after my Widows death I desire it may be equally Divided between my sons Thomas Hill and Son Benjamin Hill and Son Robert Hill and Daughter Elizabeth Jones and Daughter Mary Jones, to them their heirs and assigns forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my beloved Grandsons James Long and Henry Hill Long - Eight hundred and fifty acres of land, lying joining Throwers line and Sampsons line and Thristys line and one Hundred Acres Called the buffalow bottom to be equally divided between them, their heirs and assigns forever. Item. I give and bequeath to my Grand daughter Sally Long one negro Woman named Dinah, a boy Gibba to her and her Heirs forever - and likewise the increase of the sd. Wench - Item. I give and bequeath to my three Grand Children, James Long, Henry Hill Long and Sally Long, one negro man named Cesar and Lewis, Adam, Abb, Moses, Aron, Silva, and Sokkey, to be equally divided between them when the youngest comes of age to them their heirs or assigns forever. I likewise give and bequeath to my three Grand Children above mentioned, Twelve head of Cattle that is at my Daughter Anna Long, and Eight head of Cattle at Caesar, namely four Cows and four young steers, and three more negroes namely Toney, Exum and Isaac, them and all their increase to be equally Divided between them, their heirs or assigns forever. Item. I give and bequeath to my Daughter Fanna Mac Neal, one negro Woman named Priss, one Easter and her child Dempse and Tiz and Ephriam to her and her heirs forever. Item. I give and bequeath to my Grandson, Willace Alston, Two hundred acres of land lying on the North side of Fishing Creek joining Philip Alstons line and Burtsees to him and his heirs forever. Item. I give and bequeath to my Grandson Thos. Alston the son of Sally Alston, four hundred and twenty-five acres of land lying in the fork of Great fishing Creek and Shoko, to him and his heirs forever. I give and bequeath to my two Grandsons Willice Alston and Thomas Alston, Half of the Cattle that is upon the land on the sd. fork to be Equally Divided between them their heirs assigns forever. Item. I give and bequeath to my three Grandchildren James Long, Henry Hill and Sally Long four Head of Horses, namely one Perceon Mare at Ceasars and two Mares called old peg and young peg, and a Horse Called Valliant them and their Increase to be equally divided between them, their heirs or assigns forever. Item. I give and bequeath to

my Grand Daughter Salley Mason Alston four negroes namely, Rose, Bridget, James and Gibba to her and her heirs forever. Item. I give and bequeath to my Daughter Mary Jones, five negroes namely, Peter, Viney, Simon, Nat, Ellick and one negro girl, Tabba and Chana and one hundred pounds Virginia Currency, to her and her heirs forever, and I likewise give and bequeath to my Daughter Mary Jones one negro Woman named Silva and her three children, the Daughter of old Harry to her and her heirs forever and one negro named Sidda. Item. I give and bequeath to my son Thos. Hill one negro named Jacob and one Silva, one Sanders, one Britain and young Harry and one hundred pounds Virginia Currency and half the Cattle on my plantation on Sandy Creek and one negro man named Charles also and young Daniel Ellickson of Daniel and Ben and one Grace and Joice to him and his heirs forever and likewise the Blacksmiths Tools. Item. I give and bequeath to my son Robert Hill, one negro man named Limber Jimme to him and his heirs forever. Item. I give and bequeath to my Son Benjamin Hill all the land I hold joining on both sides of Sandy Creek, and one negro named old Harry and old Pat and Ned and Sam and Joe and Lucy and young Pat and Peg and Ephriam and Olive and Suffa and Dicey and half the Cattle on plantation on Sandy Creek and One hundred pounds Virginia Currency, and one negro man old Daniel, Olive Len and Peter her son and file and Abraham, to him and his heirs forever. Item. I give and bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth Jones one negro named Doll, one Johnson, One Ned, one Settice, one Beck, Millea, Penney, Will and Jerry, and one hundred pounds Virginia Currency, and one negro called little Charles and one Hagar and one named John to her and her heirs forever. Item. I give and bequeath to my son Richard Hill, five Shillings to him and his heirs forever. Item. I give and bequeath to my Daughter Anna. Anna Long five Shillings to her and her heirs forever. Item. I give and bequeath to my Daughter Sally Alston five Shillings to her and her heirs forever. Item. I give and bequeath to my Grandson Hill Jones, seven hundred acres of land at Peech Tree lying on both sides of Bear Branch to him and his heirs forever, I leave all my Cattle, Horses hogs Sheep not already disposed of to be sold and the money to be Equally divided between my five children namely, THOMAS HILL, BENJAMIN HILL, ROBERT HILL, ELIZABETH JONES and MARY JONES, to them their heirs and assigns forever - And I hereby Constitute and appoint my son Robert Hill and Edward Jones and my wife Sarah Hill, Joint Executors of this my last will and Testament, In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal the Day and Year aforesaid - Signed, Sealed and Acknowledged in the presence of James X Heath, Thos. S. Hall, Jno. Hervey and Robert Jones.

his
 S/ THOMAS X HILL
 mark

Halifax County Sess.

August Session 1789. Then this Will was Exhibited in Open Court a Caveat having been entered against the probate of the same the first day of this Session, the matter being fully taken up by the Court, and the Witness Sworn, the Court are of

the opinion the same be admitted to probate whereupon the aforesaid Will was duly proved by the Oaths of James Heath, Thos. S. Hill and Robert Jones three of the subscribing Witnesses thereto and Motion Ordered to be Recorded.

Test WM. WCOTEN C.C.S.

Will of Sarah Hill (wife of Thos. Hill) ⁴

In the name of God Amen. I, Sarah Hill of Halifax County and State of North Carolina, do ordain and make this my last Will and Testament, in manner following viz: I give and bequeath to my daughter Sally Alston one feather bed and furniture and one hundred pounds in Money. I give and bequeath to my daughter Fanny McNeal, one feather bed and furniture, and one hundred pounds in Money. I give and bequeath to my daughter Nanny Long, one feather bed and furniture and one hundred pounds in Money. I give and bequeath to Christian Lassiter one Colt called Quoshes Mares Colt. It is my Will, that everything else that I leave, that is my property, be equally divided between my three daughters, Sally, Fanny, and Nanny. I appoint my son Robert Hill and Matthew Jones my Executors of this my Will. In Witness my hand and seal, this
24th day of January 1791. her

S/ Sarah X Hill (Seal)
mark

Thomas Hill's land holdings included far over 1000 acres of land in Edgecombe, Halifax and Johnston Counties, N. Carolina. He and his wife Sarah, along with their descendants, made definite contributions and lasting impressions on that section of our country.

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Chapter 5

Children of Thomas Hill⁴ (1725-1789),
Eldest Son of Robert Hill³ (1682-1762)

A. Their Children, Except for Benjamin Hill

As indicated on page 10, the nine children of Sarah and Thomas Hill were: Thomas Hill Jr., Robert Hill, Benjamin Hill (b. 1761), Richard Hill, Elizabeth Hill, Mary Hill, Sally Hill, Anna (Nanny) Hill, and Fanny Hill. We find mention of Thomas Hill Jr., and Richard Hill in Johnston County, North Carolina, Records. The dates of their births are unknown to us. On Jan. 5, 1782, Thomas Hill, Jr., married Elizabeth Garner - Witnesses: John Garner, Richard Bailey and William Bryan.

Richard Hill and his wife, Frances, lived in Johnston County, on land probably sold, or deeded to him by his father, on Swift Creek. Records show Richard selling in 1770 in Johnston County. Thomas and Richard Hill both were still residents of that county in January, 1782, according to Courthouse records.

Little is known of six of Sarah and Thomas Hill's children, except what information can be gleaned from their two wills. These six include one son, Robert Hill, and the five daughters, Elizabeth Hill Jones, Mary Hill Jones, Sally Hill Alston, Anna (Nanny) Hill Long and Frances (Fanny) Hill McNeal. Two of the daughters, Elizabeth and Mary, married Joneses, perhaps brothers. Edward Jones is mentioned as one of the executors of Thomas Hill's will, while Matthew Jones is one of Sarah Hill's executors. Since Thomas Hill divided his property among three of his sons and two of his daughters, Elizabeth Hill Jones and Mary Hill Jones, it is assumed that these daughters were either the older two, or his favorites. Also, since both Edward and Matthew Jones were chosen as executors of the two wills, Thomas and Sarah Hill must have considered them reliable, stable, fair-minded and worthy sons-in-law.

Sarah Hill, it may be noted in her will, divided her property among the other three daughters, Sally Alston, Anna (Nanny) Long and Fanny McNeal (or McNeill). This gave these three daughters some of the property inheritance of their father, Thomas Hill, other than that bequeathed to grandchildren.

Richard Hill, one of the four sons of Sarah and Thomas Hill, was left only five Shillings in his father's will and nothing in his mother's. Either he was an older son who was already a well established land owner in his own right, or was in disfavor with his parents. It is interesting to note, also, that their son, Robert Hill, was appointed an executor of both wills. Obviously each parent had a high regard for his executive ability, and, there may have been other reasons for their choice of Robert above their other sons as the manager of their affairs following their deaths.

(See wills of Thomas and Sarah Hill, pp. 11, 14 of this book.)

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FOREWARD

When I first started this Supplementary Copy of *The Brays of Fisher River*, I meant it to be just that, a correctional and additional copy. Since I started however, I have received so much new material, so much help and support from so many members of the family, that I have concluded with a researchers dream book.

When the David Bray, Sr., descendants left Surry County, they made their history elsewhere. You will enjoy following these and the history they made in Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio, Missouri, California, also Indiana and Illinois.

Here, I want to mention a few who contributed so much, Mr. R. Voyt Hill, a school principal and researcher from Birmingham, Ala., contributed much of the Reuben Bray material; Mrs. Dava Woodard, a researcher of the Nelson County Kentucky Branches; Margaret (Peggy) Bray, of Potomac, Maryland; Charles Claudon, of the Sion W. Bray set; Mrs. Minnie Brown of the William Bray set in Ohio; Patricia Svalty of Kansas; Jack Barton of Logansport, Indiana and Lee L. Bray of Lawrence, Kansas contributed the material on Sion Perry Bray. James T. Bray's early research on the Virginia Brays was used in the Williamsburg Brays. Rev. Thomas Bray of Shelby, N. C. (now deceased) was most supportive and helpful as his health would permit. His son, Thomas continued that support.

For the Civil War Letters, I am grateful to Mrs. Charles Perkins of Dobson, North Carolina.

Please to ponder while reading. If you are a researcher, don't let the names confuse. Nearly every family would repeat the same name, for many generations. Take the name *Sion*, you may not be related to all of that name. I know of four, each in separate families. Of course, John, Henry, Nathan, James and William give us all a fit.

You will notice that the entries of families is different from the original. I have continued in most instances with the original number, but have kept the family together until all the generations are tallied. I hope that way you can keep one family together as you read. You will notice the letter *S* tacked onto most of these numbers. That is to indicate that they are new up in this supplement and to distinguish these from those of the same number in the original *Brays of Fisher River*.

There are still those for which I simply could not find the "roots." Lebannon and Atha/Athar/Arthur are so closely connected with every thing about the Brays except which family they belong in.

The Atha Bray — Mary (Polly) Whitaker Bray families are the most interesting entries in this book. Wish I could have traced to the "root branch." Will just have to keep searching.

What all about 'em.

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EARLY BRAYS IN SURRY COUNTY

...the Supplement to the *Brays of Fisher River*, which I published in 1970, let me begin by telling you that any grows in two ways. One by increasing the number of new babies born, and two by learning more about those already

...this will be considered the latter, because I have gained so much new data on those I have written about in the first ... just about have what material I can use on them.

...the original book was to carry the family of David Bray, Sr. and his heirs. They were the ones who settled on ... in Surry County, North Carolina. The main effort here was to sort out those of this particular set from others of ... name who happened to live also in the same area of the same county. By reading land records, deeds, wills, etc. and ... with the older members and corresponding with others of the same heritage, I was able to put together a volume ... and authentic information about David Bray, Sr.'s family plus land and will records of several in the census ... who were of other generations, or of other families of the same roots.

...of the outstanding names was Littleberry, Others were Joseph, Richard, Henry, John, Artha and LeBannon. Then, ... had trouble identifying my own line to the others. This new supplement will seek to carry on the process of further ... these other BRAYS.

...begin with Littleberry.

...deeds of Surry and surrounding counties show that Littleberry Bray was probably the first of the name to settle in ... of what is now Surry/Yadkin County. In 1792 Littleberry Bray took up a grant of land on the waters of Rocky ... in Iredell County, North Carolina. Most of his other holdings were in Surry County, on Bull Run a tributary of the ... River. He also traded land with the other Brays on Cody's Creek, and, of course, land on Fisher River.

...Berry got on the First Federal census, 1790, Surry County, Salisbury District. In this count he listed one m. over 16, ... 16, 4-f, no/s. This would indicate a large family. I have identified only one: "Beloved Son, William". This quote ... from the deed transaction between Littleberry and Joel Bray when he sold his "Bull Run" holdings to him.

...Berry's last land transaction was when he sold lands on Cody's Creek to David Bray, Jr. He was last on the census ... in 1800 as Berry Bray with 1-m, 5-16, 1-m, over 45, and one female 1 over 45.

...the last transaction was made, Littleberry was already in Kentucky. At that time, Knox County, but this may have ... before the counties were divided, for he was in Pulaski County, Ky., when he appointed Peter Bray to have ... of Attorney for his affairs in North Carolina. (Deed Bk., 3, p. 169).

...in Pulaski County, Ky., when all these other transactions were made.

...ber 18, 1823, he and wife Sarah (her mark says Sary) bought 50 -a land on the Waters of Buck Creek, Pulaski County ... from Giles Whitaker.

...Giles Whitaker lands sales takes on new meaning when we scout around and find who else is here. He received this land, ... South of Green River 50-a, September 29, 1813 (D. Bk. 14, p. 394, Pulaski Co., Ky).

...on the Waters of Buck Creek, Pulaski, Ky, Nathan Bray and wife Caty took a grant of 125-a. (Deed Bk., 25, p. 182) ... 1819.

...can believe that this Nathan is the Nathan on the census records of Surry County, who married in Surry County, ... 1799 and reared a large family in Surry. He was the second son of David Bray, Sr. and was on each Census record ... in 1830. In the tax list for 1812, Nathan Bray listed 526- A, and one Poll. He married Judith Horne in Surry County ... above.

...the proof that there were two Nathans is that the Old Tailor, (which I shall be quoting from time to time) in his diary ... of David Bray's sons says that they all lived and died in Surry County except Rubin and he went to Giles County, ... makes sense to say that the Kentucky Nathan was the one mentioned in the next paragraph who sold 50-A of land in ... County to Littleberry Bray. The other Nathan stayed on in Surry with his large family and his fine acreage of land.

...County, N. C., on the Tax List for 1812, Nathan Bray is taxed for 526/1. He sold 50-A of this to Littleberry Bray. ... last transaction in Surry County. At that time he was in Virginia. On Sept. 7, 1819, Nathan entered a grant of 125 ... Pulaski County, Ky., Waters of Buck Creek, one of the Grants South of Green River. (D. Bk. 25, p. 182.)

...way of knowing if Giles Whitaker may have been one of the Surry County Whitakers or not, but he attracted some ... Fisher River Brays to the Buck Creek area of Ky. Nathan bought and sold property in Pulaski and Rock Castle ... but this transaction is the most interesting at the moment. Keep in mind the dates, Whitaker there 1813, Nathan ... 1819, Littleberry there in 1823. Note these land transactions: (Deed Bk. 6, p. 545) Littleberry and Wife Sary, Her X, ... Robert Boyd and wife Dillar 1832, Nathan Bray was one of the signers. Deed Bk. 7-8, p. 691, Nathan Bray and wife ... sold to James Sears, for 30 dollars, current money, a certain tract on the Waters of Buck Creek, Pulaski County, ... at a Black oak and Dogwood, Giles Whitaker's Corner _____ etc., Again: D. Bk. 5, p. 184, 185, Nathan Bray ... his wife sold to James Hargis 25 acres of land, Waters of Buck Creek, Pulaski Co., Ky., 1832, for \$30. One of the ... was John Whitaker.

...we have here is a settlement of Fisher River Brays on Buck Creek, Pulaski Co., Ky. Littleberry was first here when he

gave Power-of-Attorney to Peter Bray for affairs in North Carolina (D. Bk. 3, p. 169, 1816).

Two other Bray's, as yet unidentified, settled in this same area. They were Josiah Bray, 50-A, April 6, 1849, Waters of Creek, Pulaski Co., Ky. John Bray joined the land of Josiah Bray, Waters of Buck Creek, 35-A, May 27, 1857. And to further bind this settlement together, a letter from Marshall Davenport, County Clerk of Pulaski Co., Ky. dated Nov. 26, regards marriage record of Josiah Bray. I do certify that according to records in my office Josiah Bray married Phebe Briant on Aug. 7, 1824, with the consent of Littleberry Bray for "Josiah Bray has lived with me two years". Surety was signed James Hargis.

Littleberry Bray is listed in an old notebook by William Robert Bray, the tailor from Mt. Airy, who kept a sort of diary of his ancestors. In this entry he says:

My grandfather, David Bray, was a native born American, but my great grandfather came from England. I can't give his name, but he was a small red-headed Englishman. He emigrated to this country in the Colonies, but I can't say when he came, nor can't tell his age as it was lost in the Revolution War. *See pg. 123*

On another page, same notebook, he records the following:

My grandfather David Bray had 4 brothers, Peter, Berry, Stogner, and John. I can't say where any of these men went except Littleberry Bray who left this county and went to Kentucky. I think the rest of them went West, South, from here and settled in Georgia, Indiana, Illinois and Missouri.

Still this other important entry:

Sons of David Bray, Sr.

William Bray 72, Nathan Bray 73, Hanon Bray 75, Rubin 77. David, Jr., b. Feb. 22, 1779, the youngest son of the Old Revolution David Bray who drew a Pension (Pension). For information examine the Pension Rolls (Pension Rolls) of Washington City. William and all the others lived and died in Surry County except one Rubin. Rubin went to Giles Co. Tenn.

The above writer was the son of the eldest, William, and he knew what he was talking about.

I have a question about Nathan. Surry County records seem to lose him. He doesn't appear on the Census records 1850.

According to the record in the "Old Notebook", the Nathan Bray mentioned in the list of David² Bray, Sr. sons, b. 1779, lived and died in Surry County N. C. The marriage records of Surry list the earliest marriage record to any of the Brays, Nathan, 1-17-1799, and Judith Horne. No witness or bondsman given.

Between the two Nathans, this one and the one mentioned on Buck Creek Pulaski Co. Kentucky, there is little connection which leads me to speculate that the later Nathan may have been son or grandson of Littleberry. I searched the Surry Co. marriage records in hopes of finding the Giles Whitaker connection. I found the name but much, much later, 1865. Kentucky "Giles" was trading land in Kentucky in 1813. There could still be a connection, the name as rare enough to suggest that the link is there.

Leaving the Buck Creek settlement, let's move on to some more colorful information about the brothers of David² Bray. During the early 70's, I was in touch with another searcher, Mrs. Dava Woodard of Tel City, Oklahoma. We exchanged information until we were almost sending each other "stuff" back. She was also in touch with Mrs. Minnie Fowler.

researcher and relative of the Littleberry² Bray set. This put me in touch with some of the "Folklore" of the family along with the family data.

Here is some of what we found. First a letter from Dava:

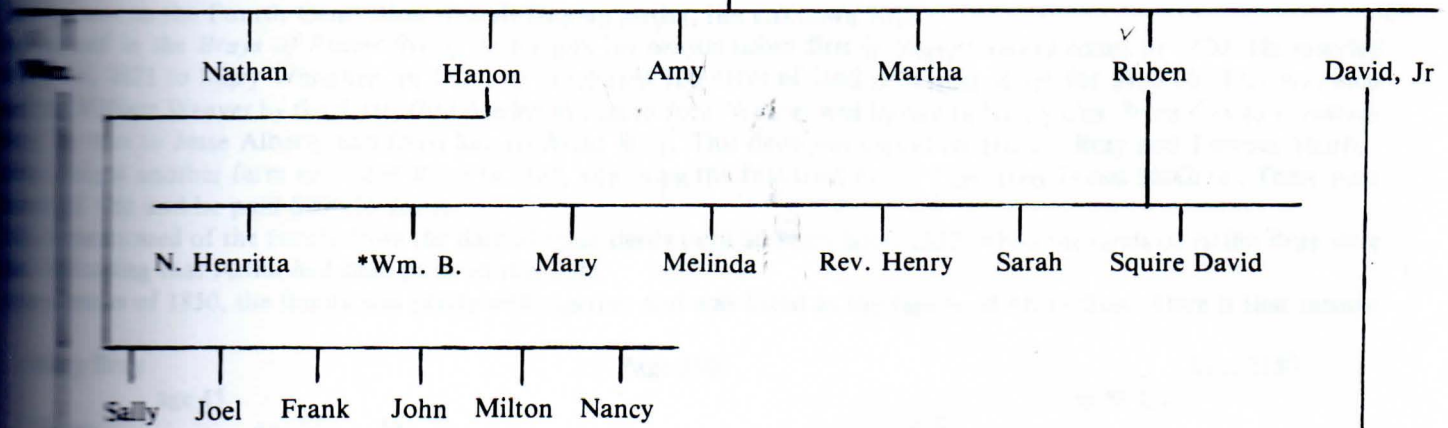
Dear Edna,

Many months ago, I ordered the roll of microfilm "Bray" for Revolutionary War Soldiers who filed for a pension. Today, I was able to go to the library and read the microfilm. On the portion for your "David Bray" was a letter dated June 27, 1891, Bray and Rogers, Attorneys at Law, Springfield, Missouri.

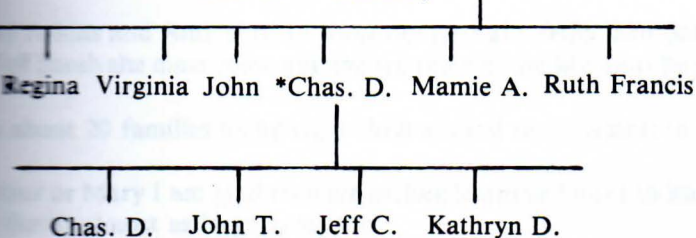
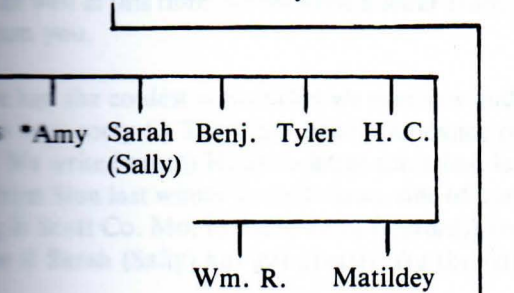
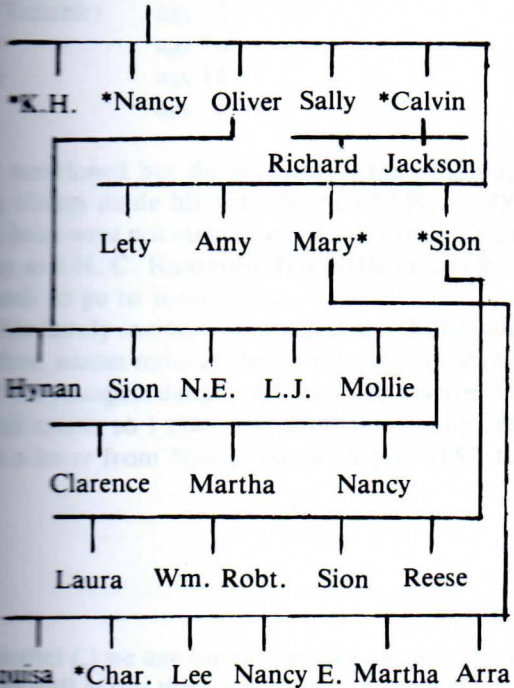
The first part of the letter was requesting information about David Bray, but, just read this portion: "Did Barry Bray, Stogner Bray, Briant Bray, Peter Bray and John Bray, draw pensions from the same war?"

If so, give me the same information in regards to them as to David. Also, where they lived?

David Bray, Sr.
M. _____



*Artha/Atha (His line starts here)



James L. *Sion *Hanon Milly Rebecca Lewis

Martha Ellen Lemuel Jonsua Rebecca Ara Naon

Faraba *Sion Sarah Wm. Nancy Ellen Millie Louis Jame

(1) Rebecca Jas. E. Mary Nettie Lidda

(2) Wm. J. Lewis H. Minnie David Jesse Walter Jas.
Mae Lloyd Floyd Green Edward

Josie Verna
Irene Washingto

(1) James N. Brittania Minter John S. Amy Wm. N.

(2) Virginia Iredell Nancy Lizzie

(3) Ben Ida Alice

THE ARTHA BRAY STORY

Coming now to the Fourth Generation, I shall take up Artha, the unknown first.

Artha is mentioned in the *Brays of Fisher River*, Artha gets his census taken first in Surry County count of 1820. He married in 1821 to Mary Whitaker. In 1824, he purchased 100 acres of land on Fisher River for \$135.00. This was land bought from William Weaver by the State, then deeded by him to John Weaver and by him to Henry Cox, from Cox to Frederick Cox, by him to Jesse Alberty and from him to Artha Bray. This deed was signed by Hardin Bray and Thomas Smith. Artha bought another farm on Fisher River in 1827, adjoining the first tract farm. This from James McGraw. There were 100 acres of this and he paid \$200.00 for it.

Artha is mentioned of the family from the date of these deeds until 30 years later, 1857, when the lands of Artha Bray were sold, indicating that Artha had died prior to this date.

The Census of 1850, the family was pretty well together and was listed as the family of Mary Bray. Here is that census:

Mary Bray

age 45

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Line 1187

b. in N. C.

Hiram	age 26	M.
Sally	age 23	F.
Sion	age 20	M.
Lutie	age 18	F.
(Mary Venable)	age 2	F.
Nancy	age 16	F.
Arthea	age 14	
Mary	age 6	

*Following this
Page are 6 pgs
of letters which I
imagine are the
ones you returned to
me - then!*

Artha is not mentioned but she was one of the children. Neither is Oliver, but he may have died prior to the census.

King Hiram made his will, probated 1893 — Oliver, Amy Doss, and Calvin were all deceased. Artha was never mentioned in his will. His heirs were not mentioned. Arthur Bray, Jr., made his will on his death bed 1867, that is an oral will witnessed by H. C. Hampton. His executor was R. T. Pilson, his beneficiaries were his sisters, Mary and Sally (Sarah). His lands to go to sister Mary.

As the family increases as we gain new knowledge about the members. The 1850 census names most of them. King Hiram is the eldest, names most of them or their heirs in his will but more information is available through old letters kept by the youngest daughter, Mary who married J. T. Perkins. It would take too much time and space to give each of them full space, so I shall give some interesting details as I review them.

There is a letter from Nancy, dated May 6, 1857, to her Mother:

West Plains

May 6, 1857

Dear Mother (,) we one time more take opportunity of riting (writing) you a few lines which will inform you that we are all well at this time. we received a letter from you about the 15th of March and found us well and glad to hear from you.

we have had the coldest winter that we ever saw and we have a lot of cold spring. Times are very hard here (.) Grain is very sorry (.) There has been abundance of new comers in this last fall which caused grain to be so scarce. We write (wrote) Hiram a letter sometime last fall and we have not received an answer from him....we heard from Sion last winter straight news. one of our neighbors was where he lived (,) but he did not see him. He is living in Scott Co. Mo. in the town of Benton(,) keeping groceries and doing very well. Nancy (her dau.) wants to know if Sarah (Sally) has got dresses like the scraps she sent her(.) She said they are very pretty.

Tell Lety Atkins and Amy Doss to come out here and fetch their old men with them or let abody take a look at them. Tell Sarah she must come out and see some of the Missouri boys and see if she can find one that suits her.

There's about 20 families living right close around us (,) almost in sight.

Tell Arthur or Mary I am glad they are getting learning I want to know how large Mary is (?) I want to know if she ant (isn't) almost as large as mother.

A Rider in Sion's Letter

lines to Arthur Bray and Oliver and all the olde friends After giving my best respects to you all I will
you that Sion Bray and his family was at my house today and we rote this letter about a mile of Sion Bray
Oregon County, Mo. last July and has been travling ever since Oliver and Arthur I want you to write to me
as you get this letter if you please I want to know where they are so I can (w) rite to them if any of them
that country Let them see this letter of you please I want them all to (w) rite to me if they are thair L. D.
Jesse Draper Isam Coplin Nancy Butcher I want to know where all of these names are living and I want
rite to me so that I can rite to them I have not heard from eny of them since the war I want Thomas P.
rite to me Peter Wood and Riley Wood to rite to me They shall back their letters to Scott County, Mo.
P O

ing more at present

John Riggs and Elizabeth

To you all and all enquiring friends

the Missouri soundex (census) for the State of Missouri 1880 and the Counties mentioned in the above letters, I
Scott County the following entry:

51	N. C.	Scott
43	Miss.	Scott
15	Mo.	Scott
10	Mo.	Scott
7	Mo.	Scott
3	Mo.	Scott
1	Mo.	Scott

imately the fellow who wrote the above letter.

checked the Map of Missouri and located Scott County. I found it to join Illinois and Kentucky directly west of
Kentucky and the city of Benton is the County Seat.

Howell County, Mo. It is in South Central Missouri on the Arkansas border. The only Brays from that county in
index was the small family of James:

26	Kentucky
24	Missouri
4	Missouri

ould have been in the Laffoon families with her family of seven children, but Cal's sons, Richard and Jackson may
in other counties.

of the Surry County Bray's, James L., son of David Bray, Jr., married Susannah Davis, is supposed to have gone
County, Mo. when he left North Carolina. He is listed in the original *Brays of Fisher River*. He would have been
the cousin Lewis that Nancy talked about and brother-in-law to the James Bowles that was mentioned as being
the war. Interesting?

probably suffered the most in the war losing her husband Mark Laffoon. Having a large family to take care.

letter written to brother King Hiram, who is now married to Miss Jerusha Alberty and back at his home, she

West Plains Howell Co. Mo.

May 7, 1870

Mr. H. and Mrs. Jerusha Bray

Brother and Sister

the present opportunity of writing to you this evening It had been so long since I heard from you until
Lewis Bray came out He arrived here the 7th day of April He came and stayed with me about a week

and he told me all about all of you. He is still here He's in town at present He is looking around at the country to see how he would like to live here If the country suits him I would like very well to have him live here as the rest of you as the country is so much better to live in than where you live You can make more with less work than you can there It is splendid country for range the best grass you ever saw the wood just looks like a wheatfield now any where you go they are green and covered with grass the stock increases cows at 2 years old raising cattle is of more profit than any thing else a farmer can go at here Suppose now you all make up your mind and sell out there and come out here where's land and you can raise stock so much easier than you can there. I would be so glad if you would come out here and put up a store and I think you can do just as well in merchandising as you can there or anywhere else Both of my daughters that are married (Jane and Mary) send their respects to all of you and beg to be remembered by all our relations and friends Mary has two children a boy and a girl They can both walk Jane and I about a year old I have five more children at home two of them are grown and the others are getting pretty good size My baby is twelve years old pretty old baby is it not These pieces are pieces of Sarah's dresses She says she wants you to send her some pieces of your dresses (her aunts) she means and she also wants you to have your pictures taken and send them to her

We all wish to be remembered to my sisters Sarah Letty and Mary I want to know where sister Amy lives and how far from you and how many children she has and how she is getting along Cousin Lewis came by brother Oliver's and said the family were all well then I would like to know where to direct mail to my Uncles Isaac and Silas Give Mary Butcher my best respects and tell her I have not forgot her and she must not forget me I want all of you all my brothers and sisters to write soon and often direct West Plains P.O. Howell County, Missouri We all join in sending you our love to all my old acquaintances and relations and friends Goodby for this time

your loving sister
Nancy Laffoon

It has been said that Lewis walked all the way on this trip; was buying the interest of his brothers and sisters in land on the River.

Due to the interest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Perkins in furnishing me these letters and the Family Bible of the young daughter of Atha and Mary Whitaker Bray, Mary(5) Bray Perkins, I am now able to extend her family in part to through generations.

First the Perkins Line

1. J. T. Perkins, m. Mary E.(5) Bray, 3-27-1874, John T. Perkins, b. 10-15-1852; Mary E. Perkins, b. 5-14-1844 12-26-1917.

- i. Louise(6) Perkins, b. 2-7-1875.
- ii. Charles Turner(6) Perkins, b. 4-27-1876.
- iii. Lee(6) Perkins, b. 11-7-1879, m. Hettie Snow.
- iv. Nancy Elizabeth(6) Perkins, b. 2-11-1883; d. 1-4-1907.
- v. Martha Etta(6) Perkins, b. 4-18-1886.
- vi. Arra Mittie Frances(6) Perkins, b. 10-17-1888; d. 6-29-1911.

2. Charles Turner(6) Perkins, b. 4-27-1876; m. Lillie B. Hemmings, 3-31-1918. Lillie Perkins died August 3, 1932. Their Children:

- i. Laura Marie(7) Perkins, b. 1-3-1919.
- ii. Regina June(7) Perkins, b. 6-15-1920.
- iii. Virginia Lois(7) Perkins, b. 6-10-1922.
- iv. John Thaddeus(7) Perkins, b. 5-2-1924; d. 4-18, 1972.
- v. Charles Duncan(7) Perkins, b. 2-18-1926.
- vi. Cecil(7) Perkins, d. infant.
- vii. Mamie Ann(7) Perkins, b. 6-27-1929.
- viii. Ruth Frances(7) Perkins.

3. Charles Duncan(7) Perkins, b. 2-18-1926, m. 2-17-1950 to Ruby Collins. They live at the old Perkins Home Place, which is a part of the Atha/Artha Bray home place.

Charles and his son Jeffrey, do extensive farming and have added acreage as they have needed too. Ruby is a housewife

days a week. Charles was in the Phillipines W.W. II.

Charles Douglas(8) Perkins, b 4-23-1951.

John Travis(8) Perkins, b. 11-28-1952.

Jeffrey Collins(8) Perkins, b. 7-14-1958.

George Denese(8) Perkins, b. 11-25-1965.

Doug Perkins, b. 4-23-1951, m. Pamela Nichols 6-23-1975. Doug is an electrician with Pike Electric Company

Perkins, b. 11-28-1952, m. Jeanie Sears 6-29-1979. John served in the Navy during the Viet Nam conflict.

Engineer for Duff-Norton, Charlotte, N. C. They live in Waxhaw, N. C.

works with his father on the farm.

Denese Perkins is a sophomore in Surry Central High School. Outstanding student. Interested in music.

Dear Carol

I hope this

my mailing

could you

concerning

you couple

that you

many letters

for my husband

still, the

note any

with the

share if

I hope all

sincerely

Don Smith

cf: Carol

Mrs. Jane Smith Hill
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30 January 2004

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Dear Carol,

I hope this reaches you; I called your telephone number, but got an error message. Could have been my fault.

My mailing address has changed to the one above.

Could you send me a new list of your publications?

Concerning the project about Revolutionary War Soldiers from Surry; have you completed it yet? If not, I have recently received some material that you might want to see.

Henry Smith, who was my husband's maternal grandfather, wrote a series of letters to the Federal Pension Board in an effort to get a pension for my husband's Hill paternal ancestor, Richard Hill (son of William Hill, the veteran). This was a windfall for me as I have been unable to make any headway on this line. The co-incidence of Henry Smith helping with the request is stunning. I have copies of the material and will share if you can use it.

I hope all is well with you.

Sincerely,

Jane Smith Hill

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Dear Jane,

Jane, how wonderful it is to hear from you! It sounds as if you are really staying busy. Every time I visit the North Carolina Room at Forsyth County Library on Fifth Street I think of you.

Like you, I have to pull off of genealogy from time to time. Just last July, I had to discontinue searching for a few months. Finally, last November I got back to my research on the Revolutionary War and soldiers of the Revolution from Surry County. I never realized what an extensive project this would be until I had worked on it for a couple of years. I doubt if I'm more than a third of the way through the project now.

Thank you for your order for the 1870 and 1880 census of Surry County, NC. You will find them enclosed.

Once again, it was great to hear from you. Good luck in your research on your husband's HILL ancestors.

Sincerely,

Carol

Carol L. Snow

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FRANCIS WOODHOUSE, 149 acs. Pr. Anne Co. along a Cypress Run in the sd Swamp, adj. to his own Land, near David Scanlen; 15 Oct 1741, p.27. 15 Shill.

JOHN GRAME, Gentleman, 400 acs. in that part of Orange Co. called Augusta, on the W side of the blue ridge of Mountains, including the fork at the Mouth of Cow Pasture Cr., crossing the Main br. of James Riv. and up the Riv., at the lower end of an Island near the Gap in the North Mountain; 15 Oct 1741, p.29. £2.

FRANCIS HEWLET, 50 acs. of Swamp Land in Norfolk Co. near the head of the New Mill Cr. adj. sd Hewlet's former Survey, at sd Hewlet's Line; 15 Oct 1741, p.30. 5 Shill.

JOHN MOSS, 400 acs. Goochland Co. among the Brs. of the Byrd Cr., in Lowgrounds near the E side of a Run, adj. Abraham Venable; 15 Oct 1741, p.31. £2.

THOMAS GIBSON, 400 acs. Henrico Co. on the S side of the North br. of Turkey Br., on the County line [N50°E]; adj. Baugh, Hudson, & Robert Ashurst; 15 Oct 1741, p.33. £2.

WILLIAM PARSONS, 8½ acs. One Island of Marsh Land in Pr. Anne Co.; adj. to New Town, Beg. at the Southernmost side of a Cove near to Nashe's Landing, binding upon the Lots of William Moseley and the sd William Parsons and Major Sayer, to the Southernmost Point of the sd New Town, upon the Eastern Br., upon Colonel Moseley's Cr.; 15 Oct 1741, p.34. 5 Shill.

ROGER QUARLES, 400 acs. Hanover Co. on both sides of Pretty's Cr. beyond the little Mountains, at the heads of 2 bottoms; adj. Haynes, Hickman & Watts; 15 Oct 1741, p.35. £2.

JOHN RAY, 400 acs. Brunswick Co. on the head of Coldwater Run. adj. Adam Sims; 15 Oct 1741, p.37. £2.

JOSEPH WATSON, 400 acs. Henrico Co. on the N side of James Riv., adj. Richard Woodson; 15 Oct 1741, p.38. £2.

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BENJAMIN HARRISON, Gent. of Charles City Co., 342 acs. in Brunswick Co. on the S side of the Great Cr., on a Path, adj. his own Line; 30 Mar 1743, p.212. £1.515.

WILLIAM MAYO, Gent., 800 acs. Goochland Co. on the Brs. of Rock Fish Riv. near the Blue Mountains, adj. Edwin Hickman & James Hendrick; 30 Mar 1743, p.214. £2. 400 acs. part formerly Gtd. sd Mayo by Pat. 11 Sep 1738 [12 Sep 1738, PB 18 p.113], the residue never before Gtd.

MICHAEL HOLLAND, Gent., 400 acs. Hanover Co. on both sides

of Cuffy's Cr., on a br. of Bunches Cr., in a Valley, adj. John Dowell; 30 Mar 1743, p.216. £2.

WILLIAM GRAY, Gent., 3,000 acs. Goochland Co. near Appamatox Mountain, crossing several Brs. of Appamatox Riv., adj. sd Gray; 30 Mar 1743, p.218. £15.

JOHN LIDDERDALE, Gent., 864 acs. Brunswick Co. on the N side of Maherrin Riv., down Flatt Rock Cr., up Beaverpond Cr., adj. David Bray & Buller Herbert; 30 Mar 1743, p.221. [David Bray's Corner marked by a large "D" with a "B" inside] The following caveat was included in the Patent indicating that the land was free & surveyed before 1728: *"Whereas our Royal Father of Blessed Memory on the humble Petition of the General Assembly of our Colony and Dominion of Virginia was Graciously Pleased to Grant unto each of our Subjects which should go to settle in the County of Brunswick before the first day of May in the Year of our Lord 1728 the Liberty of taking up any Quantity of Land not exceeding 1,000 Acres free and discharged of the Duty of purchasing Rights for the same"*

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humble Suit and obtained a G. for the same.

JOHN FARLEY, 17 acs. Henrico Co. down a Br. of Proctors Cr., adj. the sd Farley; 5 Sep 1749, p.396. 5 Shill.

RICHARD TALIAFERRO, 783 acs. Lunenburg Co. on the N side of Meherrin Riv. on the S side of the Beaver Br., to a Corner marked D [for David Bray] on flatt Rock Cr., adj. Buller Herbert; 5 Sep 1749, p.398. £4. Whereas by Pat. 28 Sep 1728 gtd. unto David Bray Gent. [PB 14 p.79] one certain Tract or Parcel of L. in Brunswick Co. now Lunenburg And Whereas Beverly Randolph in whom the Right & Title of the sd L. by divers Mense conveyances is since vested hath failed to pay Quit Rents and to make Cultiv. and improv. and Richard Taliaferro hath made humble Suit and obtained a G. for the same.

WILLIAM BEVERLY, Esquire, 393 acs. Caroline Co. on Pewmansenz; adj. the honourable John Carter Esq. dec'd, Lindsey, Dean, Clapham, Adam Lindsey, the Lands held by William & Richard Taliaferro [their Line], a Pat. gtd. Lawrence Taliaferro now dec'd, and the Lands of the Heirs of the aforesaid John Carter Esquire dec'd; 5 Sep 1749, p.399. for and in Consideration of the Imp. one Pers. whose Name is *Richard Pringle*. 320 acs. Part being Part of a Pat. for 814 acs. formerly gtd. *Wm. Beverly* by Pat. 23 Oct 1716 [sic] 1716. 10 Shill. 5 Shill.

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WILLIAM HARRIS, 2½ acs. Goochland Co. one certain Island lying bet. the L. of the sd William Harris and Sabott Island in James Riv.; 5 Sep 1749, p.403. 5 Shill.

THOMAS CARTER, JUNIOR, 113 acs. Goochland Co. on the Brs. of Willis's Riv. on the S side of James Riv.; adj. Robert Carter, Philip Mayo & James Shelton; 5 Sep 1749, p.404. 15 Shill.

JOHN RICHEY, 400 acs. Amelia Co. on the Head of Plumbtree Br. of Harris's Cr.; adj. Watson, Holland & Venable; 5 Sep 1749, p.405. £2.

RICHARD PHILLIPS, 400 acs. Hanover Co. on both sides of Cross Cr., in the Head of a Creek, on

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JOHN WEBB, 225 acs. Albemarle Co. on both sides of Raccoon Cr. of the Rivanna, adj. George Hilton; 5 Sep 1749, p.408. £1.S5.

JAMES LONDON, 250 acs. Albemarle Co. on a North Br. of Stoney Run of Buffaloe, near Mr Braxton; 5 Sep 1749, p.410. £1.S5.

ARTHUR MCDANIEL, 400 acs. Albemarle Co. on both sides of Ripleys Cr. of Slate Riv.; adj. Thomas, Dabbs & his own line of a former Survey; 5 Sep 1749, p.411. £2.

HENRY FITZ, 400 acs. Pr. Geo. Co. on the lower side of Namissee Cr., adj. Bolling & FitzGerrald; 5 Sep 1749, p.413. £2.

GEORGE STELL, JUNIOR, 200 acs. Pr. Geo. Co. on the N side of Bear Sw.; adj. Cross, own old Line, Featherstone, Mayes & Tatum; 5 Sep 1749, p.414. £1.

JOSEPH FOWLER, 400 acs. Pr. Geo. Co. on both sides of the Road on the Head Brs. of Mawhipponock Cr., up the South Fork of sd Cr.; adj. Matthew Mayes, Drury Oliver, his own & Fords Line; 5 Sep 1749, p.415. £2.

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Butterwood Sw., adj. his own old Line; 5 Sep 1749, p.417. 10 Shill.

CHARLES WETHERFORD, 390 acs. Lunenburg Co. on the N side of Meherrin Riv., down Bears Element Cr., adj. John Booker; 12 Mar (sic) 1749, p.418. £2.

WILLIAM FORD, 104 acs. Pr. Geo. Co. bet. Mawhipponock Cr. and Hatchers Run; adj. Fowler, Mayes, Williams & Drury Oliver; 5 Sep 1749, p.420. 10 Shill.

JAFFRIS CRAWLEY, 400 acs. Lunenburg Co. on both sides of the North Fork of Little Otter Riv.; 5 Sep 1749, p.421. £2.

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ISRAEL PICKENS, 300 acs. Lunenburg Co. on both sides of Chesnut Cr., in the Lowgrounds, adj. William Caldwell; 5 Sep 1749, p.426. £1.S10.

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- xi. Ruth m. Benjamin Hinshaw.

To further identify members of this family let's note the following entries in the Quaker Genealogy by Marshall and Maynard.

Edward Bray died on 5th of January, 1760. Later that same year (1760) his wife Sarah Bray came to Cane Creeks Monthly Meeting on a certificate from Fairfax Monthly Meeting. In 1776, Rachael and Sarah Bray came in by request. In 1778, Henry was granted a certificate by New Garden Monthly Meeting to marry Kezia Jones. Henry and Kezia moved around a lot from New Garden Monthly Meeting, they transferred to Deep River Monthly Meeting in 1779. They and their children, but unnamed. In 1783, Sarah Bray, Jr., was disowned — don't know reason. She is Sarah Morrison in Joseph's will. This from Cane Creek Monthly Meeting.

Cane Creek was the part of Chatham County that later became Orange County.

In 1785, Rachael McDaniell, nee Bray of unity. This is another clue to the identity of this family. She is mentioned in two documents which would be closely related. First, she joined the Cane Creek Monthly Meeting 1776 while her mother Sarah was there. She is also named in Joseph Bray of Surry/Yadkin's will. The name Rachael also appears as one of Mary "Polly" Carter's daughters. Rachael married Lindsay Carlton. In 1798, Sarah Bray is received on a certificate to Deep Creek Monthly Meeting. This move was probably so that mother Sarah could be near her daughter Mary Carter, whose husband Isaac Carter purchased 300 acres of land on North Deep Creek in 1795. Here Sarah died, March 15, 1803, probably buried in Deep Creek Cemetery. Isaac Carter had died the year before and his grave stone is easily identified in the Deep Creek Cemetery. An after thought: When Henry Bray and Kezia Jones were married in New Garden Monthly Meeting, the contract state that he was the son of Edward Bray of Chatham County, but stated that his birthplace was Fairfax County, Va. I don't know how long Edward lived in Chatham, but he died on January 5, 1760. That is the same year (1760), the Sarah Bray brought her certificate from the Fairfax Monthly Meeting, Fairfax, Virginia, to the Cane Creek Monthly Meeting in Orange County, North Carolina.

Continue with Henry Bray, (son of Edward and Sarah Maynard), born August 22, 1755; died August 27, 1838, m Feb. 1778, Guilford County, N. C., to Kezia Jones (daughter of Richard and Jamima Huff Jones.) According to Quaker custom other marriage arrangements are here given.

Whereas, Henry Bray, son of Edward Bray of Chatham County, and Kezia Jones, dau., of Richard Jones of Surry County, N. C., having declared their intentions of marriage with each other before several Monthly Meetings of the people called Quakers, held at the New Garden Monthly Meeting in Guilford County, aforesaid; and nothing appearing to obstruct, were left to state their liberty to accomplish their marriage according to good order. The which they did ye 2nd of ye 2nd Mo., 1778, at Muddy Creek Meeting before many witnesses, twelve of whose names are inserted to wit:

Hannah Mills
Ann Huff
Jemima Jones
Sarah Brooks

Sarah Pike
Ann Elmore
David Brooks
Aaron Mills

William Walker
Nathan Pike
Ashley Johnson
Richard Jones

From: Marriage Certificate, New Garden Friends Records, Page 176.

The above Henry's birthplace was Fairfax County, Virginia. Congressman William G. Bray, who has researched this family, says of the Huff Family, that Richard Jones was the son of Richard and Marian Coppeck Jones and Jamima Huff w

... of Daniel Huff and Mary Worley, that Daniel Huff was son of John Hough who came from England.
 ... children were born to the above Brays:

- ... b. 11-30-1778; m. John Tomlinson, 1-25-1797, North Carolina.
- ... b. 5-8-1780; m. Hannah Shelton.
- ... b. 2-18-1782.
- ... b. 1-26-1784.
- ... b. 1-18-1786; m. Elizabeth Shelton.
- ... b. 10-17-1792; d. 5-11-1868.
- ... b. 5-23-1788; m. _____ Chamness.
- ... b. 4-22-1790; m. Mary Shelton.
- ... b. 6-13-1792. —
- ... b. 3-12-1793; d. 1797.
- ... b. 11-16-1797.
- ... (Marcia) Bray, b. 6-16-1805; m. Jacob Hadley.
- ... (name written in pen along with the other children.)

... in mind, the Names recorded in Joseph Bray's Will and the family of Henry and Jemima Bray and the family of
 ... Carter, some of their activities are noticeable, namely: The Huff lands were on the Waters of North Deep Creek,
 ... of Surry County that became Yadkin after 1850. Recalling transactions by Joseph and Richard; Feb. 11, 1806, Daniel
 ... Richard Bray, a deed, Waters of Deep Creek, joins Jesse Vestal, for 25 dollars. (Richard Bray m. Polly McGuire on
 ... 1808, Surry County, no bondsman given.) Richard added to his acreage, Oct. 22, 1807, from Joel Patterson, 200 acres
 ... lying on Waters of Deep Creek.

... Bray bought land of Elijah Carlton, Oct. 30, 1811, Surry County, Waters of Deep Creek, 50 acres, \$100 Wit. John
 ... and Wm. Mackie, we will have to admit that we have put together a whole new family. Note the accompanying

Edward Bray

b. 1720, d. 1-5-1760

m. Sarah Maynard (dau. of Henry and Susanna Maynard) ½ Indian.

d. 1803, Deep Creek M. M.

... Will of Joseph Bray, 9-16-1847

(Polly) Richard	Suana	Rachael	Elizabeth	Sarah	Henry	James	John	Edward	Joseph
m. Polly	McDaniel	McDaniel	Smith	Morrison	1755-1838				m. Elizabeth
McGuire.					b. Fairfax Co.				Lindsey in
Surry Co.					Va. m. Kezia Jones				Surry Co. 1820.
					Surry County				
... Carter					(carried on				
... Carter					another sheet)				
... Carter					Children				
... Carter					1. Jamimah Bray				
... Carter					2. John Henry Bray				
... Carter m. Moses Brown					3. Henry Bray				
... Carter m. Ralph Shaw					4. Sarah Bray				
... Carter m. Carlton Hinshaw					5. Edward Bray				
... Carter					6. Mary Bray				
					7. Richard Bray				
					8. Joseph Bray				

Handwritten notes:
 ... marriage?
 ... as was ...
 this ...
 the son of ...
 Henry ...
 b. 1855

9. Abijah Bray
10. Abijah Bray
11. Kezia Bray
12. Marcia (Mussey) Bray



Edna Bray Reece standing among ancestors. Old Cody's Creek Free Will Baptist Church cemetery.

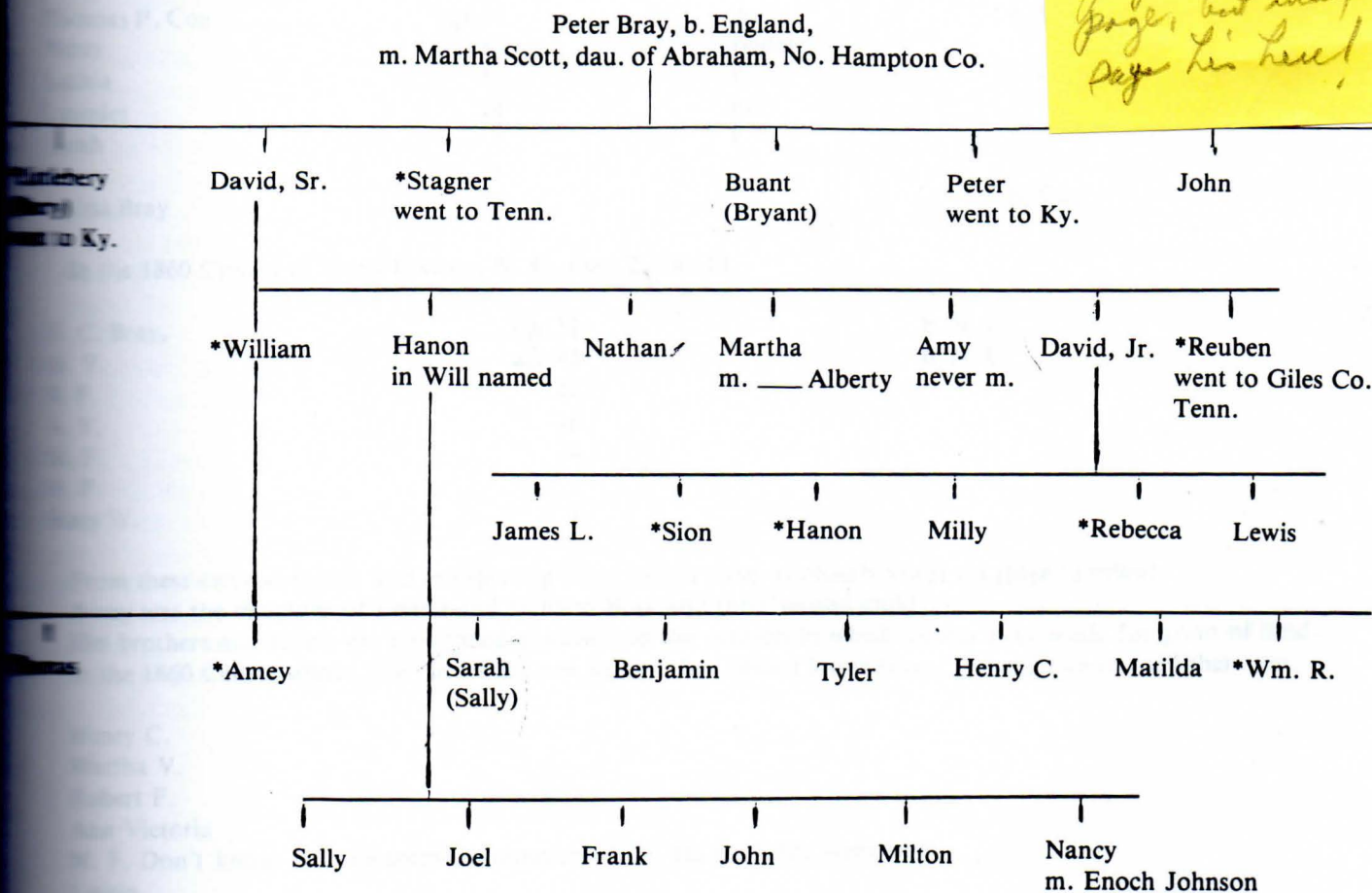


Fisher River from bridge at intersection of Rockford and Bray Ford roads. Looking South.

WILLIAM AND LETITIA'S CONTRIBUTION

I will try to keep you aware of the change in generation as the story progresses.
 Notice that we have written in detail about Littleberry, Stagner and David, Sr.
 Now we will begin the third generation with the eldest son of David, Sr., that is William.
 This will give me an opportunity to fill you in with a volume of new material that I have gathered since the publication of
 of Fisher River. This extra material is the biggest reason I have for doing this supplementary issue.
 Since most of the Brays of Mt. Airy and those from Surry and Yadkin Counties descended from this line and since I knew so
 about the family when I wrote, I would ask that you pay close attention as I try to weave in this new and enlightening
 information.
 In the old book, Of William: owned land on both sides of Fisher River, sold to Hampton, sheriff of Surry County.
 Of Letitia: she was a Hamlin, sister to Thomas, daughter of Peter Hamlin.
 Of Children: known ones, Henry C., and Wm. R. and Amey Coe, wife of Thomas Coe.
 Study the accompanying chart and you can see how the families are connected.
 Now take up the story of William and you will find some interesting reading.

*I don't see
 Joseph on this
 page, but indeed
 page 111 here!*



The named ones
 will be taken up in this supplement.

Many line as I have said in the BOOK, David Bray, Sr., in his declaration for a pension, said that he entered the service
 that he was b. in Brunswick County, Va. in 1743, when he was early brought to Northampton County, in this state
 he lived until he was 21.
 He then removed to Butt County, from which he removed to Roani (Rowan) where he was at the commencement of the
 Revolution. During the Revolution he removed from Roans to Surry County, N. C., where he has remained ever since. He was
 under an act passed by Congress June 7, 1832. He was age 89.
 In Northampton County Register Deed Office, Book I, Page 330, a deed by Abraham Scott to Martha Bray, wife of Peter
 for 100 acres of land, date of 1747 in Northampton County, North Carolina.....They sold this land to Henry Clark for

In the Surry County Census

Page 352 line 1211

Henry C. Bray	b. N. C.	age 40	Blacksr
Wife Martha	b. N. C.	" 34	
William		" 16	
Robert		" 14	
Ann		" 7	
Mark		" 5	

Line 1246 Letitia Bray age 77, (Thomas P. Coe and wife Amey)
 From the state archives, Researched by Thomas C. Bray of Raleigh
 Surry County, North Division Rockford, line 1246; Date 29 Oct. 1850

Thomas P. Coe	age 54	male	b. N. C.	Carper
Amey	" 54	female		
Letitia	" 25	f		
Leander	" 24	m		Farme
Sarah	" 7	f		
Amey	" 11	f		
Letitia Bray	" 77	f	b. Va.	

In the 1860 Census of Surry County, N. C. page 2, line 11

H. C. Bray,	age 52	b. N. C.	Far
M. V.	age 43	b. N. C.	
R. F.	" 21		
A. V.	" 16		
M. F.	" 14		
H. P.	" 7		
Mary W.	" 8		

From these census records and interpreting from what I have of mouth-to-ear on these families:

Amey was the daughter of Letitia and William Bray and their second child.

Her brothers and sisters are mentioned elsewhere in the petition in which Letitia Bray made for grant of land.

In the 1860 Census above, the names are not written, but since I know them, I would like to spell them out.

Henry C.

Martha V.

Robert F.

Ann Victoria

M. F. Don't know. No one seems to remember him. He probably went west.

Letitia

Henry Poindexter

Mary, called Fanney, lived with the Poindexters and Overbys at East Bend.

Surry County Tax List 1812

Local People

Deatherages District

Bass, Frederick

Bryant, Thomas

Badgett's District

Alberty, Jesse 100/1

Alberty, Frederick 100/0

Bass, Edward 421/0

Hatley's District

Collins, Obediah 170/0

Hambrick, Henry 275/1

Minish, James 150/1

Minish, Thomas 100/1

Minish, William 0/1

Stowe' District

Swan, Alexander 101½/1
Swanfield, Valentine 200/1
Swan, Bartholomew 150/0
Swan, Lewis 0/1
Swan, Moses 0/1

Swan's District
Swan, John 581/0
Swan, Edmond 0/1
Swan, James L. 19,500/1
Swan, Thomas 286/1
Swan, Francis 158/1
Swan, Perryman 100/1
Swan, James 140/1
Swan, Nathaniel 249/1

Swan Brown's District
Swan, John, Sen. 84/0
Swan, Wm. 0/1
Swan, John 421/1
Swan, George 160/1
Swan, Jonathan 294½/1
Swan, Moses 100/1
Swan, Richard 200/1
Swan, Joseph 50/1
Swan, Wm. 0/1
Swan, Thomas, esq. 660/2
Swan, George 2009/8

Swan Michael's District
Swan, Paul 100/1
Swan, Leroy 160/1
Swan, Thomas 0/1
Swan, Phillip 375/1
Swan, Shadrach 0/1
Swan, Elhanan 0/1
Swan, Joseph 100/0
Swan, John 200/1

Rector, John 95/0
Apperson, William 450/2
Poindexter, John George 124/1
Poindexter, Robert 337½/1
Poindexter, William 0/2
Poindexter, Elizabeth 247/1
Poindexter, Archibald 250/1
Poindexter, Dorothy 44/0
Poindexter, John 0/1

Hills District
Bray, Hanon

Speers District
Poindexter, Jane 972/0
Hinshaw, Thomas 158½/0
Hinshaw, Wm. 100/0
Hinshaw, Jonothan 50/1
Hinshaw, Joseph 411/0
Hough, Wm. 270/1
Huff, John, for J. Vestal 475/0
Huff, Daniel 411/0
North, Daniel 270/0
Reese, Jesse 277/1
Reese, Joel 178/1
Reese, Abraham 800½/1
Reese, Ira 137½/1

Capt. Thomason's District
Bray, David, Jr. 250/1
Bray, David, Sr. 200/0
Bray, Wm. 140/1
Bray, Nathan 526/1
Bray, Littleberry 250/0

Bray, Edward-b. 1720
d. 1-5-1760; m. Sarah Maynard
d. 3-15-1803, dau. Henry Maynard
Mother ½ Indian

Henry
b. 8-22-1755-Fairfax Co., Va.
d-8-27-1838
m. Kezia Jones, b. 3-19-1761; 8-15-1856
Dau. Richard and Jemima Huff Jones of
Surry Co., N.C.

Jemima
b. 11-30-1778
m. Joseph Tomlinson
1-25-1797

Henry
b. 2-18-1782-
m. Isabel Edwards
7-27-1811 Chat. Co., N.C.

Sara b.
1-26-1784
m. Wm. Sutton
d. 3-15-1803

Edward
(Cont.)
Pl. IV

Mary
b 2-25-1788
m. Aaron Chamness

Joseph H.
b. 6-15-1792
m. Betsey Staley

Kezia
b. 12-15-1800

Marcia (Massay)
b. 6-16-1806
m. Jacob Hadley

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John Henry
b. 5-8-1780; d. 11-25-1874
m. Hannah Shelton in Ky 12-24-1807-Madison Ky, b. 1791, va
Dau. Thos and Mary Jamison
Shelton

(Cont. Plate III)

Richard
b. 5-22-1790
m. Mary Shelton

Abijah
b. 12-15-1797

Hannah
b. 4-24-1815
m. Wm. Jones

Thomas
b. 5-23-1818
m. Elizabeth Roberts

Mary
m. Luke Brooks

Richard Newton

Shag & Platanus

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Page 232. 12 April 1788. William T. LEWIS to Joel LEWIS, 100 pounds, 250 acres South side Yadkin River against Tumbling Falls. Witnesses: William COOK, Junr., Thomas JOHNSON, and J.M. LEWIS. Signed: Wm. T. LEWIS.

Page 233. 15 June 1792. Joel LEWIS to James DEFREES, 250 pounds, 250 acres South side Yadkin River against Tumbling Falls. Witnesses: John HUNT, Wm. T. LEWIS, and J. FROHOCK. Signed: Joel LEWIS.

Page 234. 26 October 1792. John CHESNUTT, Camden, South Carolina, surviving Executor, Will of Ely KERSHAW, deceased, (said Will bearing date 1 August 1780 and recorded office Secretary State of South Carolina, stating residue his estate be divided equally among his 3 children) to Richard LAURANCE, 200 Mexican Dollars, 120 acres both sides Renfroes Creek, East fork Tarrarat River on an Island in said River; being land William DALTON sold Martin ARMSTRONG 24 January 1775; by ARMSTRONG to Joseph KERSHAW, William ANCRUM, John CHESNUTT, Ely KERSHAW and Aaron LOVCOCK, merchants and co-partners then existing at Camden, South Carolina; then to Ely KERSHAW at dissolution said co-partnership. Witnesses: James LAURANCE, Richard LAURANCE, Junr., and John CRAVEN. Signed: John CHESNUTT. . . . Received of Richard LAURANCE, 200 dollars or 46 pounds, 13 shillings, 4 pence in South Carolina Sterling. Witnesses: James LAURANCE and Richard LAURANCE, Junr. Signed: John CHESNUTT.

Page 236. 22 November 1790. Abraham SKIDMORE to Henry SPEER, 100 pounds, 20 acres both sides Deep Creek adjoining said SPEER below Fish Trap at foot hill adjoining John SKIDMORE, South side Creek at the Bridge Place. Witnesses: William SPILMAN, Thomas MASON, and William DOWLING. Signed: Abraham (X) SKIDMORE.

Page 237. 22 September 1792. Airs HUDSPETH to John HUDSPETH, 100 pounds North Carolina Currency, 400 acres North side South fork Deep Creek, North of the Swisher, a draft of Deep Creek adjoining John BLALOCK and John HUDSPETH. Witness: Joseph HILL. Signed: Airs HUDSPETH.

Page 238. 11 October 1792. Arthur SCOTT to Edward LOVELL, Arthur SCOTT, Jean THOMPSON, Executrix and Joseph ASHLEY, Executor, Will of Samuel THOMPSON, deceased, 500 pounds, 640 acres in Surry and Stokes Counties on Yadkin River adjoining tract formerly claimed by Gideon WRIGHT, below mouth little Yadkin (excepting the saw and grist mills and seats on which they stand, which is hereby conveyed by Arthur SCOTT to Edward LOVILL and Arthur SCOTT, separate and apart from co-partnership of SCOTT, LOVELL and THOMPSON. Witnesses: Jeremiah EARLEY, Nathan HAINES, and Samuel THOMPSON. Signed: Arthur SCOTT.

Page 240. 13 January 1791. John SANDERS, Bourbon County, Virginia, to Samuel ELLIS, Iredell County, North Carolina, 100 pounds, 317 acres in Surry County on North Hunting Creek adjoining James SANDERS. Witnesses: Stephen WOOD and Brittain SANDERS. Signed: John SANDERS.

Page 241. 6 February 1793. John ALLEN to Peter HAMLEN, 50 pounds, 100 acres, the plantation where John ALLEN has lately lived, East side Fishers River where Howards road crosses said river adjoining said ALLEN to waggon road adjoining John RICHARDS. Witnesses: David BRAY and William BRAY. Signed: John (X) ALLEN and Elenor (X) ALLEN.

Page 242. 18 November 1791. James REAVIS to Thomas HUTCHENS, 40 pounds, 40 acres North side Deep Creek adjoining Northwest corner, 640 acres surveyed to said James REAVES 12 January 1779; part said 640 acres. Witnesses: Joseph REAVIS, John REAVIS, and David REAVIS. Signed: James REAVIS.

Page 242. 18 November 1791. James REAVIS to John STANDFIELD, 100 pounds, 200 acres North fork Deep Creek adjoining Frederick SHORE, part 640 acres granted said REAVIS. Witnesses: Joseph REAVIS, John REAVIS, and David REAVIS. Signed: James REAVIS.

Page 243. 17 November 1791. David REAVIS, Rutherford County, North Carolina, to John STANDFIELD, 60 pounds, 81 acres, waters North fork Deep Creek adjoining corner, 200 acres granted David REAVIS 16th March 1784 adjoining Thomas HUTCHENS, Big Branch where Thomas GALLION lived. Witnesses: H(enry) SPEER, Thomas HINCHEY, and Thomas HUTCHENS. Signed: David REAVIS.

Page 244. 10 February 1793. Amos SCRITCHFIELD, Spartanburg County, South Carolina, to Sherod BROCK, 20 pounds, 100 acres waters Fishers River adjoining land where John ALLEN, Junr. now lives. Witnesses: William MEREDITH, Rezia JARVIS, and John SHORE. Signed: Amos SCRITCHFIELD.

Page 245. 26 December 1790. Jane TALIAFERRO, Heir Richard TALIAFERRO, deceased, to John TALIAFERRO, 50 pounds, 100 acres adjoining said John. Witnesses: Joseph PORTER, Elizabeth RICHARDS, and Rachel RICHARDS. Signed: Jane TALIAFERRO.

Page 246. 3 December 1791. John TALIAFERRO to William BAKER, 100 pounds, 307 acres waters (?) Creek adjoining said TALIAFERRO and adjoining TUCKER. Witnesses: Charles TALIAFERRO, Philip PRICHARD, and Joseph PORTER. Signed: John TALIAFERRO.

Page 246. 29 December 1791. James SANDERS to Edward WILLIAMS, 300 pounds, 788 acres waters Hunting

Page 89. 2 September 1793. John Thomas LONGINO to Garsham BILLS, 50 pounds (no acreage), waters Yadkin River, Falls Creek adjoining James YORK, James LINDSEY and Stephen HIDE. Witness: Stephen WOOD. Signed: John Thomas LONGINO.

Page 90. 9 December 1793. William BURRUS to Richard LAURANCE, Jr., 150 pounds, 150 acres Pauls Creek, waters Tarrarat River. Witnesses: David HUMPHREY, Richard LAURANCE, and Samuel LAURANCE. Signed: William (X) BURRUS.

Page 91. 28 December 1793. William BURRUS to Francis McCRAW 100 pounds Specie, 200 acres Pauls Creek known by Lem JONES old place adjoining county line. Witnesses: Jacob McCRAW and Charles SMITH. Signed: William (X) BURRUS.

Page 92. 6 February 1793. Thomas WOOTEN, Sr. to Samuel DENNY, 100 pounds, (no acreage), Tarrarat River including plantation where Thos. WOOTEN once lived; granted him 1784. Witnesses: James (X) GUNSTON and George (X) WOOTEN. Signed: Thomas (X) WOOTEN.

Page 93. 13 January 1794. John and Ellinor ALLEN to David THOMASON, 100 pounds, 100 acres Fishers River adjoining Yadkin River and Peter HAMLIN. Witnesses: Thomas HAMLIN and Sherwod (X) BROCK. Signed: John (X) ALLEN and Ellenor (X) ALLEN.

Page 94. 21 April 1788. Samuel KANIDAY to Moses WILLIAMS, 20 pounds, 30 acres Wilkes County in County line, little Reedy fork; part land where Samuel now lives conveyed to him by Jesse FRANKLIN. Witnesses: Mark KANIDAY, Thomas ROSS, and John WILLIAMS. Signed: Samuel KANIDAY.

Page 95. 29 January 1792. Gibson MAYNARD, Wilkes County, North Carolina, to William BEAN, 30 pounds proclama- tion money, 100 acres in Wilkes County, North fork Christians Creek. Witnesses: Jesse FRANKLIN and Matthew DUGLASS. Signed: Gibson (X) MANARD.

Page 95. 2 January 1794. Archelus STANDLEY and wife, Elizabeth, to Peter FITZGERRAL, 64 pounds Specie, 150 acres Fall Branch which Archelus bought of John McCOLLUM adjoining WILLIAMS and BRAMLETT. Witnesses: Nicholas HUTCHENS, Sarah HUTCHENS, and Jesse (X) STANDLEY. Signed: Archeleus (X) STANDLEY and Elizabeth (X) STANDLEY.

Page 96. 15 April 1793. John HANNA to John Doak HANNA, 100 pounds North Carolina money, 200 acres Moores fork, waters Tarrarat River adjoining John HANNA. Witnesses: Robert HAMMOCK, Christr. ROWLES, and Nathaniel DOAD. Signed: John HANNA.

Page 97. 15 April 1793. John HANNA to John Doak HANNA, 500 pounds, 136 acres Stewarts Creek, West fork Arrarat River adjoining Thomas BURRUS. Witnesses: Robert

Page 97. 15 April 1793. John HANNA to John Doak HANNA, 100 pounds North Carolina money, 200 acres Stewarts Creek, waters Tarrarat River adjoining BAILEY. Witnesses: Robert HAMMOCK, Christr. ROWLES, and Nathaniel DOAK. Signed: John HANNA and Martha (X) HANNA.

Page 98. 10 August 1792. Nicholas GENTRY to Artha GENTRY, 100 pounds, 100 acres South side Yadkin River adjoining GARROTT. Witnesses: James BADGETT and Blunt GARROT. Signed: Nicholas GENTRY.

Page 99. 1787. Nicholas GENTRY to Blunt GARROT, 65 pounds, 100 acres Yadkin River including GARROTS planta- tion. Witnesses: James BADGETT and Artha (X) GENTRY. Signed: Nicholas GENTRY.

Page 100. 7 February 1794. Henry SPEER to John GROCE, 60 pounds, 123 acres waters Deep Creek; granted Joseph WINSTON and conveyed to SPEER adjoining WELLS and GROCE. Witnesses: John CARTER, James TODD, and Jacob (X) EDDLEMAN. Signed: H. SPEER.

Page 101. 10 February 1794. Obediah Martin BENGGE to John FLETCHER, Patrick County, Virginia, 150 pounds, 155 acres Yadkin River top ridge opposite Tumbling Falls Creek. Witnesses: William FLETCHER, Richard WILBURN, and J.M. LEWIS. Signed: Oba. M. BENGGE.

Page 101. 12 July 1793. Richard LAURANCE to Bowater SUMNER, 40 pounds, 200 acres both sides Seed Cane; granted LAURANCE 20 December 1791. Witnesses: William FORKNER, George REED, and William (X) BURCH. Signed: Richard LAURANCE.

Page 102. 9 March 1793. Joseph ASHLEY to Tyre HARRIS, 66 pounds, 100 acres Flat Shoal Creek and Tarrarat River. Witnesses: Edward LOVELL, George HEARD, and John HEARD. Signed: Joseph ASHLEY.

Page 103. 13 June 1793. John STANDLEY to William HARDING, 26 pounds, 13 shillings, 4 pence for 100 acres waters Forbis Creek adjoining COGBURN; tract granted William RAMEY 9 August 1787. Witnesses: John JOHNSON and Jonathan JOHNSON. Signed: John STANDLEY.

Page 104. 5 February 1794. Charles SMITH to Stephen K. SMITH, 100 pounds, 216 acres West side Renfroes Creek, North fork Arrarat River. Witnesses: William HUGHLETT and Fra. POINDEXTER. Signed: Chas. SMITH.

Page 104. 28 August 1793. Abijah ELMORE to Perrin CHIN, 10 pounds (no acreage), waters Forbis Creek adjoining corner 200 acres granted Abijah 20 December 1791. Witnesses: H(enry) SPEER and John WILLIAMS. Signed: Abijah ELMORE.

Page 241. 10 August 1795. John Thomas LONGINO, Deputy Sheriff and Constable to Wm. TRUITT, farmer, 80 pounds, 330 acres North fork Yadkin River; part surveys for LONGINO 28 October 1778, 17 February 1779 and 25 August 1790 adjoining Thos. ADDEMAN. Witness: Thomas VEACH, Junr. Signed: John Thomas LONGINO.

Page 242. 29 December 1794. John WARD, Wilkes County, North Carolina to Michael ROMINGER, Stokes County, 35 pounds Specie, 300 acres waters South fork Deep Creek adjoining ELLIOTT and Airs HUDSPETH. Witnesses: Stephen WOOD and John HANKS. Signed: John WARD.

Page 243. 5 November 1795. Jesse LESTER to John Brown CUTTING, Pennsylvania, \$2,400 Pennsylvania Currency, 20,000 acres (State granted LESTER 28 July 1795), South side Yadkin River, East side Forbis Creek below Stephen HOBSON'S Saw Mill, Fall Creek adjoining Moses AYERS and William RICH. Witnesses: James MARTIN, J.E. STOCK, and Stephen (X) HORN. Signed: Jesse LESTER.

Page 245. 7 November 1795. Before me, Thomas McKEAN, Esq., Doctor of Law, Chief Justice, State Pennsylvania, came this day Jesse LESTER, Esq. and acknowledged the above deed to be his act and deed. . . . Surry County, North Carolina, August Term 1796. The above deed acknowledged; then came Mary LESTER, wife said Jesse and relinquished her dower right. Signed: Jos. WILLIAMS, C.C.

Page 245. 20 December 1791. North Carolina Grant Zadock RIGGS 35 acres waters Mitchells River adjoining Murphey and Samuel RIGGS.

Page 246. 28 August 1795. North Carolina Grant James MURPHEY 300 acres waters Hunting Creek adjoining PARKER, MASTERS, head Cane Brake Branch of Hunting Creek.

Page 247. 9 September 1796. North Carolina Grant Gottlieb SHOBER 4,360 acres waters Fisher River and Double Creek near Isaac COPELAND, HAMBLIN, JARVIS and MELTON.

Page 248. 9 September 1796. North Carolina Grant Gottlieb SHOBER 640 acres waters Fishers River adjoining Timothy PICKERING, Horns Mill Creek and Isaac COPELAND.

Page 248. 12 March 1792. George WOOTEN to William POE, 150 pounds, 270 acres adjoining William PETTY. Witnesses: Ephraim (X) McLIMORE and Henry (X) POE. Signed: George (X) WOOTEN.

Page 249. 30 December 1793. John SHUGART to Isaac SHUGAT, Orange County, North Carolina, 50 pounds, 100 acres South fork McFees Creek. Witnesses: Zachariah SHUGART and Nathan FARMER. Signed: John SHUGART.

Page 250. 16 July 1795. North Carolina Grant Peter SPRINKLE 50 acres waters Deep Creek adjoining Benjamin CLANTON.

Page 251. 24 January 1795. Ann WRIGHT to James ROTEN, 22 pounds Specie, 129 acres waters Hunting Creek. Witnesses: Thomas WRIGHT and James WRIGHT. Signed: Ann WRIGHT.

Page 252. 8 December 1794. James BURNSIDE, Yeoman, to Thomas VEACH, farmer, 34 pounds, 170 acres South side North Hunting Creek adjoining David GANTT: State granted said BURNSIDE. Witnesses: William ALNUTT and William TRUITT. Signed: James BURNSIDE.

Page 253. 1 August 1795. Henry SPEER, Esq. to Josiah ROWTEN, 10 pounds, 100 acres waters Hunting Creek near bald Knob adjoining HICKS and COOHON. Witnesses: Stephen WOOD and Jacob (X) ROWTEN. Signed: H. SPEER.

Page 254. 20 May 1795. Robert JOHNSTON, Stokes County, to Elisha JOHNSTON, 150 pounds, 217 acres North fork Deep Creek; State granted Jacob FERREE and by Sheriff and FERREE to Henry SPEER; by SPEER to Robert JOHNSTON on Muster Ground Branch crossing Hoppis Creek. Witnesses: H(enry) SPEER and Jonathan JOHNSTON. Signed: Robert (X) JOHNSTON.

Page 255. 9 February 1796. John WILLIAMS to George Durram HOLCOMB, 20 pounds, 30 acres waters Deep Creek adjoining WILLIAMS, Jonas REYNOLDS; granted said WILLIAMS 1 January 1794. Witnesses: H(enry) SPEER, William HOUGH, and William JOHNSON. Signed: John WILLIAMS.

Page 256. 16 July 1795. North Carolina Grant Airs HUDSPETH 40 acres North fork Deep Creek adjoining Joshua BROWN, BRUCE and HUTCHENS.

Page 256. 12 August 1795. John ALLEN to Peter HAMBLIN, 50 pounds, 100 acres North side Yadkin River, bank Fishers River at old road, HOWARDS old ford and main waggon road. Witnesses: William COOK and William THORNTON. Signed: John (X) ALLEN.

Page 257. 18 May 1795. Henry SPEER to Andrew SPEER, Junr., 100 pounds, (no acreage), adjoining Charles VANDEVEER, crossing Hanns Creek; part 440 acres by Sheriff to H. SPEER 14 May 1795. Witnesses: Michael TURNIDGE and Joseph RUTLEDGE. Signed: H. SPEER.

Page 258. 11 August 1795. John HINSHAW to Simon HADLEY, 75 pounds, 100 acres North fork Deep Creek adjoining JOHNSON and Simon HADLEY. Witnesses: Jesse VESTAL and Jacob DOBBINS. Signed: John HINSHAW.

This tract was also on Fenty's Creek, was 100 acres, and was in cost Hanon 30 shillings per 100 acres.

Still a fourth early grant was to Littleberry Bray, 1794. Littleberry Bray had already received a grant of 100 acres in Iredell County in 1792.

I do not think that he followed this Iredell grant, because he was in Surry County in 1794. His Iredell grant was on Rocky Creek and was to include the headwaters of the creek.

Littleberry's Surry holdings were mainly on Bull Run, Southwest of White Plains.

Although David (2) Bray, Sr. tells us a lot about himself, he didn't tell us who he married, nor when, no, where. I do want to mention all the things we have found about him.

He was born in Brunswick County, Virginia, 1743, early removed to Northhampton County, North Carolina, where he lived until he was 21 years old. He then moved to Bute County, a county which no longer exists, but was the mother county from which Franklin and Warren Counties were formed. From here he went to Rowan County, from there he went to Surry County, North Carolina, where he lived the rest of his life. This he says was during the Revolutionary War.¹ David (2) Bray, Sr. was a soldier during the war, serving in the militia on several tours, for which he received a pension of \$52.25 per annum and to began in March 1834.²

David waited until he was 89 before he applied for the pension. It seems that there was an act passed in Congress in 1832 which prompted his application.³

David (2), Sr. lived the rest of his life in Surry County North Carolina, where he reared a large family. It is this family that will largely make up the contents of this book.

David (2) Bray, Sr. died in Surry County, North Carolina January 6, 1836 at the age of 93.

David (2) Bray's Children

3. William (3) Bray
4. Hanon (3) Bray
5. Nathan (3) Bray
6. David (3) Bray, Jr.
7. Amy (3) Bray
8. Martha (3) Bray Alberty
9. Reuben (3) Bray

1. Papers of David Bray

2. General Services Administration, National Archives and Records Service, Washington, D. C.

3. *ibid.*

IDENTIFYING FAMILIES

There were other Brays who, to my knowledge, were not of this particular family of David (2) Sr. Littleberry Bray, before mentioned, was listed in the first federal census. He had a large family, but most of his first lands were taken up on Bull Run, a creek that empties into the Ararat River, which would fix him in a different locality. Littleberry, however, traded lands, signed deeds and functioned among the other Brays as one of them. He was one of the Brays who migrated westward though and was mentioned as being in Knox County, Ky. when he sold his lands in Surry County to David (3) Bray, Jr. 1822.

Littleberry Bray left no will and left very little information that would identify the members of his family. He is one of the Brays who was not married in Surry County and the intense search that I have made has not rewarded me with that item of information. In one deed in which lands were sold to Joel Bray, Littleberry mentions his beloved son William. At an earlier date, he sold land from the Bull Run holdings to William Bray, but did not indicate kinship in any other documents. There is a Littleberry Bray in the Surry Census until 1820. He removed to Kentucky before 1822. It was on that date that he completed the land transactions in Surry County, North Carolina.

By process of elimination, I would like to project an idea here for our consideration, but from my knowledge, it would have to be pure guess work. I know the names of the David (2) Bray set and I have the marriage records of the early Brays. All of David's except William and Hanon were married in Surry County. Littleberry Bray, Hanon (3) Bray and Stogner Bray were the only ones by the name Bray listed in the 1790 census. Hanon left a will in which he told who his children were.

In the lists of 1790, nor in 1800, Stogner Bray never lists but two sons and they are from one to ten. In the 1790 census Littleberry lists seven males under 16. It is reasonable to suppose that these would be marriage-age sons before the next census count. Looking at the 1800 count, in the Littleberry column, we see that five of the marriage-age sons have left home. If they remained in Surry County, it would be reasonable to suppose that they would appear in the census count as a householder on their own. This is just a game I am playing for the benefit of those who would like to guess who Littleberry Brays sons were. In the 1800 census count two new names which I haven't accounted for elsewhere appear Bryant (Buant) Bray and Joseph Bray. Looking at the Surry County Marriage records, I find two names that I can't account for elsewhere.

Joseph Bray
Vol I

Henry and Sarah Sparks May 14, 1803. The name William Bray appears for the first time in the 1800 census of Surry County. We lose Duane Bray after the 1800, but most of the others left other records.

Joseph (4) Bray married Elizabeth Lindsey May 11, 1820. I haven't researched his land records, but he left an interesting will.⁴

Allen Helton was his main heir. He was to have the land, although Patience Braswell was to have the land on which she now lives. She was to have \$100.00 in cash and one white-faced cow. All the balance of the stock, including the black horse (with the exception of the sheep) were to go to Helton.

Richard Bray, mentioned in the will as brother, was to receive \$100.00 in cash. Then a long list of heirs who were to receive \$1.00 each was given as follows:

Polly Carter, named as sister
Rachael and Suanna McDaniel
Elizabeth Smith
Sarah Morrison
Henry Bray
James Bray
John Bray
Edward Bray

This goes along with Joseph Bray's will - and the Yadkin Co Heritage writing re Isaac Carter

There was no statement to indicate the kinship of these paupers.

The Surry Census picks up the Joseph Bray family in the 1800 count. Two adults, male and female 18-26, again in 1810, one male, one female 26-45, and one male under 5.

In 1820 the record changes to 1 male 26-45, 1 male 18 to 26 and no females.

The marriage to Elizabeth Lindsey in 1820 may have been a second marriage. It doesn't fit the other data on the family.

Richard Bray, brother to Joseph, married Polly McGuire October 17, 1808. The 1810 census lists him with two small boys under 5, two girls under 5, two girls 5-16, one male and one female 26-45.

In land deals, Richard bought land of Daniel Huff. This was located on the waters of Deep Creek and contained 50 acres. He bought 200 acres on Mitchel's River from Grace Vestal. He later sold this land to John Brooks.⁶

Richard Bray disappeared from Surry County before the 1820 count. Like many of the others, he migrated.

Two other members of the unknown family whom I shall discuss were Henry and John.

Henry and Sarah Sparks May 14, 1803. The name William Bray appears for the first time in the 1800 census of Surry County. We lose Duane Bray after the 1800, but most of the others left other records.

Most of Henry's Land transactions were in what is now Yadkin. In 1802 William Wallace deeded to Henry Bray a tract of land on Rocky Branch of Hunting Creek for 100 lbs. Again he bought land on this same creek from J. Casstevens. Still another shows that he sold 97 acres of land on Rocky Branch of Hunting Creek.⁷ One other land deal tells us that he bought 300 acres of land from David Mills of Guilford County.

Henry Bray married Sarah Sparks May 14, 1803. He left Surry County very soon after and was not listed in the next census.

One other Bray that I must mention in the hard-to-get list is Moses. Others are working on this line and that is how I know he is identified. Some time ago Mr. Henry J. Baker of Crawford County started writing letters of inquiry concerning this Moses. At that time, he wrote to my father and the letter was turned over to me. His description of Moses Bray follows:

Moses was born 1795, came to Owen County, Indiana in 1832 when Mrs. Barker's grandmother (Moses daughter) was two years old. Would like to know who he married, date of marriage and who his parents were? . . .

Surry County deeds show some transactions for Moses, but do not answer any of Mr. Baker's questions.

In 1820, Amy Bray deeded to Moses Bray land on east side of Fisher River. This transaction was signed by Rebecca Bray.⁹ Again in 1822 Amy sold to Moses, who was then of Wilkes County, 100 acres of land on the east side of the Fisher River, adjoining Wm. Venable and Reuben Pace.

In 1820, Moses sold the above land to David Bray, Jr. Moses was then of Burke County.¹⁰

There were two times when Moses made news in Surry County. September 21, 1817 Milly Bray, daughter of David Bray, Jr., married Alfred Pace. The bondsman for this marriage was Moses Bray. March 6, 1825, Jemimah Bray married Robert Craig. Bondsman for this marriage was also Moses Bray.¹¹

4. Wills, Surry County Clerks Office, Book 4, page 268

6. Deed Book m page 564

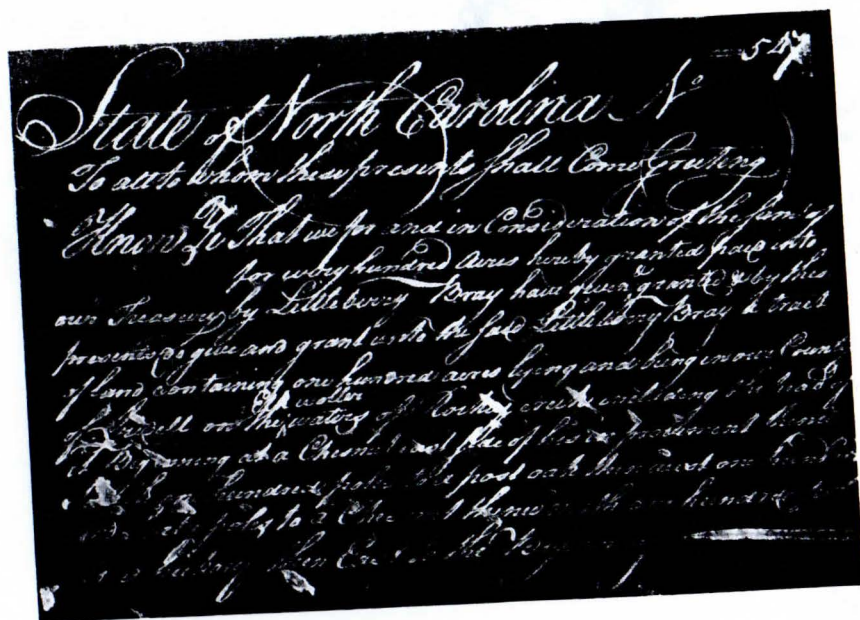
7. Deed Book K, page 245

9. Deed book R, Page 95

10. Deed Book 5, page 52

11. Surry County Marriage Records

Other Brays of which I have no records, other than census records are
 Stagner Bray, listed on 1790 with one male over 16, one male under
 16 and two females. On the line above this entry was an Edward
 Bray with one male and one female, both over 45.
 In the adjoining county of Wilkes 1790, there was a Patrick Bray.
 He was carried again in the 1800 count. It seems that he took part in
 the early civic functions of Wilkes. He is mentioned on several occa-
 sions in the **History of Wilkes County**, by Johnson J. Hayes.¹²
 Now having exhausted the facts on the unknown, we will move into
 the "Battle of the Williams."



Littleberry's Iredell County Deed

12. History of Wilkes County; Johnson J. Hayes

Chapter III

ARGUMENTS TO ESTABLISH THE WILLIAM BRAY LINE

There were two William Brays in Surry County during the early set-
 tlements, but the census records show only one in any given year.
 According to a reliable list of the surviving children of David(2) Bray,
 Sr., William Bray was his oldest son. According to Littleberry Bray,
 when he sold land on Bull Run to Joel Bray, he had a "beloved son
 William."

As has already been stated, Littleberry Bray's main lands were on the
 Bull Run, a tributary of the Ararat River.¹³

But to make it harder to decide about the Williams, Littleberry also
 owned land on Cody's Creek. In 1808 Hanon(3) Bray sold to Little-
 berry Bray 200 acres of land on this creek. We have no proof that
 his son ever lived in this area however. We do know that Littleberry
 gave his son, William, land on Bull run. There were 21 acres of this
 land and William was the executor of the estate;¹⁴ 1811.

We are not on solid ground yet, but we do have a few facts that would
 argue that The Fisher River William was David (2) Bray's son. In 1806
 David(2) Bray, Sr. sold to William Bray 140 acres of land on Fisher
 River. He says that this was part of the land granted to him by the
 state.¹⁵

On the same date of the above transaction, January 8, 1806, David,
 Sr. sold to David, Jr. the homeplace on Cody' Creek. A week or so
 later he deeded Amy some land on Fisher River. Notice he didn't give
 the boys this land. He sold it to them. He reserved the right to live
 on the homestead in possession as long as he lived and needed to.

Both William (3) Brays disappeared from the Surry census rolls before
 the 1830 count. I haven't been able to find a marriage record for
 either William, with other records which I shall later point out I have
 reason to believe that William Bray, son of David (2) Sr. is the Fisher
 River William and is the one who gave claim to the Bray homeplace
 where Henry C. Bray lived.

In 1850, Henry (4) C. Bray gave a deed of trust on the same two
 tracts of land that William got from his father. This deed was given
 to L. H. Dobson.¹⁷

Again in 1867, Martha Bray, Wife of Henry C. was given a portion
 of this land as her Dower after Henry's decease.

13. Surry County Deeds Book F, Page 153

14. Deed Book M, Page 403

15. Deed Book L. pp. 101-102

17. Deed Book 8, pp 580 and 481.

COLUMNS AND SUCH

THIS 'N THAT ABOUT SURRY HISTORY

1899 Poem Incorporates Old Surry County Names

BY RUTH MINICK

Read this poem and you will find that many people of Surry stay here - unless they die.

This poem was written in 1899, eighty-five years ago - by the late Solicitor S. Porter Graves, whose home was where the Mount Airy Public Library now stands.



WHAT'S IN A NAME
IN SURRY COUNTY?

In passing through the County of Surry,

Unless you PASS in a powerful hurry,

You'll MOORE than likely come across

Families by the name of DOSS, ROSS or MOSS.

Go as you will, WALK-ER, TROTT-ER, PACE.

In your CUMMINGS or GOINS you'll see the face

of PEOPLES of all NATIONS and CREEDS,

Whose true WORTH is measured by their deeds.

Here MERRITT determines MANN's station in life,

LOVE greatly abounds and there's NUNN of strife

'Tis the FREEMAN's home, the REDMAN's soil,

Where sturdy GENTRY live by toil.

'Tis a God-favored region among the HILLS,

Dense WOODS, babbling BROOKS and laughing rills,

Dewy MEADOWS, GREEN PARKS and waving FIELD

Gladden the HART and thus contentment yield.

Fisher's Peak, aged sentinel, stands out in the WEST,

With GREENWOOD SIDES and SNOW KAPP crest,

Keeping guard o'er his children and the GRAVES of their sires.

Though the vigil in LONG, his strength never tires.

Lovingly, he looks down on the high and the LOWE,

Kissing their gladness, lamenting their woe;

DRAUGHN to his bosom in ARM-STRONG embrace,

He shelters the POORE and the weak of the race.

About his lofty head a WOOD nymph lingers,

And COMBS out his locks with her 'snowy fingers,

Mantles in pure WHITE his majestic form,

Shielding him from the severe WINTER's storm.

O, come sweet MUSE and attune my lyre

To a KEY more melodious, lighter, higher;

May the BELLS of gladness loudly RING

And PEELE for the praises to our mountain KING,

What a glorious region! On a SUMMER's DAY

The heart WELLS with gladness - the earth's so gay!

GOLDING fruit, fresh flowers, bright CULLERS and HUGHES,

ALLRED, WHITE and BLUE the fair goddess strews

The sweet singing BYRDS with plumage so bright,

How at GRAY dawn do they re-JOYCE that KNIGHT,

BLACK with its shadows is driven away,

And the ROBBINS, WRENS and MARTINS welcome the day!

Then HALE to this region of light and gladness!

May no CLOUDS ever come, nor PAYNE nor sadness,

Nor HURT nor blemish to Surry's fair name

Nor act be committed to tarnish her fame!

Jane

From: "Jacquie K. Hoggard"
 To: "jane" <smithhill31@triad.rr.com>
 Sent: Thursday, September 30, 2004 11:21 PM
 Subject: Re: Thank you

Oh, you lucky thing, you! How I wish I could come help you! I would love to have copies of the Bray marriage bonds up to 1850, if you have the time, and want them for yourself - and will let me pay the cost of copying!

I do wish you would keep the check, Jane. I couldn't have gotten it any other way, unless and until I had the opportunity to get to Raleigh myself - and I see no better chance for that than I've had in the last 10 years! It's been that long, or longer, since I was able to get even that far! Siler City or Asheboro are out of the question, I'm sure, as it's too long a trip for me to try to drive myself, and I don't know anyone else who's interested. And I am not sure these days that I'd even be able to get as far as Raleigh alone! I'm not as strong as I was even a year ago....

And I'd love to have copies of any of the Bray wills that you get or already have, if you don't mind - Am still not sure that there's not a link there somewhere. I feel that it's a distinct possibility that Henry I (will, 1790,d. 1794) and Peter were brothers - cannot imagine that Henry was an only child considering how prolific the Brays were back then - and there was a William in Chatham Co. early on - by 1744, I think it was, though I don't think I remembered to send you a copy - will have to find a copy of that and send it on. I have so little information - just that he had some land according to a map I found in a genealogical journal, and that he was a very large man - and there were 2 Williams in the census through the early 1800's.

Thank you so much for the information about what records are where - I am glad to know what is where! Have a great trip tomorrow, and please keep the check. It means a lot to me to have the marriage bond again.

Have fun! Good luck!

Jacquie

At 12:54 PM 9/30/2004 -0400, you wrote:

Dear Jacquie,

Your check for \$20.00 arrived today. It is \$18.00 too much! I will return the check to you and ask that you not send me any money at all. I am pleased to do this for you.

For your information: the counties have surrendered their records to the NC State Archives. These originals are kept in the climate controlled vault adjacent to the Search Room for the use of patrons.

There are some exceptions to this.

1. Will Books were microfilmed and then returned to the counties where they are still kept.
2. Deed Books were microfilmed and then returned to the counties, where they are still kept.
3. Court Minutes were microfilmed, but the original books are kept in the St. Archives.
4. Individual counties may not have turned over all their records to the St. Archives.

10/1/2004

Therefore, some records may still be in the county court house, but it is not possible to know what records or which counties.

5. Loose papers, such as original wills, and all the loose papers concerning the settlement of estates are supposed to be in the Archives.

So, you should find will books and deed books in the counties.

The marriage bonds were turned over to the Archives, although I understand not all counties complied with the request.

6. Only about 1/3 of all the marriage bonds have survived to be collected into the Archives.

Incidentally, my daughter-in-law and I are going to Dobson tomorrow and I will get as many BRAY deeds as possible. Then if Linda Mae can help, I will get the HILL deeds. Then we will go to the Surry County Community College to the Carlos Surratt Room and check on several items they have there.

Can I get anything for you?

Let me know before 8 am tomorrow.

Jane

----- Original Message -----

From: [Jacquie K. Hoggard](#)

To: smithhill31@triad.rr.com

Sent: Sunday, September 26, 2004 5:39 PM

Subject: Thank you

The John Bray-Hetty Brower marriage bond arrived yesterday, and I really appreciate your getting it for me. I hope the Randolph Co. policy I told you about is not prevalent all over NC, as I haven't finished all the research I want to do - well, shucks, that's where I feel like I haven't done all that I want to do! I think I pretty well "did" Chatham, but never physically got to Randolph to do much there - only did wills, estates, marriages, and deeds in the archives - still need to do court records and whatever religious and other records that are still in existence. And keep hoping that one day I'll be able to go to Asheboro and look up what may be available.

I really do appreciate your getting the bond for me - can't believe, after I wrote so many times for wills and etc. that I couldn't get a simple marriage bond! Thank you so much.

Don't know if I included the following in the papers I sent you or not, - stumbled on it the other day. From Willard Heiss's "Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy, Vol. 6" - probably published in Indiana as he was one of the officers in the Indiana Historical Society when I was a member several years ago:

From Fairfax MM, VA, page 474 Sarah Bray (form Maynor) rq rst [requested reinstatement] having been dis fr [disowned for] sometime past also rq a few lines to Caine Creek MM, NC 27-10-1759; rst & gct [reinstated and granted certificate to] Cane Creek MM, NC 24-11-1759

Also, page 533 Maynard - Soporah her cert lodged here for several yrs from Gunpowder MM MD & she residing in verge of Pipe Creek MM it is agreed to endorse same and send to that meeting 26-6-1773 ...

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Henry & w Susannah & ch gct 30-4-1750 Carver's Creek MM, Bladen C, NC (Note: they were transferred to Cane Creek MM, NC when that MM was established 7-10=1751) (the names of their ch are not listed in Fairfax minutes but some are listed in the marriage records of Cane Creek MM, NC; see H. vi, p. 408)... [these notes are in my handwriting, rather than copies, and the "H. vi, p. 408" may be my note to me that they are listed in Heiss's vol 6, page 408 - or not! Can't tell at this point!]

Maynor- Sarah (now Bray) requests reinstatement having been dis mou 27-10-1759, rst & gct Cane Creek MM, NC., 24-121-1759 in name Sarah Bray (repeat of above) ...

Susannah Jr. (now Mankin) dt of Henry & Susannah Mayner, rpd [reported] mou 26-5-1747; her ack acc [acknowledgement accepted] 26-1-1748; her mother, Susannah Sr. who was rpd [reported] same date to have "aided her daughter's outgoing, without tell her husband" made ack for same which was acc 28-9-1747

For some reason, things don't ever seem to be listed in chronological order, so it gets very confusing.

But still nothing on Artha/Arthanarious/Arthur or Peter or David - sorry! Thanks again for the bond.

Jacquie

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Fairfax County

Bray, Richard married Neil, Rosanna on 01 Nov 1794 in Fairfax County, Virginia

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Butt, Margaret married Murray, James on 01 Nov 1794 in Fairfax County, Virginia

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Ferguson, Lacehuis married Wallace, Susanna on 01 Nov 1794 in Fairfax County, Virginia

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Moony, Neil married Smith, Winny A on 01 Dec 1794 in Fairfax County, Virginia

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Bailey, G. W. married Sesson, Sarah on 01 Jan 1795 in Fairfax County, Virginia

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Beall, Eleanor married Browne, Archbald on 01 Feb 1795 in Fairfax County, Virginia

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Harper, Fanny R married Riddle, Joshua on 01 Feb 1795 in Fairfax County, Virginia

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Deeble, Mary married Duffey, John on 05 Feb 1795 in Fairfax County, Virginia

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Belcher, William married Diar, Elizabeth on 22 Dec 1785 in Amelia County, Virginia

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Norton, Nancy married Norvell, William on 22 Dec 1785 in Amelia County, Virginia

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Crenshaw, Anthony married Jeter, Mason on 03 Jan 1786 in Amelia County, Virginia

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Virginia
Amelia County

Mitchell, John married Vaughan, Obedience on 30 Jan 1786 in Amelia County, Virginia

Virginia
Amelia County

Vaughan, John married Williams, Martha on 08 Feb 1786 in Amelia County, Virginia


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Bray, Patrick married Stocks, Mary on 24 Aug 1786 in Orange County, Virginia

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Smith, Edward married Warren, Rose on 26 Aug 1786 in Orange County, Virginia

Virginia
Orange County

Dear, Elizabeth married Watson, Abner on 11 Oct 1786 in Orange County, Virginia

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Broughton, Thomas married Kamp, Sarah on 28 Oct 1786 in Orange County, Virginia

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Balamaine, Alex married Taylor, Lucy on 30 Oct 1786 in Orange County, Virginia

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Arnold, Susanna married Campbell, Archbald on 01 Nov 1786 in Orange County, Virginia

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Duvall, Sally married Stockdell, John Jr. on 02 Nov 1786 in Orange County, Virginia

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Golding, Nancy married Stone, Henry on 10 Nov 1786 in Orange County, Virginia

Virginia
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Townsend, Elizabeth married White, Jonathan on 15 Nov 1786 in Orange County, Virginia

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Boston, Retta married Menefee, Spencer on 20 Nov 1786 in Orange County, Virginia

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Middlesex County

Bray, Thomas married Bristow, Polly on 21 Feb 1789 in Middlesex County, Virginia

Virginia
Middlesex County

Daniel, Mary married Hardee, John on 06 Mar 1789 in Middlesex County, Virginia

Virginia
Middlesex County

Blake, Ann married Dudley, Robert on 19 Apr 1789 in Middlesex County, Virginia

Virginia
Middlesex County

Groom, Zachariah married Wyett, Elizabeth on 28 May 1789 in Middlesex County, Virginia

Virginia
Middlesex County

Webb, William C. married Wortham, Fanny on 11 Jul 1789 in Middlesex County, Virginia

Virginia
Middlesex County

Seward, Edward married Southern, Avey on 24 Aug 1789 in Middlesex County, Virginia

Virginia
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French, Mary married Hibble, John on 25 Aug 1789 in Middlesex County, Virginia

Virginia
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Southern, Avey married Sword, Edward on 27 Aug 1789 in Middlesex County, Virginia

Virginia
Middlesex County

Gibson, John married Turner, Polly on 26 Oct 1789 in Middlesex County, Virginia

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Daniel, Mary married Shepherd, Henry D. on 19 Dec 1789 in Middlesex County, Virginia

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Virginia

Middlesex County

Baker, James married Bray, Johnna on 03 May 1788 in Middlesex County, Virginia

Virginia

Middlesex County

Barrick, Frances married West, George on 20 Jul 1788 in Middlesex County, Virginia

Virginia

Middlesex County

Bristow, Saunders married Crossfield, Nancy on 17 Aug 1788 in Middlesex County, Virginia

Virginia

Middlesex County

Gibson, Lucy married Wilkins, John on 31 Aug 1788 in Middlesex County, Virginia

Virginia

Middlesex County

Kidd, Judith married Walden, Lewis on 06 Sep 1788 in Middlesex County, Virginia

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Neilson, Jane married Southall, Philip on 14 Sep 1788 in Middlesex County, Virginia

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Edwards, Charles married Sutton, Sarah on 24 Oct 1788 in Middlesex County, Virginia

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Abbott, Elizabeth married Goode, William on 30 Oct 1788 in Middlesex County, Virginia

Virginia

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Fauquier County

Bray, John married Mckinsey, Jane on 06 Aug 1795 in Fauquier County, Virginia

Virginia
Fauquier County

Bailey, Samuel married Hutson, Aga on 08 Aug 1795 in Fauquier County, Virginia

Virginia
Fauquier County

Parker, Evy married Tancill, Wm. on 10 Aug 1795 in Fauquier County, Virginia

Virginia
Fauquier County

Darnall, Waugh married Maddux, Peggy on 13 Aug 1795 in Fauquier County, Virginia

Virginia
Fauquier County

Leonard, Mary married Randle, Joseph on 15 Aug 1795 in Fauquier County, Virginia

Virginia
Fauquier County

Peters, Sally married Young, James on 21 Aug 1795 in Fauquier County, Virginia

Virginia
Fauquier County

Barry, Fanny married Reddy, William on 24 Aug 1795 in Fauquier County, Virginia

Virginia
Fauquier County

Brown, Jeremiah married Kelly, Ann on 24 Aug 1795 in Fauquier County, Virginia

Virginia
Fauquier County

Brown, Wm. married Scott, Nancy on 24 Aug 1795 in Fauquier County, Virginia

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Davis, Francis married Mathew, Polly on 03 Sep 1795 in Fauquier County, Virginia

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Bray, Nancy married Clark, John on 21 Sep 1790 in Halifax County, Virginia

Virginia

Halifax County

Chessum, Margaret married Neely, Robert on 28 Sep 1790 in Halifax County, Virginia

Virginia

Halifax County

Aunat, Samuel married Johnson, Elizabeth on 14 Oct 1790 in Halifax County, Virginia

Virginia

Halifax County

Murphy, Patty married Wills, James on 14 Oct 1790 in Halifax County, Virginia

Virginia

Halifax County

Harper, Mary married Robertson, Pleasant on 18 Oct 1790 in Halifax County, Virginia

Virginia

Halifax County

Brandon, Mary married Burgess, Mordecai on 25 Oct 1790 in Halifax County, Virginia

Virginia

Halifax County

Guthery, Fanny married Milner, Thomas on 25 Oct 1790 in Halifax County, Virginia

Virginia

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Davis, Adam married Shelton, Winney on 03 Nov 1790 in Halifax County, Virginia

Virginia

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Mccraw, Elizabeth married Phelps, William on 08 Nov 1790 in Halifax County, Virginia

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Burchfield, Margaret married Smith, Ozban J. on 13 Nov 1790 in Halifax County, Virginia




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Baily, Rebecca married Bray, James on 19 Sep 1785 in Halifax County, Virginia
Virginia Halifax County
Puckett, Thomas married Wood, Elizabeth on 01 Oct 1785 in Halifax County, Virginia
Virginia Halifax County
Farmer, Mrs Elizabeth married Sullins, Nathan on 04 Oct 1785 in Halifax County, Virginia
Virginia Halifax County
Richardson, Thomas married Thompson, Lucy on 20 Oct 1785 in Halifax County, Virginia
Virginia Halifax County
Chandler, Polly married Chisum, Edmund on 25 Oct 1785 in Halifax County, Virginia
Virginia Halifax County
Batt, Fredrick married Comer, Elizabeth on 29 Oct 1785 in Halifax County, Virginia
Virginia Halifax County
Ashlock, William married Sullins, Sarah on 07 Nov 1785 in Halifax County, Virginia
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Stanley, Martha married Wade, Luke on 10 Nov 1785 in Halifax County, Virginia
Virginia Halifax County
Gholson, Susanna married Pruitt, Anthony on 15 Nov 1785 in Halifax County, Virginia
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Martin, Lucy married Wyatt, James on 19 Nov 1785 in Halifax County, Virginia

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Pittsylvania County

Bray, Patsey married Worley, Aaron on 11 Jan 1786 in Pittsylvania County, Virginia

Virginia

Pittsylvania County

Bruce, Alexander married Hall, Frances on 11 Jan 1786 in Pittsylvania County, Virginia

Virginia

Pittsylvania County

Farthing, John married Moore, Prudence on 26 Jan 1786 in Pittsylvania County, Virginia

Virginia

Pittsylvania County

Cook, Hermon Jr. married Ramsey, Susanna on 04 Feb 1786 in Pittsylvania County, Virginia

Virginia

Pittsylvania County

Aires, Elisha married Owen, Lidia on 13 Feb 1786 in Pittsylvania County, Virginia

Virginia

Pittsylvania County

Brummet, James married Reice, Sarah on 15 Feb 1786 in Pittsylvania County, Virginia

Virginia

Pittsylvania County

Cahill, Abbe married Murphy, William on 07 Mar 1786 in Pittsylvania County, Virginia

Virginia

Pittsylvania County

Adams, Sally married Beadles, Rice on 14 Mar 1786 in Pittsylvania County, Virginia

Virginia

Pittsylvania County

George, Mary married Roberts, Daniel on 20 Mar 1786 in Pittsylvania County, Virginia

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Hampton, Eleanor married Hensley, Benjamin on 22 Mar 1786 in Pittsylvania County, Virginia

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Bray, Harriot married Tyree, John on 03 Feb 1794 in York County, Virginia

Virginia
York County

Garratt, Nancy married Richardson, Turner on 03 Feb 1794 in York County, Virginia

Virginia
York County

Freeman, Sarah married Stroud, John on 17 Mar 1794 in York County, Virginia

Virginia
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Patrick, Elizabeth married Powell, Solomon on 17 Apr 1794 in York County, Virginia

Virginia
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Walker, Priscilla married Wilkinson, William on 05 May 1794 in York County, Virginia

Virginia
York County

Booth, Elizabeth married Rogers, John on 11 Jun 1794 in York County, Virginia

Virginia
York County

Holloway, James married Parsons, Elizabeth on 14 Jul 1794 in York County, Virginia

Virginia
York County

Gayle, John married Howard, Elizabeth on 12 Dec 1794 in York County, Virginia

Virginia
York County

Bagley, Elizabeth married Bohannon, William on 15 Dec 1794 in York County, Virginia

Virginia
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Moore, Ann married Purdie, John on 15 Dec 1794 in York County, Virginia

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HUSBAND'S NAME Columbus Franklin Smith

When Born 10 July 1848 Where Surry County, N.C.
 Christened _____ Where _____
 When Died 6 March 1892 Where Smithtown, Yadkin Co. N.C.
 When Buried _____ Where Prospect Meth. Church, Smithtown, N.C.
 When Married _____ Where _____
 Other Wives (if any) _____
 His Father Henry Smith His Mother's Maiden Name Elmina Whitaker

Information on this sheet obtained from

Prospect Meth. Church Cemetery.
John W. Kiel, Jr.
History of Yadkin Co.

(Husband's Full Name)

(Wife's Maiden Name)

Date _____
 Compiler _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME Ruth Augusta Martin

When Born _____ Where _____
 Christened _____ Where _____
 When Died _____ 1936 Where NEW CASTLE, Indiana
 When Buried _____ Where Meareland Ind.
 Other Husb. (if any) JOHN E. POINDEXTER (John)
 Her Father Gilbert Martin Her Mother's Maiden Name Betsy Baker

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Male or Female	CHILDREN (Arrange in order of birth)	When Born			Where Born			Married to	When Married			When Died*			Where Buried			State or Country
		Day	Month	Year	Town or Place	County	State or Country		Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year	Town or Place	County		
	1 Dora				Smithtown	Yadkin	N.C.	Richmond Cooper							New Castle	Henry	Indiana	
	2 Tom				"	"	"	Myrtle							New Castle	Henry	Indiana	
	3 SARAH ELIZABETH ^(Bertie)	20	Mar.	1881	Smithtown	Yadkin	NC	John William Hill	26	DEC.	1897	17	Nov.	1953	Salem Cemetery	Winston- Salem	NC	
	4 Mary Louise (Lou)				"	"	"	John Robert Choplin							"	"	"	
	5 Luther	10	Dec	1891	"	"	"	BERTHA Plunkett	13	May	1912	24	Apr	1959	South mound	New Castle Henry	Indiana	
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HUSBAND'S NAME F. C. / FRANKLIN COLUMBUS "LUM" SMITH furniture maker
When Born 10 JULY 1848 (2) (3) Where SURRY COUNTY, NC (from YADKIN)
When Died 6 MARCH 1892 (2) Where YADKIN CO., SMITHTOWN
When Buried _____ Where _____
When Married 23 DEC 1875 (1) Where YADKIN CO NC (1)
Other Wives (if any) ELMINA (3)
His Father HENRY SMITH (1) His Mother's Maiden Name ELIZABETH (1)

Information on this sheet obtained from
(1) YADKIN COUNTY, NC
(2) MARRIAGE LICENSES
(2) PROSPECT METHODIST CHURCH
(3) 1850 SURRY Co. Census
(4) 1860 YADKIN Co. CENSUS
(5) VIOLET SMITH HAVEN in a letter dated 17 May 1948 d/o Luther Smith

[data on this license is suspect & does not tally with other evidence]
(Wife's Maiden Name)
Date _____
Compiler _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME RUTH AUGUSTA MARTIN
When Born c. 1858 (4) Where YADKIN COUNTY NC
Christened _____ Where _____
When Died 1936 (AGE 27) Where NEW CASTLE, IN
When Buried _____ Where MOORELAND, IN
Other Husb. (if any) JOHN J. POINDEXTER, MD 20 AUG. 1896 YADKIN MG. NC. (1)
Her Father GILBERT MARTIN (1) Her Mother's Maiden Name ELIZABETH BAKER

Recollections of John William Hill, Husband of Bettie Smith, was told to d-in - Law Jane Hill

Male or Female	CHILDREN (Arrange in order of birth)	When Born			Where Born		State or Country	Married to	When Married			When Died*			Where Buried		State or Country
		Day	Month	Year	Town or Place	County			Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year	Town or Place	County	
	1 DORA						NC	RICHARD COOPER (5)									
	2 TOM						NC	MYRTLE (5)									
	3 ^{Bettie} SARAH ELIZABETH	20	MAR.	1881	Smithtown	Yadkin	NC	JOHN WILLIAM HILL	26	DEC	1897						
	4 ^{Law} MARY LOUISE				"	"	"	JOHN ROBERT CHOPIN	7	OCT	1900						
	5 LUTHER	10	DEC.	1891	"	"	"	BERTHA PLUNKETT (5)	13	MAY	1912	24	APR	1959	SOUTH MAUND	New Castle, Henry Co	IN
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Re: Chatham & Surry Brays

Posted by: [Jacquie Hoggard](#) (ID *****2414)

Date: January 13, 2007 at 18:37:42

In Reply to: [Re: Chatham & Surry Brays](#) by Glenn Longest Bray

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Glenn, Have found some information re the Chatham/Randolph Brays and the Surry ones.

EDWARD BRAY

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Edward BRAY, Senior, was an interesting fellow. Although there is apparently no record of his being a Quaker himself, he was ordered out of the State of North Carolina for refusing to take the Oath of Allegiance to the United States in August, 1777. Evidently Edward was able to assure the Court that he was loyal, because he seems to have remained in North Carolina for the rest of his life. Though some believe he died before the deadline date of the compliance.

After Henry I (of the 1790 will, so called to help differentiate among the Henrys), whom it is believed was probably Edward Sr.'s father, died in Chatham County, North Carolina in 1794, Edward Senior; his wife, Sarah (MAYNARD) BRAY; their son, Henry; his wife, Keziah (JONES) BRAY; and what was apparently the entire branch of Edward's family (land sales and censuses indicate all but Richard were gone from Chatham by 1810, and he disappeared shortly thereafter) went to Surry County, North Carolina. Sarah died there in 1803, as apparently did Edward, before 1810, as he did not appear in that census.

That, too, is interesting, as the HUFFS, parents of Keziah BRAY's mother, lived in Surry County. There were other BRAYS in Surry County as well, who may or may not have been related to the Chatham and Randolph County BRAYS. Edna BRAY REECE follows them through the generations in her BRAYS of Fisher River, Volume I and II.

We do have another record about the BRAYS of Surry County, who came from Chatham or Randolph County. In 1770, Yadkin County was set off from Surry County, North Carolina, and in The Heritage of Yadkin County, there is an interesting writeup about Isaac and Mary (BRAY) CARTER of Deep Creek by Thomas HAMM (a BRAY descendant). After

tracing the immigration of the CARTERS, Mr. HAMM stated that Isaac was left an orphan and lived with his Uncle, Samuel CARTER, who brought him to Chatham County, North Carolina from Pennsylvania about 1766. Professor HAMM went on to say, "Isaac (CARTER) married Mary BRAY, daughter of Edward and Sarah (MAYNER) BRAY and granddaughter of Henry and Mary BRAY and Henry and Susannah MAYNER, all of Chatham County." He also mentioned Isaac was at one time also ordered to leave the state. Isaac died in 1802, "Mary (BRAY) CARTER died between 1830 and 1840." If the latter is true, it may disprove the following interesting possibility.

In The BRAYS of Fisher River, Volume II, Edna BRAY REECE wrote about Joseph BRAY of Surry County. Joseph wrote his will September 16, 1847. He left the bulk of his estate to Allen HELTON and Patricia BOSWELL, and then he wrote the following: "I give and bequeath to my Bro Richard BRAY one hundred dollars.... I give to my sister Polly CARTER ("Polly" was commonly used as the nickname for Mary; could this have been Mary CARTER, wife of Isaac, daughter of Edward and Sarah (MAYNARD) BRAY?) one dollar to her. I give one dollar to Suana MCDANIEL. I give to Rachel MCDANIEL one dollar. I give to Elisabeth SMITH one dollar. I give to Sarah MORRISON one dollar. I give to Henry BRAY one dollar. I give to James BRAY one dollar. I give to John BRAY one dollar. I give to Edward BRAY one Dollar...." It is quite possible that these were the children of Edward and Sarah (MAYNER/MAYNARD) BRAY. We know they had a son, Henry, and probably a son, Edward, and a daughter, Mary. In 1785, a Rachel MCDANIEL (formerly BRAY), was disowned for marrying outside the Quaker faith. And a "Sarah, Jr. was disowned."

At this point in time, it is impossible to state that these named heirs, Richard, "Polly" (Mary) CARTER, Rachel and "Suana" MCDANIEL, Elisabeth SMITH, and Sarah MORRISON, James, John, and Joseph BRAY, himself, were the children of Edward, Senior, and Sarah (MAYNARD) BRAY. However, we know that a Henry and possibly Edward Junior, were, so the possibility certainly exists that the others were too. Mrs. Edna (BRAY) REECE certainly thinks so. The most obvious conclusion is that suggested by her, but there may be flaws in the theory. These individuals were, however, too old to be the children of Edward's son, Henry, though many have the same names, so the above are thought to have been Edward's and Sarah's children. Duplication of given names is often a complication.

Rachel Bray SCHWEIR, followed the descendants of Henry and Keziah (JONES) BRAY in her book, BRAY-SHELTON-JAMESON. The indications are that the BRAYs who originally migrated to Kentucky descended from the family of Edward and Sarah (MAYNARD) BRAY and were primarily descendants of Henry and Keziah (JONES) BRAY. Most had left North Carolina before 1820, and, for the most part, they moved on to Indiana from Kentucky. Presumably many of the other BRAYs in Kentucky also descended from Edward, Senior, and Sarah.

It was to Indiana that many of the other Chatham and Randolph County BRAYs migrated. However, most of them seem to have gone there directly, or to Tennessee first, rather than to Kentucky, and at a later date, at least so far as the research your writer has done, indicates.

One of your writer's correspondents, a lady, proved her line for the DAR and was convinced it was accurate because "William Perry JOHNSON, a well known and respected genealogist, proved, by the process of elimination," that her (Maria) Jane BRAY was the daughter of Edward and Sarah (MAYNARD) BRAY, of the Quaker branch of the BRAY family.

There is documented proof in William Wade HINSHAW's published Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy that Edward BRAY's wife and Henry, one of his sons, were Quakers. In 1759, Sarah was disowned for marrying out of unity by Fairfax Meeting, meaning she married someone who was not a Quaker, or married somewhere other than in the Quaker Meeting House. In order to be reinstated, as she later was, she apparently "condemned" that marriage, either by her husband's dying, being determined to be acceptable, or by her begging forgiveness from the other Quakers. HINSHAW states, after listing the first marriages that were accomplished at Fairfax Monthly Meeting, "there were also a great many marriages 'out of meeting,' some between members and others married to non-members, for which act all parties who were members were promptly disowned, but the majority of those disowned made satisfactory 'acknowledgments which were accepted' and the parties reinstated in membership."

One theory states that Sarah (MAYNARD) BRAY's husband, Edward, died in 1760; but your writer believes that by allowing their son, Henry, to be raised as a Quaker, or in some other way, they must have atoned to the congregation so that Sarah was forgiven. Since Edward later was ordered to leave the state for refusing to sign the Oath of Allegiance, it is possible Edward agreed to live by the tenets of the Quakers.

Edward's and Sarah's son, Henry, was born 8th month, 29th day, 1755, and married Keziah JONES second month, second day (dates are Quaker dates), 1778. Keziah, born 3-19-1761, was the daughter of Richard and Jemima (HUFF) JONES, who were from Pennsylvania, and Quakers as well. Henry and Keziah (JONES) BRAY's children were Jemima, born 11-30-1778; John, born 5-8-1780; Henry, born 2-18-1782; Sarah, born 1-26-1784; Edward, born 1-18-1786; Mary, born 5-25-1788; Richard, born 4-22-1790; Joseph born 6-15-1792, 2 Abijahs (the first, born 3-12-1793, died 7-18-1797, and their next son, born 11-18-1797, was given the same name), Kezia, born 12-15-1800; and Massey, born 6-16-1806.

Although there is quite a bit of specific information about Edward's wife and son, Henry, there is apparently no further information in HINSHAW that definitely names Edward's and Sarah's other children. Assumptions have been made, however, on the basis of the will of Joseph BRAY, Surry County, North Carolina, above.

There was an Edward BRAY, Junior in the 1790 Federal Census for Chatham County. He listed one male 16 years and over, and two females. Edward, Junior, married Ann DOWDY, daughter of Thomas. After Edward, Junior, and Ann sold that land to John RAWNABY in 1808, we have no further definitive record, nor can we be certain of who Edward Senior's and Sarah's other children were. But Edward Junior might also have been the son of Henry BRAY, I, named in his will to inherit 5 shillings! Many theories, as well as those above, are distinct possibilities.

Explicit information as to when Edward BRAY, Senior, died has proven elusive, but only one Edward BRAY was found in the 1810 Surry County Federal Census. Since it showed one male and one female over 45 years of age, and Sarah, you will remember, died in 1803, the presumption is that it was a listing for Edward, Junior, and Ann (DOWDY) BRAY, and that Edward BRAY, Senior, was deceased by this time as another Edward was not listed. Most of Edward's offspring moved on to Kentucky, then to Indiana and some went westward from there, as did Henry, Keziah, and many of their "children."

Mark of Edward Bray Sr., of Chatham Co. (Deed Book G, pg. 138 Nov. 1793)
Wife Sarah Maynard?

EDWARD BRAY SENIOR,

Information is by educated guesses from other researchers, with added information from Joseph BRAY's will

Husband: Edward BRAY Senior

Born: About 1735

Place: Maryland

Married: Before 1755
 Died: 1800 to 1810
 Father: Henry BRAY I
 Mother: Mary (Wilson?)
 Other Spouses:

Place: Maryland
 Place: Surry County, North Carolina

Wife: Sarah MAYNARD
 Born:
 Died: May 15, 1803
 Father: Henry MAYNARD
 Mother: Susannah -?-
 Other Spouses:

Place: Maryland
 Place: Surry County, North Carolina

Sex Children

1. Name: Henry BRAY
 M Born: October 29, 1755
 Married: April 2, 1778
 Died: 1838

Spouse: Keziah JONES
 Place: Maryland or Virginia
 Place: Greensboro, North Carolina
 Place: Morgan County, Indiana

2. Name: Mary BRAY
 F Born: About 1756
 Married:
 Died: Before 1850

Spouse: Isaac CARTER
 Place: Fairfax County, Virginia
 Place:
 Place: Surry County, North Carolina

3. Name: Joseph BRAY
 M Born: About 1758
 Married: 2) May 11, 1820
 Died: After September 16, 1847

Spouse: 1)
 2) Elizabeth LINDSEY
 Place:
 Place: Surry County, North Carolina
 Place: Surry County, North Carolina

4. Name: Edward BRAY Junior
 M Born: About 1759
 Married: Before 1790
 Died:

Spouse: Ann DOWDY
 Place: Orange County, North Carolina
 Place: North Carolina
 Place: Monroe County, Kentucky
 Children: 1) Lucy BRAY, m. ca. Mar. 18, 1811 to Aaron MCPHERSON, Barren Co. Ky.; 2) Rachel BRAY, m. ca. May 17, 1812 to Jonathan JAMES, Barren Co., Kentucky;
 3) Sarah BRAY, m. ca. Feb. 4, 1817 to James JAMES, Barren Co., Kentucky;
 4) Polly BRAY, m. October 6, 1818 to Jesse HILL, Barren Co., Kentucky

5. Name: Richard BRAY
 M Born: About 1760
 Married: About October 17, 1808
 Died:

Spouse: Polly MCGUIRE
 Place: Orange County, North Carolina
 Place: Surry County, North Carolina
 Place:

6. Name: Susannah BRAY
 F Born: About 1761
 Married:
 Died:

Spouse: -?- MCDANIEL
 Place: Orange County, North Carolina
 Place:
 Place:

7. Rachael BRAY
 F Born: About 1762
 Married:
 Died:

Spouse: -?- MCDANIEL
 Place: Orange County, North Carolina
 Place:
 Place:

8. Name: Elizabeth BRAY
 F Born: About 1764
 Married:
 Died:

Spouse: -?- SMITH
 Place: Orange County, North Carolina
 Place:
 Place:

9. Name: Sarah BRAY
 F Born: About 1766
 Married:
 Died:

Spouse: -?- MORRISON
 Place: Orange County, North Carolina
 Place:
 Place:

M Name: James BRAY Spouse:
 M Born: About 1768 Place: Orange County, North Carolina
 Married: Place:
 Died: Place:

HENRY BRAY, SON OF EDWARD BRAY, SENIOR,
 SON OF HENRY BRAY I

William Wade HINSHAW published six enormous volumes of the records of the Quakers, and by doing so gave us a great deal of information about Henry BRAY, son of Edward BRAY Senior, and his family.

In Volume I of his Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy, Volume I, page 358, is an entry from Cane Creek Monthly Meeting, Chatham County, North Carolina: "Richard JONES, s. Richard & Miriam, b. 12-5-1732, Chester Co., Pa. (and) Jemima JONES, dt. Daniel & Mary HUFF, b. 1-4-1742, Philadelphia Co., Pa. Ch(ildren): Mary b. 11-1-1758, Orange Co. (N.C.); Kezia (b.) 3-19-1761, Orange Co.; Jemima (b.) 4-5-1763; Stephen (b.) 6-2-1765, Orange Co.; Abijah (b.) 11-23-1767, Orange Co.; and Daniel (b.) 3-25-1770, Orange Co."

Also in Volume I, page 528, is the entry "BRAY. 1778, 2, 2. Henry, s(on of) Edward, Chatham Co., m Kezia JONES" at New Garden Monthly Meeting, North Carolina.

From Caesars Creek Monthly Meeting, Union County, South Carolina (no date) is the entry "BRAY Henry b. 1755, 8, 29; m. Kezia b 1761, 3, 19; Ch(ildren): Jemima b. 1778, 11, 30; John (b.) 1780, 5, 8; Henry (b.) 1782, 2, 18; Sarah (b.) 1784, 1, 26; Edward (b.) 1786, 1, 18; Mary (b.) 1788, 5, 25; Richard (b.) 1790, 4, 22; Joseph (b.) 1792, 6, 15." On page 851, from Springfield Monthly Meeting, the entire family is listed, with additional children "Abijah, (b.) 3-12-1793, d. 7-18-1797; Abijah (b.) 11-18-1797; Kezia (b.) 12-15-1800, and Massey (b.) 6-16-1806."

Quaker dates use the old calendar, with the first month being March, so that Henry, who was born the 8th month, was actually born in October, rather than in August, as we think of the 8th month today. Care must be taken when dates are transcribed to today's form.

In 1798, Sarah (MAYNARD) BRAY, Henry's Mother, was granted a certificate to Deep Creek Monthly Meeting in Surry County, N. C. It was there that she died, recorded in the minutes for 3-15-1803.

In her book BRAY-SHELTON-JAMESON, Rachel Bray SCHWEIR wrote much about Henry and Kezia's journey through Kentucky to Indiana. Apparently they stayed in Madison County, Kentucky, for some time. There three of their sons married sisters, daughters of Thomas and Mary (JAMESON) SHELTON: John Henry married Hannah, Edward married Elizabeth, and Richard married Mary. Mrs. SCHWEIR traces the descendants of Henry and Kezia rather thoroughly in her book.

In 1807, 2, 12, Henry BRAY and wife, Kezia, and children Edward, Richard, Joseph, Abijah, Mary and Kezia, were received at Miami Monthly Meeting, Warren County, Ohio on a certificate dated 1805, 12, 7, from Deep Creek Monthly Meeting, N. C. In 1811, 9, 25, Henry, Kezia, and their children were granted a certificate to Caesars Creek, Ohio. Finally, Henry and family were received on a certificate to Lick Creek Monthly Meeting, Morgan County, Indiana, in 1812.

Henry and Kezia remained in Morgan County. A cemetery list for White Lick Friends Church shows Henry BRAY, born 1755, died 1838, and Kezia JONES BRAY born 1761, died 1836. Both are buried in the cemetery there, along with many of their descendants and extended family from North Carolina and Kentucky.

HENRY BRAY, SON OF EDWARD BRAY SENIOR, SON OF HENRY BRAY I?

Note: all dates are Quaker, so the 8th month, as in Henry's birth, was October!

Husband: Henry BRAY
 Born: 8-29-1755 Place:
 Married: 2-2-1778 Place: New Garden MM, N.C.
 Died: 1838 Place: Morgan Co., Ind.
 Father: Edward BRAY, Sr.
 Mother: Sarah MAYNER/MAYNARD

Wife: Kezia JONES
 Born: 3-19-1761 Place:
 Died: 1836 Place: Morgan Co., Ind.
 Father: Richard JONES (s/o Richard & Miriam [COPPECK] JONES)
 Mother: Jemima HUFF (d/o Daniel & Mary [WORLEY] HUFF)

1. Name: Jemima BRAY Spouse: Joseph TOMLINSON
 Born: 11-30-1778 Place: near Cane Creek, N.C.
 Married: 1-25-1797 Place: Springfield MM, N.C.
 Died: Place:

2. Name: John H. BRAY Spouse: Hannah SHELTON
 M Born: 5-8-1780 Place: Guilford Co., N.C.
 Married: 12-24-1807 Place: Madison Co., Ky.

Died: 11-26-1875

Place: Morgan Co., Ind.

3. Name: Henry BRAY

Spouse: Sarah SPARKS

Born: 2-18-1782

Place: Guilford Co., N.C.

Married:

Place:

Died:

Place:

4. Name: Sarah BRAY

Spouse: William SUTTON

Born: 1-26-1784

Place: Guilford Co., N. C.

Married:

Place:

Died:

Place:

5. Name: Edward BRAY

Spouse: Elizabeth SHELTON

Born: 1-18-1786

Place: Guilford Co., N.C.

Married: 3-5-1812

Place: Madison Co., Ky.

Died: 9-14-1872

Place: Hamilton Co., Ind.

6. Name: Mary BRAY

Spouse: Aaron CHAMNESS

Born: 5-25-1788

Place: NewBerry, S.C.

Died: 2-6-1853

Place: Lebanon, Boone Co., Ind.

7. Name: Richard BRAY

Spouse: Mary SHELTON

Born: 5-22-1790

Place:

Married:

Place: Madison Co., Ky.

Died: 1-18-1855

Place: Hendricks Co., Ind.

8. Name: Joseph BRAY

Spouse: Betsey STALEY

Born: 6-15-1792

Place: Union Co., S.C.

Died:

Place: Morgan Co., Ind.

9. Name: Abijah BRAY

Spouse: Unmarried

Born: 3-12-1793

Place: S.C.

Died: 7-18-1797

Place: Guilford Co., N.C.

10. Name: Abijah BRAY

Spouse: Isabelle SCOTT

Born: 11-18-1797

Place: Guilford Co., N.C.

11. Name: Kezia BRAY

Spouse:

Born: 12-15-1802

Place: Grayson Co., Va.

Died:

Place: Morgan Co., Ind.

12. Name: Mercy ("Massey") BRAY

Spouse: Jacob HADLEY

Born: 6-16-1806

Place: Madison Co., Ky

Died: 9-29-1879

Place: Iowa

Anne (DOWDY) BRAY's Deed

Deed Book J

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Chatham County May Sessions 1797

The Execution of this deed was duly acknowledged in Open Court by Zachariah HARMAN and on Motion

Ordered to be Regist.d Test /s/ John RAMSEY CC

"To all people to whom these presents shall come Thomas DOWDY do Send Greeting Know ye that the Said Thomas DOWDY of the County of Chatham and State of North Carolina planter for and in consideration of the love good will and affection which I have and do bear towards my dear and loving Daughter Anne BRAY Wife of Edward BRAY Junior of the County and State aforesaid planter have given and granted and by these presents do freely give and grant unto the said Ann (sic) BRAY heir and assigns forever a certain Tract or parcel of Land lying and being in the Said County of Chatham on the waters of Mudlick Creek and bounded as follows to wit: Beginning at a red Oak running West one hundred and Sixty poles to a white Oak Saplin (sic) South Eighty poles to a post Oak East Sixty two poles to a Jack Oak Saplin (sic) South thirty three poles to a Jack Oak East ninety eight poles to a post Oak Thence North to the Beginning Containing one hundred Acres more or less it being part of a larger Tract of Land granted unto the sd. Thomas DOWDY by a grant bearing date the 23 day of Sept 1785 & registered in the Registers office of the Said County of Chatham recourse being thereunto has will ? (sic) more fully appear and all profits, advantages, Hereditaments (sic) & appurtenances whatsoever to the Sd Tract of Land

Above mentioned, or in any wise appertaining and all the Estate right Title Interest claim and demand whatsoever of him the Said Thomas DOWDY of in and to the Said premises and every part and parcel thereof to have and to hold the said Tract of Land & every part & Parcel thereof with all ways, waters, water Courses, Mines, & Minerals unto the Sd Anne BRAY her heirs and assigns to the only proper use benefit and behoof of her the Sd. Anne BRAY, her heirs & assigns forever absolutely without any manner of Consideration and the Sd. Thomas DOWDY for himself his Executors, heirs and adm.s doth hereby warrant and forever defend against all persons the Sd. Land & premises unto her the Sd. Anne BRAY her heirs and assigns In Witness whereof the Sd. Thomas DOWDY hath hereunto Set his hand and Seal this Six (sic) day of October 1796

Signed Sealed & delivered

In the presence of /s/ Thomas DOWDAY (sic) {Seal}

his

Bartely ^ DOWDAY (sic)

mark

her

Lucy > DOWDAY (sic)

Mark

Chatham County August Sessions 1797

The Executor of this Deed was duly acknowledged in Open Court & Ordered to be Registered

Test /s/

John RAMSEY CC"

Anne (DOWDY) BRAY's Deed from Deed Book J

EDWARD BRAY JUNIOR, SON OF EDWARD BRAY SENIOR?.

The assumption is that Edward BRAY, Junior was the son of Edward, Senior and Sarah (MAYNARD/MAYNER?) BRAY. Edward Junior was listed in the 1790 Hillsborough District, Chatham County, North Carolina Federal Census immediately following Edward BRAY Senior. Junior listed one male over 16 years and two females.

Little more is known about the young Edward. In Chatham County Deed Book J, page 126, is a deed from Thomas DOWDY "for and in consideration of the love good will and affection which I have and do bear towards my dear and loving Daughter Anne BRAY Wife of Edward BRAY Junior," granting land on Mudlick Creek in Chatham. The deed is dated October 6, 1796.

The Chatham County, North Carolina Federal Census for 1800 shows only one BRAY with a similar name: Edmond BRAY, with one male 26-45, four females under 10, 1 female 10-16, and 1 female 26-45. It could conceivably have been for Edward, Junior if the following marriage bonds are for his daughters. No Quaker record which obviously pertains to Edward Junior has been found, to this writer's knowledge.

Chatham County Deed Book P, page 300, apparently transfers title for the same land granted to Ann (DOWDY) BRAY by her father, for the sum of \$120. It bears the marks of Edward BRAY and Ann BRAY. The deed is dated June 16, 1808, which could also indicate that the "Edmund" BRAY was Edward Junior.

The Surry County, North Carolina Federal Census for 1810 shows an Edward BRAY, over 45, with one female, also over 45. It is assumed to be the listing of Edward, Junior, as Sarah (MAYNARD) BRAY, wife of Edward BRAY Senior died the fifteenth of the third month, 1803. Presumably, Edward, Senior was also deceased by 1810, as there is only one listing for an Edward BRAY in the Surry County Census. What became of all the daughters listed in the 1800 census is a mystery, though the elder ones could have married. Perhaps we have clues along those lines. Edward BRAY Junior apparently left North Carolina before the 1820 census.

Deed of Edward BRAY Jr. Chatham Co. Deed Book O pg. 300, February 1807

Deed of Edward Bray Jr. and his Wife Anne
(Chatham Co. NC Deed Book P pg. 301, February 1809)

Those BRAYs who are believed to be a part of the Edward BRAY family appear to have left North Carolina by about 1810. According to some North Carolina records, they seem to have migrated to Surry County, NC for a brief time, and then moved on to Henry County, Tennessee prior to migrating to Kentucky, where they remained a few years. Some also moved farther to various counties in Indiana.

Your writer has a typed paper sent to her by a fellow researcher, which states it is part of a record "copied from Barren Co., Ky. courthouse by William L. THOMAS, Feb., 1985."
One Barren Co. Ky record is as follows:

"Barren Co. Ky Marriage file 1811-1:

/s/Aaron MCPHERSON {Seal}

/s/ Edward BRAY”

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/s/ John GER(?)”

"Febeary the 4 1817: this is to assertify that I Edward BRAY and Anna BRAY have no objection of James JAMES haveing thair daughter saRy BRAY.

/s/ Edward BRAY
/s/ John JAMES
/s/ Benjamin FRASER"

"Know all men by these presents that we James JAMES and John JAMES are held and firmly bound unto the Commonwealth of Kentucky in the sum of fifty pounds current money which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves and our heirs firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated the 4th day of February 1817.

The condition of the above obligation is such that if there be no lawful cause to prevent a marriage intended between the above bound James JAMES and Sarah BRAY for which a marriage license has issued then the above obligation to be void else to remain in full force and virtue.

James (his mark) JAMES
/s/ John JAMES"

"The within certificates proved by the oath of the within John JAMES and thereupon license was granted this 4th day of Feby 1817."
/s/ H. EUBANK DC(?)"

Tradition says that James and John JAMES were related to the infamous "JAMES Boys," outlaws.

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One last record appears on Thomas' paper:

"Barren Co., KY Marriage file 1818-3:

I dow sertify that I Edward BRAY do agree for Jessee H HILL and my daughter Polley BRAY to get maried and desire you to grant them licens.

October 1 1818

Edward (his mark) BRAY

Attest:+

/s/ Solomon DICKERSON
/s/ Henry DICKERSON /s/William LOGAN Clark"

"Know all men by these presents that we Jesse H. HILL and Solomon DICKERSON are held and firmly bound unto the Commonwealth of Ky in the sum of fifty pounds current money which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves and our heirs firmly by these presents sealed and dated this 3rd day of October 1818.

"The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas there is a marriage shortly intended to be solemnized between the above bound Jesse H. HILL and Polly BRAY for which a license has issued. If there be no lawful cause to prevent the aforesaid marriage, then the above obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

Jesse (his mark) H. HILL
/s/ Solomon DICKERSON

"I do hereby certify that security is taken in my office according to law, for a license to issue for a marriage intended between Jesse H. HILL and Polly BRAY.

These are therefore to license and permit you to join together in the holy estate of matrimony the aforesaid Jesse Jesse (sic.) H. HILL and Polly BRAY agreeably to the forms and customs of the Church of which you are reputed a member and for so doing these shall be your sufficient

warrent given under my hand this 3rd day of October 1818.

/s/ W. LOGAN Clk

Jesse H. HILL and Polly BRAY married 6th day of October 1818 by James WELCH minister of the gospel."

Jesse H. HILL and Polly BRAY's Permission to Marry and Marriage Bond
(Barren County, KY, October 1818)

JOSEPH BRAY, SON OF EDWARD BRAY, SENIOR?

As stated above, the names of the children of Edward and Sarah (MAYNARD) BRAY are difficult to come by, except for Henry, who is documented fairly thoroughly in Quaker records.

Thomas D. HAMM, another BRAY descendant, wrote about Isaac and Mary (BRAY) CARTER in Yadkin County, North Carolina, established in 1850 from part of Surry County. Dr. HAMM wrote that Isaac CARTER married Mary BRAY, daughter of Edward BRAY, and grand-daughter of Henry and Mary (WILSON) BRAY and Henry and Susannah MAYNARD of Chatham County, North Carolina.

In the 1800 Federal Census for Surry County, North Carolina, there is a listing for one Joseph BRAY, showing one male and one female, each 16-26 years of age. This was not the son of Henry and Keziah (JONES) BRAY, as their son, Joseph, was born in 1792, according to William Wade HINSHAW's Quaker records, as that Joseph was only about eight years of age in 1800, and would certainly not have been a head of a household.

In the 1810 Surry County Federal Census Joseph BRAY was 26-45, and listed also one male under 5 and a female 26-45. By 1820, Joseph's wife had apparently died, as there was no listing for a female, and the younger male was listed as 18-26.

Was this Joseph BRAY the son of Edward, Senior, and Sarah (MAYNARD) BRAY? Certainly, Edna BRAY REECE believes he was. In her book about the Surry County BRAYs, she wrote about "Joseph (BRAY) De-Codes a Family."

Her research, for which your writer is extremely grateful, shows that Joseph purchased fifty acres of land from Elijah CARLTON October 30, 1811, on the Waters of Deep Creek in the area of the part of Surry County which is now Yadkin County. It was in this area that Isaac and Mary ("Polly" BRAY) CARTER settled.

In his will, Joseph BRAY left much of his wealth to Allen HELTON and Patience BASWELL. Other legacies were to his "brother, Richard BRAY, one hundred dollars;" and to his "sister Polly CARTER, one dollar." In addition, he left Suana MCDANIEL, Rachel MCDANIEL, Elizabeth SMITH, Sarah MORRISON, Henry BRAY, James BRAY, John BRAY, and Edward BRAY each one dollar.

In the way the will is worded, the strong indication is that the other named legatees were siblings of Joseph BRAY, and children of Edward, Senior, and Sarah (MAYNARD) BRAY. And a Sarah BRAY, Junior, was disowned by the Quakers in 1783, as was Rachel MCDANIEL (formerly BRAY) in 1785, for "marrying out of unity."

Mrs. REECE and your writer believe that Joseph BRAY was naming his siblings in his will, and that he, and those therein named, were children of Edward BRAY Senior and Sarah (MAYNARD) BRAY. Perhaps further research will prove or disprove that theory.

THE WILL OF JOSEPH BRAY

I Joseph BRAY of the County of Surry and State of North Carolina Being of sound mind and memory but being weak in body But considering the uncertainty of my Earthly existence Do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form follo-wing that is to say

First that my Executor hereinafter named shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my Just debts howsoever and to whomsoever owing out of the money that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my Estate

Item 1st I give to Allen HELTON all my land whereon I now live to him and his heirs in fee simple But my will is that Patience BOSWELL is to live on the land her life time and have support and to live in the house that she now lives in and I give one hundred dollars in cash to Patience BOSWELL out of my money and one white face cow to Patience BOSWELL all the Ballance of my stock but the sheep to Allen HELTON the sheep to use of the family I give and bequeath to my Bro Richard BRAY one hundred dollars to be paid by my executor I give to my sister Polly CARTER one dollar to her I give one dollar to Suana MCDANIEL I give to Rachel MCDANIEL one dollar I give to Elisabeth SMITH one dollar I give to Sarah MORRISON one dollar I give to Henry BRAY one dollar I give to James BRAY one dollar I give to John BRAY one dollar I give to Edward BRAY one dollar to be paid by Executor the Balance of any money and notes I give and bequeath to Allen HELTON and heirs My desire and wish is that John HOLCOMB be my Executor In witness wherof I Joseph BRAY do hereunto set my hand and seal this the 16th day of Sept 1847

In the presence of us
/s/ Joseph DAVIS
/s/ Al(?) Gentry Jr

his
Joseph X BRAY seal
mark

The Will of Joseph BRAY (1847)

Will of Joseph BRAY (cont.)

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Glenn, Have found some information re the Chatham/Randolph Brays and the Surry ones.

EDWARD BRAY

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Edward BRAY, Senior, was an interesting fellow. Although there is apparently no record of his being a Quaker himself, he was ordered out of the State of North Carolina for refusing to take the Oath of Allegiance to the United States in August, 1777. Evidently Edward was able to assure the Court that he was loyal, because he seems to have remained in North Carolina for the rest of his life. Though some believe he died before the deadline date of the compliance.

After Henry I (of the 1790 will, so called to help differentiate among the Henrys), whom it is believed was probably Edward Sr.'s father, died in Chatham County, North Carolina in 1794, Edward Senior; his wife, Sarah (MAYNARD) BRAY; their son, Henry; his wife, Keziah (JONES) BRAY; and what was apparently the entire branch of Edward's family (land sales and censuses indicate all but Richard were gone from Chatham by 1810, and he disappeared shortly thereafter) went to Surry County, North Carolina. Sarah died there in 1803, as apparently did Edward, before 1810, as he did not appear in that census.

That, too, is interesting, as the HUFFS, parents of Keziah BRAY's mother, lived in Surry County. There were other BRAYs in Surry County as well, who may or may not have been related to the Chatham and Randolph County BRAYs. Edna BRAY REECE follows them through the generations in her BRAYS of Fisher River, Volume I and II.

We do have another record about the BRAYs of Surry County, who came from Chatham or Randolph County. In 1770, Yadkin County was set off from Surry County, North Carolina, and in The Heritage of Yadkin County, there is an

interesting writeup about Isaac and Mary (BRAY) CARTER of Deep Creek by Thomas HAMM (a BRAY descendant). After tracing the immigration of the CARTERS, Mr. HAMM stated that Isaac was left an orphan and lived with his Uncle, Samuel CARTER, who brought him to Chatham County, North Carolina from Pennsylvania about 1766. Professor HAMM went on to say, "Isaac (CARTER) married Mary BRAY, daughter of Edward and Sarah (MAYNER) BRAY and granddaughter of Henry and Mary BRAY and Henry and Susannah MAYNER, all of Chatham County." He also mentioned Isaac was at one time also ordered to leave the state. Isaac died in 1802, "Mary (BRAY) CARTER died between 1830 and 1840." If the latter is true, it may disprove the following interesting possibility.

In The BRAYS of Fisher River, Volume II, Edna BRAY REECE wrote about Joseph BRAY of Surry County. Joseph wrote his will September 16, 1847. He left the bulk of his estate to Allen HELTON and Patricia BOSWELL, and then he wrote the following: "I give and bequeath to my Bro Richard BRAY one hundred dollars.... I give to my sister Polly CARTER ("Polly" was commonly used as the nickname for Mary; could this have been Mary CARTER, wife of Isaac, daughter of Edward and Sarah (MAYNARD) BRAY?) one dollar to her. I give one dollar to Suana MCDANIEL. I give to Rachel MCDANIEL one dollar. I give to Elisabeth SMITH one dollar. I give to Sarah MORRISON one dollar. I give to Henry BRAY one dollar. I give to James BRAY one dollar. I give to John BRAY one dollar. I give to Edward BRAY one Dollar...." It is quite possible that these were the children of Edward and Sarah (MAYNER/MAYNARD) BRAY. We know they had a son, Henry, and probably a son, Edward, and a daughter, Mary. In 1785, a Rachel MCDANIEL (formerly BRAY), was disowned for marrying outside the Quaker faith. And a "Sarah, Jr. was disowned."

At this point in time, it is impossible to state that these named heirs, Richard, "Polly" (Mary) CARTER, Rachel and "Suana" MCDANIEL, Elisabeth SMITH, and Sarah MORRISON, James, John, and Joseph BRAY, himself, were the children of Edward, Senior, and Sarah (MAYNARD) BRAY. However, we know that a Henry and possibly Edward Junior, were, so the possibility certainly exists that the others were too. Mrs. Edna (BRAY) REECE certainly thinks so. The most obvious conclusion is that suggested by her, but there may be flaws in the theory. These individuals were, however, too old to be the children of Edward's son, Henry, though many have the same names, so the above are thought to have been Edward's and Sarah's children. Duplication of given names is often a complication.

Rachel Bray SCHWEIR, followed the descendants of Henry and Keziah (JONES) BRAY in her book, BRAY-SHELTON-JAMESON. The indications are that the BRAYs who originally migrated to Kentucky descended from the family of Edward and Sarah (MAYNARD) BRAY and were primarily descendants of Henry and Keziah (JONES) BRAY. Most had left North Carolina before 1820, and, for the most part, they moved on to Indiana from Kentucky. Presumably many of the other BRAYs in Kentucky also descended from Edward, Senior, and Sarah.

It was to Indiana that many of the other Chatham and Randolph County BRAYs migrated. However, most of them seem to have gone there directly, or to Tennessee first, rather than to Kentucky, and at a later date, at least so far as the research your writer has done, indicates.

One of your writer's correspondents, a lady, proved her line for the DAR and

was convinced it was accurate because "William Perry JOHNSON, a well known and respected genealogist, proved, by the process of elimination," that her (Maria) Jane BRAY was the daughter of Edward and Sarah (MAYNARD) BRAY, of the Quaker branch of the BRAY family.

There is documented proof in William Wade HINSHAW's published Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy that Edward BRAY's wife and Henry, one of his sons, were Quakers. In 1759, Sarah was disowned for marrying out of unity by Fairfax Meeting, meaning she married someone who was not a Quaker, or married somewhere other than in the Quaker Meeting House. In order to be reinstated, as she later was, she apparently "condemned" that marriage, either by her husband's dying, being determined to be acceptable, or by her begging forgiveness from the other Quakers. HINSHAW states, after listing the first marriages that were accomplished at Fairfax Monthly Meeting, "there were also a great many marriages 'out of meeting,' some between members and others married to non-members, for which act all parties who were members were promptly disowned, but the majority of those disowned made satisfactory 'acknowledgments which were accepted' and the parties reinstated in membership."

One theory states that Sarah (MAYNARD) BRAY's husband, Edward, died in 1760; but your writer believes that by allowing their son, Henry, to be raised as a Quaker, or in some other way, they must have atoned to the congregation so that Sarah was forgiven. Since Edward later was ordered to leave the state for refusing to sign the Oath of Allegiance, it is possible Edward agreed to live by the tenets of the Quakers.

Edward's and Sarah's son, Henry, was born 8th month, 29th day, 1755, and married Keziah JONES second month, second day (dates are Quaker dates), 1778. Keziah, born 3-19-1761, was the daughter of Richard and Jemima (HUFF) JONES, who were from Pennsylvania, and Quakers as well. Henry and Keziah (JONES) BRAY's children were Jemima, born 11-30-1778; John, born 5-8-1780; Henry, born 2-18-1782; Sarah, born 1-26-1784; Edward, born 1-18-1786; Mary, born 5-25-1788; Richard, born 4-22-1790; Joseph born 6-15-1792, 2 Abijahs (the first, born 3-12-1793, died 7-18-1797, and their next son, born 11-18-1797, was given the same name), Kezia, born 12-15-1800; and Massey, born 6-16-1806.

Although there is quite a bit of specific information about Edward's wife and son, Henry, there is apparently no further information in HINSHAW that definitely names Edward's and Sarah's other children. Assumptions have been made, however, on the basis of the will of Joseph BRAY, Surry County, North Carolina, above.

There was an Edward BRAY, Junior in the 1790 Federal Census for Chatham County. He listed one male 16 years and over, and two females. Edward, Junior, married Ann DOWDY, daughter of Thomas. After Edward, Junior, and Ann sold that land to John RAWNABY in 1808, we have no further definitive record, nor can we be certain of who Edward Senior's and Sarah's other children were. But Edward Junior might also have been the son of Henry BRAY, I, named in his will to inherit 5 shillings! Many theories, as well as those above, are distinct possibilities. Explicit information as to when Edward BRAY, Senior, died has proven elusive, but only one Edward BRAY was found in the 1810 Surry County Federal Census. Since it showed one male and one female over 45 years of age, and Sarah, you will remember, died in 1803, the presumption is that it was a listing for Edward, Junior, and Ann (DOWDY) BRAY, and that Edward BRAY, Senior, was deceased by this time as another Edward was not listed. Most of

Edward's offspring moved on to Kentucky, then to Indiana and some went westward from there, as did Henry, Keziah, and many of their "children."
 Mark of Edward Bray Sr., of Chatham Co. (Deed Book G, pg. 138 Nov. 1793)
 Wife Sarah Maynard?

EDWARD BRAY SENIOR,

Information is by educated guesses from other researchers, with added information from Joseph BRAY's will

Husband: Edward BRAY Senior

Born: About 1735

Place: Maryland

Married: Before 1755

Place: Maryland

Died: 1800 to 1810

Place: Surry County, North Carolina

Father: Henry BRAY I

Mother: Mary (Wilson?)

Other Spouses:

Wife: Sarah MAYNARD

Born:

Place: Maryland

Died: May 15, 1803

Place: Surry County, North Carolina

Father: Henry MAYNARD

Mother: Susannah -?-

Other Spouses:

Sex Children

1. Name: Henry BRAY

Spouse: Keziah JONES

M Born: October 29, 1755

Place: Maryland or Virginia

Married: April 2, 1778

Place: Greensboro, North Carolina

Died: 1838

Place: Morgan County, Indiana

2. Name: Mary BRAY

Spouse: Isaac CARTER

F Born: About 1756

Place: Fairfax County, Virginia

Married:

Place:

Died: Before 1850

Place: Surry County, North Carolina

3. Name: Joseph BRAY

Spouse: 1)

2) Elizabeth LINDSEY

M Born: About 1758

Place:

Married: 2) May 11, 1820

Place: Surry County, North Carolina

Died: After September 16, 1847

Place: Surry County, North Carolina

4. Name: Edward BRAY Junior

Spouse: Ann DOWDY

M Born: About 1759

Place: Orange County, North Carolina

Married: Before 1790

Place: North Carolina

Died:

Place: Monroe County, Kentucky

Children: 1) Lucy BRAY, m. ca. Mar. 18, 1811 to Aaron MCPHERSON, Barren Co. Ky.; 2) Rachel BRAY, m. ca. May 17, 1812 to Jonathan JAMES, Barren Co., Kentucky;

- 3) Sarah BRAY, m. ca. Feb. 4, 1817 to James JAMES, Barren Co., Kentucky;
 4) Polly BRAY, m. October 6, 1818 to Jesse HILL, Barren Co., Kentucky

5. Name: Richard BRAY Spouse: Polly MCGUIRE
 M Born: About 1760 Place: Orange County, North Carolina
 Married: About October 17, 1808 Place: Surry County, North Carolina
 Died: Place:

6. Name: Susannah BRAY Spouse: -?- MCDANIEL
 F Born: About 1761 Place: Orange County, North Carolina
 Married: Place:
 Died: Place:

7. Rachael BRAY Spouse: -?- MCDANIEL
 F Born: About 1762 Place: Orange County, North Carolina
 Married: Place:
 Died: Place:

8. Name: Elizabeth BRAY Spouse: -?- SMITH
 F Born: About 1764 Place: Orange County, North Carolina
 Married: Place:
 Died: Place:

9. Name: Sarah BRAY Spouse: -?- MORRISON
 F Born: About 1766 Place: Orange County, North Carolina
 Married: Place:
 Died: Place:

10. Name: James BRAY Spouse:
 M Born: About 1768 Place: Orange County, North Carolina
 Married: Place:
 Died: Place:

HENRY BRAY, SON OF EDWARD BRAY, SENIOR,?
 SON OF HENRY BRAY I

William Wade HINSHAW published six enormous volumes of the records of the Quakers, and by doing so gave us a great deal of information about Henry BRAY, son of Edward BRAY Senior, and his family.

In Volume I of his Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy, Volume I, page 358, is an entry from Cane Creek Monthly Meeting, Chatham County, North Carolina: "Richard JONES, s. Richard & Miriam, b. 12-5-1732, Chester Co., Pa. (and) Jemima JONES, dt. Daniel & Mary HUFF, b. 1-4-1742, Philadelphia Co., Pa. Ch(ildren): Mary b. 11-1-1758, Orange Co. (N.C.); Kezia (b.) 3-19-1761, Orange Co.; Jemima (b.) 4-5-1763; Stephen (b.) 6-2-1765, Orange Co.; Abijah (b.) 11-23-1767, Orange Co.; and Daniel (b.) 3-25-1770, Orange Co."

Also in Volume I, page 528, is the entry "BRAY. 1778, 2, 2. Henry, s(on of) Edward, Chatham Co., m Kezia JONES" at New Garden Monthly Meeting, North Carolina.

From Caesars Creek Monthly Meeting, Union County, South Carolina (no

date) is the entry "BRAY Henry b. 1755, 8, 29; m. Keziah b 1761, 3, 19; Ch (ildren): Jemima b. 1778, 11, 30; John (b.) 1780, 5, 8; Henry (b.) 1782, 2, 18; Sarah (b.) 1784, 1, 26; Edward (b.) 1786, 1, 18; Mary (b.) 1788, 5, 25; Richard (b.) 1790, 4, 22; Joseph (b.) 1792, 6, 15. " On page 851, from Springfield Monthly Meeting, the entire family is listed, with additional children "Abijah, (b.) 3-12-1793, d. 7-18-1797; Abijah (b.) 11-18-1797; Kezia (b.) 12-15-1800, and Massey (b.) 6-16-1806. "

Quaker dates use the old calendar, with the first month being March, so that Henry, who was born the 8th month, was actually born in October, rather than in August, as we think of the 8th month today. Care must be taken when dates are transcribed to today's form.

In 1798, Sarah (MAYNARD) BRAY, Henry's Mother, was granted a certificate to Deep Creek Monthly Meeting in Surry County, N. C. It was there that she died, recorded in the minutes for 3-15-1803.

In her book BRAY-SHELTON-JAMESON, Rachel Bray SCHWEIR wrote much about Henry and Keziah's journey through Kentucky to Indiana. Apparently they stayed in Madison County, Kentucky, for some time. There three of their sons married sisters, daughters of Thomas and Mary (JAMESON) SHELTON: John Henry married Hannah, Edward married Elizabeth, and Richard married Mary. Mrs. SCHWEIR traces the descendants of Henry and Keziah rather thoroughly in her book.

In 1807, 2, 12, Henry BRAY and wife, Keziah, and children Edward, Richard, Joseph, Abijah, Mary and Keziah, were received at Miami Monthly Meeting, Warren County, Ohio on a certificate dated 1805, 12, 7, from Deep Creek Monthly Meeting, N. C. In 1811, 9, 25, Henry, Keziah, and their children were granted a certificate to Caesars Creek, Ohio. Finally, Henry and family were received on a certificate to Lick Creek Monthly Meeting, Morgan County, Indiana, in 1812.

Henry and Keziah remained in Morgan County. A cemetery list for White Lick Friends Church shows Henry BRAY, born 1755, died 1838, and Kezia JONES BRAY born 1761, died 1836. Both are buried in the cemetery there, along with many of their descendants and extended family from North Carolina and Kentucky.

HENRY BRAY, SON OF EDWARD BRAY SENIOR, SON OF HENRY BRAY I?

Note: all dates are Quaker, so the 8th month, as in Henry's birth, was October!

Husband: Henry BRAY

Born: 8-29-1755

Place:

Married: 2-2-1778

Place: New Garden MM, N.C.

Died: 1838

Place: Morgan Co., Ind.

Father: Edward BRAY, Sr.

Mother: Sarah MAYNER/MAYNARD

Wife: Keziah JONES

Born: 3-19-1761

Place:

Died: 1836

Place: Morgan Co., Ind.

Father: Richard JONES (s/o Richard & Miriam [COPPECK] JONES)

Mother: Jemima HUFF (d/o Daniel & Mary [WORLEY] HUFF)

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| 1. Name: Jemima BRAY
Born: 11-30-1778
Married: 1-25-1797
Died: | Spouse: Joseph TOMLINSON
Place: near Cane Creek, N.C.
Place: Springfield MM, N.C.
Place: |
| 2. Name: John H. BRAY
M Born: 5-8-1780
Married: 12-24-1807
Died: 11-26-1875 | Spouse: Hannah SHELTON
Place: Guilford Co., N.C.
Place: Madison Co., Ky.
Place: Morgan Co., Ind. |
| 3. Name: Henry BRAY
Born: 2-18-1782
Married:
Died: | Spouse: Sarah SPARKS
Place: Guilford Co., N.C.
Place:
Place: |
| 4. Name: Sarah BRAY
Born: 1-26-1784
Married:
Died: | Spouse: William SUTTON
Place: Guilford Co., N. C.
Place:
Place: |
| 5. Name: Edward BRAY
Born: 1-18-1786
Married: 3-5-1812
Died: 9-14-1872 | Spouse: Elizabeth SHELTON
Place: Guilford Co., N.C.
Place: Madison Co., Ky.
Place: Hamilton Co., Ind. |
| 6. Name: Mary BRAY
Born: 5-25-1788
Died: 2-6-1853 | Spouse: Aaron CHAMNESS
Place: NewBerry, S.C.
Place: Lebanon, Boone Co., Ind. |
| 7. Name: Richard BRAY
Born: 5-22-1790
Married:
Died: 1-18-1855 | Spouse: Mary SHELTON
Place:
Place: Madison Co., Ky.
Place: Hendricks Co., Ind. |
| 8. Name: Joseph BRAY
Born: 6-15-1792
Died: | Spouse: Betsey STALEY
Place: Union Co., S.C.
Place: Morgan Co., Ind. |
| 9. Name: Abijah BRAY
Born: 3-12-1793
Died: 7-18-1797 | Spouse: Unmarried
Place: S.C.
Place: Guilford Co., N.C. |
| 10. Name: Abijah BRAY
Born: 11-18-1797 | Spouse: Isabelle SCOTT
Place: Guilford Co., N.C. |
| 11. Name: Kezia BRAY
Born: 12-15-1802
Died: | Spouse:
Place: Grayson Co., Va.
Place: Morgan Co., Ind |

12. Name: Mercy ("Massey") BRAY Spouse: Jacob HADLEY
 Born: 6-16-1806 Place: Madison Co., Ky
 Died: 9-29-1879 Place: Iowa

Anne (DOWDY) BRAY's Deed
 Deed Book J

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Chatham County May Sessions 1797

The Execution of this deed was duly acknowledged in Open Court by Zachariah HARMAN and on Motion Ordered to be Regist.d Test /s/ John RAMSEY CC
 "To all people to whom these presents shall come Thomas DOWDY do Send Greeting Know ye that the Said Thomas DOWDY of the County of Chatham and State of North Carolina planter for and in consideration of the love good will and affection which I have and do bear towards my dear and loving Daughter Anne BRAY Wife of Edward BRAY Junior of the County and State aforesaid planter have given and granted and by these presents do freely give and grant unto the said Ann (sic) BRAY heir and assigns forever a certain Tract or parcel of Land lying and being in the Said County of Chatham on the waters of Mudlick Creek and bounded as follows to wit: Beginning at a red Oak running West one hundred and Sixty poles to a white Oak Saplin (sic) South Eighty poles to a post Oak East Sixty two poles to a Jack Oak Saplin (sic) South thirty three poles to a Jack Oak East ninety eight poles to a post Oak Thence North to the Beginning Containing one hundred Acres more or less it being part of a larger Tract of Land granted unto the sd. Thomas DOWDY by a grant bearing date the 23 day of Sept 1785 & registered in the Registers office of the Said County of Chatham recourse being thereunto has will ? (sic) more fully appear and all profits, advantages, Heredataments (sic) & appurtenances whatsoever to the Sd Tract of Land Above mentioned, or in any wise appertaining and all the Estate right Title Interest claim and demand whatsoever of him the Said Thomas DOWDY of in and to the Said premises and every part and parcel thereof to have and to hold the said Tract of Land & every part & Parcel thereof with all ways, waters, water Courses, Mines, & Minerals unto the Sd Anne BRAY her heirs and assigns to the only proper use benefit and behoof of her the Sd. Anne BRAY, her heirs & assigns forever absolutely without any manner of Consideration and the Sd. Thomas DOWDY for himself his Executors, heirs and adm.s doth hereby warrant and forever defend against all persons the Sd. Land & premises unto her the Sd. Anne BRAY her heirs and assigns In Witness whereof the Sd. Thomas DOWDY hath hereunto Set his hand and Seal this Six (sic) day of October 1796

Signed Sealed & delivered

In the presence of /s/ Thomas DOWDAY (sic) {Seal}

his

Bartely ^ DOWDAY (sic)

mark

her

Lucy > DOWDAY (sic)

Mark

Chatham County August Sessions 1797

The Executor of this Deed was duly acknowledged in Open Court & Ordered to be Registered Test /s/ John RAMSEY CC"

Anne (DOWDY) BRAY's Deed from Deed Book J

EDWARD BRAY JUNIOR, SON OF EDWARD BRAY SENIOR?,

The assumption is that Edward BRAY, Junior was the son of Edward, Senior and Sarah (MAYNARD/MAYNER?) BRAY. Edward Junior was listed in the 1790 Hillsborough District, Chatham County, North Carolina Federal Census immediately following Edward BRAY Senior. Junior listed one male over 16 years and two females.

Little more is known about the young Edward. In Chatham County Deed Book J, page 126, is a deed from Thomas DOWDY "for and in consideration of the love good will and affection which I have and do bear towards my dear and loving Daughter Anne BRAY Wife of Edward BRAY Junior," granting land on Mudlick Creek in Chatham. The deed is dated October 6, 1796.

The Chatham County, North Carolina Federal Census for 1800 shows only one BRAY with a similar name: Edmond BRAY, with one male 26-45, four females under 10, 1 female 10-16, and 1 female 26-45. It could conceivably have been for Edward, Junior if the following marriage bonds are for his daughters. No Quaker record which obviously pertains to Edward Junior has been found, to this writer's knowledge.

Chatham County Deed Book P, page 300, apparently transfers title for the same land granted to Ann (DOWDY) BRAY by her father, for the sum of \$120. It bears the marks of Edward BRAY and Ann BRAY. The deed is dated June 16, 1808, which could also indicate that the "Edmund" BRAY was Edward Junior.

The Surry County, North Carolina Federal Census for 1810 shows an Edward BRAY, over 45, with one female, also over 45. It is assumed to be the listing of Edward, Junior, as Sarah (MAYNARD) BRAY, wife of Edward BRAY Senior died the fifteenth of the third month, 1803. Presumably, Edward, Senior was also deceased by 1810, as there is only one listing for an Edward BRAY in the Surry County Census. What became of all the daughters listed in the 1800 census is a mystery, though the elder ones could have married. Perhaps we have clues along those lines. Edward BRAY Junior apparently left North Carolina before the 1820 census.

Deed of Edward BRAY Jr. Chatham Co. Deed Book O pg. 300, February 1807

Deed of Edward Bray Jr. and his Wife Anne
(Chatham Co. NC Deed Book P pg. 301, February 1809)

Those BRAYs who are believed to be a part of the Edward BRAY family appear to have left North Carolina by about 1810. According to some North Carolina records, they seem to have migrated to Surry County, NC for a brief time, and then moved on to Henry County, Tennessee prior to migrating to Kentucky, where they remained a few years. Some also moved farther to various counties in Indiana.

Your writer has a typed paper sent to her by a fellow researcher, which states it is part of a record "copied from Barren Co., Ky. courthouse by William L. THOMAS, Feb., 1985."

One Barren Co. Ky record is as follows:

"Barren Co. Ky Marriage file 1811-1:

"Know all men by this presents that we Aaron MCPHERSON and Edward BRAY (sic) am held and firmly Bound un to the Commonwealth (sic) of Kentucky in the sum of fifty pounds Current money Which Payment will and truly to be made we bind our selvs (sic) and our Heirs firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this 18th day of March 1811. The Condition of the a bove (sic) obligation is such that Whereas there is a Marriage shortly in tended (sic) be tween the above Bound Aaron

MCPHERSON and Lucy BRAY for which Licens has Issued If therefore there be no Lawful Cause to prevent the said Marriage then the obligation to be ? Else to remain in full force and Virtue.....

/s/Aaron MCPHERSON {Seal}

Test /s/ W. LOGAN

/s/ Edward BRAY"

[Edward BRAY is not definitely shown by this record to be the father of Lucy BRAY.]

Barren Co. Ky, Edward BRAY's (1812) Permission to Marry "Racel" BRAY

Your writer can manage to read a dark and nearly illegible part of this paper, which says "...State of Kentucky Barren County may the ? Mr. Login this is to certify you that John JAMES has my cncent (sic) to apply to you for licens to marry my daughter Racel (sic) given under my hand /s/ Edward BRAY ..."

"Barren Co., Ky. Marriage File 1812-2:

Know all men by these presents that we John JAMES and Henry BRAY are held and

firmly bound unto the Commonwealth of Kentucky the sum of fifty pounds current money which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves and our heirs firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this 19th day of May 1812.

The condition of the above obligation is such that if there be no lawful cause to prevent a marriage intended between the above bound Jno JAMES and Rachel BRAY for which a license has issued then this obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

John (his mark) JAMES

/s/ Henry BRAY

Certificate proved by the oath of Henry BRAY a witness to sd certificate this 19th day of May 1812."

The fold on the paper states: "JAMES, John to Rachel BRAY, May 19, 1812, Sur: Henry BRAY, consent father Edward BRAY, Wit. Henray BRAY, Caleb HENLEY." William L. THOMAS' copy of the records says only:

Another sheet of Barren County, Kentucky, records the following:

"Barren Co., Ky Marriage file 1817-2

This is to assertify that I Mary JAMES is willing for James JAMES to have Saray BRAY as witness my hand and seal.

Test: /s/ Mary JAMES
/s/ John JAMES
/s/ Ben JAMES
/s/ John GER(?)"

" Febeary the 4 1817: this is to assertify that I Edward BRAY and Anna BRAY have no objection of James JAMES haveing thair daughter saRy BRAY.

/s/ Edward BRAY
/s/ John JAMES
/s/ Benjamin FRASER"

"Know all men by these presents that we James JAMES and John JAMES are held and firmly bound unto the Commonwealth of Kentucky in the sum of fifty pounds current money which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves and our heirs firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated the 4th day of

February 1817.

The condition of the above obligation is such that if there be no lawful cause to prevent a marriage intended between the above bound James JAMES and Sarah BRAY for which a marriage license has issued then the above obligation to be void else to remain in full force and virtue.

James (his mark) JAMES

/s/ John JAMES"

"The within certificates proved by the oath of the within John JAMES and thereupon license was granted this 4th day of Feby 1817."

/s/ H. EUBANK DC(?)"

Tradition says that James and John JAMES were related to the infamous "JAMES Boys," outlaws.

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One last record appears on Thomas' paper:

"Barren Co., KY Marriage file 1818-3:

I do certify that I Edward BRAY do agree for Jesse H HILL and my daughter Polley BRAY to get married and desire you to grant them licens.

October 1 1818

Edward (his mark) BRAY

Attest:+

/s/ Solomon DICKERSON

/s/ Henry DICKERSON /s/William LOGAN Clark"

"Know all men by these presents that we Jesse H. HILL and Solomon DICKERSON are held and firmly bound unto the Commonwealth of Ky in the sum of fifty pounds current

money which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves and our heirs firmly by these presents sealed and dated this 3rd day of October 1818.

"The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas there is a marriage shortly intended to be solemnized between the above bound Jesse H. HILL and Polly BRAY for which a license has issued. If there be no lawful cause to prevent the aforesaid marriage, then the above obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

Jesse (his mark) H. HILL

/s/ Solomon DICKERSON

"I do hereby certify that security is taken in my office according to law, for a license to issue for a marriage intended between Jesse H. HILL and Polly BRAY.

These are therefore to license and permit you to join together in the holy estate of matrimony the aforesaid Jesse Jesse (sic.) H. HILL and

Polly BRAY agreeably to the forms and customs of the Church of which you are reputed a member and for so doing these shall be your sufficient warrent given under my hand this 3rd day of October 1818.

/s/ W. LOGAN Clk

Jesse H. HILL and Polly BRAY married 6th day of October 1818 by James WELCH minister of the gospel."

Jesse H. HILL and Polly BRAY's Permission to Marry and Marriage Bond (Barren County, KY, October 1818)

JOSEPH BRAY, SON OF EDWARD BRAY, SENIOR?

As stated above, the names of the children of Edward and Sarah (MAYNARD) BRAY are difficult to come by, except for Henry, who is documented fairly thoroughly in Quaker records.

Thomas D. HAMM, another BRAY descendant, wrote about Isaac and Mary (BRAY) CARTER in Yadkin County, North Carolina, established in 1850 from part of Surry County. Dr. HAMM wrote that Isaac CARTER married Mary BRAY, daughter of Edward BRAY, and grand-daughter of Henry and Mary (WILSON) BRAY and Henry and Susannah MAYNARD of Chatham County, North Carolina.

In the 1800 Federal Census for Surry County, North Carolina, there is a listing for one Joseph BRAY, showing one male and one female, each 16-26 years of age. This was not the son of Henry and Keziah (JONES) BRAY, as their son, Joseph, was born in 1792, according to William Wade HINSHAW's Quaker records, as that Joseph was only about eight years of age in 1800, and would certainly not have been a head of a household.

In the 1810 Surry County Federal Census Joseph BRAY was 26-45, and listed also one male under 5 and a female 26-45. By 1820, Joseph's wife had apparently died, as there was no listing for a female, and the younger male was listed as 18-26.

Was this Joseph BRAY the son of Edward, Senior, and Sarah (MAYNARD) BRAY? Certainly, Edna BRAY REECE believes he was. In her book about the Surry County BRAYs, she wrote about "Joseph (BRAY) De-Codes a Family."

Her research, for which your writer is extremely grateful, shows that Joseph purchased fifty acres of land from Elijah CARLTON October 30, 1811, on the Waters of Deep Creek in the area of the part of Surry County which is now Yadkin County. It was in this area that Isaac and Mary ("Polly" BRAY) CARTER settled.

In his will, Joseph BRAY left much of his wealth to Allen HELTON and Patience BASWELL. Other legacies were to his "brother, Richard BRAY, one hundred dollars;" and to his "sister Polly CARTER, one dollar." In addition, he left Suana MCDANIEL, Rachel MCDANIEL, Elizabeth SMITH, Sarah MORRISON, Henry BRAY, James BRAY, John BRAY, and Edward BRAY each one dollar.

In the way the will is worded, the strong indication is that the other named

legatees were siblings of Joseph BRAY, and children of Edward, Senior, and Sarah (MAYNARD) BRAY. And a Sarah BRAY, Junior, was disowned by the Quakers in 1783, as was Rachel MCDANIEL (formerly BRAY) in 1785, for "marrying out of unity."

Mrs. REECE and your writer believe that Joseph BRAY was naming his siblings in his will, and that he, and those therein named, were children of Edward BRAY Senior and Sarah (MAYNARD) BRAY. Perhaps further research will prove or disprove that theory.

THE WILL OF JOSEPH BRAY

I Joseph BRAY of the County of Surry and State of North Carolina Being of sound mind and memory but being weak in body But considering the uncertainty of my Earthly existence Do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form follo-wing that is to say

First that my Executor hereinafter named shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my Just debts howsoever and to whomsoever owing out of the money that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my Estate
Item 1st I give to Allen HELTON all my land whereon I now live to him and his heirs in fee simple But my will is that Patience BOSWELL is to live on the land her life time and have support and to live in the house that she now lives in and I give one hundred dollars in cash to Patience BOSWELL out of my money and one white face cow to Patience BOSWELL all the Ballance of my stock but the sheep to Allen HELTON the sheep to use of the family I give and bequeath to my Bro Richard BRAY one hundred dollars to be paid by my executor I give to my sister Polly CARTER one dollar to her I give one dollar to Suana MCDANIEL I give to Rachel MCDANIEL one dollar I give to Elisabeth SMITH one dollar I give to Sarah MORRISON one dollar I give to Henry BRAY one dollar I give to James BRAY one dollar I give to John BRAY one dollar I give to Edward BRAY one dollar to be paid by Executor the Balance of any money and notes I give and bequeath to Allen HELTON and heirs My desire and wish is that John HOLCOMB be my Executor In witness wherof I Joseph BRAY do hereunto set my hand and seal this the 16th day of Sept 1847

In the presence of us
/s/ Joseph DAVIS
/S/ Al.(?) Gentry Jr

his
Joseph X BRAY seal
mark

The Will of Joseph BRAY (1847)

Will of Joseph BRAY (cont.)

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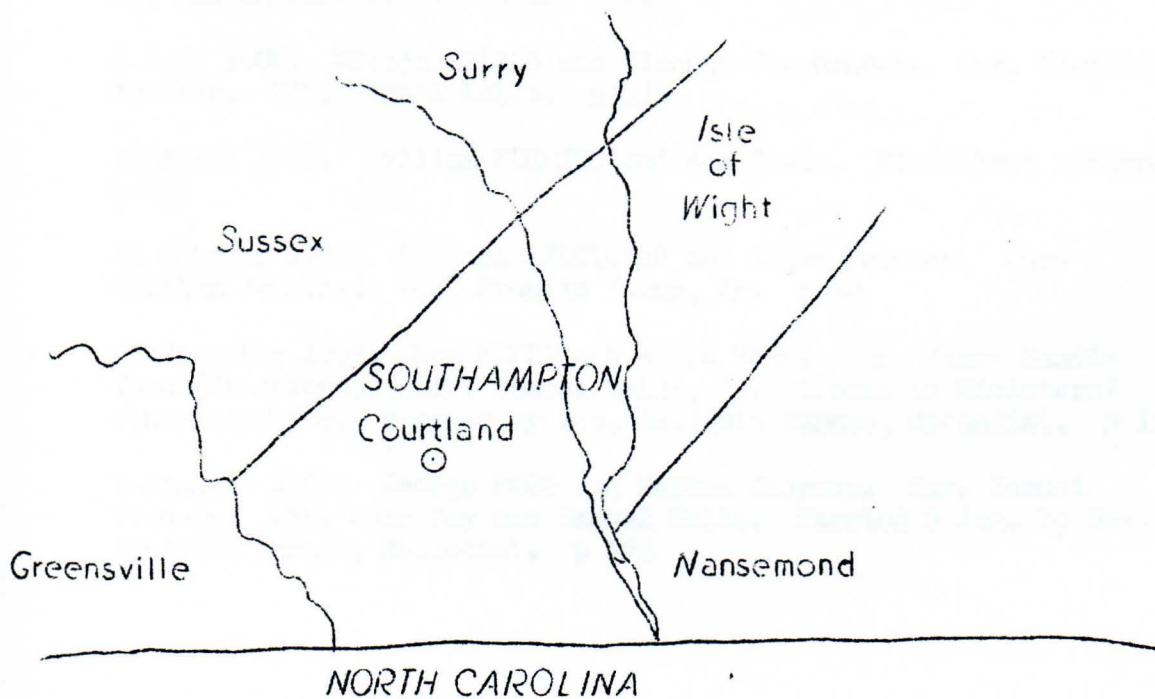
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From: "Jacquie K. Hoggard"
To: "jane" <smithhill31@triad.rr.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 03, 2004 10:43 PM
Subject: Re: Dobson

Why does your last statement sound so familiar?!! Could I have heard it somewhere before?
 You're pretty sneaky, aren't you, but I really want you to have the check. Won't you please take it back?

According to my old copy of the Handy Book for Genealogists, the Clerk of Superior Court has probate records from 1771. The address is PO Box 345, Dobson, NC 27017.

It's okay about the marriage bonds - thank you for the information about where they are and the address. Am glad you did your stuff instead. I know time gets away from you when you're having fun, and especially when you're doing genealogy records!

What do you have to do to prove the land records? Did you manage to prove who Sarah's parents were by any chance? I can't think that you could, but maybe that's one of the wonderful finds from the deeds! Hope so!!

Thank you for thinking about me. I never could find a land record of my James, though there were some things - he was on a court jurors' list in 1824. But that year, he also was issued a subpoena for assault and battery and fathered a child out of wedlock, got married to someone else, and they had my great grandfather! Was a busy year for James and Sarah (Edwards) Bray - and Hannah Edwards, believed to be Sarah's first cousin, mother of his other child, was apparently busy too! I'm sure there's a lot to the story - wish I knew the rest of the details, but it makes an interesting story, as it is!

So tell me about your "finds" - did it solve your most elusive answer?

Jacquie

At 07:11 PM 10/3/2004 -0400, you wrote:

Dear Jacquie,

We got to Dobson an hour later than planned and so we did not get done all that I had planned for the day.

I can tell you that before Surry County sent her FEW marriage bonds to the State Archives, they were photocopied and indexed and these copies are in binders in the office at the Register of Deeds. The cost of copies are 25 cents for each copy. Their address is: P. O. Box 303, Dobson, NC 27017. If you send a letter asking for all the Bray bonds, you should not have too much expence, for there a very few of them.

I concentrated upon the deeds and have made some wonderful finds among them. I know now why my husband's family did not like to write wills. Instead, they deeded their property to their sons in their lifetimes and then the sons had to prove the deeds. I now know that our Richard Hill died circa 1869. What I don't know is where to find the Probate Court Records! That will have to wait for a later date.

I am sorry I could not get your BRAY bonds for you, but there just was not enough time. You were too late, the check was already in the mail.

Jane

10/4/2004

Whitaker, William only one in 1790 Book

1790 Census ^{Wm} 1 ^{Wm, gro,} 5 3 0 0. He appears to be father of
Wm. b.c. 1786; Jonathan b.c. 1783

1790 Census, Johnson WITASKER 1 1 2 0 0 ?

1850 Lundy Co Census

- 64 ^{Wm} Whitaker of Nancy

186 Malinda 24 Virginia 19

1850 Sarah [Whitaker] Hutchins ²⁸ + Sally 5

- 58 next door is W^m Hill [Hale] 5 Decia

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1 W^m Whitaker b.c. 1786

2 Jonathan " b.c. 1783

HILL

Jane Smith Hill

From: <gingerjake@peoplepc.com>
To: "Jane Smith Hill" <smithhill31@triad.rr.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2008 12:42 PM
Subject: Fw: Patterson, Surry Co NC 1775

Dear Mrs. Hill...

Below are messages between Bob Carter and me about the Pattersons and Hills in Surry Co NC. As you may have gathered from my comment about the Sasser/Hill connection, that is the issue on which I was currently working when I discovered Greenberry Patterson. I'm an early participant in the HILL-YDNA project, but I have left the NC work to Byron, Dee Nelson and others, like yourself, while I have been working on my AL Womacks and VA Smiths. The discovery of Greenberry HILL-YDNA amongst current day Sassers has drawn me back into the search for Greenberry's family. Co-location of Sassers and Hills may be an extremely valuable clue to confirming Greenberry's ancestors.

If you can fill in some of these gaps, I would be most appreciative.

Sorry to run, but I'm taking my wife to doctor.

Bye for now.

Tom Hill (my 5th GGF was William Whole America Smith of Amherst Co VA and Mercer Co KY.)

----- Original Message -----

From: Bob Carter
To: gingerjake@peoplepc.com
Sent: Tuesday, January 29, 2008 8:13 PM
Subject: Re: Patterson, Surry Co NC 1775

Hey Tom,

Yes, I am connected to the PATTERSON (my mother) and HILL lines in Surry County. We go back to a common William C. PATTERSON who was reportedly from VA. However, we think he may have been a son of Greenberry PATTERSON II (1775-1852) and Rebecca Catherine CRESON (1777-1837), both of whom are buried at the Farrington/Patterson Cemetery just south of Boonville, NC. Greenberry II's father was Greenberry I, and while I don't have a mother's name, he was supposed to be a child of Gilbert PATTERSON who migrated to Surry County from Cumberland County (Fayetteville area).

Yes, Jane Smith HILL and I have corresponded over the years but neither of us have made the connection of my William C. PATTERSON back to the Greenberry II that I mentioned. Also, several of our PATTERSON women married into the HILL lines since they lived next to each other on the west side of the Ararat River just west of present day Pilot Mountain, which is where my mother was born. One of William C.'s daughters was Saluda PATTERSON and she married William Green HILL on 3-3-1867. Another one, Nancy Caroline married Wesley HILL on 1-2-1870.

Some of the HILL also married into my WHITAKER lines too. My mother's father was Escar

Floyd PATTERSON Sr (son of Samuel Martin PATTERSON & Mary Alice LOGAN) and mother was Jemima Elizabeth WHITAKER (daughter of Bird Nathaniel WHITAKER and Nancy Elizabeth CRISSMAN).

Bob

----- Original Message -----

From: gingerjake@peoplepc.com

To: gravehunter@triad.rr.com

Sent: Tuesday, January 29, 2008 7:01 PM

Subject: Patterson, Surry Co NC 1775

Hi Bob...

Picked up your name from Rootsweb Patterson Board. Almost blew my mind when I saw your comment to Violet about Jane Smith HILL and the intersection she made between HILL and Patterson. I'm waiting to hear from her now about the exact nature of that connection.

Purely on a whim tonight, I was exploring my pre-1790 census index CD looking for co-locations of my HILLs with a family of SASSERs who have turned up with HILL DNA. My line of HILLs has been stuck on Green B. (Greenberry) HILL (b. c1775) for nigh on to 75 years. Have not yet found his parents, siblings, etc. Just for kicks, I used Greenberry for a given name search term and BEHOLD up pops Greenberry Patterson in Surry Co NC no less!! Same place we are looking for Greenberry HILL. Would love to have your take on this connection. Greenberry Patterson is the "only" Greenberry in NC. Tell me it's not a coincidence; please!!

Tom Hill

Silver Spring, MD

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