



Amherst County Museum & Historical Society

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Mr. Brown:

I apologize for the time it has taken me to respond to your request – but both my assistant and I have spent quite a bit of time working on it. Unfortunately, we were unable to find much to answer your questions. We were able to find proof – I feel – that Juliet Amanda and Elvira B. M. were sisters.

The Amherst County Courthouse prohibits the photocopying of any wills or deeds in bound volumes – unfortunately that includes the will of William D. Hill. I searched through our will abstracts for further information and may have located something useful. A guardian bond from 1831 names Lewis Williams as guardian of “Edmd. J.; Elvira B.M.; Ajax G.A.; Amanda; Wm. N. F.; and Camilla Hill, orphans of Wm. D. Hill.” I can only assume that Juliet Amanda is “Amanda.” I have enclosed a copy of the abstract for this guardian bond for you to look over.

I am unable to find any ancestors who served in the Revolutionary War as I am unable to locate William D’s father or siblings. It is clear that his mother is Elizabeth Edwards at the time of his death, and Elizabeth Thurmond before that. Elizabeth Hill married Felix Thurmond in 1783, suggesting that William D’s father died in the early 1780s. I have found no will in Amherst County listing a William D. as son ca. 1780. Since William D. did not marry until 1801, I can only guess that his father died when he was very young. It is possible that Elizabeth brought her family to Amherst to marry Felix Thurmond leaving Mr. Hill’s will in another county.

I fear I have only brought up more questions for you rather than answered your existing ones. If I can be of more assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at the Museum again.

Sincerely,

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