Col. William Henry Mills, Esq. (c1727–1786)

Spouses:

1-Unknown; 2-Elizabeth Montgomery



William Mills Family Summary:

Born: b. Ireland, allegedly 1727²

Parents: Unknown Married: 1- Unknown

2- 22 July 1769, Santee, SC, as a "widower"3

Spouse: Elizabeth Montgomery; last on record 22 April 1775⁴

Occupations: Surgeon's mate (1764)

Physician & Planter (Craven County, 1771)

Sheriff (Cheraws District, 1775)

South Carolina provincial council member (pre-June 1778) Loyalist Militia Colonel (Cheraws, appointed June 1778) Justice of the peace (Cheraws, 1779; Charleston, 1780)⁵

Died: 7 May 1786, Liverpool, England⁶

WILLIAM & ELIZABETH HAD ONE CHILD:

1. ANNE MILLS, married by bond dated 9 September 1793, **William Thacker** of the parish of Wolverhampton, County of Stafford, attorney at law, with Henry Wheeler, tea dealer of Liverpool Parish, Lancastershire, as bondsman;⁷ lived in the parish of Penn, county of Stafford, England. Anne died 1807.⁸

¹ Biographical note in Alexander Chesney, "The Journal of Alexander Chesney: A South Carolina Loyalist in the Revolution and After," introduction by Wilbur H. Siebert, *The Ohio State University Bulletin* 26 (October 30, 1921), 71–74; HTML edition, *Google Books* (http://www.books.google.com).

² This is the birth year asserted (without evidence) by a host of online trees.

³ Mabel L. Webber, transcriber, "Parish Register of St. James Santee, 1758–1788," Appendix B, in Anne Baker Leland Bridges and Roy Williams III, St. James Santee Plantation Parish: History and Records, 1685–1925 (Spartanburg, SC: The Reprint Co., 1997), 367. William Montgomery Clemens, North and South Carolina Marrage Records: From the Earliest Colonial Days to the Civil War (1927; reprint, Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1995), 122, includes this marriage but omits the other participants in the event and omits the statement that William Henry Mills was a widower. Neither compiler notes the current location of the register in which the marriage entry appears.

⁴ Ibid. for her name. Charleston, SC, Deed Book Y-4:321–24, for her last appearance on record.

⁵ Chesney, "The Journal of Alexander Chesney," 71–74. Clara A. Langley, South Carolina Deed Abstracts, 1719–1772, vol. 4, 1767–1773, Books I-3—E-4 (Easley, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1984), 240; citing a lease and release at Book Z-3, pp. 82–85. Brent H. Holcomb, South Carolina Deed Abstracts, 1776–1783; Books Y-4 through H-5 (Columbia, SC: SCMAR, 1994), 130, 219; citing Book E-5, 171–72, and 184–86.

⁶ Chesney, "The Journal of Alexander Chesney," 71–74.

⁷ Lorenzo Sabine, *Biographical Sketches of Loyalists of the American Revolution, with an Historical Essay,* 2 vols., 2d ed. (1864; reprinted, Baltimore: Clearfield Company, 1994), 2:84. For the date of the marriage bond and the husband's personal details, see "England, Cheshire, Marriage Bonds and Allegations, 1606–1900," database with images, *FamilySearch* (https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HT-6QP7?i=208&cc=1410775: accessed 6 July 2019), imaged bond for Thacker-Mills marriage; citing Cheshire Record Office.

⁸ Sabine, Biographical Sketches of Loyalists of the American Revolution, 2: 84.

EVIDENCE FOUND TO DATE

1764–1786 SOUTH CAROLINA

Biographical sketch

Col. William Henry Mills was "an Irishman who had gone out to America as a surgeon's mate in the British army. Here he served until 1764, when he retired from his military duties and settled in South Carolina, marrying two years later an American lady at Georgetown in that Province. Early in the Revolutionary war, Colonel William Henry Mills served in the South Carolina Provincial Congress, but in June, 1778, he was appointed colonel of the Cheraws loyal militia. He died at Liverpool, England, 7 May, 1786, leaving a widow, Elizabeth, and one daughter."

1769

SANTEE, SC

Marriage

"William Henry Mills, of the Parish of Allsaints, widower, and Elizabeth McGomery, of the Parish of Allsaints, Spinster, were married in the Dwelling-house of Joseph Allston, of the Parish of Allsaints, by Licence, this Twenty Second Day of July in the Year of our Lord 1769, by me S. F. Warren, Rector of St. James Santee.

"This marriage was Solemnized between us [signed] W^m H^y Mills, Elizabeth Montgomery, in the Presence of [Signed] Joseph Alston, And^w Johnston." ¹⁰

1–2 JUNE 1769 CRAVEN COUNTY, SC

Witness

"George Pawley, Sr., planter, to William Pawley, planter, both of Craven Co., for £10 currency, 904 a. in several tracts; viz.: several tracts in All Saints Parish & 1 in Prince George Parish, Craven Co., total 80 a., bounding N on John McKenzie (formerly William Allston); W & S on a large creek; E on Waccamaw River; as conveyed by William Allston to Percival Pawley; who conved to George Pawley; also 435 a., part of another tract, bounding N on John McKenzie (formerly William Allston); E & N on George Pawley, Sr.; S on estate of George Starrett (formerly I Marshall); W on Waccamaw River; also 109 a., bounding N on Chappell Creek; S on above said land; W on Waccamaw River; sold by Thomas Hepworth to Percival Pawley, Sr.; who sold to George Pawley, Sr.; also 280 a., part of 2 tracts, bounding SW on Thomas Butler; NW & NE on George Pawley, Sr.; SE on Wakhoker Inlet. Witnesses: John Burgiss, William Henry Mills, George Pawley, Jr. Before Josias Allston, J.P. on 6 June 1769. Recorded 26 Apr. 1770 by Henry Rugeley, Dep. Register." 11

1 NOVEMER 1770 CRAVEN COUNTY, SC

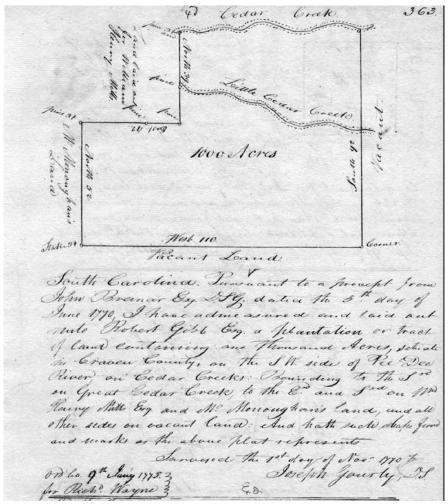
⁹ Chesney, "The Journal of Alexander Chesney: A South Carolina Loyalist in the Revolution and After," 71–74, wherein the Loyalist Col. William Henry Mills is disambiguated from the Loyalist Col. Ambrose Mills. The sources of this data are cited by the editor as "A. O. 12/52, fos. 45-46, 327-340; Stedman, American War, Vol. II, p. 223; Tarleton, Hist of the Campaigns of 1780 and 1781, p. 127; Draper, King's Mountain and its Heroes, p. 373; B. F. Stevens, Clinton-Cornwallis.)" Also "Papers of Colonel Thomas Fletchall (Public Record Office, London, A.O. 12 and 13."

¹⁰ Webber, transcriber, "Parish Register of St. James Santee, 1758–1788," in Bridges and Williams *St. James Santee Plantation Parish: History and Records*, 1685–1925 (Spartanburg, SC: The Reprint Co., 1997), 367.

¹¹ Langley, South Carolina Deed Abstracts, 1719–1772, vol. 4, 117; citing a lease and release at Book P-3, pp. 425–432.

Neighbor

"Pursuant to a precept from John Bremar Esq. D.S.G. dated the 5th day of June 1770, I have admeasured and laid out unto *Robert Gibb Esq.* a plantation or tract of land containing one thousand Acres, situate in Craven County on the SW side of Pee Dee River on *Cedar Creeks*. Bounding on the Srd on *Great Cedar Creek*, to the Erd and Srd on **Wm. Henry Mills Esq.** and *McMonoughan's* land, and all other sides on vacant land. And hath such shape, form and marks as the above plat represents. Surveyed the 1st day of Nov^r 1770, pr Joseph Gourly, D.S. Ord. Bo. 9th Jany 1775 for Rich^d Wayne." ¹²



4 DECEMBER 1770 CHARLESTON, SC

Land order

Order issued by Deputy Surveyor General to survey 200 acres in Craven Co. for William Henry Mills. 13

10-11 DECEMBER 1770

¹² South Carolina Department of Archives and History (SCDAH), *Record and Image Search* (<u>www.archivesindex.sc.gov</u>: accessed 6 July 2019), "Gibb, Robert, Plat for 1,000 Acres in Craven County, Date: 11/1/1770"; citing series S213184, vol. 18, page 440, item 1.

¹³ SCDAH, Record and Image Search (www.archivesindex.sc.gov : accessed 6 July 2019), "Mills, William Henry, Plat for 200 Acres in Craven County. Date: 2/11/1770 [1771]"; citing "series S136009, Volume [1st Year]: 1767, page 00538."

CRAVEN COUNTY, SC

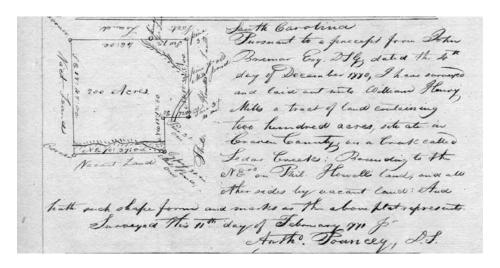
Land purchase

"Thomas Starratt, of All Saints Parish, Craven Co., to **William Henry Mills** of St. Davids Parish, Craven Co., for £700 currency, 650 a. in Craven Co., granted by Gov. William Bull on 19 Sept. 1770 to Thomas Starratt, bounding W & S on *David Evans* & *John Williams;* W & SE on *Charles Dewitt* & vacant land; N on vacant land; NE & NW on *Philip Howell;* E on *Roderick Irns;* SE & E on *John Wilder;* SE on Pee Dee River. Witnesses: *Samuel Price, David Monahan.* Before *Alexander Mackintosh,* J.P. Recorded 10 May 1771 by Henry Rugeley, Register." ¹⁴

11 FEBRUARY 1771 CRAVEN COUNTY, SC

Survey

"Pursuant to a precept from John Bremar Esq. D.S.G. [Deputy Surveryor General] dated the 4th day of December 1770, I have surveyed and laid out unto **William Henry Mills**, a tract of land containing two hundred acres, situate in Craven County, on a Creek called Sedar [Cedar] Creek. Bounding to the NErd on *Phil Howell's* lands and all other sides by vacant land: And hath such shape form and marks as the above plat represents. Surveyed this 11th day of February 1771, pr [per, meaning *by*] Anth^o Pouncey, D.S." ¹⁵



12 JULY 1771 CRAVEN COUNTY, SC

Land grant

"Mills, William H., Land Grant for 200 Acres in Craven County. Date: 7/12/1771." 16

31 JULY 1771 CRAVEN COUNTY, SC

Land memorial

¹⁴ Langley, South Carolina Deed Abstracts, 1719–1772, vol. 4, 175; citing a lease and release at Book T-3, pp. 241–247.

¹⁵ SCDAH, *Record and Image Search* (www.archivesindex.sc.gov : accessed 6 July 2019), "Mills, William Henry, Plat for 200 Acres in Craven County. Date: 2/11/1770 [1771]"; citing "series S136009, Volume [1st Year]: 1767, page 00538." The Archives label dates this as 2/11/1770. That is a reading error. The year could be read as either 1770 or 1771 on the plat; however, the plat also states that the land was surveyed by order dated 4 December 1770. The survey's date has to fall after the order date, in which case the survey date must be read as 1771.

¹⁶ SCDAH, Record and Image Search (www.archivesindex.sc.gov: accessed 6 July 2019), citing series S213019, vol. 24, p. 64.

William Henry Mills filed his memorial for 200 acres on Cedar Cr., Craven Co., adjoining Philip Howell. 17

5 SEPTEMBER 1771 CRAVEN COUNTY, SC

Land purchase

"Joseph Allston, planter, to **Dr. William Henry Mills**, **physician**, both of Prince George Parish, Craven Co., for £250 currency, 430 a., part of 1000 a. in Craven ... on a neck between the sea & SW branch of Little River, being that part which begins at a cedar stake on the bluff, running SW 69°. Whereas John Abbott, carpenter & planter, by L & R [lease and release] dated 15 & 16 Feb. 1736 mortgaged to Joseph Wragg & Richard Lambton, merchants, of Charleston, among other things, 430 a. which Abbott had recently purchased from Jonathan Calkins, carpenter, (Register Book B, pp. 219–223); & whereas Joseph Wragg died & the debt being unpaid, Richard Lambton, by L & R dated 4 & 5 Mar. 1756 sold the tract to Joseph Allston (Register Book Q.Q., pp. 332–336); now Allston sells to Dr. Mills. Witnesses: *Thomas Belin, Ann Montgomery*. Before *Josias Allston*. Recorded 10 Aug. 1772 by Henry Rugeley, Register." ¹⁸

COMMENT:

The search for the family of Mills's wife Elizabeth Montgomery should include Ann Montgomery.

5 APRIL 1772 CRAVEN COUNTY, SC

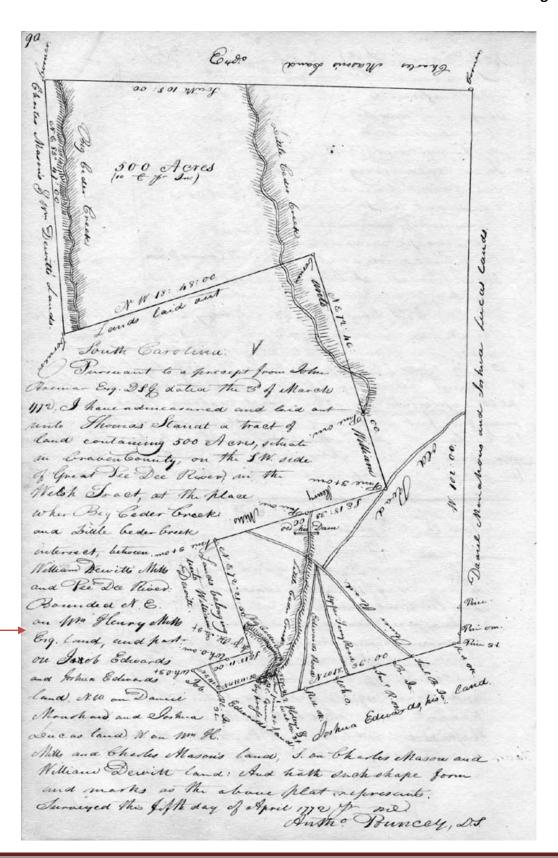
Neighbor

"Pursuant to a precept from John Bremar Esq. D.S.G. dated the 3d of March 1772, I have admeasured and laid out unto Thomas Starrat a tract of land containing 500 Acres, situate in Craven County on the SW side of Great Pee Dee River) on the Welsh Tract, at the place where *Bay Cedar Creek* and a *Little Cedar Creek* intersect, between *William Dewitt's* Mills and Pee Dee river Bounded N.E. on **Wm. Henry Mills, Esq.** land, and part on *Jacob Edwards* and *Joshua Edwards* land, N.W. on *Daniel Monahand* and *Joshua Lucas* Land, now **Wm. H. Mills** and *Charles Mason's* land, S. on Charles Mason and William Dewitt land. And hath such shape form and marks as the above plat represents. Surveyed the fifth day of April 1772 pr me, Antho Pouncey, D.S." 19

¹⁷ SCDAH, *Record and Image Search* (www.archivesindex.sc.gov : accessed 6 July 2019), "Mills, William Henry, Memorial for 200 Acres on Cedar Creek, Craven County, Date: 7/31/1771"; citing series S111001, vol. 11, p. 21, item 5.

¹⁸ Langley, South Carolina Deed Abstracts, 1719–1772, vol. 4, 240; citing a lease and release at Book Z-3, pp. 82–85.

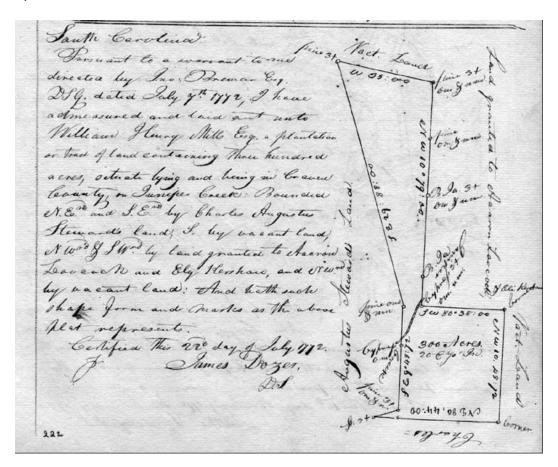
¹⁹ SCDAH, *Record and Image Search* (<u>www.archivesindex.sc.gov</u>: accessed 6 July 2019), "Starrat, Thomas, Plat for 500 Acres in Craven County, Date: 4/5/1772"; citing series S372001, vol. 320 [*sic*], page 82.



22 JULY 1772 CRAVEN COUNTY, SC

Land survey

"Pursuant to a warrant to me directed by Jno. Bremar Esq., DSG, dated July 7th 1772, I have admeasured and laid out unto **William Henry Mills Esq.**, a plantation or tract of land containing three hundred acres, situate lying and being in Craven County on *Juniper Creek*. Bounded N.E.rd and SErd by *Charles Augustus Steward's* land, S. by vacant land, NWrd & SWrd by land granted to *Aaaron Loocock* and *Ely Kershaw*, and NWrd by vacant land. And hath such shape form and marks as the above plat represents. Certified this 22d day of July 1772. James Dozer D.S."²⁰



20 OCTOBER 1772 CRAVEN COUNTY, SC

Land grant.

"Mills, William H., Land Grant for 300 Acres in Craven County. Date: 10/20/1772." 21

1773

²⁰ SCDAH, *Record and Image Search* (www.archivesindex.sc.gov : accessed 6 July 2019), "Mills, William Henry, Plat for 300 Acres in Craven County. Date: 12/18/1772"; citing series S111001, vol.11, page 476.

²¹ Ibid., citing series S213019, vol. 27, p. 4.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Legal suit

"Douglass, Alexander Vs William Henry Mills, Judgment Roll. Date: 1773." 22

"Mills, William Henry Vs Charles Mason, Judgment Roll. Date: 1773." 23

"Mills, William Vs David Evans, Judgment Roll. Date: 1773." 24

COMMENT:

These documents need to be ordered.

16 FEBRUARY 1773 CRAVEN COUNTY, SC

Neighbor

"Thomson, John, Unrecorded Plat for Land Not Granted, 150 Acres Near Pee Dee River, Craven County, Surveyed By Thomas Powe. Date: 2/16/1773. People [neighbors] in this record: **Mills, William Henry**; *Mciver, Roderick; Monnahon; Powe, Thomas; Thomson, John.*" ²⁵

24–25 MARCH 1773 CHERAWS DISTRICT, SC

Land purchase

"Arthur Council, gentleman, of Cumberland Co., NC, eldest son & heir of Hardy Council, of said Co., intestate; to William Henry Mills, Esq., of Long Bluff, in Cheraws District, SC, for £500 currency, 200 a. in the Welch Tract in Craven Co., SC, on SW side of Pee Dee River, bounding NE on John Westfield & Hardy Council; NW & SW on vacant land; granted 19 Oct. 1748 by Gov. James Glen. Witnesses: Rebecca (her mark) Evans, Darcy Fowler. Before Alexander Mackintosh, J.P. Recorded 7 Aug. 1773." ²⁶

16 JUNE 1773 CRAVEN COUNTY

Neighbor

"Pursuant to a warrant directed by John Bremar Esqr DSG^I, dated the 2d day of March 1773, I have admeasured & laid out unto *Ely Kershaw* a plantation or tract of land Containing five hundred acres Situate in Craven County Bounded SEwdy by land laid out to **William Henry Mills**, SWwardy & SEw^d by land laid out to *Ely Kershaw, Aaron Loocoock*, and *Charles Agustus Stew^d*, SWw^d & NWw^d by Vacant land, NEw^d by land belonging to Charles Agustus Steward & vact. land and hath Such Shape form & marks as the above plat represents. Certified this 16th day of June 1773. James Dozer, D.S."²⁷

²² Ibid., citing series S136002, box 97A, item 144A.

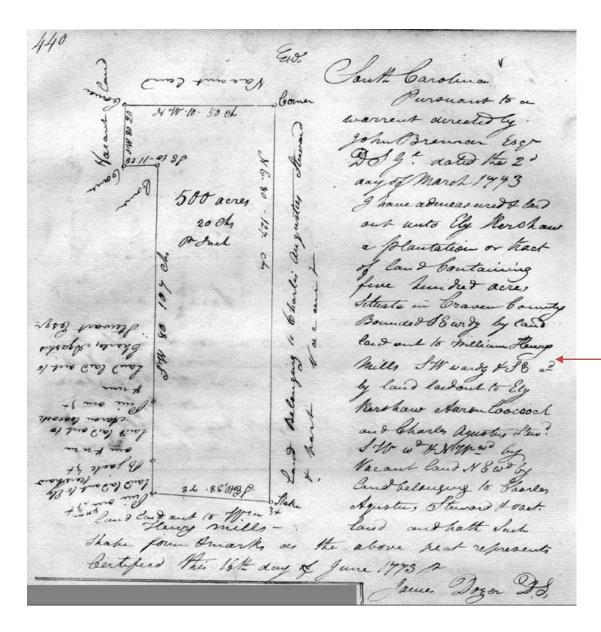
²³ Ibid., citing series \$136002, box 97A, item 146A.

²⁴ Ibid., citing series S136002, box 99A, item 342A.

²⁵ Ibid., citing series S213197, box 0004, item 1072.

²⁶ Langley, South Carolina Deed Abstracts, 1719–1772, vol. 4, 331; citing a lease and release at Book E-4, pp. 365–69.

²⁷ SCDAH, *Record and Image Search* (www.archivesindex.sc.gov : accessed 6 July 2019), "Kershaw, Ely, Plat For 500 Acres in Craven County. Date: 6/10/1773"; citing series S213184, vol. 17, page 440.



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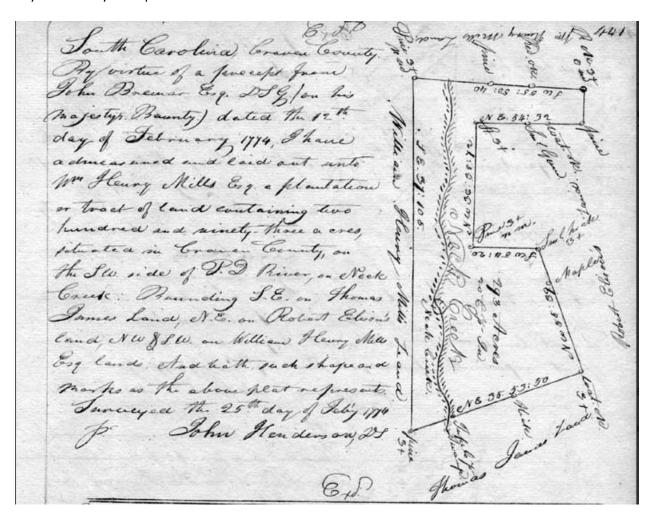
I am including the plats of adjacent tracts because they are needed for any effort to place Mills's land on a current map.

25 FEBRUARY 1774 CRAVEN COUNTY, SC

Land survey

"By virtue of a precept from John Bremar Esq. DSG. (on his Majesty's Bounty) dated the 12th day of February 1774, I have admeasured and laid out unto **Wm. Henry Mills Esq.** a plantation or tract of land containing two hundred and ninety three acres situated in Craven County on the SW side of P.D. River, on Neck Creek, Bounding S.E. on *Thomas James* Land, N.E. on *Robert Elison's* land, NW & SW on **William**

Henry Mills Esq. lands And hath such shape and marks as the above plat represents. Surveyed the 25th day of February 1774 pr John Henderson D.S." ²⁸



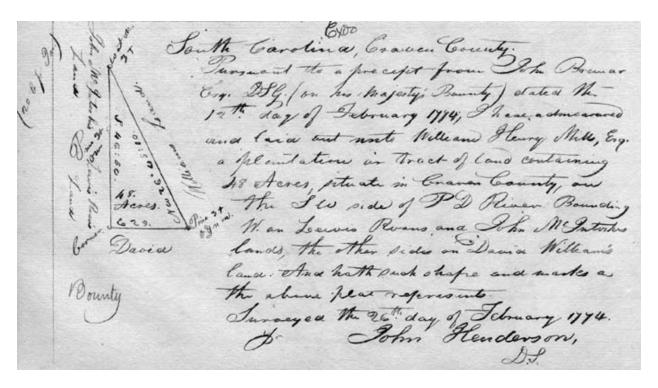
26 FEBRUARY 1774 CRAVEN COUNTY, SC

Land survey

"Pursuant to a precept from John Bremar Esq. DSG (on his Majesty's Bounty) dated the 12th day fo February 1774, I have admeasured and laid out unto **William Henry Mills, Esq.** a plantation or tract of land containing 48 Acres, situate in Craven County, on the SW side of P D River Bounding W. on *Lewis Evans* and *John McIntoshes* lands, the other sides on *David Williams* land. And hath such shape and marks as the above plat represents. Surveyed the 26th day of February 1774. John Henderson D.S." ²⁹

²⁸ Ibid., "Mills, William Henry, Plat For 293 Acres in Craven County. Date: 2/25/1774"; citing series S213184, vol. 18, page 441.

²⁹ Ibid., "Mills, William Henry, Plat For 500 Acres in Craven County. Date: 2/12/1774"; citing series S213184, vol. 18, page 440.

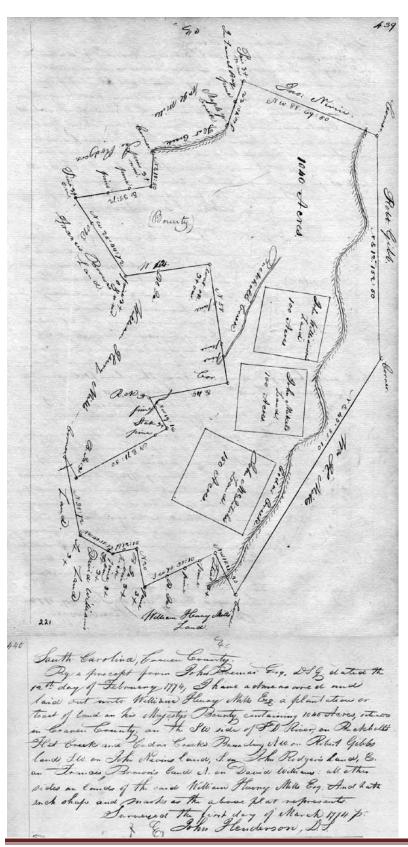


1 MARCH 1774 CRAVEN COUNTY, SC

Land survey

"By a precept from John Bremar Esq, DSG dated the 12th day of February 1774, I have admeasured and laid out unto **William Henry Mills Esq.** a plantation or tract of *land on his Majesty's Bounty* containing 1040 Acres, situated in Craven County on the SW side of P.D. River on *Buckholts* [?] *Flat Creek* and *Cedar Creeks* Bounding NW on *Robert Gibbs* land, SW on *John Nevins* land, S. on *John Rodger's* land, E. on *Francis Brown's* land, N. on *David Williams*, all other sides on lands of the said **William Henry Mills Esq.** And hath such shape and marks as the above plat represents. Surveyed the first day of March 1774 pr John Henderson D.S." 30

³⁰ Ibid., "Mills, William Henry, Plat for 1,040 Acres in Craven County. Date: 3/1/1774"; citing series S213184, vol. 18, page 439.



23 MARCH 1774 CRAVEN COUNTY, SC

Land grant

"Mills, William H., Land Grant for 1,040 Acres in Craven County. Date: 3/23/1774." ³¹ "Mills, William H., Land Grant for 293 Acres in Craven County. Date: 3/23/1774." ³² "Mills, William H., Land Grant for 48 Acres in Craven County. Date: 3/23/1774." ³³

24 MARCH 1774 CRAVEN COUNTY, SC

Land memorial

"Mills, William Henry, Memorial for Three Tracts in Craven County, One for 48 Acres on Pee Dee River, One for 293 Acres on Neck Creek, and One for 1,040 Acres on Buckholts Flat Creek, Date: 3/24/1774. People in this record ... Brown, Francis; Ellison, Robert; Gibbes, Robert; James, Thomas; Mcintoshe, John; Nevin, John, Roans, Lewis; Roger, John; Williams, David." 34

8 JULY 1774 CRAVEN COUNTY, SC

Neighbor

"Lease and Release. 8 & 9 July 1785, William Ancrum of Charleston, merchant, to William Strother of Cheraw District, planter, for £145 s16 d3 sterling, tract granted to Leonard Dozer, 250 acres in Craven County on a branch of Thomsons Creek called Juniper, granted 15 May 1772, recorded in Book LLL, page 66; also tract granted to Ely Kershaw, 150 acres on Juniper Creek in Craven County adj. land of William Hainsworth, granted 13 July 1770, recorded in Book EEE, page 468; also tract granted to said Ely Kershaw, 500 acres in Craven County adj. land of William Henry Mills, Ely Kershaw, Aaron Loocock, Charles Augustus Steward, granted 8 July 1774, recorded in book RRR, page 200; tract granted to Aaron Loocock, William Ancrum, Joseph Kershaw, John Chesnut, and Ely Kershaw, 400 acres in Craven County on Juniper Creek adj. land granted to Ely Kershaw, granted 26 Sept 1772, recorded in Book MMM, page 1999; tract granted to Joseph Kershaw on Rodes branch, waters of Peedee in Craven County, 250 acres adj. land of Ely Kershaw, granted 6 Apr 1773, recorded in Book OOO, page 565. Wm Ancrum (LS), Wit: John Wilson, William Greenwood Junr. Proved in Charleston District before Daniel Mazyck, J.P., by the oath of William Greenwood Junr, 24 May 1786. Recorded 24 May 1786."

26 JULY 1774 CRAVEN COUNTY, SC

Land survey

"Pursuant to a precept from John Bremar Esq. DSG dated the 5th day July 1774, I have admeasured and laid out unto **William Henry Mills** a tract of land containing one hundred acres, situate in Craven County, on the SW. side of Pee Dee River on Neck Creek Bounding to the N. to *William Furniss* land, to the W. to

³¹ Ibid., citing series S213019, vol. 22, p. 98.

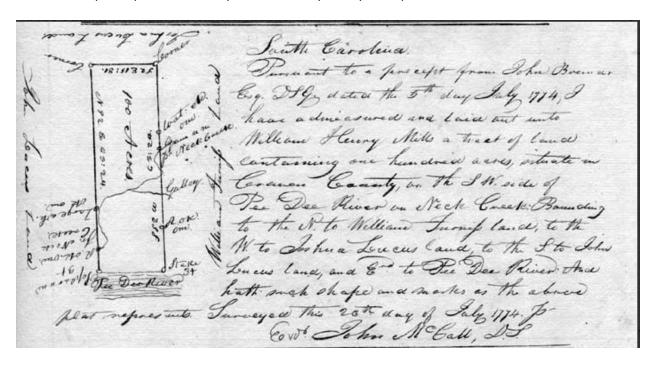
 $^{^{\}rm 32}$ Ibid., citing series S213019, vol. 22, p. 99.

³³ Ibid., citing series S213019, vol. 22, p. 100.

³⁴ Ibid., citing series 111001, vol. 12, p. 479, item 2.

³⁵ Brent H. Holcomb, South Carolina Deed Abstracts, 1783–1788; Books I-5 through Z-5 (Columbia, SC: SCMAR, 1996), 339; citing Book W-5, 53–59.

Joshua Lucus land, to the S. to *John Lucus* land, and Erd to Pee Dee River. And hath such shape and marks as the above plat represents. Surveyed this 20th day of July 1774 pr John McCall, D.S." ³⁶



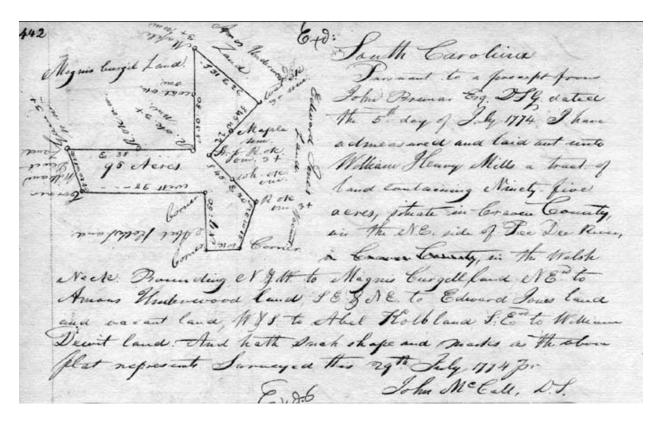
19 JULY 1774 CRAVEN COUNTY, SC

Land survey

"Pursuant to a precept from John Bremar Esq. DSG dated the 5th day of July 1774, I have admeasured and laid out unto **William Henry Mills** a tract of land containing Ninety-five acres, situate in Craven County on the N.E. side of Pee Dee River in Craven County in the Welsh Neck. Bounding N ^ W to Magnis Cargill land, NErd to Amans Underwood land, SE & NE to Edward Jones land and vacant land, W & S to Abel Kolb land, SErd to William Dewit land. And hath such shape and marks as the above plat represents. Surveyed this 29th July 1774 pr John McCall, D.S." 37

³⁶ SCDAH, *Record and Image Search* (www.archivesindex.sc.gov : accessed 6 July 2019), "Mills, William Henry, Plat for 100 Acres in Craven County. Date: 7/26/1774"; citing series S213184, vol. 18, page 444, item 1.

³⁷ Ibid., "Mills, William Henry, Plat for 95 Acres in Craven County. Date: 7/29/1774"; citing series S213184, vol. 18, page 442.



23 AUGUST 1774 CRAVEN COUNTY

Land grant

"Mills, William H., Land Grant for 100 Acres in Craven County. Date: 8/23/1774." *Mills, William H., Land Grant for 95 Acres in Craven County. Date: 8/23/1774." *39

10 JANUARY 1775 CRAVEN COUNTY

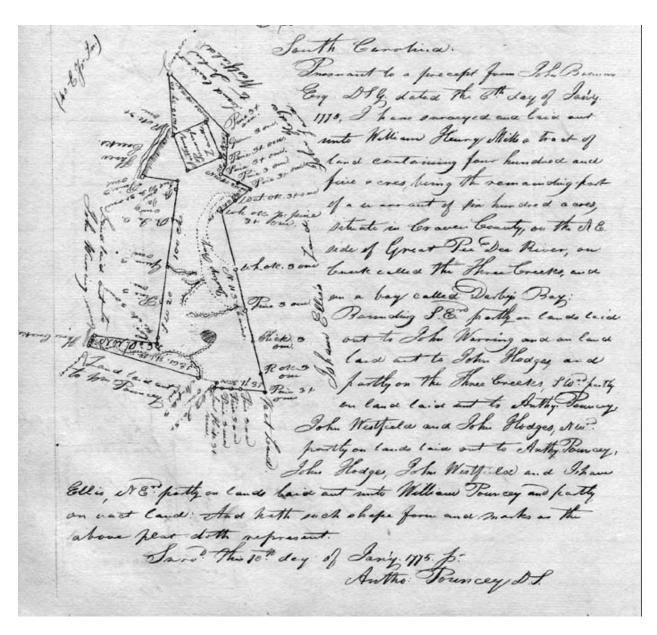
Land survey

"Pursuant to a precept from John Bremar, Esq. DSG. dated the 6th day of Jan'y 1775, I have surveyed and laid out unto **Wiliam Henry Mills** a tract of land containing four hundred and five acres, being the remainding part of a warrant of six hundred acres situate in Craven County, on the NE side of Great Pee Dee River, on Creek called the *Three Creeks*, and on a bay called *Darby's Bay*, Bounding S.E.rd partly on lands laid out to *John Warring* and on land laid out to *John Hodges*, and partly on the Three Creeks, SWrd partly on land laid out to *Anthy Pouncy*, *John Westfield*, and *John Hodges*, NWrd partly on lands laid out to *Anthy Pouncey*, *John Hodges*, *John Westfield* and *Isham Ellis*, NErd partly on lands land out unto *William Pouncey* and partly on vact. land. And hath such shape form and marks as the above plat doth represent. Surv^d this 10th day of Jan'y 1775. pr Antho. Pouncey D.S." ⁴⁰

³⁸ Ibid., citing series S213019, vol. 32, p. 413.

³⁹ Ibid., citing series S213019, vol. 32, p. 419.

⁴⁰ Ibid., "Mills, William Henry, Plat for 95 [405] Acres in Craven County, Date: 1/10/1775"; citing series S213184, vol. 18, page 442, item 2.



10 FEBRUARY 1774 CRAVEN COUNTY, SC

Land memorial

"Mills, William Henry, Memorial for Two Tracts on Pee Dee River, Craven County, One for 95 Acres and One for 100 Acres. Date: 2/10/1775." 41

1775 SOUTH CAROLINA

⁴¹ Ibid., citing series S111001, vol. 13, page 3, item 1.

Legal suit

"Mills, William Henry Vs James Hays, Judgment Roll. Date: 1775." 42

10 FEBRUARY 1775 CRAVEN COUNTY, SC

Land grant

"Mills, William H., Land Grant for 405 Acres in Craven County. Date: 2/10/1775." 43

21–22 APRIL 1775 PRINCE GEORGE PARISH, SC

Land sale

"Lease & release. 23 & 13 May 1778, Joseph Allston of All Saints Parish, Craven County, Esquire, and Charlotte his wife, to William Allston Junior (or the Second) of same, for £1400 SC money, tract which William Henry Mills and Elizabeth his wife by lease and release 21 & 22 Apr 1775 did convey to Joseph Allston, one undivided third of 400 acres lately occupied by Alexander Montgomery deceased in Prince Georges Parish on Waccamaw Neck adj. William Allston Junior land, Mr. Lessesnes land, James Goddards land, being 125 acres. Joseph Allston (LS), Charlotte Allston (LS), Wit: Jno. Withers, William Waties. (Plat included, number 3, valued at £450 y John Pyatt, David Graham, Thos Butler, Per'll Pawley, Anthony Pawley.) Proved in Charlestown District by the oath of John Withers Esqr before Geo: Sheed 10 Sept 1778. Recorded 21 Oct 1778." 44

COMMENT:

This document implies that Mills's wife, formerly Elizabeth Montgomery, was one of three heirs to Alexander Montgomery.

I have not found a recorded deed for the 1775 sale by the Millses. The fat that this lease and release does not cite one also suggests that the Mills transaction was not recorded

3 MAY 1775 CHERAW DISTRICT, SC

Neighbor

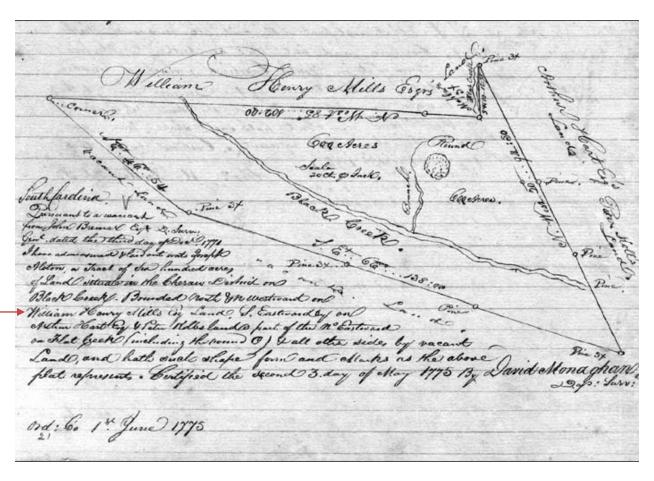
"Pursuant to a warrant from John Bremar, Esq. D. Surv. Genl. dated the third day of Dec. 1770 [1771?] I have admeasured & laid out unto *Joseph Alston*, a Tract of Six hundred acres of Land situated in the Cheraw District on Black Creek. Bounded North & NWestward on **William Henry Mills Esq.** Land, S. Eastwardly on *Arthur Hart Esq.* & *Peter Kolbs* land, part of the N° Eastward on *Flat Creek* (including the *round O*) & all other sides by vacant Land, and hath such shape form and Marks as the above plat represents. Certified the second 3. day [*sic*] of May 1775 By David Monaghan, Dep. Surv^r. Ord: C. 1st June 1775." ⁴⁵

⁴² Ibid., citing series S136002, Box 103A, item 95A.

⁴³ Ibid., citing series S213019, vol. 35, p. 131.

⁴⁴ Holcomb, *South Carolina Deed Abstracts, 1776–1783,* 21–22; citing Book Y-4, 321–24.

⁴⁵ Ibid., "Alston, Joseph, Plat for 600 Acres in Cheraws District. Date: 5/3/1775"; citing series S213184, vol. 13, page 41, item 2.



9 JUNE 1775 CHERAWS DISTRICT, SC

Land purchase

"Joseph Montgomery of Cheraw District, planter, to **William Henry Mills** of same province and district, esquire, whereas **William Henry Mills**, **Esquire**, **Sheriff** of the district of Cheraws by his deed dated 1 June instant, by a writ of fieri facias to levy of the goods and chattels, lands and tenements of Daniel McDonald, sold tract granted to James Rodgers 2 March 1732 conveyed by said James Rodgers to Daniel McDonald 10 & 11 Oct 1746; also two other tracts granted to Daniel McDonald 30 Par [Apr] 1748 and 13 March 1752, said tracts adj. each other, in the whole 250 acres adj. Pedee River, *James James's* land, *Magnis Cargill, William Davis*, and exposed to sale and purchased by *Joseph Montgomery*, now for £2000 SC money, conveyed to William Henry Mills, [signed] Joseph Montgomery (LS), Wit: *Shem Thompson, David Morgehar* [Monehan]. Proved by the oath of Thomas Phepoe who attested to the handwriting of Shem Thompson 18 Aug 1781 before Wm. Rugeley, J.P. Recorded 6 Nov 1781."⁴⁶

6 JULY 1775 CRAVEN OR GRANVILLE COUNTY, SC Neighbor

⁴⁶ Holcomb, South Carolina Deed Abstracts, 1776–1783, 130; citing Book E-5, 171–72.

"Wayne, Richard, Memorial for Three Tracts, One for 1,000 Acres on Pee Dee River, Craven County; One for 600 Acres in St. Bartholomews Parish, Colleton; and One for 400 Acres on Big Saltcatcher River, Granville County. Date: 7/6/1775." People in this record: Mills, William Henry, Hips, Mrs.; Hunt, Joseph; Jordan, James; Ladson, Robert; Monaghan; Strain, David; Wayne, Richard."⁴⁷

12 JULY 1775 CRAVEN COUNTY, SC

Land memorial

"Mills, William Henry Memorial for 405 Acres on Great Pee Dee River, Craven County. Date: 7/12/1775. People in this record: Mills, William Henry; Ellis, Isham; Hodges, John; Pounce, Anthony; Pouncy, William; Waring, John; Westfield, John. Places in this record Barby Bay; Craven County; Great Pee Dee River; Three Creeks."48

17–18 NOVEMBER 1775 CHERAW DISTRICT, SC

Land sale

"Lease and release ... Cheraw District. 26 & 26 Jan 1778, Aaron Pearson of district aforesaid, planter, to Robert Blair of same district for £350 SC money, 200 acres, part of 405 acres granted 10 Feb 1775 to William Henry Mills on north east side of Great Peedee River on *Darby's Bay* and the *Three Creeks* adj. land of *John Waring, John Hodges, John Westfield, Isham Ellis, William Pouncey, Anthony Pouncey,* recorded in Book WW, page 131, and said William Henry Mills for £500 did convey 17 & 18 Nov 1775 to Aaron Pearson of Cheraw District. Aaron Pearson (LS), Peter Chambliss, Thomas John. Proved in Cheraws District by the oath of Peter Chambliss before Abel Kolb, J.P., 27 May 1778. Recorded 3 Feb 1787."⁴⁹

30-31 OCTOBER 1776 CRAVEN COUNTY, SC

Neighbor

"Lease & release. State of South Carolina. 30 & 31 Oct 1776, *Richard Wayne* in the state aforesaid, gentleman, and *Elizabeth his wife*, to *Jacob Valk* of Charlestown, gentleman, for £500 SC money, three tracts of land: 1000 acres in Craven county on south west side of Peedee River on Cedar Creek adj. land of **William Henry Mils [sic] Esqr.**, Mrs. Monaghan; 600 acres in St. Bartholomew's Parish, Colleton County, adj. land of David Strain, Robert Ladson, Joseph Hunt, James Jordan; 400 acres in Granville County on a branch of the Big Saltketcher Swamp called Jacksons branch adj. Mrs. Hipp. Richard Wayne (LS), Eliz'h Wayne (LS), Wit: John Roberts, Margaret Walker. Proved before William Rugeley, J.P. by the oath of John Roberts 6 Aug 1781. Recorded 3 Oct 1781."⁵⁰

1777 SOUTH CAROLINA

Legal suit

"Cusack, Adam Vs William Henry Mills, Judgment Roll. Date: 1777." 51

⁴⁷ SCDAH, Record and Image Search (www.archivesindex.sc.gov : accessed 6 July 2019), citing series S111001, vol. 13, page 542, item 3.

 $^{^{48}}$ Ibid., citing series S111001, vol. 14, page 8, item 2.

⁴⁹ Holcomb, South Carolina Deed Abstracts, 1783–1788, 274; citing Book T-5, 411–13.

⁵⁰ Holcomb, *South Carolina Deed Abstracts, 1776–1783*, 212; citing Book G-5, 28–31.

⁵¹ SCDAH, Record and Image Search (www.archivesindex.sc.gov: accessed 6 July 2019), citing series S136002, Box 104C, item 34A.

11-12 JANUARY 1779 CRAVEN COUNTY, SC

Associates

"Lease and release ... Charles Augusta Steward, late of Parish of St. David in Craven county, but now of Kingdom of Great Britain, by George Gabriel Powell, William Henry Mills, and Alexander Mackintosh, esquires, his attornies, and Sarah his wife, to Thomas Singleton and William Strother of state aforesaid, whereas by bond dated 7 Feb 1775 said Charles Augustus Steward is bound to said Thomas Singleton and William Strother in the sum of £5000 SC money, to make titles to 1500 acres [see preceding deed]. Charles Augustus Steward by Geo. Gab. Powell and Alexander Mackintosh (LS), Sarah Steward (LS), Wit: George Hahnbaum, Robt Johnston, Philip Singleton, Francis Powell. Proved in South Carolina by Mrs. Ann Dollard who attested to the handwriting of the grantors 25 Aug 1785 before Thos Powe, J.Q. Proved in Charleston District by the oath of George Hahnbaum of Charleston, Practitioner of Physic, 22 Dec 1786 before El. Mazyck, J.P. Recorded 22 Dec 1786." ⁵²

29 JULY 1779 CHERAW DISTRICT, SC

Civic role

"Lease and release ... Craven County. 21 & 22 Oct 1774, *Jolley Webb* of St. Davids Parish, Craven County, SC, to John Kimbrough of same parish and county, for £100 SC money, tract granted 28 Nov 1771 to Jolley Webb, 100 acres on south west side Great Pee Dee on Hurricane Creek adj. land of John Kimbrough, Charles Woodmason. Jolley Webb (LS), Wit: *Lam Benton, Buckley Kimbrough*. **Proved in Cheraw District before William Henry Mills, J.P.** by the oath of Lam Benton 29 July 1779. Recorded 13 July 1786."53

28–28 SEPTEMBER 1779 CHARLESTON, SC

Disambiguation

"Lease & mortgage. 18 & 29 Sept 1779, James Leeson of Charlestown, gentleman, and Rebecca his wife, to Patrick Hinds of same place, gentleman, bond in the sum of £60,000 for the payment of £30,000, lot with two tenements thereon in King Street adj. to a house now the property of Edward Mathewes, and said Patrick Hinds. James Leeson (LS), Wit: **Elizabeth Mills**, Joseph Jeffords. Proved by the oath of **Elizabeth Mills** (now Elizabeth Blacklock) 24 Nov 1781) before William Rugeley, J.P. Recorded 7 Jan 1782."⁵⁴

COMMENT:

This Elizabeth Mills would not be the wife/widow of William Henry because WH was still alive. Nor would she be the daughter of William Henry and Elizabeth Montgomery, because they did not marry until 1769 and this Elizabeth was old enough to marry between September 1779 and November 1782.

At least a possibility exists that she *might* be a daughter of William Henry by the unknown first wife. However,

None of the associates in her record appear among associates of William Henry Mills.

⁵² Holcomb, *South Carolina Deed Abstracts, 1783–1788,* 243; citing Book S-5, 412–15.

⁵³ Ibid., 298; citing Book V-5, 157–59.

⁵⁴ Holcomb, *South Carolina Deed Abstracts, 1776–1783*, 176; citing Book E-5, 269–70.

• There were other Mills families living contemporaneously in coastal S.C., including a William Mills identified as a "slaymaker" in 1772, Charleston, and a "blacksmith" of Beaufort District, Coleleton Co., 1773. Entries for this man or men did not use a middle initial.⁵⁵

The only male Blacklock I have found in these published abstracts is one William Blacklock, merchant of Charleston who on 18 January 1787 proved a deed between John Walker and John Maitland, Charleston merchants to John Geyer, gentlemen of Carleston for a house on Church Street.⁵⁶

2 OCTOBER 1780 CHARLESTON, SC

Land purchase

"Maurice Simons of Charles Town, SC, and Mary his wife to **William Henry Mills** of said province, for £1312 s10 sterling, lot number 13 in Charles Town on the bay from the house formerly belionging to Mr. Colleton and now in the tenure and occupation of Mr. DaCosta, tenement wherein Mr. Alexander Petrie formerly lived but now or late the property of Mr. John Rose, from the corner tenement wherein Messrs. Harleston & Bonneau formerly lived. M. Simons, Wit: Benjin Young, Wm. Alexr Hyrne. Proved by the oath of Benjamin Young 18 Dec 1780 before Thos Phepoe, J.P. Recorded 2 Aug 1781."⁵⁷

3-4 OCTOBER 1781 CHARLESTON, SC

Land sale

"William Henry Mills, Esqr., late of Cheraws but now of Charlestown, to Daniel Ohard [O'Hara] of Charlestown, merchant, for £900 sterling, part of town lot number 13 on Bay from the House formerly belonging to Mr. Colleton, to the middle of the wall which divides the tenement wherein Mr. Alexander Petrie formerly lived but now in in the occupation of Mr. John Rose... wherein Messrs. Harleston and Bonneau formerly lived, adj. land of Mr. DaCosta. William Henry Mills (LS). Wit: Franc's Marshall, Charist'r Knight. Proved in Chs. Town District by the oath of Christ'r Knight 20 Nov 1781 before William Rugueley, J.P. Recorded 2 Jan 1782." 58

COMMENT:

Mills's sale of this land without his wife's participation suggests that she might no longer be alive. She has not been found in any record since 1775.

1781-1782 SOUTH CAROLINA

Deed of release

"Montgomery, Joseph to William Henry Mills, Deed of Release. Date: 1781-1782."59

C1781–82 CHARLESTON, SC

⁵⁵ For example, see ibid., 168, citing Book E-5, 113–18; 176, citing E-5: 270–73, 202 citing F-321–24 Also Langley, *South Carolina Deed Abstracts*, *1719–1772*, vol. 4, *1767–1773*, 311, citing D-4: 203–7.

⁵⁶ Holcomb, *South Carolina Deed Abstracts, 1783–1788*, 272; citing Book T-5, 383–86.

⁵⁷ Holcomb, South Carolina Deed Abstracts, 1776–1783, 130; citing Book C-5, 171–74.

⁵⁸ Ibid., 158–59; citing Book D-5, 504–7.

⁵⁹ SCDAH, Record and Image Search (www.archivesindex.sc.gov: accessed 6 July 2019), citing series S363001, vol. 05E0, page 171.

Col. William Henry Mills, Esq.
Wife 1: Unknown

Wife 2: Elizabeth Montgomery

Banishment

"Mills, William. Of Charleston, South Carolina. An Addresser of Sir Henry Clinton in 1780. Was banished in 1782, and his property confiscated. He may have been inclined to the Whig side in 1775, since in that year the Whig Convention made him a member of the Committee to carry out the views of the Continental Congress on the subject of the Association.

"Mills, William Henry. Of South Carolina. Held a commission under the Crown, after the fall of Charleston, in 1780. Banished, and estate confiscated. He went to England. The Commissioners on Loyalist Claims allowed him compensation for his losses. His only daughter, Anne, wife of William Thacker, of the parish of Penn, county of Stafford, England, died in 1807."⁶⁰

21 FEBRUARY 1783 CHARLESTON

Confiscation of property

"Ohare, Daniel, Petition Concerning His Buying Property from **William Henry Mills** before Said Property Was Confiscated and Now Asking to be Given the Property or Granted Such Relief as the House Deems Appropriate. (4 pages) Date: 2/21/1783." ⁶¹

COMMENT:

This four-page document is imaged at the site cited, but I did not have time in this research segment to download and transcribe it. This needs to be done.

In this document *O'Hara* [as per his signature] states that he came into the country with "mercantile views" in 1780, "never took an active part against the Citizens or Interests of America," and tried to help those in distress. About 4 Oct. 1781, he paid "William Henry Mills then of Charles Town" 900 guineas cash for a house and lot. It was confiscated. He begs relief.

19 JUNE 1783 CHARLESTON, SC

Mention

"Felix Warley of Charles Town to William Parker and Edward Blake, Commissioners of the Treasury, by bond dated 16 June 1783 in the penal sum of £7070 sterling for the payment of £3660, mortgage of lot in Charleston late the property of John Rose on the Bay and north corner of Elliott Street adj. land late the property of William Henry Mills, Hopkin Price, lands late the property of David Saylor. Felix Warley (LS), Wt: John Berwick, James O'Hear. Proved in Charleston District by the oath of James O'Hear 12 Oct 1784 before Dl. Mazyyck, J.P. Recorded 12 Oct 1784. Mortgage satisfied 1 April 1790."62

1793 CHESHIRE, ENGLAND Marriage bond

⁶⁰ Sabine, *Biographical Sketches of Loyalists of the American Revolution*, 2:84. Murtie June Clark, *Loyalists in the Southern Campaign of the Revolutionary War: Official Rolls of Loyalists*, 2 vols. (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1981), has nothing for William Mills or William Henry

⁶¹ SCDAH, *Record and Image Search* (www.archivesindex.sc.gov : accessed 6 July 2019), citing series S165015, Year 1783, item 277.

⁶² Holcomb, South Carolina Deed Abstracts, 1783–1788, 65; citing Book M-5, 213–14.

"Know all men by these Presents, That we William Thacker the younger of the Parish of Wolverhampton in the County of Stafford (attorney at Law) in the Diocese of Li____ & Coventry, and Henry Wheeler of the Parish of Liverpool, County of Lancaster & Diocese of Chester, Tea dealer, are holden and firmly bound unto the Right Reverend Father in God William — by Divine Permission, Lord Bishop of Chester—in the Sum of Five hundred Pounds of good and lawful Money of Great Britain, to be paid unto the said Right Reverend Father, his lawful Attorney, Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, to which Payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves and each of us severally for and in the whole, our Heirs, Executors, and Administrators, and the Heirs, Executors, and Administrators, of each of us firmly by these Presents Sealed with our Seals and dated the ninth Day of September in the thirty third Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third King of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, and in the Year of our Lord God One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety three.

The Condition of this Obligation is such, that if the above-bounden **William Thacker and Ann Mills** now licensed to be married together, be neither of Consanguinity, or Affinity, the one to the other, within the Degrees prohibited for Marriage: If also there be no Let or Impediment, by Reason of any Precontract, entered into before the Twenty-fifth Day of March, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Four, or any other lawful Cause whatsoever, but that they may be lawfully married together, both by the Laws of GOD, and this Land: Moreover, if the Persons, whose Consent is required by Law in this Behalf, be thereunto agreeing: And lastly, if the said Marriage be done and solemnized in such Manner, as in the License to them granted is limitted: Then this obligation to be void, or else to remain in full Force and Virtue.

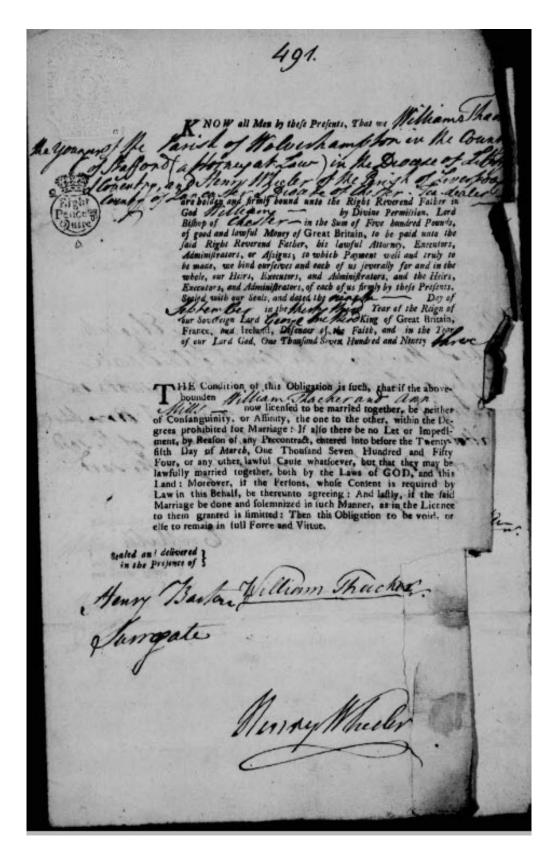
Sealed and delivered in the Presence of

William Thacker

Henry Barton

Lamgate Henry Wheeler⁶³

⁶³ "England, Cheshire, Marriage Bonds and Allegations, 1606–1900," database with images, FamilySearch (https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HT-6QP7?i=208&cc=1410775: accessed 6 July 2019), imaged bond for Thacker-Mills marriage; citing Cheshire Record Office.



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