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SUBJECT Mills & Associates: Botetourt County, Virginia: Initial Survey

BACKGROUND: This project centers upon two William Mills lines in south-central and western Virginia, with two goals:

- separating them from other same-name individuals.
- correctly reconstructing their birth families and origins.

1. **William Mills** (c1695–1756) who settled land on Lickinghole Creek in Goochland County about 1728, patented the first of that land there in 1732. In 1744, he disposed of the last of his Goochland land and migrated west to Pedlar River of the Albemarle (later Amherst). His offspring by wife Mary (possibly née Walton) are well proved: **AMBROSE MILLS**, c1721, migrated to Wateree River, SC, then Rutherford Co., NC, Loyalist colonel hung at Kings Mountain; **THOMAS MILLS**, c1723–24, d. by 1755; **SARAH “SALLY” MILLS**, c1726; married *Thomas Watts*, moved to Wateree River, SC; **WILLIAM “BILLY” MILLS** c1728, migrated to Rutherford Co., NC, also hung as a Loyalist shortly before the King’s Mountain battle; **ELIZABETH MILLS**, c1730, married *Thomas Learwood* and *John Ripley*, migrated to SC; **ANNE MILLS**, c1732, married *Lewis Witt*, lived in Bedford Co.; **MILDRED “MILLY” MILLS**, c1734, married *William Lavender* and *William Walton*, migrated as a widow to Maury Co., TN; **JESSE MILLS**, c1736–40, married **Lucy Tilman**, remained in Amherst.<sup>1</sup>

This William Mills is often erroneously merged with Millses of Augusta County who also owned land in Bedford and Lunenburg. The land of the Augusta Millses fell into Botetourt in 1770.<sup>2</sup>

2. **William Mills** (b. c1784–88), first emerged in 1806 as a young tithable in Franklin County, adjacent to Botetourt. His birth family is unproved. His Y-line descendants carry a Witt/Whitt Y. To distinguish him from other William Millses under study, I am referencing him as William Mills-Witt.

William married 1815, in Franklin Co., **Drucilla Kemp**, daughter of Robert Kemp and Millie **Edmundson** (daughter of Richard) who wed 1786 in Franklin. Drucilla’s stepmother was Sarah **Mattox** (daughter of Nathan, formerly of Bedford), who married Robert Kemp in 1802. Bondsman for William’s marriage to Drucilla was

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<sup>1</sup> For documentation of all details for this William and his family, see E. S. Mills, “William Mills (c1695–1766) of Goochland, Albemarle & Amherst Counties, Virginia; Spouse Mary (Walton?): Research Notes,” a work-in-progress last updated 1 June 2019; archived at [www.historicpathways.com](https://www.historicpathways.com), under the “Research” tab.

<sup>2</sup> For documentation to date on these Augusta Co. Millses, see See E. S. Mills, “Mills & Watts: Augusta County & the Virginia Frontier: Initial Survey ...,” report to file, 8 February 2019; archived online at E.S. Mills, *Historic Pathways* (<https://www.historicpathways.com>) under the “Research” tab.

Stephen **Standifer**,<sup>3</sup> whose family migrated from Bedford to Henry before being cut away into Franklin.

William and Drucilla disappear from Franklin County records in the 1820s but reappear in 1829 when she inherited land. About 1848, they left that land for adjacent Floyd County. In 1860 they were in Pulaski County, living on land of the wealthy planter Gordon Floyd, where William appears to have died c1863. In 1867 Drucilla died in Montgomery Co., 1867, at which time the son-in-law who reported her death, **George Bradberry**, stated she was born in Montgomery. (That birthplace is provably wrong for Drucilla but *might* reflect the informant's confusion over the birthplace of his in-laws, projecting upon his mother-in-law the birthplace of his previously deceased father-in-law.)

Offspring of William and Drucilla were **JAMES H. MILLS**, c1816; d. after 1844; **SAMUEL E. MILLS**, 26 February 1818; m. *Mary Ann Hobson* 1841 in Franklin Co., settled in Upson and Meriwether Cos., GA (progenitor of my in-laws); **WILLIAM B. MILLS**, c1820, d. 1865, Civil War; **ROBERT WILEY MILLS**, c1824, m. *Mary Jarrett*, daughter of Allen, d. 1862, CW; **SPARRELL MILLS**, c1826–27, m. 1848 *Martha Susan Jarrett*, d. c1900 **Montgomery Co.**, VA; **CHARLES T. MILLS**, c1828–33, m. *Sarah E. Fleeman* in **Montgomery Co.**, moved to Claiborne Co., TN; **SARAH "SALLIE" MILLS**, c1829, m. George Bradberry; d. after 1870, **Montgomery Co.**; **MILLY FRANCES MILLS**, c1830–33, m. *John B. Lawrence* in Floyd Co. 1854; **THOMAS R. MILLS**, c1834–36, m. *Sarah Nunley*, d. allegedly 1915 Pulaski Co.

All these counties where William and children resided after leaving Franklin were cut out of Botetourt > Montgomery. Gordon Cloyd, for whom he and his son Thomas farmed in 1860, was the son of Gen. Gordon Cloyd of Giles and Pulaski and grandson of Col. Joseph Cloyd who first appears in Fincastle shortly after it was cut from Botetourt.

ASSOCIATES: The Millses with known ties to Boutetourt prior to this project include

- **John Mills Sr.**, who first appeared in Lunenburg Co. in 1749 in company with a **William Mills**; Edmund Smith (wife Ann and son Henry), William Hays, John Beard, and Robert Ewing, Esq. When Bedford was cut away in 1754, he and Ewing fell into Bedford. His Bedford activities (1753 and 1764) involved Alexander and William **Sayers** of Augusta Co. In 1769, he sold his Bedford land, at which time he identified himself as a resident of Augusta Co—apparently the part of Augusta that became Botetourt, where his probate was opened in July 1782.<sup>4</sup>
- **John Mills Jr.**, who appeared in Bedford as a young adult in 1777. He bought land and married Patty, the daughter of Robert Ewing. After Ewing's death in 1786, he and Patty sold their Bedford land, saying that they were then living in Botetourt Co. (cut from Augusta in 1770). I've found no evidence to identify the person who

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<sup>3</sup> For documentation of all details known for William, Drucilla, and their children, see Elizabeth Shown Mills, "William Mills (b. c1783–88; d. c1863); Spouse Drucilla Kemp: Research Notes," a working file last updated 28 August 2018; archived at E. S. Mills, *Historic Pathways* (<https://www.historicpathways.com>), under the "Research" tab.

<sup>4</sup> For John Mills Sr. and Jr., see E. S. Mills, "Mills: Bedford County, Virginia: Extended Survey of Resources," report to file, 28 August 2018. Also "Mills & Watts: Augusta County & the Virginia Frontier, Initial Survey ...," report to file, 8 February 2019. Also Mills, "William Mills of Haile's Tithes List, 1750, Lunenburg County, Virginia: Identification Needed," report to file, 20 June 2018. All are archived at Mills, *Historic Pathways* (<https://www.historicpathways.com>) under the "Research" tab.

would have leased John and Patty’s Botetourt land while they lived in Augusta.

- **James Mills** of Bedford (1782–85 tax rolls) and Franklin (1786–1823), who owned land on Maggoty Creek about ten miles from William Mills-Witt and his Kemp inlaws; no association has been found between the two sets of Millses in Franklin County. James’s wife is widely said (without evidence) to have been Octavia **Breckinridge**.<sup>5</sup> The Breckinridges were a prominent contemporary family centered in Augusta, Botetourt, and Montgomery. The life style of James Mills of Franklin was not that of the Breckinridges.

TASK: Survey materials available at the Library of Virginia, to the extent that time allows, beginning with the published literature available for the county.

**FORMATION OF CRITICAL COUNTIES**

1770	<b>Boutetourt</b>	cut from	Augusta	
1772	<b>Fincastle</b>		Boutetourt	[extinguished 1777]
1777	Kentucky		Fincastle	[extinguished 1780]
1777	<b>Montgomery</b> <sup>6</sup>		Fincastle	
1777	Washington		Fincastle	
1778	Greenbrier		Montgomery, Botetourt, Augusta	
1778	Illinois		Augusta	
1786	Russell		Washington	
1789	Kanawha		Greenbrier, Montgomery	
1790	Wythe		Montgomery	
1791	Bath		Augusta, Botetourt, Greenbrier	
1793	Grayson		Wythe	
1799	Monroe		Greenbrier	
1800	Tazewell		Wythe, Russell	
1804	Mason		Kanawha	
1806	Giles		Montgomery, Monroe, Tazewell	
1809	Cabell		Kanawha	
1818	Nicholas		Greenbrier, Kanawha, Randolph	
1822	Alleghany		Bath, Botetourt, Monroe	
1824	Logan		Giles, Cabell, Tazewell, Kanawha	
1831	<b>Floyd</b>		Montgomery	
1838	Roanoke		Botetourt	
1839	<b>Pulaski</b>		Montgomery, Wythe <sup>7</sup>	

<sup>5</sup> See E. S. Mills, “James Mills (*bef.* 1750–c1823-24) & Wife [?Octavia Breckinridge?]: Research Notes,” a work-in-progress last updated 28 August 2018; archived at *Historic Pathways* under the “Research” tab.

<sup>6</sup> Franklin Co. documents of the early 1800s refer to Montgomery County as “Tennessee.” See Deed Book 4 particularly.

<sup>7</sup> Michael F. Doran, *Atlas of County Boundary Changes in Virginia, 1634–1895* (Athens, GA: Iberian Publishing Co., 1987).

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This brief review, which began with the few Botetourt resources in my personal library and extended to include onsite work at the Library of Virginia and supplemental work online, has helped to separate the Millises of Augusta > Botetourt from those of Augusta > Fincastle > Montgomery. This summary recaps what is now known and links to findings from recent research in other locales. In brief:<sup>8</sup>

- The associations and lifestyle of the Botetourt Millises differed radically from the Montgomery County families that began with two unattached Mills females.<sup>9</sup>
- No direct evidence has been found to connect William Mills-Whitt of Franklin County with the William Mills family of Goochland > Albemarle > Amherst that intermarried with Witts.
- A *possibility* remains that the James Mills of Bedford and Franklin Counties, whose wife is alleged to be a Breckenridge, may be the James Mills who appears twice in Botetourt: first, at his 1784 marriage to Elizabeth Phipps, daughter of Josiah; and second, in the 1789 will of Samuel Baldwin who named James Mills as the brother of his wife.

Within this summary, information from prior reports are footnoted to that particular report. *For the new findings, documentation and fuller details are found in the research notes section of **this** report—chronologically arranged—and can be located easily by using the date referenced in this summary.*

### MILLS OF BOTETOURT COUNTY:

This Mills family, present in Botetourt records from its creation, is solidly rooted in Augusta County. Members include:

- **William Mills**, who took out land on Clark's Creek of Anson Co., NC (later Mecklenburg and Tryon). William died on Clark's Creek by 1765, without completing title to his land. Probate and deed records of Mecklenburg and Tryon identify his heirs:<sup>10</sup>
  1. **John**, a young son who would eventually inherit his land.
  2. **Sarah**, who married **John Leek**.
  3. **Ann**, who m. **James Lockhart**.
  4. **Jeanne (m. Powers Lamkin)**.

This William is the same William Mills of 1749–50 Lunenburg, to whom John Mills [Sr.] made a payment from an estate he was administering; all known evidence compatibly suggests that he was "son William" named in the 1757 will of Augusta's Gilbert Mills.<sup>11</sup>

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<sup>8</sup> For additional records on the Millises of Botetourt during the period covered by these notes, see E. S. Mills, "Mills & Associates: Virginia Legislative Petitions from Amherst, Augusta, Bedford, Botetourt, Campbell, Carroll, Floyd, Franklin, Giles, Grayson, Montgomery, Pulaski, and Wythe Counties; Arranged Chronologically, report to file, 26 February 2019; archived at *Historic Pathways* (<https://www.historicpathways.com/download/MillsRelatedVirginiaLegislativePetitionsChronological.pdf>).

<sup>9</sup> See E. S. Mills, "Mills & Associates: Montgomery & Fincastle Counties, VA: Preliminary Survey," report to file, 24 June 2014; archived at *Historic Pathways* (<https://www.historicpathways.com/download/MillsMontgomeryFincastleVAPreliminary.pdf>).

<sup>10</sup> E. S. Mills, "Mills & Associates: Rutherford County, NC, Its Parent Counties (Anson, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, and Tryon) and Its Offshoots (Buncombe, Burke, Henderson, and Polk Counties): Expanded Survey," report to file, 28 August 2018; archived at E. S. Mills, *Historic Pathways* (<https://www.historicpathways.com/download/MillsRutherfordTryonLincolnSurvey.pdf>).

<sup>11</sup> John Beard & John Mills vs. Admr. of Edmund Smith, Bedford Chancery Causes no. 1772-005; imaged Library of Virginia, "Chancery Records Index," *Virginia Memory* ([http://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case\\_detail.asp?CFN=019-1772-005](http://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=019-1772-005) : downloaded 27 May 2018). For much more on the network in which John and William Mills operated in Lunenburg and Bedford, see the previously cited "William Mills of 1750 Tithes List, Lunenburg County, Virginia: Identification Needed," as well as the earlier referenced "Bedford County, Virginia: Extended Survey of Resources" and "Mills & Watts: Augusta County & the Virginia Frontier, Initial Survey ... ." All are archived at *Historic Pathways* under the "Research" tab.

This William should *not* be a sibling of Hugh, Blaney, and John Sr., below. In 1751, when this William prepared to leave Virginia for NC, he gave his power of attorney to “my trusty and loving friend” John Mills.<sup>12</sup> That term was used in his era for cousins and other relationships, but not for brothers.

- **Hugh**, who patented land on Clark’s Creek of Anson in 1761, contemporaneously with William. In 1771, he sold that NC land, identifying himself as a resident of Botetourt. His will was proved May 1785 in Botetourt, naming brothers Blaney and John Sr. “dec’d,” along with John’s son Hugh.<sup>13</sup>
- **Blaney (Bleney)**, who also settled in Anson, sold land there with William as his witness, and obtained land on Fishing Creek of Anson Co., which later fell into SC. (Blaney/Blenny as a surname is also found contemporaneously in Albermarle Co., VA.) He subsequently returned to Augusta, after which his residence fell into Botetourt. He died after the will of of Hugh Mills (proved Mary 1785) that named Blaney as his brother.
- **David Mills**, who married Nancy Hayes, with John Hayes as surety on 4 April 1797. The Hayes association suggests he was an offspring of John Mills Sr. who associated with Hayes in Lunenburg.
- **John Mills Sr.**, who appears to be the Lunenburg > Bedford resident of 1745–66, discussed in the background to this report. In May 1774, he was executor of the estate of Irvin Patterson in Fincastle. He died about July 1781 when the court appointed appraisers for his estate; the appraisal was filed in Botetourt in February 1782. His offspring appear to include
  1. **John Jr.**, who married Martha “Patty” Ewing, daughter of Robert of Bedford, in 1772 Botetourt and administered the Fincastle estate of William Beard, March 1775. He was a militia captain in Botetourt during the Revolutionary War. (Other Ewings also appear in Botetourt and Fincastle during that period—notably James.) This John Mills is the John Jr. discussed in the starting-point information above.
  2. **Hugh Mills**, son, cited in the 1785 probate of the will of his uncle Hugh, who explicitly said that his heir Hugh was the son of his “brother John , dec’d.”
- **James Mills**, who married **Elizabeth Phipps**, daughter of Josiah Phipps on 24 March 1784. He was named in 1782 as a militiaman serving with “Joshua” Phipps under Capt. John Mills, 37<sup>th</sup> District. He appears to be the same James named in the 1789 will of Samuel Baldwin as brother of Baldwin’s wife Mary. *Possibly*, he is the James Mills taxed in Bedford, 1782–85 and thereafter in Franklin.
- **William Mills**, who married Sarah Lemox, with her brother Wm. Lemox as surety, on 20 May 1788.
- **Narcissa Mills**, daughter of John [Jr.?], who married Robert “**Sinoggin**,” 29 June 1797.
- **Sydney Mills**, daughter of John [Jr.?], who married George **Stepp**, 27 June 1803.

Additionally, a published aggregate list of taxpayers for 1780–86 includes:

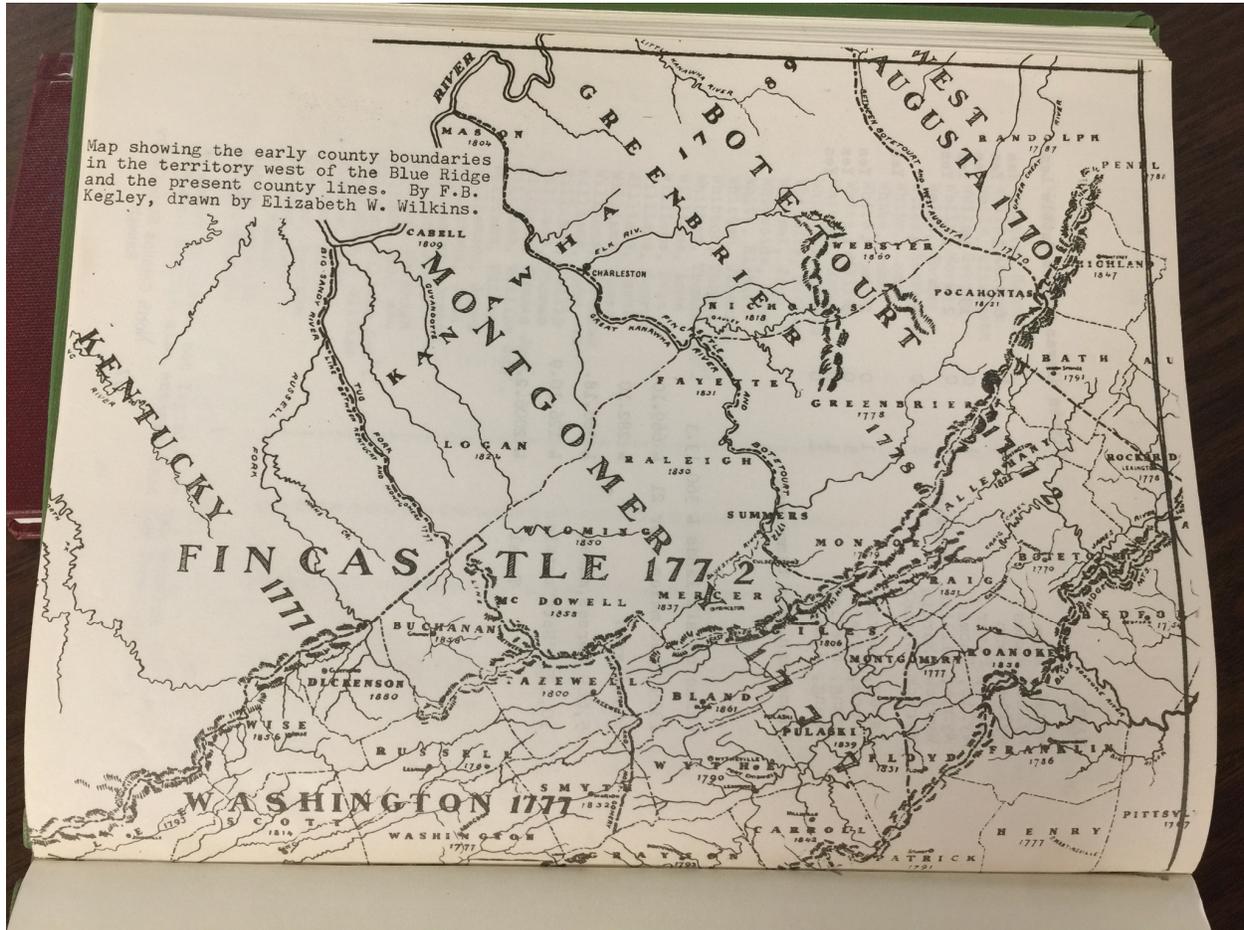
- Mills, Mary for 1780 and 1781, said to be a resident of the 37<sup>th</sup> Dist. (In evaluating Mary, we have to consider that white females were not tithables. They appear only when they owned taxable property; but single females almost never appear in this regard. More typically, a female named on a tax roll was a widow.

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<sup>12</sup> Lyman Chalkley, *Chalkley’s Chronicles of the Scotch-Irish in Virginia: Extracted from the Original Court Records, 1745–1800*, 3 vols. (Rosslyn, VA: Commonwealth Printing Co. for Mary S. Lockwood, 1912); 3:301, citing Deed Book 4:182.

<sup>13</sup> In addition to the Botetourt notes for Hugh in this report, see E. S. Mills, “Mills & Associates: Rutherford County, NC, Its Parent Counties (Anson, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, and Tryon) and Its Offshoots (Buncombe, Burke, Henderson, and Polk Counties): Survey of Published Resources,” report to file, 28 August 2018; archived at *Historic Pathways* under the “Research” tab.

**Map 1**  
**Virginia's Southwestern Border c1770-78<sup>14</sup>**



**NOTE:**

The location of Washington County (cut from Fincastle, cut from Botetourt, cut from Augusta) suggests that I also need to include Washington in future research.

<sup>14</sup> Mary B. Kegley, *Militia of Montgomery County, Virginia, 1777-1790* (Roanoke, VA: Privately Printed, 1975), frontispiece.

## Research Notes

**14 FEBRUARY 1770**

**BOTETOVRT COUNTY, VA**

Road order.

“This Court doth appoint the several Persons to be Surveyors of the Roads as followeth to wit, ... Andrew Woods and **John Mills** from the said [Little Pine] Run to the Ferry [Ingles Ferry].”<sup>15</sup>

**11 JANUARY 1771**

**BOTETOVRT COUNTY, VA**

Estate Appraisal

Robert Looney decd. Appraisal by **John Mills Sen.**, James Smith, John Looney Jun. Recorded March 12, 1771. Teste: John May CBC.”<sup>16</sup>

**14 MAY 1771**

**BOTETOVRT COUNTY, VA**

Road order.

“Ordered that John Looney be appointed Overseer of the Road in the Room of **John Mills Junr.**”<sup>17</sup>

COMMENT:

This is likely the period that John Mills Jr. left for Bedford, where he married Patty Ewing. He did not remain long after his marriage.

**11 OCTOBER 1771**

**BOTETOVRT COUNTY, VA**

Road order.

“Ordered that **John Mills**[,] Andrew Boyd and William Cross do View the Road to James River by Colonel Skillerns plantation and report the Convenience and inconvenience to the next Court.”<sup>18</sup>

**13 DECEMBER 1771**

**BOTETOVRT COUNTY, VA & TRYON COUNTY, NC**

Land sale.

**Hugh Mills** of **Botetourt Co.**, Colony of Virginia, to **John Boyd** of Tryon Co., N.C. for £50 NC money, 350 A on **shady branch** of **Clark’s Creek** adj. *Daniel Warbrights*, granted to sd. Mills 10 Apr 1761 ... Hugh Mills (seal), Wit: *William Ramsey, Joseph Love, John Andrew*. Rec. Apr. term 1774.”<sup>19</sup>

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<sup>15</sup> Ann Brush Miller, *Botetourt County Road Orders, 1770–1778* (Richmond: Virginia Transportation Research Council, 2007), 1; citing Botetourt Couty Order Book 1, pp. 7–8.

<sup>16</sup> Ann Chilton, *Botetourt Co. VA, Will Book A, 1770–1801* (Signal Mountain, TN: Mountain Press, 1988), 1; citing Will Book A:5.

<sup>17</sup> Ann Brush Miller, *Botetourt County Road Orders, 1770–1778* (Richmond: Virginia Transportation Research Council, 2007), 10; citing “BCOB p. 325.”

<sup>18</sup> Ann Brush Miller, *Botetourt County Road Orders, 1770–1778* (Richmond: Virginia Transportation Research Council, 2007), 12; citing “BCOB p. 408.”

<sup>19</sup> Brent Holcomb, *Deed Abstracts of Tryon, Lincoln & Rutherford Counties, North Carolina, 1769–1786; Tryon County Wills & Estates* (Greenville, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1977), 52; citing Tryon-Lincoln vol. 1:709. For more on this Hugh Mills, see E. S. Mills, “Mills & Associates: Rutherford County, NC, Its Parent Counties (Anson, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, and Tryon) and Its

COMMENT:

In past work on Botetourt (later Montgomery), I found the Boyds to be kin to Fergusons and inlaws of the McCarrells, in whose company William Mills-Witt of Franklin first appeared in 1806.

**14 JANUARY 1772**

**BOTETOURT COUNTY, VA**

Marriage.

“**John Mills** and **Martha Ewing**, dau. **Robert Ewing** (of Bedford)—Jan. 14, 1772.”<sup>20</sup>

COMMENT:

This John Mills was John Jr., formerly of Augusta, Bedford, and Lunenburg.<sup>21</sup>

**14 AUGUST 1772**

**BOTETOURT COUNTY, VA**

Road order.

“Ordered **John Mills**[,] James Smith and **John Mills Junr** being first sworn before a Justice of the peace for this County to view the Road from Mr. Boyds by a ford above Crows near the old still House into the Road between Crows and the Courthouse and make Report of the Conveniences and inconveniences of the same to the Court.”<sup>22</sup>

**7 NOVEMBER 1773**

**BOTETOURT COUNTY, VA**

Association.

“**Breckenridge**, Robert. Pro[bate of will] Nov. 7, 1773. Names wife, Lettice, and ch. William John, Alexander, Robert, James, Preston, and Elizabeth.”<sup>23</sup>

COMMENT:

Note that this family contains no **Octavia Breckenridge**, the maiden name alleged for the wife of James Mills of Bedford and Franklin Counties. The ages of those Mills children suggest that their mother was of the generation of the children and heirs named above.

**11 MARCH 1777**

**BOTETOURT COUNTY, VA**

Road order.

“William Leagerwood (Ledgerwood?) is appointed Surveyor of the Road from his House to the Division of the Road in the Room of James McAfee[,]  
**John Mills Junr** from the Beaver Dams to James River, James Leatherdale Junr from the said Beaver Dams to Moores Creek & Wm McClelan from the said Creek Mrs. Breckenridges.”<sup>24</sup>

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Offshoots (Buncombe, Burke, Henderson, and Polk Counties): Survey of Published Resources,” report to file, 28 August 2018; archived at *Historic Pathways* under the “Research” tab.

<sup>20</sup> Anne Lowry Worrell, *Early Marriages, Wills, and Some Revolutionary War Records: Botetourt County, Virginia* (1958; reprinted, Baltimore: Clearfield, 2004), 33.

<sup>21</sup> See E. S. Mills, “Augusta County & the Virginia Frontier, Mills & Watts: Initial Survey ...,” report to file, 8 February 2019; archived online at E.S. Mills, *Historic Pathways* (<https://www.historicpathways.com>) under the “Research” tab.

<sup>22</sup> Ann Brush Miller, *Botetourt County Road Orders, 1770–1778* (Richmond: Virginia Transportation Research Council, 2007), 18; citing “BCOB 2, p. 323.”

<sup>23</sup> Anne Lowry Worrell, *Early Marriages, Wills, and Some Revolutionary War Records: Botetourt County, Virginia* (1958; reprinted, Baltimore: Clearfield, 2004), 53.

<sup>24</sup> Ann Brush Miller, *Botetourt County Road Orders, 1770–1778* (Richmond: Virginia Transportation Research Council, 2007), 32; citing “BCOB 4, p. 8.”

**11 FEBRUARY 1778**  
**BOTETOURT COUNTY, VA**

Road order.

“Ordered that John Smith[,] John Compton & **John Mills** being first Sworn to view the Shore on Wm Adersons side of James River and Report to the Court the most Convenient Landing place for a ferry from Crows Land.”<sup>25</sup>

COMMENT:

This John Mills should be John Sr., the long-time resident of the part of Augusta County that became Botetourt.<sup>26</sup>

**1780–1786**  
**BOTETOURT COUNTY, VA**

Militia & tax rolls.

“The original documents, from which I copy these names, are old and faded, and many are very hard to discipher [*sic*]. **From year to year, the same man’s name may be spelled differently. I have tried to use what appears to be the spelling most used. I did not copy the “Jr.” and “Sr.” when used, because, this, also, may change from year to year. [!]** Some Captain’s lists for some years are missing, some are not dated, and others lack the Captain’s name. I have placed the undated, unnamed ones in the most logical places. In some years, the tithe tax was levied twice.

“Following each man’s name are dated columns from ’80 through ’86, in which are entered the number of the Company in which he was taxed. Next is a column headed ‘M.D.’; if he was eligible for the 1782 draft, I enter his Military District here. The last two columns, headed ’82 and ’85 are for the number of acres he was taxed with for those years. **Usually, when there are more than one person with the same name it is not possible to tell to whom the land belonged. In that case, the land is listed after the first one listed.**”<sup>27</sup>

Mills, Blaney	’80 (nothing), ’81 (16), ’82 (nothing), ’83 (nothing), ’83 (nothing), ’84 (16), ’85 (nothing) ’85 (16), ’86 (16), ’86 (nothing), MD (nothing), ’82 (nothing), 85 (397)
Mills, Hugh	’80 (nothing), ’81 (nothing), ’82 (nothing), ’84 (16), ’85 (nothing), ’85 (16), ’86 (nothing), ’86 (nothing), MD (nothing), ’82 (397)
Mills, James	’80 (37), ’81 (37), ’82 (nothing), ’83 (nothing), ’84(16), ’85 (nothing), ’85 (37), ’86 (blank) ’86 (37)
Mills, John	’80 (37), ’81 (37), ’82 (blank), ’83 (37), ’83 (nothing), ’84 (37), ’85 (blank), ’85 (37), ’86 (37), ’86 (37), MD (37), ’82 (830, 660), ’85 (830, 515)
Mills, Mary	’80 (blank), ’81 (37)

**JULY 1781**  
**BOTETOURT COUNTY, VA**

Estate appraisal.

**John Mills** [Sr.] deceased. Appraisal by John Ward, George Hutchison, Recorded: February, 1782. Teste:

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<sup>25</sup> Ann Brush Miller, *Botetourt County Road Orders, 1770–1778* (Richmond: Virginia Transportation Research Council, 2007), 33; citing “BCOB 4, p. 18.”

<sup>26</sup> See E. S. Mills, “Augusta County & the Virginia Frontier, Mills & Watts: Initial Survey ...,” report to file, 8 February 2019; archived online at E.S. Mills, *Historic Pathways* (<https://www.historicpathways.com>) under the “Research” tab.

<sup>27</sup> Charles T. Burton, *Botetourt County, VA: Its Men, 1780–1786* (Troutville, VA: P.p., c1982), 4–5, 7–8.

David May CBC.”<sup>28</sup>

COMMENT:

Treacy, *Botetourt Courty, Virginia, Will Book A*: 115ff transcribes the full appraisal. It includes 9 enslaved people, 12 horses (including mares and colts), 12 sheep, 15 swine, 12 cows and calves, a small number of “old books”, only one bed and furnishings, 4 spinning wheels, and little other household goods. The appraaisal by William Ward and George Hutchison did not include land.<sup>29</sup>

**FEBRUARY 1782**

**BOTETOVRT COUNTY, VA**

Probate.

Court filing: “**John Mills**, dec. Apr. [appraisal of] estate Feb., 1782.”<sup>30</sup>

COMMENT:

- This would be John Mills Sr. of Lunenburg > Bedford and Augusta > Botetourt.
- Also see May 1785 below for the Botetourt will of Hugh Mills, who left a legacy to a younger Hugh Mills whom he identified as the son of his brother John.

**24 JULY 1782**

**BOTETOVRT COUNTY, VA**

Estate appraisal

David Smith, deceased. Appraisal by **John Mills**, William Bilbro, Michael Ockellre. Recorded: August, 1782. Teste: David May CBC.”<sup>31</sup>

COMMENT:

The appraiser in this case would be John Mills Jr.

**27 AUGUST 1782**

**BOTETOVRT COUNTY, VA**

Association.

“Robert Hammill and **Jean Ferguson**,<sup>32</sup> dau. of **Henry Ferguson**, of Bedford–Aug. 27, 1782.”<sup>33</sup>

**31 AUGUST 1782**

**BOTETOVRT COUNTY, VA**

Militia service.

“List of Capt. Eson’s Company amounting to 45 men returned: ... **Capt. Mills’s** do. [ditto, meaning “company”], 43 men. ... Ordered that **Capt. John Mills**, William Anderson, **James Mills**, Wm. Allen, Thos. Crow, Henry White, George Wattwood, John Painter, Wm. Franklin, Joshua Phipps, Joseph Jenkins, Wm.

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<sup>28</sup> Ann Chilton, *Botetourt Co. VA, Will Book A, 1770–1801* (Signal Mountain, TN: Mountain Press, 1988), 22; citing Will Book A: 161.

<sup>29</sup> Karen Wagner Treacy, *Botetourt County, Virginia (Will Book A (pt. 1), 1770–1785)* (Athens, GA & Charlottesville, VA: New Papyrus Publishing Co., 2015), 113–14.

<sup>30</sup> Anne Lowry Worrell, *Early Marriages, Wills, and Some Revolutionary War Records: Botetourt County, Virginia* (1958; reprinted, Baltimore: Clearfield, 2004), 80.

<sup>31</sup> Ann Chilton, *Botetourt Co. VA, Will Book A, 1770–1801* (Signal Mountain, TN: Mountain Press, 1988), 1; citing Will Book A:5.

<sup>32</sup> Anne Lowry Worrell, *Early Marriages, Wills, and Some Revolutionary War Records: Botetourt County, Virginia* (1958; reprinted, Baltimore: Clearfield, 2004), 18.

<sup>33</sup> Anne Lowry Worrell, *Early Marriages, Wills, and Some Revolutionary War Records: Botetourt County, Virginia* (1958; reprinted, Baltimore: Clearfield, 2004), 21.

Aston, Wm. Martin, Joseph Martin, Thomas Ruddsill, of **Capt. Mills'** company be considered as the Thirty-seventh District.

"That James Lauderdale, William Lauderdale, John Lauderdale, John Wood, Horn (?) Compton, Andrew Clark, John Layman, Isaac Kelly, Lawrence Young, Thomas Fitzwater, Charles Stewart, Wm. Switzer, Mathew Wilson, Colo Thomas Rowland, James Vics of **Capt. Mills'** Company be considered the Thirty-eighth District.

"That William McClelan, Samuel Walker, Joseph Walker, **James Ewing**, James Moore, John Moore, Samuel McClenechan, Mathew Ralston, John Pryor, Joseph Pryor, Archibald Woods, Andrew Woods, Samuel Todd, Thomas Miller, of **Capt. Mills'** Company, be considered the Thirty-ninth Dist.

"That **James Breckenridge**, Capt. James Robinson, Andrew Neely, Reuben Green, John McElwain, Joseph Darr, Michl Cloyd, Edward Springer, William Dunn, Thomas Preston, Saml. Coburn, Francis Smith, William Ryan, Harris Ryan Stephen May, of Capt. Robinson's Company to be considered the Fortieth District.

"That John Neely, **William Breckenridge**, **John Breckenridge, Jun.**, John McRoberts, Samuel McRobebrts [*sic*], Alexander McRoberts, Curtis Anderson, Thomas Miller, Allen Gulliford, John Barton, Stephen Hughs, Robert Hammett, John Curdy, Joseph Emmons, Isaac Emmons, to be considered the Forty-first district."<sup>34</sup>

COMMENT:

**Capt. John Mills** of Botetourt in 1782 should be John Mills Jr., son of John Mills Sr., whose probate was opened in February 1782, above.

**James Mills** has not been identified. His presence in Capt. John Mills' unit suggests that he, like Capt. John, may be a son of the recently deceased John Mills Sr. He is a *possible* candidate for James Mills (alleged wife Octavia Breckinridge) who surfaced on Bedford County's 1782 tax roll and subsequently settled on Elliott's Creek of the Maggoty, which fell into Franklin County in 1785.

**24 MARCH 1784**  
**BOTETOURT COUNTY, VA**  
Marriage.

"**James Mills**, and Elizabeth Phipps, dau. Josiah Philipps—March 24, 1784."<sup>35</sup>

COMMENT:

*If* this is the James Mills of subsequent Franklin County, then Elizabeth was not his first wife. The sons of James of Franklin began marrying in the mid-1790s. Also, if their mother had been a Breckenridge as alleged, then her children should have been named as heirs of her share of the Breckenridge estate.

**FEB-MARCH 1785**  
**BOTETOURT COUNTY, VA**  
Census.

"This enumeration was taken in Feb. and March, 1785. The first number after each name is the number

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<sup>34</sup> Anne Lowry Worrell, *Early Marriages, Wills, and Some Revolutionary War Records: Botetourt County, Virginia* (1958; reprinted, Baltimore: Clearfield, 2004), 69–69.

<sup>35</sup> Anne Lowry Worrell, *Early Marriages, Wills, and Some Revolutionary War Records: Botetourt County, Virginia* (1958; reprinted, Baltimore: Clearfield, 2004), 33.

of white persons in the house; the next is the number of Dwellings and the last is the number of other buildings. At this time, the area enumerated included all or parts of these other counties: Alleghany, Bath, Roanoke, and Craig.”<sup>36</sup>

COMMENT:

The “enumeration” is by district, with most districts semi-alphabetized.

*Joshua Martin’s Dist.*

*James Robinson’s Dist.*

*John Cartmill’s Dist.*

*James Smith’s Dist.*

*Capt. [Francis] Graham’s Dist.*

*Henry Walker’s Dist.*

Thomas Lookey 6-1-0

Hugh **Meens** 3-1-0

*Lewis’s Dist.*

*Smith’s Dist.*

Sam. Philips

Sam. Garwood

Davd. Litle

Wm. **Wills** 7-1-2

[This family appears, clearly, in the 80s as Wills, not Mills]

John **Wills** 6-1-2

Jesse Robinet

Jas. Peery

Thomas McGeorge

*James Barnett’s Dist.*

**Samuel Musgrove** 3-1-0

*John Reynold’s Dist.*

John Lemaster

Absolem Luney

*Neelly’s Dist.*

*Estill’s Dist.*

**John Tagert** 5-1-2

*Frazer’s Dist.*

*Watterson’s Dist.*

*Pryor Dist.*

*John Mase’s (Mays’) Dist. [sic]*

John Dougherty, William Franklin, Joseph Jenkins, Hannah Lemar, Nickles Hipps, William Anderson, George Watwood, George Carens, Eley Croavey ... [then]

**John Mills** 8-2-6

Henery White, William Latherdel [Lauderdale], James Latherdel, Sr., James Latherdel, Jr., Thos. Moore ...

COMMENT:

- This John Mills should be John Jr. of Botetourt.
- Mays’ Dist. was significantly larger than the others.

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<sup>36</sup> Charles T. Burton, *Botetourt County, VA, 1785 Enumeration* (Troutville, VA: P.p., c1973), 4-5, 7-8.

- James Mills, who was named in 1789 will as brother of Mary (Mrs. Samuel) Baldwin, is not shown on this tax list.
- William & Hugh Mills are also missing, unless they are the Wm. Wills & Hugh “Meens” above.

**JANUARY 1785**

**BOTETOURT COUNTY, VA**

“This Account of the Administration of the Estate of John Allderson dec<sup>d</sup> by Curtis Allderson Ad<sup>tor</sup> by D May & W<sup>m</sup> Bilbro who were appointed to settle the same & allowed by Court & ordered to be recorded ... To Bond on **John Mills** date the 9<sup>th</sup> March but must be settled from 21<sup>st</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup> being the Day of Sale £40 : 18...0.”<sup>37</sup>

COMMENT:

This, too, would be the man formerly called John Mills “Jr.”

*bef.* **25 MARCH 1785**

**BOTETOURT COUNTY, VA**

Will.

“In the name of God Amen. I **Hugh Mills** of the County of Botetourt and State of Virginia being sick & weak in body but of sound & disposing Mind and Memory do make this my last will & Testament in manner and form following[:] that is to say principally and first of all I resign my Soul to its Creator who gave it as on the disposal of a Being Infinitely Good my Body to the Earth to be Buried decently at the discretion of my Ex<sup>ors</sup> and friend & as to my Worley Estate I dispose of the same in the following manner & form. Imprimis I give and bequeath to my Nephew **Hugh Mills** Son of my Brother **John Mills dec<sup>d</sup>** all my Lands which I may Die possessed with to him his Heirs & Assigns forever all the remainder of my Estate I give & bequeath to my well beloved Brother **Blaney Mills** together with all Debts which are or may be due to me at the time of my Death to him his Heirs & Assigns forever upon the said Blaneys paying my Just Debts [page 226] and Funeral expences. Secondly it is my Will that my Executors hereafter named shall (if I should not Live to do it myself) make a Deed in fee simple for me & my Heirs to Jn<sup>o</sup> Depew for a Certain Part of the Land whereon I live to him his Heirs & Assigns for ever agreeable to an article of Agreement Lodged in the Hanes of Cap<sup>t</sup> David May entered into between the said Depew & myself only instead of runing one out into Land discovered Since to be out of my Lines to run from M<sup>r</sup> John Howard’s Corner Pine to my first Corner on a Hill & thence Across my Land. I do hereby appoint my Brother Blaney Mills & Cap<sup>s</sup> David May Ex<sup>ors</sup> of this my last Will & Testament hereby revoking & disannulling all former and other Wills by me made hereby ratifying this & no other to be my last Will & Testament. Memo these words only instead of running one out into Land discovered since to be out of my Lines to run from M<sup>r</sup> John Howards Corner Pine to my first Corner on a Hill & thence across my Land :: were interlined above before Signing.

**Hugh Mills**

Signed, Sealed, Published Pronounced & declared in presence of John Howard, Ezekiel Howard, Charles Barnett

Addenda. It is further my Will that my Brother **Blaney Mills** shall have the full use of & enjoy the Land and Plantation whereon I Live during his Natural Life after his Decease to descend as before directed & bequeathed to my Nephew **Hugh Mills** Son of Jn<sup>o</sup> Mills dec<sup>d</sup> to him his Heirs & Assigns forever.

**Hugh Mills**

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<sup>37</sup> Karen Wagner Treacy, *Botetourt County, Virginia (Will Book A (pt. 1), 1770–1785)* (Athens, GA & Charlottesville, VA: New Papyrus Publishing Co., 2015), 168.

[page 227] Signed, Sealed Published Pronounced & Declared by the Testator as his last Will &<sup>c</sup> in presence of John Howard, Ezekiel Howard, Charles Barnet”<sup>38</sup>

**25 MARCH 1785**  
**BOTETOURE COUNTY, VA**

Will probate

“This Instrument of Writing was produced in Court as & for the last Will & Testament of **Hugh Mills** dec<sup>d</sup> & prov’d by the Oaths of Ezekiel Howard & Charles Barnett Witnesses hereto & on the Motion of **Blaney Mills** & David May Ex<sup>ors</sup> herein named admitted to Record whereupon Certificate is granted them for obtaining a Probat of the same in due form they having first made Oath entered into & acknowledged Bond in £500 according to Law.”<sup>39</sup>

**MAY 1785**  
**BOTETOURE COUNTY, VA**

Will.

“**Hugh Mills**. Will po. [probate order] May, 1785. Names bros. *Blaney* and *John*, and John’s son *Hugh*.”<sup>40</sup>

COMMENT:

This published abstract omits the fact that Hugh, in naming his brother John, stated that John was deceased.

**24 JUNE 1785**  
**BOTETOURE COUNTY, VA**

Estate inventory

“An Inventory of the Goods & Chattles of **Hugh Mills** late of Botetourt County deceased as Appraised in Current Money of the State of Virginia by us the Subscribers being Qualified for that purpose Witness our Hands & Seals.

A bay Mear and oult £15 a roan Mear and Filey £15	30... 0...0
Fore Cows and one Calf £12:10	12..10...0
Three young Cattle @ £3:15	3..15...0
To 3 Bells at two Shillings p <sup>r</sup> Peace	6...0
An old gun Barrell and old Lumber an old pair of Specttakles	<u>1... [ ]</u>
Carried forward	47... [ ]
Brought forward	47...19...0

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One old Mattock and old Axe 10/ one old Saddle	16...0
One old Rug and too old Blankets and Sheet	1... 0...0
Too old Books 9/ an old Pair of Buckles 1/ one old Brand Iron 2/0	2...0
One old Hansaw 2/ old Cart £1:5 old Plough and Pitchfork	2... 2...0
One old Razor 1/ one old half Bushel 2/ two old Tubs and old Riddle 2/	5...0
Two old Horses three Pounds	3... 0...0
An old Pot and Pot-hooks 4/4 two old Syths 1/6 Old Frying Pan	

<sup>38</sup> Karen Wagner Treacy, *Botetourt County, Virginia (Will Book A (pt. 1), 1770–1785)* (Athens, GA & Charlottesville, VA: New Papyrus Publishing Co., 2015), 169–70.

<sup>39</sup> Karen Wagner Treacy, *Botetourt County, Virginia (Will Book A (pt. 1), 1770–1785)* (Athens, GA & Charlottesville, VA: New Papyrus Publishing Co., 2015), 169–70.

<sup>40</sup> Anne Lowry Worrell, *Early Marriages, Wills, and Some Revolutionary War Records: Botetourt County, Virginia* (1958; reprinted, Baltimore: Clearfield, 2004), 80.

& old Lumber 2/	7..10
Old Water Pale 2/ Pare of Pinchars 2/6 old Book 1/6 Old Pewter 4/	9... 0
Old Cloaths 8/ to Paten of Deer Skin 12/ one Carpenters Auger 3/	1... 3... 0
Old Bed tick 4 / Old Bag 6/ old Chairs 1/ old Leggins /8	11...8
to 1 Hat and Handkerchief 15/	<u>15...0</u>
	59...0...6

Benjamin West, Samuel Crawford

“August Botetourt Court 1785 This inventory & Appraisement of the Estate of **Hugh Mills** dec<sup>d</sup> was returned to Court & ordered to be recorded.”<sup>41</sup>

**Hugh Mills** estate. “Appraised by Benjamin West, Samuel Crawford. Recorded: August, 1785. Teste: David May CBC [Clerk, Botetourt County].”<sup>42</sup>

**11 AUGUST 1785**

**BOTETOURT COUNTY, VA**

Disambiguation.

“Thomas Prothers and **Hannah Miles**, dau. of **Bartholomew Miles**—Aug. 11, 1785.”<sup>43</sup>

COMMENT:

I have found nothing to indicate that this “Miles” family might be “Mills.”

**1787**

**BOTETOURT COUNTY, VA**

Tax roll.

TAX DISTRICT C: District of Samuel Todd, Commissioner. <sup>44</sup>

[Semi-alphabetized by first letter of surname]

**Breckenridge, Littice**            0 white males 16–21  
   6 blacks above 16  
   3 blacks under 16  
   8 horses & mares  
   31 head cattle

**Mills, Blaney**                    0 white males 16–21  
   0 blacks above 16  
   0 blacks under 16  
   4 horses & mares  
   5 cattle  
   “not tithable”

[skip 31]

**Mills, John**                      0 males 16–21  
   4 blacks above 16

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<sup>41</sup> Karen Wagner Treacy, *Botetourt County, Virginia (Will Book A (pt. 1), 1770–1785)* (Athens, GA & Charlottesville, VA: New Papyrus Publishing Co., 2015), 171–72.

<sup>42</sup> Ann Chilton, *Botetourt Co. VA, Will Book A, 1770-1801* (Signal Mountain, TN: Mountain Press, 1988), 29; citing Will Book A:228.

<sup>43</sup> Anne Lowry Worrell, *Early Marriages, Wills, and Some Revolutionary War Records: Botetourt County, Virginia* (1958; reprinted, Baltimore: Clearfield, 2004), 38.

<sup>44</sup> Netti Schreiner-Yantis and Florene Speakman Love, *The 1787 Census of Virginia: An Accounting of the Name of Every White Male Tithable Over 21 Years ...*, 3 vols. (Springfield, Va.: Genealogical Books in Print, 1987), I: 221–32.

	2 blacks under 16
	7 horses & mares
	15 head cattle
Watts, William	0 males 16–21
	10 blacks above 16
	11 blacks under 16
	3 horses & mares
	30 head cattle

**20 MAY 1788**  
**BOTETOURT COUNTY, VA**

Marriage.

“**William Mills** and Sarah **Lemox** (over 21). Wm. Lemox, surety, her brother—May 20, 1788.”<sup>45</sup>

**12 JANUARY 1789**  
**BOTETOURT COUNTY, VA**

Estate inventory.

Peter Camper, Deceased. Inventory by John Wood, **John Mills**, John Paxton. Recorded: January 13 1789. Teste: H. Bowyer CBC.”<sup>46</sup>

**6 AUGUST 1789**  
**BOTETOURT COUNTY, VA**

Associations.

“Will of **Samuel Baldwin**. Wife: Mary. Sons: William, Thomas, Lewis, Alen, James. Daughters: Elizabeth, Sarah, Jo, Hanna, Morris, Mary, Charty [*sic*]. Exec: **wife Mary and her brother James Mills**. Witnesses: Mary Caldwell, Jane Caldwell, Rosannah Caldwell. Recorded: September, 1793. Teste: H. Bowyer.”<sup>47</sup>

COMMENT:

The only other James Mills I have found in the county is the James who is said to have married Elizabeth Phipps, daughter of Josiah Phipps, on 24 March 1784. (See that date above.)

**3 AUGUST 1790**  
**BOTETOURT COUNTY, VA**

Association.

“William Sexton and **Mary Ewing**, dau. James Ewing—Aug. 3, 1790.”<sup>48</sup>

**24 AUGUST 1790**  
**BOTETOURT COUNTY, VA**

Association.

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<sup>45</sup> Anne Lowry Worrell, *Early Marriages, Wills, and Some Revolutionary War Records: Botetourt County, Virginia* (1958; reprinted, Baltimore: Clearfield, 2004), 33.

<sup>46</sup> Ann Chilton, *Botetourt Co. VA, Will Book A, 1770-1801* (Signal Mountain, TN: Mountain Press, 1988), 34; citing Will Book A:263.

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<sup>48</sup> Anne Lowry Worrell, *Early Marriages, Wills, and Some Revolutionary War Records: Botetourt County, Virginia* (1958; reprinted, Baltimore: Clearfield, 2004), 41.

“Will of John Derick. Wife Mary. Sons: Micheal, Jonathan, (other children mentioned, no names). Exec: son Micheal, William Davidson Esq. Witnesses: John Florey, **William Mills**, David Florey. Recorded: September 14, 1790.”<sup>49</sup>

COMMENT:

This William Mills has not been identified. Of the three possible parental candidates:

- Hugh Mills of Botetourt died leaving no children; will named a son of his brother John Sr.
- John Mills Sr. of Botetourt did not leave a will; most **children not yet identified**.
- Blaney Mills, brother of Hugh and John, is still alive; **children not yet identified**.

**14 SEPTEMBER 1790**

**BOTETOVRT COUNTY, VA**

Association.

Will of John Darick proved by oaths of John Florey, David Florey, and **William Mills**. William Davidson refused executorship and Michael Derrick was appointed with Michael Carnes and Philip Speckard as his securities.<sup>50</sup>

**6 MAY 1811**

**BOTETOVRT COUNTY, VA**

Association.

“**Edward Watts** and Elizabeth **Breckenridge**, daughter of Gen. James Breckenridge. May 6, 1812.”<sup>51</sup>

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3. All courthouse records for the county need to be exhausted.

### **Botetourt County, VA**

1. All courthouse records for the county need to be exhausted.

### **Revolutionary War**

1. “Revolutionary War Pensions.” *Fold3*. Search for all known individuals on the published militia rosters that cover Botetourt. Study each file for information that sheds light on Millses, Witts, and their activities.