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SUBJECT Mills: Henry and Pittsylvania Counties, Virginia: Initial Survey

BACKGROUND: This project is an effort to sort out the identities, birth families, and offspring of three separate William Millses, whose locations and associates overlap across time:

(1)

William Mills (b. c1784–85; d. c1863, possibly at his son Thomas's home in Pulaski County (cut 1839 from Montgomery and Wythe). He married 1815, in Franklin County, VA, Drucilla Kemp, daughter of Robert Kemp and Millie Emundson (m. 1786, daughter of Richard). Drucilla's stepmother was Sarah Mattox (m. 1802, daughter of Nathan). Bondsman for William's marriage to Drucilla was Stephen Standifer. Key points known to date:¹

- William's birth family is unknown; but his Y-line is that of descendants of the Virginia immigrant John Witt. **For the purpose of identification in this project—one that involves several William Millses—I am calling him William Mills-Witt.**
- The area that became Franklin in 1785 was cut from Henry and Bedford Counties. The region north of Blackwater River was cut from Bedford. The region south of the Blackwater was cut from Henry (formerly Pittsylvania and Halifax).
- Families surnamed Edmundson, Kemp, Maddox, Mills, Standifer, and Witt lived and interacted in both Henry and Bedford, as well as Bedford's predecessor Lunenburg.
- Only one Mills family unit has been placed in the Franklin County area at the time William Mills-Witt was supposedly born there: a family headed by one **James Mills** who lived in the old-Bedford part of Franklin. I have not yet associated James with Henry County. He had a son William (married Elizabeth Abshire, 1796, in Franklin) who is easily disambiguated from William Mills-Witt.
- Associates: At William Mills-Witt's first appearance on record in Franklin, 1806, he appears on the tax roll between **Samuel McCarrell** and **Booker Mullins**. He remains between them until 1810, at which time William is dropped. He and Samuel also do not appear on the 1810 census of Franklin as heads-of-households. When William returned in 1812, he is clustered with **Thomas Mullins** and Thomas Musgrove. The 1820 census (semi-alphabetized) places him between "Bowker" Mullins and Jacob Mullins, Drucilla's stepkin Gabriel Mattox, and the Mattox in-law, John **Manning**. William's whereabouts between 1820 and 1830 are unknown. He reappears in county records in 1830 in the wake of an inheritance from his father-in-law. The 1830 census itemizes him consecutively with **Booker Mullins's son Joseph**.
- Two of William and Drucilla's sons wed daughters of Henry County's Allen Jarrett.

¹ See E. S. Mills, "William Mills (b. c1783–88; d. c1863); Spouse; Drucilla Kemp: Research Notes," a work-in-progress last updated 28 August 2018. Also Mills, "James Mills (bef. 1750–c1823-24) & Wife: [?Octavia Breckinridge?]: Research Notes," a work-in-progress last updated 28 August 2018. Both are archived online at Mills, *Historic Pathways* (<https://www.HistoricPathways.com>) under the "Research" tab.

(2)

William Mills (b. c1745) and wife Elizabeth (née Fontaine²) in 1770 jointly received a grant along Matrimony Creek in Pittsylvania County—later Henry. In 1782, a circuit-riding minister from Goochland’s St. James Northam Parish baptized their son George. In 1783, that same minister baptized twins for William and Elizabeth’s next door neighbor there in lower Henry. The baptismal entries identify the parents of the twins as Samuel Woodson and wife Sarah Mills—thereby suggesting potential kin for William Mills of Henry. The names of those twins, William *Fontaine* Woodson and Joseph *Le Villaine* Woodson also suggest Goochland roots. Samuel’s mother was Elizabeth La Villaine, sister of the Anthony La Villaine cited as adjacent landowner in a 1746 patent for Goochland (later Cumberland) land patented to “William Mills, son of **William Mills of Aberdeen.**” This Aberdeen William can be tracked in Goochland and Cumberland from c1739–65. The adjacent landownership suggest him as a potential father for William and Sarah Mills of the LaVillaine-Woodson-Fontaine cluster in Henry, but no wife or offspring have been identified for the Aberdeen William.³ One Virginia researcher from the 1930s, unusually careful for her era, believed William of Matrimony Creek to be the son of Robert³ Mills of Hanover County, VA, and grandson of the well-known Nicholas² Mills who married Ann Clopton.⁴

(3)

William Mills (b. c1690) with wife Mary (allegedly Walton) of Albemarle County were also rooted in Goochland. William first appears there in 1730. Between 1732 and 1736, he acquired two tracts on Lickinghole Creek and a third tract on the ridge between Willis River and Guinea Creek; all were parceled into smaller tracts and sold between 1736 and 1744. By the summer of 1745 this Mills family had relocated on Pedlar River of Goochland, an area that was cut off that year to create Albemarle. Their new lands lay along the line that Albemarle shared with the part of Lunenburg County that became Bedford County in 1754. By the time of William’s death in 1766, their part of Albemarle had been cut away to form Amherst County, where Mary died c1776. Their children have been found in Albemarle, Amherst, Bedford, Cumberland, Lunenburg, and Prince Edward (formerly Amelia, Brunswick, and Prince George). At least four of their seven children lived a while in Bedford: one of them, **Anne Mills, wife of Lewis Witt** lived there until her death in the 1820s.⁵ One branch of the Bedford-Goochland Witts are said to be Henry County neighbors of William and Elizabeth (Fontaine).

TASK: Comb Henry County records to extract all records dealing with any of these Millses and informative records for their known associates.

² *Find A Grave* (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/33487670/william-mills> : accessed 27 May 2018), memorial page created 2009 by deegraver; no tombstone image. This source also asserts (with no stated evidence) that William and Elizabeth’s land adjoined “her nephew John Fontaine, whose wife was Patrick Henry’s daughter Martha ‘Patsy’ Henry.”

³ E. S. Mills, “William Mills (c1700–aft1765) of Aberdeen, Scotland, and Goochland and Cumberland Counties, Virginia: Research Notes,” a work-in-progress last updated 21 June 2018.

⁴ Mrs. P. W. Hiden, “Nicholas Mills of Hanover County,” *Tyler’s Quarterly Historical and Genealogical Magazine* 14 (1933): 237–42; 15 (1934): 38–64; reprinted as *Genealogies of Virginia Families*; From Tyler’s Quarterly Historical and Genealogical Magazine, Gary Parks, ed. 4 vols. (Baltimore: Genealogical Pub. Co., 1981), 2: 669–701, specifically 674 and 683.

⁵ For documentation of each fact asserted in the background and the summary of children, see Elizabeth Shown Mills, “William Mills (c1695–1766), of Albemarle & Amherst Counties, Virginia; Spouse Mary (Walton?): Research Notes,” a working file updated 28 August 2018; archived at *Historic Pathways* (<https://www.historicpathways.com>) under the “Research” tab.

Executive Summary

This project has provided especially valuable information suggesting the presence of at least two and possibly three William Millses in Henry County:⁶

- William of Matrimony Creek, with wife Elizabeth who cosigned land sales with him in the 1790s.
- William F., son of William and Elizabeth, born c1773.
- William “Sr.” of Henry who, in 1787, sold land on Lickinghole Creek of Hanover, to Francis Mills of Hanover and to Abraham Fontaine. Ordinarily, in this place and time, a man would not be identified in a legal document as “William Sr.” if he were the only adult William in the county.

Other observations can be drawn for the Millses, Witts, and the birth family of Drucilla Kemp:

MILLS:

- Lickinghole Creek of Goochland, where William, son of William Mills of Aberdeen” took out his first land grant in 1732, is not the same as Lickinghole Creek of Hanover, where “William Sr.” sold land in 1787.
- Repeated associations existed between William Mills of Henry and the Fontaines that originated in Hanover and its offshoot Goochland. However, no evidence has been found of an adult George Mills who might be the child baptized in Goochland 1782 by William Millls and wife Elizabeth Fontaine.
- A third Mills from Goochland is now placed in Henry, adjacent to the Fontaines and William Mills. Elizabeth Mills and husband Philip Ryan of Henry were married 1766 by the pastor of St. James Northam in Goochland.
- In 1792, one William Mills sold land on Crooked Creek in extreme Southwest Henry County, along the NC line, adjoining Fontaines, without the participation of a wife. It might be proposed that he is a different William than the one whose wife participated in sales in 1797 and 1803 (see below). However, a counter-argument exists: The 1797 and 1803 documents deal only with the land that was jointly patented to “William Mills and Elizabeth Mills, his wife.” If William were selling inherited land, he would not have needed a wife’s consent.
- In 1797 and 1803, William Mills and wife Elizabeth of Henry sold the Matrimony Creek land granted to them jointly in 1770.
- In April 1805, William of Matrimony made two new land sales to John and Thomas Oakley. No wife participated in either deed. Given the patterns of the 1792, 1797, and 1803 sales, however, we cannot assume that Elizabeth’s non-participation means she had died.
- William’s will dated 1827 names children Sally Woods, Richard Mills, William F. Mills, Aaron Mills, Francis Mills, and Anstiss Oakley.
- William daughter Sarah, aka Sally, married a man named Woods who is not yet identified. Neither she nor a Woods husband have been found in Henry Co. One Hugh Woods of adjacent Franklin County wrote a will in 1806 naming wife Sally Ann; however he married “Sarahann George, dau. of William George” in Henry in 1779. Whether Sarah Mills, daughter of William, was the young widow George has not been investigated.

⁶ Due to the length of this summary, I will not repeat here the citations for all the activities and kinships covered in the chronologically arranged research notes. Documentation for the statements above can be found easily by checking the chronological notes that follow this summary.

- William's son Richard is not found in either Henry or Franklin Counties. He may be the Richard Mills of adjacent Patrick County, 1830, living adjacent to one William F. Mills.⁷ Patrick's records have not yet been studied.
- William's son William F. married Susanna Allen in 1801. He was co-heir (with Robert Allen) to the William Allen estate. He *might* be the William Mills [no "Sr." or "F." used] who, in 1812, was a purchaser at the estate sale of Jesse Witt (along with John Bailey, Henry Clinton, Samuel Hill, R. Lee, Reubin Long, James and P. Shelton, D. Trent, and John Weaver). He died in Henry County
- William's son Aaron Mills married Sally Shelton in 1809. He is named in the accounts due to the 1798 estate of D. Clark (suggesting that he was born by 1788) and the 1812 estate sale of Jesse Witt. He remained in Henry County.
- No known record names outright the Oakley husband of William's daughter Anstiss. By a process of elimination, she appears to have married **John** Oakley Jr.⁸
- One William Oakley married 1811 in Henry to Milly Quarles. **Nothing further has been found for him.**
- A David Mills witnessed the 1810 will of William Moore who named a daughter as Sally Mills. Neither have been identified.
- William's will identifies his children as Sarah Woods, Richard Mills, William F. Mills [born by 1773], Aaron Mills, Francis Mills, and daughter Anstiss Oakley. Executors were the sons Richard and William F.

DRUCILLA'S FAMILY (IN-LAWS OF WILLIAM MILLS-WITT)

- Richard Edmondson, maternal grandfather of the Drucilla Kemp who married William Mills-Witt in 1815, appears in records of both Henry and Bedford. In 1779–80, he made Henry Co. land purchases on Blackwater from Israel Standifer, and in 1781 witnessed a land sale on Simmons Creek and Jack's Creek. His land fell into Franklin County in 1785. In 1787, he appears in the Bedford settlement of the estate of an in-law, Elizabeth (Craighead) Haile.
- John Kemp, Drucilla's paternal grandfather, had land surveyed on Blackwater and its branches while it lay in Henry County, 1778.

WITTS

- The Witt/Whitt family of Henry seems to originate with a John Witt who named a son Jesse. John also appears to have fathered the bachelor Sylvanus Witt (whose property Jesse inherited), as well as Charles, David, and William. Their lands lay on Goblingtown Creek (a branch of Smith River; now in Patrick County on Henry's western border), Little Horsepasture and its Ironmonger Branch (west central Henry), and Marrowbone Creek and its Falls Creek branch.⁹ (See Map 1.) John, Jesse, and Sylvanus Witt are also found earlier in Goochland.¹⁰

⁷ 1830 U.S. census, Patrick Co., Va., p. 165, lines 21–22.

⁸ *Find A Grave* (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/66728867/anstiss-oakley> : accessed 17 May 2018), memorial page created 2011 by deegraver; this page alleges (without providing evidence) that Anstiss died 27 December 1867.

⁹ J. T. Lloyd, *Lloyd's Official Map of the State of Virginia* (New York: J. T. Lloyd, 1862); imaged at *David Rumsey Map Collection* (<https://www.davidrumsey.com/luna/servlet/detail/RUMSEY~8~1~3695~350006:Lloyd-s-official-map-of-the-State-o> : accessed 17 May 2018).

¹⁰ For example, see A. Jean Lurvey, *Goochland Co., Virginia, Tithes Lists, 1748–49* (Springfield, MO: P.p., n.d.), 4. For detailed notes on their activities there, see E. S. Mills, "Mills, Watts & Related Families: Goochland and Cumberland Counties, Virginia: Initial Survey," report to file, 28 August 2018; archived at *Historic Pathways*, under the "Research" tab.

- A separate Jesse Witt, son of Anne and Lewis Witt, lived in Bedford in the 1780s where he was then receiving an invalid pension for RW service.¹¹

This overview has produced several items of indirect evidence pointing to *possible* links between William Mills-Witt of Franklin and the William Mills family of Henry County. In brief:

- When William Mills-Witt first emerged in Franklin County on the personal property tax roll of 1806, he was listed consecutively with Booker Mullins—a man alleged to have been born in Henry County, 25 March 1780, as son of William Mullins. William Mullins Sr. and Jr. were on Town Creek of Henry Co., later Franklin, as early as 1778. William Sr. appears to have come there from Bedford (previously Lunenburg) together with the Standifers, Choates, Hills, and others who were in Lunenburg as early as 1750.¹²
- When William Mills-Witt of Franklin dropped off the tax roll in 1810 and then returned in 1812, he was listed consecutively with **Thomas Mullins** (who turned in his list of taxables on the same day as William). This Thomas Mullins also appears to have originated in Henry County, where he married Amy Gilpin in 1798.
- Daniel Prilliman, whose daughter married Booker Mullins's son Joseph, was also in Henry County before he was cut away into Franklin.
- Stephen Standifer of Standifer's Creek, Franklin County, who served as bondsman for William Mills-Witt's marriage to Drucilla Kemp, was previously in Henry County. The family came to Henry from Bedford, previously Lunenburg.
- William Mills Sr. of Henry County had a son William F. Mills who married Susannah Allen. Susannah's brother Robert Allen married Ceally Mullins, daughter of David Mullins. (David Mullins is said to have a brother William; but I have not yet proved or disproved whether that brother is the William who fathered Booker.)
- William F. Mills in 1806 bought land from the John Watson estate on **Horsepasture Creek** (heir: Thomas Watson). One James Watson owned land adjacent to the Edmunson estate (Drucilla Kemp's grandfather) on Standifer Creek. James Watson and wife Mary sold two parcels of this land to Robert Kemp, Drucilla's father (1795 and 1802). No connection has been made; but the Watsons should be kept in mind as research proceeds.
- Various Witts lived in Henry at the time that a female probably surnamed Mills conceived William Mills-Witt. William F. Mills and Aaron Mills were at the 1812 estate sale of **Jesse Witt (d. 1809)** of Little Horsepasture/Ironmonger Creek (son of John who cited their relationship in a 1779 deed) and heir of Sylvanus. Also in county: Charles Witt (1779, Irwin/Smith River), David Witt of Goblingtown Creek (adj. Jesse on Falls Creek, 1783–85), William & John Witt (Blackberry Creek, 1787; William is associate of John **Marr**, 1787), John Witt (Falls Creek, 1787; Irwin/Smith River 1788); Joel Witt (bought from Jesse's estate 1809). Sylvanus, John, and Jesse Witt were previously in Goochland County and are treated in the Goochland report cited on prior page.

¹¹ See E. S. Mills, "Mills: Bedford County, Virginia: Extended Survey of Published Resources," report to file, 28 August 2018; archived at *Historic Pathways*, under the "Research" tab. Also Lewis Witt (c1730–c1774) of Bedford County, Virginia; and Wife Ann (Mills?): Research Notes, a work-in-progress last updated 11 July 2018.

¹² See E. S. Mills, "William Mills of Haile's Tithes List, 1750, Lunenburg Co., Virginia: Identification Needed," report to file, 20 June 2018; archived at *Historic Pathways*, under the "Research" tab.

- In 1843 and 1848, two sons of William and Drucilla (Robert Wiley and Sparrell) married in Henry County to daughters of Allen Jarret.¹³ The Jarretts, however, were not native to Henry. Jarret appears on the 1830 census and other earlier records of Franklin County.

FORMATION OF CRITICAL COUNTIES

EVOLUTION OF BEDFORD

| | | | | |
|-----------|---------------|----------|------------------------|---------------|
| 1732 | Brunswick | cut from | South & southwestern | Prince George |
| 1746 | Lunenburg | | Western & northwestern | Brunswick |
| 1746 | Amelia | | Western | Prince George |
| | | | Northern | Brunswick |
| 1752 | Halifax | | Western | Lunenburg |
| 1753–1754 | Bedford | | Northwestern | Lunenburg |
| 1754 | Prince Edward | | Western | Amelia |

EVOLUTION OF ALBEMARLE-AMHERST

| | | | | |
|------|------------|----------|------------------------|-----------|
| 1728 | Goochland | cut from | Western & northwestern | Henrico |
| 1744 | Albemarle | | Western | Goochland |
| 1749 | Cumberland | | Southeastern | Goochland |
| 1761 | Amherst | | Southwestern | Albemarle |
| 1761 | Buckingham | | Southern | Albemarle |
| 1777 | Fluvanna | | Southeastern | Albemarle |
| 1807 | Nelson | | Northeastern | Amherst |

EVOLUTION OF HENRY-PATRICK-FRANKLIN

| | | | | |
|------|--------------|----------|--------------|--------------|
| 1767 | Pittsylvania | cut from | Western | Halifax |
| 1777 | Henry | | Western | Pittsylvania |
| 1786 | Franklin | | Northern | Henry |
| | | | Southwestern | Bedford |



Research Notes

PRE-1776

History

“The county was formed in 1776 from Pittsylvania county [which was] cut out from Halifax in 1767,” which was cut from Lunenburg in 1752. “In 1748, Brunswick [had been] divided to form Lunenburg. Two counties, Isle of Wight and Surry, contributed to make Brunswick in 1720. The county of Surry was taken from James City county in 1652,” which was one of the original eight shires of Virginia.

¹³ Virginia Anderson Dodd, ed., *Henry County Marriage Bonds, 1778–1849* (Richmond: Privately printed, 1953), p. 36, Robert Wiley Mills to Mary Jarrett, daughter of Allen Jarret. Also, 1850 U.S. census, Floyd Co., VA, Western District No. 15, pp. 390–93 for the Mills-Jarrett community and adjacent households/dwellings 204/204 and 205/205 for Sparrell Mills and Allen Jarrett.

“Since the earliest grants of the county now on record at Lunenburg Court-house ... showing Smith river and Marrowbone valleys, then a part of that county ... must have been the genuine settlers here at that date. ... but from 1750 to 1775 there was no great influx.

“In 1770 George Hairston, the father of ‘Old Rusty,’ came and bought 30,000 acres of land. A little later John Dillard came from Amherst county, and three years later in 1773, Joseph Martin arrived and settled in the north-eastern part of the county at ‘Belle Monte,’ and in 1779, Patrick Henry came in the summer and built a home, ‘Leatherwood,’ on a tract of 10,000 acres he had previously been granted and purchased.

“In 1728, during the month of October, Col. William Byrd wrote of locating the State line between Henry County, Va., and North Carolina, that they ... surveyed six miles during the day, and camped on the west side of **Matrimony creek** ‘So called by an unfortunate marry’d man because it was exceedingly noisy and impetuous.’ “¹⁴

1768

PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY, VA

Land survey.

| | | | |
|---------|-------------------------------|-----------|--|
| Apr 3 | Richard Dogett Gent. | 154 acres | on the waters of Blackwater River |
| | Thomas Miller | 123 | on the afforesaid Waters |
| Apr 5 | James Rentfrow, Senior | 390 | on the afforesaid Waters |
| | Thomas Miller | 377 | on the afforesaid ditto |
| Apr 6 | William Murphey | 250 | on Coles Creek of Black Water River |
| Apr 8 | Robert Hill | 212 | on Pigg River |
| | Richard Choate | 58 | on the Waters afforesaid |
| | Saberet Choate | 30 | on pig River |
| Apr 10 | John Lavery Junior | 233 | on Black water River |
| Apr 11 | James Standeford Senr. | 196 | on the afforesaid River |
| | Israel Standeford | 171 | on the waters of the aforesaid River |
| Apr. 12 | D[itt]o. | 126 | on the affsd. Waters |
| | Augustan Choate | 129 | on Doe Creek of Pigg River |
| ? | John Anderson | 20 | on Black water River |
| Apr 17 | Joseph Bird | 240 | on Pigg River |
| | John Medley | 109 | on Mullins fork of Town Creek |
| Apr 18 | James Standeford Junr. | 224 | on Storrey Creek |
| | Ditto | 127 | on Nicholas’s Creek |
| Apr 19 | William Mullins | 290 | on the East fork of Town Creek |
| Apr 20 | John Ramsey | 113 | on Chesnutt Creek |
| Apr 22 | James Parberry | 238 | on the waters of Frying Pan Creek |
| | | | [signed] Thomas Hutchings Asst. Survr. |

COMMENT:

The list begins with November 1768. The section above represents the last of the entries. All are in the part of Pittsylvania (later Henry) that would be cut away into Franklin County. The Henry Co. individuals who later appear as associates of William Mills-Witts are in this cluster. The individuals who were associates of William Mills of Henry are not included in this list of surveys.

¹⁴ Judith Parks America Hill, *A History of Henry County, Virginia* (Baltimore: Regional Publishing Co., 1983), 7–10.

The Choats and Mullins families, John Ramsey, the Rentfrows, and James Standeford can be tracked back through Bedford to the 1748–52 Hailes and Phelps tithe lists for Lunenburg County. Also in their precinct was a William Mills (1750 only) and his associate John Mills Sr. (1752 Lunenburg, then Bedford through the mid 1760s) who have not been placed into any family. John had ties to Augusta County and died 1784 in Botetourt. His son John Jr. of Botetourt married Patty, daughter of Robert Ewing, Esq., of Bedford County.¹⁵

27 AUGUST 1770

PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY <HALIFAX <LUNENBURG

Land grant.

On payment of 40 shillings, grant made and confirmed unto **William Mills and Elizabeth (his wife)**. 400 acres in **Pittsylvania County** “on both sides of **Matrimony Creek** bounded as follows:

“Beginning at a white Oak [i,j] thence North eighty one Degrees west one hundred and fifty nine Poles to a red Oak North [i,j] fifty seven Degrees West seventy four Poles to a white Oak [i,j] North seven Degrees East seventy Poles to a Dogwood [i,j] North forty Degrees West ninety one Poles to a Chesnut [i,j] North three East forty eight Poles to a white Oak [i,j] North seventy-nine Degrees East ninety Poles to a Gum [i,j] North sixty two Degrees East forty two Poles to a hickory [i,j] East seventy Poles to a red Oak [i,j] South sixty six Degrees East one hundred and thirty two Poles to a red Oak [i,j] South eighteen Degrees East fifty two Poles to a hickory [i,j] South one hundred & seventy Poles to Pointers [i,j] East two hundred and forty five Poles to a poplar [i,j] South seventy five Degrees East sixty four Poles to an Ash [i,j] South fifty two Degrees West one hundred Poles to a white Oak [i,j] South one hundred and thirty five Poles to a hickory [i,j] West two hundred and thirty eight Poles along the Country(?) Line to Pointers in the same [i,j] North sixty nine Poles to the Beginning.”¹⁶

COMMENT:

The William Mills of this land record would remain in Pittsylvania and then Henry, where he had a son William F. That William Jr. was a contemporary of William Mills-Witt. Both younger Williams appear simultaneously in Franklin and Henry records, with different wives and neighbors.

23 APRIL 1771

PITTSYLVANIA > HENRY COUNTY, VA

“I, George Lumpkin of the county of Pittsylvania state of Virginia am bound unto **Silvanus Whitt** of Chesterfield Co. VA in the sum of one hundred pounds. The Condition of the said obligation is that said George Lumpkin make a good and lawfull rite either by deed or patent to a sartain tract of land in Pittsylvania Co on **Ironmonger branch of Horsepasture Crk**, it being land said Lumpkin purchased of Edward Young containing 300 acres more or less. Wit: Joshua Mabry, John Childress, **David Witt**. [Signed] George Lumpkin. Proved: 26 August 1784, Henry Co., VA.”¹⁷

COMMENT:

Chesterfield County was created in 1749 from the original shire of Henrico.

¹⁵ See E. S. Mills, “William Mills of Haile’s Tithe List, 1750, Lunenburg Co., Virginia: Identification Needed,” report to file, 20 June 2018. Also see E. S. Mills, “Mills: Bedford County, Virginia: Extended Survey of Resources,” report to file, 28 August 2018. Both are archived at *Historic Pathways* under the “Research” tab.

¹⁶ Library of Virginia, “Land Office Grants,” database with images, *Virginia Memory* (http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/GetLONN.pl?first=223&last=&g_p=P39&collection=LO Patent: downloaded 20 May 2016), “Mills, Willliam, grantee ... Pittsylvania County ... 400 acres on both sides of Matrimony Creek”; citing “Land Office Patents No. 39, 1770–1771, p. 223 (reel 39).”

¹⁷ Lela C. Adams, *Henry County, Virginia Deed Books III & IV* (Bassett, VA: Sherwood Forest; 1978), 3; citing 3: 15–16.

MAP 1
Henry County, Virginia (with Part of Patrick)
Showing Fall Creek, Goblin Town Creek, Horse Pasture Creek & Marrowbone Creek



16 MARCH 1778
HENRY COUNTY, VA
Court order.

“Deed from Jesse Willingham to John **Manning**, with Fanny, the wife, relinquishing her dower rights.”¹⁸

COMMENT:

The Mannings would later appear in the Blackwater area with William Mills-Witt and his Kemp and Mattox in-laws.

17 AUGUST 1778
HENRY COUNTY, VA
Land sale.

“**Michael Madox** of Henry County to Hugh Innes of same for the sum of seventy five pounds conveys land on the waters of Chestnut creek, 108 acres beginning at a red oak on a spur of the Chestnut

¹⁸ Charles P. Blount IV, *Complete Index and Abstract of the Henry County Order Books #1 and #2 (1777–1782)* (Richmond, VA: Briarwood Publications, 1978), 25.

Mountain. Wit: Abraham Penn, John Heard, Jac. Maorow. [Signed] Michael (X) Madox. **Hannah, wife of Michael Madox**, relinquishers her right of dower to the above land.”¹⁹

17 AUGUST 1778
HENRY COUNTY, VA

Court order.

“Deed from **Michael Maddox** to Hugh Innes.”²⁰

21 SEPTEMBER 1778
HENRY COUNTY, VA

Court order.

“**Hannah, wife of Michael Madox**, relinquished her dower rights to 108 acres conveyed by her husband to Hugh Innex.”²¹

19 OCTOBER 1778
HENRY COUNTY, VA

Associate.

“**William Mullings** of the county of Henry to **William Mullings, Jr.** of the same county for the sum of one hundred pounds conveys 290 acres on the east fork of Town Creek ... crosses north fork. Signed: William Mullins ... Elizabeth Mullins, wife of William Mullins, relinquishes her right of dower to the above transaction.”²²

COMMENT:

This land subsequently fell into Franklin County.

1778
HENRY COUNTY, VA

Land survey.

“A List of surveys made by John Dickerson. 1778.”

| | | | |
|-------|----------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| Dec 1 | John Dickerson | Cool branch of Blackwater R. | |
| Dec 2 | Luke Hugings | branch of Bull Run | |
| Dec 2 | Thomas Carter | on Blackwater River | |
| Dec 3 | Phillip Raitey | on a branch of Bull Run | |
| Dec 4 | Ben McCraw | on Bull Run | |
| Dec 5 | John Kemp | Blackwater R. and Branches | [Grandfather of Drucilla Kemp] |
| Dec 7 | Ismael Standifer | Standifer branch of Blackwater | |
| Dec 5 | James Standifer Sr. | Blackwater and branches | [This Dec 5 item appears after Dec 7] |
| Dec 7 | Israel Standifer | Standifer’s branch adjoining the former | |
| Dec 8 | Stephen Heard ... | | ” ²³ |

¹⁹ Lela C. Adams, *Henry County, Virginia Deed Books I & II; 17 February 1776 through 22 July 1784; Including Surveys Made from March 1778 through June 10, 1783* (Bassett, VA: Sherwood Forest; 1975), 19; citing 1: 149–50.

²⁰ Charles P. Blount IV, *Complete Index and Abstract of the Henry County Order Books #1 and #2 (1777–1782)* (Richmond, VA: Briarwood Publications, 1978), 41.

²¹ Charles P. Blount IV, *Complete Index and Abstract of the Henry County Order Books #1 and #2 (1777–1782)* (Richmond, VA: Briarwood Publications, 1978), 43.

²² Lela C. Adams, *Henry County, Virginia Deed Books I & II; 17 February 1776 through 22 July 1784; Including Surveys Made from March 1778 through June 10, 1783* (Bassett, VA: Sherwood Forest; 1975), 22; citing 1: 170–71.

²³ Lela C. Adams, *Henry County, Virginia Deed Books I & II; 17 February 1776 through 22 July 1784; Including Surveys Made from March 1778 through June 10, 1783* (Bassett, VA: Sherwood Forest; 1975), 60; citing 1: 340–46.

25 MARCH 1779

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Neighbor.

“Peter Harris and Honour his wife of the county of Henry to Richard Murrill of the same county for the sum of seven hundred ten pounds, land on north side of **Irvin (Smith) River** containing by estimation 71 acres .. lines: Samuel Hoff, **Charles Witt’s** old patent line, Thomas Hoff. [Signed] Peter Harris. Honour Harris, wife of Peter Harris, relinquishes her right of dower to the above.”²⁴

15 APRIL 1779

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Kinship.

“I, **John Witt** of Henry County for good causes, goodwill and affection I bear my son **Jesse Witt** of Henry County bequeath to him and his heirs all my estate real and personal. Wit: Joseph Morris, Samuel C. Morris [Signed] John Witt.”²⁵

COMMENT:

This Jesse Witt, son of John of Henry County, should not be confused with Jesse Witt, son of Lewis and Anne (Mills?) Witt of Bedford County.

1 JUNE 1779

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Land purchase.

“**Israel Stanifer** of the county of Henry to **Richard Edmonson** of the same for the sum of fifty pounds conveys one tract of land containing 404 acres, it being the tract on which the said I. Standefer lived, lying on the **south side of Blackwater on Stanifer Creek** which was granted Israel Stanifer by patent dated 1774. Teste: Richard Perryman, Jesse Heard, George Heard. [Signed] Israel Standefer; Susannah Standefer.”²⁶

COMMENT:

- When William Mills-Witt married Drucilla Kemp in 1815, the bondsman was Stephen **Standifer**.
- Richard Edmondson’s daughter Millie was the mother of Drucilla Kemp.
- John *Heard* is also found in the deeds of Mathew Mattox and, subsequently, as a neighbor of Richard Edmonson’s land.

24 JUNE 1779

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Association

“**William Mullins** of the county of Henry to **John Mullins** for the sum of ninety pounds sells 70 acres more or less on the east fork of Town Creek of the Smith River ... Thomas Hill’s line mentioned. Signed: William Mullins . . . Jean Mullins, wife of William Mullins relinquishes her right of dower.”²⁷

²⁴ Lela C. Adams, *Henry County, Virginia Deed Books I & II; 17 February 1776 through 22 July 1784; Including Surveys Made from March 1778 through June 10, 1783* (Bassett, VA: Sherwood Forest; 1975), 36; citing 1: 201.

²⁵ Lela C. Adams, *Henry County, Virginia Deed Books I & II; 17 February 1776 through 22 July 1784; Including Surveys Made from March 1778 through June 10, 1783* (Bassett, VA: Sherwood Forest; 1975), 41–42; citing 1: 228.

²⁶ Lela C. Adams, *Henry County, Virginia Deed Books I & II; 17 February 1776 through 22 July 1784; Including Surveys Made from March 1778 through June 10, 1783* (Bassett, VA: Sherwood Forest; 1975), 68; citing 2:38–39

²⁷ Lela C. Adams, *Henry County, Virginia Deed Books I & II; 17 February 1776 through 22 July 1784; Including Surveys Made from March 1778 through June 10, 1783* (Bassett, VA: Sherwood Forest; 1975), 31; citing 1:240.

COMMENT:

This appears to be William Mullins Jr. who, the previous year, bought Town Creek land (present Franklin County) from William Mullins Sr. and wife Elizabeth.

5 AUGUST 1779
HENRY COUNTY, VA

Marriage bond.
Hugh Woods & Sarah Ann George.²⁸

AUGUST 1779
HENRY COUNTY, VA

Court order.
"Deed From **Israel Standefore** to **Richard Edmundson**."²⁹

COMMENT;

Franklin County tax rolls suggest that the Blackwater River was the dividing line between the tax districts of the justices Moses Greer and Robert Hairston. The James Mills family of Franklin lived in the district of Moses Greer; both were previously in Bedford County. The Standifers, Edmundsons and Kemps/Camps of Franklin were in the district of Robert Hairston, previously of Henry.³⁰

21 JANUARY 1780
HENRY COUNTY, VA

Court order.
"Court held for the examination of Robert Hudgins on suspicion of stealing a horse, the property of **Jessee Witt**. Present: **Robert Hairston**, George Waller, John Fontaine and John Dillard."

"Robert Hudgins was led to the bar by John Salmon, Sheriff. Hudgins stated to the Court that he was not guilty of the charges. After examining the witnesses and hearing Hudgins' own defense, the Court is of the opinion that he is guilty of the charges and ought to receive a further trial in the General Court. He is remanded to prison. [Signed] Rob't Hairston.

"**Jesse Witt** and Richard Adams posted bond of £500 on condition that they will appear before the general Court and give testimony against Robert Hudgins."

COMMENT:

The Fontaines were associates of William and Elizabeth Mills of Matrimony Creek, Henry County, who named a son William Fontaine Mills.

24 FEBRUARY 1780
HENRY COUNTY, VA

Dower relinquishment.

²⁸ "Virginia Marriage Records, 1700–1850," database with images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 13 June 2018); imaging page from Elizabeth Petty Bentley, *Virginia Marriage Records: From the Virginia Magazine of History and Biography, the William and Mary College Quarterly, and Tyler's Quarterly* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1984), 278.

²⁹ Charles P. Blount IV, *Complete Index and Abstract of the Henry County Order Books #1 and #2 (1777–1782)* (Richmond, VA: Briarwood Publications, 1978), 74.

³⁰ See E. S. Mills, "Mills & Associates: Franklin County, Virginia: Initial Survey," report to file, 28 August 2018. Also, E. S. Mills, "James Mills (bef.1750–c1823-24) & Wife [?Octavia Breckinridge?]: Research Notes," a work-in-progress last updated 28 August 2018. Both are archived at *Historic Pathways* under the "Research" tab.

“Susannah, wife of Israel **Standefur**, relinquished her dower on a deed to **Richard Edmundson**.”³¹

27 APRIL 1780
HENRY COUNTY, VA

Association.

“*Thomas Hill* of the county of Henry to *Thomas Ray* sells for the sum of seventeen pounds ... land being 70 acres more or less on the east fork of Town Creek of Smith River, being part of a tract granted **William Mullins** by patent 1 March 1773. Signed: Thomas Hill. Wit: William Hunter, Edgcome Gwillmes, John (X) Kisterson.”³²

27 APRIL 1780
HENRY COUNTY, VA

Court order.

“Deed from Israel Standefur to **Richard Edmundson**.”³³

10 JUNE 1780-10 JUNE 1783
HENRY COUNTY, VA

Land survey.

“A list of surveys made from June 10, 1780 to June 10, 1783. ... “

James Edmundson 180 [acres]

[skip 4]

John Witt 222

[skip 2]

Israel **Standefur** 419

[then several dozen more]³⁴

SEPTEMBER 1780
HENRY COUNTY, VA

Court order.

“Taylor vs. Simmons – a deposition is sought from John **Manning**.”³⁵

18 SEPTEMBER 1780
HENRY COUNTY, VA

Land purchase.

“*Israel Standefur* has sold to **Richard Edmundson** 404 acres of land and Susannah the wife of said Israel Standerfer hereby relinquishes her right of dower.”³⁶

³¹ Charles P. Blount IV, *Complete Index and Abstract of the Henry County Order Books #1 and #2 (1777–1782)* (Richmond, VA: Briarwood Publications, 1978), 91.

³² Lela C. Adams, *Henry County, Virginia Deed Books I & II; 17 February 1776 through 22 July 1784; Including Surveys Made from March 1778 through June 10, 1783* (Bassett, VA: Sherwood Forest; 1975), 53; citing 1:55–56.

³³ Charles P. Blount IV, *Complete Index and Abstract of the Henry County Order Books #1 and #2 (1777–1782)* (Richmond, VA: Briarwood Publications, 1978), 102.

³⁴ Lela C. Adams, *Henry County, Virginia Deed Books I & II; 17 February 1776 through 22 July 1784; Including Surveys Made from March 1778 through June 10, 1783* (Bassett, VA: Sherwood Forest; 1975), 151–54, all individuals above are on p. 152; no citation of page numbers.

³⁵ Charles P. Blount IV, *Complete Index and Abstract of the Henry County Order Books #1 and #2 (1777–1782)* (Richmond, VA: Briarwood Publications, 1978), 132.

³⁶ Lela C. Adams, *Henry County, Virginia Deed Books I & II; 17 February 1776 through 22 July 1784; Including Surveys Made from March 1778 through June 10, 1783* (Bassett, VA: Sherwood Forest; 1975), 63; citing 2:11–12.

13 NOVEMBER 1780

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Associations.

“Thomas Ray of the county of Henry to **William Mullings** for the sum of fifteen pounds sells 70 acres of land, it being the upper part of the land granted to Mullings by patent 1 March 1773 on both sides of Town Creek, beginning at a dividing line between Ray and Mullings, it being the land Ray now lives on. Signed Thomas Ray. Wit: John Hunter, Thomas (X) Roberts. Edgcome Guillaumes.”³⁷

COMMENT:

“Edgcome Guillaumes” was a resident of Franklin County when he made his will in 30 October 1798, witnessed by Wiliam Mullins and William **Standley**. Edgcombe named a wife Adelphi; sons William, John, Richard, George, and Robert; and daughters Charity and Mary. In 1810, his children were living in the neighborhood of Booker Mullins who had married a Standley.³⁸

The associations here imply that this William Mullin(g)s of Town Creek is the William who fathered **Booker/Bowker Mullins** (husband of Judith **Stanley**). Booker is important to this study because William Mills-Witt, when he came of age and made his first appearance on the 1806 tax roll of Franklin County, was added between Booker Mullins and Samuel McCarrell. William Mills-Witt dropped from the Franklin rolls of 1810 and 11; when he reappeared, he was added immediately after **Thomas Mullins**. Yet again, after disappearing from the Franklin rolls of the 1820s, when he reappeared in 1830, he was on the census adjacent to Booker Mullins’s son **Joseph Mullins**.³⁹

28 DECEMBER 1780

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Associations.

“**William Mullings** of the County of Henry to *Eusebeous Stone* for the sum of eighty pounds sells and conveys 150 acres of land more or less, it being the lower part of a tract of land granted William Mullings 1 March 1773 on both sides of the east fork of Town Creek being the land on which Stone now lives. Signed: William (x) Mullings.”⁴⁰

COMMENT:

Eusebius Stone came to Henry out of Bedford, having lived in the part of Bedford that was cut from Lunenburg County.⁴¹ The inventory of **Eusebius Stone** was taken in Henry, 22 June 1798.⁴²

³⁷ Lela C. Adams, *Henry County, Virginia Deed Books I & II; 17 February 1776 through 22 July 1784; Including Surveys Made from March 1778 through June 10, 1783* (Bassett, VA: Sherwood Forest; 1975), 60–61; citing 1: 112–13.

³⁸ E. S. Mills, “Mills & Associates: Franklin & Floyd Counties, Virginia: Initial Survey,” report to file, 28 August 2018; archived at *Historic Pathways* under the “Research” tab. For Edgcombe Guillaume’s will, see Franklin Co., Will Book 1: 91.

³⁹ E. S. Mills, “William Mills (b. c1783–88; d. c1863); Spouse Drucilla Kemp: Research Notes,” a work-in-progress laste updated 28 August 2018; archived at *Historic Pathways* under the “Research” tab.

For Booker Mullins, see Booker Mullins (aka Bowker Mullins) married Judith Stanley, by bond dated 12 May 1803 in Franklin Co.; see “Franklin County, Virginia, Marriage Bond Index, 1786–1858,” *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 11 May 2018), citing “page 166.” Descendants assert that his mother was Nancy Jane Stanley (wife of William Mullins Jr.), but provide no evidence. The typical family reconstruction, in online trees, do not place a Thomas or Joseph Mullins in the family. See, for example, canogues60 “Mullins/Bryant,” user-contributed trees, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/19845881/person/230152500875/facts?_phsrc=Wle488&_phstart=successSource : accessed 11 May 2018), Booker Mullins “Fact” page.

⁴⁰ Lela C. Adams, *Henry County, Virginia Deed Books I & II; 17 February 1776 through 22 July 1784; Including Surveys Made from March 1778 through June 10, 1783* (Bassett, VA: Sherwood Forest; 1975), 60; citing 1: 111.

⁴¹ Landon C. Bell, *Sunlight on the Southside: Lists of Tithes, Lunenburg County, Virginia, 1748–1783* (1931; reprinted Baltimore: Clearfield, 1974), 152, 239, 279.

3 MARCH 1781

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Associations.

“William French of Henry County to William Cornwell of the same for the sum of thirty pounds sells land 300 acres on the south side of Mill Creek, it being part of a tract the said French purchased of Thomas Mann Randolph. Beginning on Hamon Critz line on the bank of the south side of Mill Creek to Mayo River. Wit: Anthony Smith, **Jesse Witt**, Samuel Walker [Signed] William French.”⁴³

3 MARCH 1781

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Associations.

“William French of the county of Henry to Josiah Smith for the sum of two thousand six hundred pounds sells and conveys land containing by estimate 150 acres on the south side of Mayo River, joins lines of Hamon Critz, it being part of a tract purchased of Thomas Randolph ... to Mill Creek. Wit: Anthony Smith, Samuel Walker, **Jesse Witt**.”⁴⁴

24 MAY 1781

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Associations.

“Stephen Lee of Henry County to Shadrack Woodson for the sum of three thousand one hundred pounds sells one parcel of land it being 160 acres more or less and being on the branch of **Blackwater River** called **Rich Run**. Wit: Isaac Bates, Joseph McCann, **Jesse (X) White [Whitt?]**, Showers Price, William Bell.”⁴⁵

COMMENT:

The Blackwater fell into mid-Franklin County (running east-west) when Franklin was created.

4 AUGUST 1781

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Associations.

“**John Mullings** of the county of Henry to Stephen Stone of the same in consideration of twenty five pounds old trade sells and conveys land containing 70 acres more or less on the east fork of **Town Creek**, beginning at Eusebeous Stone’s upper line, following the old line mentioned in **William Mullings** pattent thence to a dividing line made for *Thomas Hill*. Signed: John (X) Mullings. Wit: John Hunter, William Hunter, Eusebeous Stone.”⁴⁶

21 SEPTEMBER 1781

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Associations.

⁴² Lela C. Adams, *Henry County, Virginia, Will Abstracts, vol. 1 & II, 1777–1820* (Easley, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1985), 39.

⁴³ Lela C. Adams, *Henry County, Virginia Deed Books I & II; 17 February 1776 through 22 July 1784; Including Surveys Made from March 1778 through June 10, 1783* (Bassett, VA: Sherwood Forest; 1975), 84; citing 2: 126–27.

⁴⁴ Lela C. Adams, *Henry County, Virginia Deed Books I & II; 17 February 1776 through 22 July 1784; Including Surveys Made from March 1778 through June 10, 1783* (Bassett, VA: Sherwood Forest; 1975), 85; citing 2: 131–32.

⁴⁵ Lela C. Adams, *Henry County, Virginia Deed Books I & II; 17 February 1776 through 22 July 1784; Including Surveys Made from March 1778 through June 10, 1783* (Bassett, VA: Sherwood Forest; 1975), 89; citing 2: 152–53.

⁴⁶ Lela C. Adams, *Henry County, Virginia Deed Books I & II; 17 February 1776 through 22 July 1784; Including Surveys Made from March 1778 through June 10, 1783* (Bassett, VA: Sherwood Forest; 1975), 67–69; citing 1: 165–66.

“John Law, Sr. of the county of Henry to Jesse Law of the same for the sum of fifty pounds sells and conveys land on Simmon’s Creek it being 600 acres more or less .. crosses **Jack’s Creek**. Wit: Richard Perryman, Benona Peryman, John Swanson, Jesse Heard, **Richard Edmondson**. [Signed] John (X) Law.”⁴⁷

CA. 1782

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Oaths of allegiance

Males above 16 were required to sign but “at the time some were away fighting Indians, others hunting, and there were a few who refused to take the oath.” Signers included: Peter Hairston, Ambrose Mullins, [skip 1 name], **Wm. Mullins**, Samuel Hairston, John **Mullins**, James Oakley, Ben Oakley, James and Thomas Prunty, Daniel Prilliman, **James Standefer** [skip several] **Israel Standefer**, John & Sylvanus **Witt** [skip 3] **John Witt** [again].⁴⁸

COMMENT:

Most of the above individuals (Witts and Oakleys excluded) fell into Franklin County in 1785). Nothing more found on them in Deed Books 1–3, 1776–1790.

1780

PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY, VA

Land entry.

“(4th Void) **John George** enters 670 ac by War.t on the draughts of **Allens Cr.** beg. at a pine on Hickys Road in **Thos. Farris’s** old line mark’d JG & th. run.g each way for qu.t.”⁴⁹

COMMENT:

The waterways associated with this George family—Allens Creek, George’s Creek, Old Woman’s Creek, and Sycamore Creek—are all in Pittsylvania County, today. None of the George land entries in this volume fall into Henry County, where Sarah Ann George married Hugh Woods in 1779.

6 MAY 1782

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Court Minutes.

“**Humphrey Edmondson** is allowed £3.2.6 for 250 ditto [Pasturages] for the same [“furnished to J. Heard.”]⁵⁰

COMMENT:

MAY 1787

BEDFORD COUNTY, VA

Court Order.

“On the motion of **Richd. Edmondson** Secy [security] For the Admr. Of Eliz. Haile Craighead late Eliz Haile & **Tho: Watts** who was Secy for **Humphrey Edmondson** for their admr. of

⁴⁷ Lela C. Adams, *Henry County, Virginia Deed Books I & II; 17 February 1776 through 22 July 1784; Including Surveys Made from March 1778 through June 10, 1783* (Bassett, VA: Sherwood Forest; 1975), 93; citing 2: 174.

⁴⁸ Judith Parks America Hill, *A History of Henry County, Virginia* (Baltimore: Regional Publishing Co., 1983), 304–10.

⁴⁹ Marian Dodson Chiarito, *Entry Record Book 2, 1770–1796: Land Entries in the Present Virginia Counties of Pittsylvania, Henry, Franklin, and Patrick* (Athens, GA: Iberian Publishing, 1988), 45; citing p. 36 “original pages ... found in the back of Old Survey Book 2, ... Clerk’s Office ... Pittsylvania County Courthouse, Chatham.”

⁵⁰ Henry Co., VA, Order Book No. 3, 1782–1785, p. 14; Henry Co. reel 98, Library of Virginia.

Richd. ~~Edmundson~~ Haile decd. be Sumd. to next Court to Give Counter Secy. For their Indemnification.”⁵¹

The crossed out words appear in the original record book.

1783

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Land entry.

“(Void no Warr.t) John Doss Enters 500 ac on **Georges Cr.** br. by a Warr.t assign.d from /blank/ Dated /blank/ No. /blank/ beg. **Paynes cor.** in the said Doss’s line th. up each way for qu.t.”⁵²

27 FEBRUARY 1783

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Court Minutes.

“Admon of the Estate of **Thomas Watts** dec’d is granted to Samuel Patterson who made Oath accord to Law & with John Dickerson his security entered into Bond & Ackd. The Same. Robert Mason, John Martin, John Harger & Jona. Dillingham or any 3 of them are appd. to appraise the sd. Estate.”⁵³

COMMENT:

For Watts, see the Humphrey Edmundson note above of 6 May 1782. This Thomas Watts (wife Sarah) appeared frequently in Bedford County records prior to his death.

24 JUNE 1783

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Associations.

“Jesse Clay to Elisha Lyons of Henry County grants, sells, conveys 232 acres of land for the sum of two hundred pounds on both sides of the Blackwater River, joins lines of: Samuel Underwood and Cockram. Wit: **William Cockran, James Edmundson,** David Brasier. [Signed] Jesse Clay, Miriam (X) Clay.”⁵⁴

COMMENT:

- When Richard Edmundson died in 1788, he named his first daughter as “Daughter Cockran.”
- Was Wiliam Cockran married to Richard E’s daughter (and James’s sister?)
- 4 Feb 1803, Robert Smith and wife Mary sold land to John W Hudson. No neighbors or witnesses shown. The tract adjoined other land the Smiths owned.⁵⁵

4 AUGUST 1783

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Kinship.

“I, **Jesse Witt** of the county of Henry being heir at law and assignee by a Deed of Gift recorded in Chesterfield County from **Sylvanas Webb [Witt]**, deceased to me. The said Sylvanas Webb [Witt] purchased a tract of land of **George Lumpkin** formerly of **Pittsylvania County** for which he paid him fifty pounds cash and took his bond for making a good title to said land and George Lumpkin failed to do so

⁵¹ Bedford Co., VA, Order Book No. 9, 1786–1790, p. 51; Bedford Co. reel 41, Library of Virginia.

⁵² Marian Dodson Chiarito, *Entry Record Book 2, 1770–1796: Land Entries in the Present Virginia Counties of Pittsylvania, Henry, Franklin, and Patrick* (Athens, GA: Iberian Publishing, 1988), 49; citing p. 39 “original pages ... found in the back of Old Survey Book 2, ... Clerk’s Office ... Pittsylvania County Courthouse, Chatham.”

⁵³ Henry Co., VA, Order Book No. 3, 1782–1785, p. 67; Henry Co. reel 98, Library of Virginia.

⁵⁴ Lela C. Adams, *Henry County, Virginia Deed Books I & II; 17 February 1776 through 22 July 1784; Including Surveys Made from March 1778 through June 10, 1783* (Bassett, VA: Sherwood Forest; 1975), 117; citing 2: 350–51.

⁵⁵ Barbara Crumpton, *Franklin County, Virginia: Deed Book 4, 1799–1804* (Duncan, OK: Creative Copies, 1999), 66; citing DB 4: 445–46.

to my great injury. I certify that I have delivered unto Holcomb (Holman) Freeman of the state of Georgia the said Lumpkin's bond and give him power of attorney to act for me as he shall think lawful for my redress. Wit: Samuel Coleman Morris, Joseph Morris, Gregory Durham. [Signed] Jesse Witt."⁵⁶

COMMENT:

For the deed by which Lumpkin sold this land to Sylvanus Witt, see 23 April 1771, above.

13 SEPTEMBER 1783

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Land sale.

Jesse Witt of the county of Henry to Henry Mayse for the sum of fifty pounds sells land by estimate 150 acres, beginning at a black oak on the south side of **Fall Creek** at **David Witt's** corner. Wit: Drury Smith, William Hayse, John (X) Jonnikin. [Signed]: Jesse Witt."⁵⁷

19 JUNE 1784

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Neighbor.

"John Marcum of Henry County to Josiah Marcum of the same for the sum of fifty pounds sells a parcel of land on the **Blackwater River** . . . joins Peter Holland, **Humphrey Edmonson**, William **Heard's** old line, Hollaway's corner and crosses **Poplar Camp Creek** . . . containing 170 acres more or less. Wit: James Mason, Elutrux (X) Harding, William (X) Harding. [Signed] John (X) Marcum. Proved 23 Sept 1784 at a Court held for Henry County."⁵⁸

28 JULY 1784

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Neighbor.

"Samuel Coleman Morris of Henry County to Gregory Durham of the same for the sum of one hundred pounds sells 120 acres more or less on the waters of **Little Horsepasture Creek, on a branch known as Ironmonger**, joins William Shelton, **Jesse Witt** and the aforesaid Durham, it being the place whereon Peter Leak now lives. Wit: None [Signed] Samuel Coleman Morris. Proved: 28 July 1785."⁵⁹

26 AUGUST 1784

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Association.

"Elisha Harbour to Peter Leak both of Henry Co., Va., in consideration of the sum of two hundred forty pounds sells 243 acres on the branches of **Marrowbone Creek** adjoining lands of Josiah Shaw, it being the place whereon said Elisha Harbour now resides. Witness: James Pittman, **Jesse Witt**. [Signed]: Elisha Harbour. Mary Harbour wife of Elisha Harbour relinquishes her right of dower. Proved: 26 Nov 1782, Henry County, VA."⁶⁰

27 JULY 1785

HENRY COUNTY, VA

⁵⁶ Lela C. Adams, *Henry County, Virginia Deed Books I & II; 17 February 1776 through 22 July 1784; Including Surveys Made from March 1778 through June 10, 1783* (Bassett, VA: Sherwood Forest; 1975), 120-21; citing 2: 363-64.

⁵⁷ Lela C. Adams, *Henry County, Virginia Deed Books I & II; 17 February 1776 through 22 July 1784; Including Surveys Made from March 1778 through June 10, 1783* (Bassett, VA: Sherwood Forest; 1975), 138; citing 2: 475-76.

⁵⁸ Lela C. Adams, *Henry County, Virginia Deed Books III & IV* (Bassett, VA: Sherwood Forest; 1978), 9; citing 3: 48-49.

⁵⁹ Lela C. Adams, *Henry County, Virginia Deed Books III & IV* (Bassett, VA: Sherwood Forest; 1978), 26; citing 3: 147.

⁶⁰ Lela C. Adams, *Henry County, Virginia Deed Books III & IV* (Bassett, VA: Sherwood Forest; 1978), 1; citing 3: 3.

Land entry.

“27th x) [sic] John Buckley 5 ac on Hickeys Road between James Buckley & **James Georges** line eg. at Jas. Buckleys cor. pine Pr War.t dated 7 March 1783 No. 15387.”⁶¹

28 JULY 1785

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Land purchase.

“Gregory Durham of the county of Henry to **Jesse Witt** of the same for thirty eight pounds sells to Witt 50 & 2/3 acres on both sides of **Ironmonger branch** joining **Witt’s own land**, Durham, and Samuel C. Morris. Wit: None. [Signed] Gregory Durham. Proved 28 July 1785.”⁶²

25 AUGUST 1785

HENRY COUNTY, VCA

Land sale.

“**David Witt** of Henry County to John Stamps of the same for two hundred pounds sells land on both sides of the **south fork of Goblingtown Creek** containing by estimate 313 acres. Wit: None. [Signed] David Witt. Proved: 25 Aug 1785, Henry Co., Va.”⁶³

2 NOVEMBER 1785

HENRY > FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Neighbor.

“Josiah Marcum of Henry VA to Robert Napier of same. **Blackwater River** adj. said Napier. £50. 174 acres. Adj. said Napier, Peter Holland, **Humphrey Edmondson** be[ginning] at a post oak in William Heard’s old line; thence new line N35W40 to branch on a cliff of the river; N64 [degrees] W14 [poles] to Holloway’s crn; crosses **Camp Creek**. M/B. Signed: Josiah (x) Marcum. Wit: James Mason, **Israel Standefer**, Thos (x) Haynes, **Humphrey Edmondson**. Proven: 2 Oct 1786 by 3 wits.”⁶⁴

COMMENT:

“Camp Creek,” as rendered by this abstractor, may be *Camp’s* Creek—i.e., the creek of John Camp who settled on the Blackwater.

15 DECEMBER 1785

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Land entry.

“(Dec 15th Surv.d 50 ac Pr J.S.) **John George** 80 ac on the draughts of **Allens Cr.** beg. at Wm. Todds cor. pine on **Hickeys Road** Pr War.t.”⁶⁵

2 JANUARY 1786

PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY, VA

Land entry.

⁶¹ Marian Dodson Chiarito, *Entry Record Book 2, 1770–1796: Land Entries in the Present Virginia Counties of Pittsylvania, Henry, Franklin, and Patrick* (Athens, GA: Iberian Publishing, 1988), 54; citing p. 44 “original pages ... found in the back of Old Survey Book 2, ... Clerk’s Office ... Pittsylvania County Courthouse, Chatham.”

⁶² Lela C. Adams, *Henry County, Virginia Deed Books III & IV* (Bassett, VA: Sherwood Forest; 1978), 27; citing 3: 152–53.

⁶³ Lela C. Adams, *Henry County, Virginia Deed Books III & IV* (Bassett, VA: Sherwood Forest; 1978), 28; citing 3: 161–62.

⁶⁴ Barbara Crumpton, *Franklin County, Virginia: Deed Book 1, 1785–1788* (Duncan, OK: Creative Copies, 1999), 13; citing DB 1: 114–16.

⁶⁵ Marian Dodson Chiarito, *Entry Record Book 2, 1770–1796: Land Entries in the Present Virginia Counties of Pittsylvania, Henry, Franklin, and Patrick* (Athens, GA: Iberian Publishing, 1988), 57; citing p. 46 “original pages ... found in the back of Old Survey Book 2, ... Clerk’s Office ... Pittsylvania County Courthouse, Chatham.”

“Surv.d for Jacob Nickols Pr Entry) John Grant 350 ac. on the draughts of **Georges Cr.** & the Timber.d fork of **White Thorne Cr.** beg. at Jacob Nichols cor. tree th. run.g on his lines & off towards the sd Timber fork for qu.t. Pr 4253 ac War.t issued to James Buckley 7 Mar 1783 No. 15116.”⁶⁶

COMMENT:

The waterways associated with this George family—Allens Creek, George’s Creek, Old Woman’s Creek, and Sycamore Creek—are all in Pittsylvania County, today. None of the George land entries in this volume fall into Henry County, where Sarahann (Mills?) George married Hugh Woods in 1779.

28 APRIL 1786

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Association.

“William Alexander and his wife Jane of Henry County to Charles Farris of the same for fifty pounds sells land on Little Marrowbone Creek, joins W. K. Cole and John Pace, it being 25 acres. Wit: George Hairston, Joseph Stovall, **John Witt**, Isias Shaw. [Signed] William Alexander. Proved 27 July 1786, Henry Co., VA.”⁶⁷

21 OCTOBER 1786

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Association.

“Samuel Morris, Joseph Morris and William Shelton of Henry County to Alexander Hunter of the same for the sum of two hundred pounds sells land on the Waters of **Horsepasture Creek** it being 400 acres more or less. Wit: James East, Jacob Peragen, **Jesse Witt**. [Signed] Samuel G. Morris, Joseph Morris, William Shelton. Proved 26 Oct 1786, Henry Co., Va.”⁶⁸

8 JANUARY 1787

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Neighbor.

“John Gussett of Henry County to Thomas Hollandsworth Jr. of the same ... 223 acres, it being half of tract granted John Gussett the 29th of ---- [sic] 1784 on **Blackberry Creek**, joins **William Witt** and is the dividing line between Gussett and Hollandsworth. Wit: **William Witt, John Witt**, John (X) Cavin. [Signed] John Gussett.”⁶⁹

9 APRIL 1787

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Poll list.

“A Pole kept for John Marr at an Election held for Henry County Virginia at the Courthouse on Monday, the 9th day of April 1787.”

#84, **David Witt**.⁷⁰

⁶⁶ Marian Dodson Chiarito, *Entry Record Book 2, 1770–1796: Land Entries in the Present Virginia Counties of Pittsylvania, Henry, Franklin, and Patrick* (Athens, GA: Iberian Publishing, 1988), 57; citing p. 46 “original pages ... found in the back of Old Survey Book 2, ... Clerk’s Office ... Pittsylvania County Courthouse, Chatham.”

⁶⁷ Lela C. Adams, *Henry County, Virginia Deed Books III & IV* (Bassett, VA: Sherwood Forest; 1978), 40; citing 3: 241.

⁶⁸ Lela C. Adams, *Henry County, Virginia Deed Books III & IV* (Bassett, VA: Sherwood Forest; 1978), 942-43; citing 3: 257–58.

⁶⁹ Lela C. Adams, *Henry County, Virginia Deed Books III & IV* (Bassett, VA: Sherwood Forest; 1978), 60; citing 3: 376.

⁷⁰ Lela C. Adams, *Henry County, Virginia Deed Books III & IV* (Bassett, VA: Sherwood Forest; 1978), 86–89; original source not cited.

9 APRIL 1787

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Poll list.

“A poll taken or a section of Delegates at Henry County Courthouse the 9th of April 1787 for Abraham Penn, Esq.”

No. 60. **William Witt**.⁷¹

COMMENT:

The Harbours and George Hairston are also on this list.

9 APRIL 1787

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Poll list.

“A Poll taken on the election of Delegates held at Henry County Courthouse the 9th April 1787 for Thomas Cooper, Esquire.”

No. 80. **William Witt**

No. 101. **David Witt**

No. 160. **Jesse Witt**⁷²

COMMENT:

This list includes most of the other names associated with the Witts in the deeds and other documents above.

12 MAY 1787

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Land purchase.

“James McCraw of the Parish of Antrim and County of Halifax to **Jesse Witt** of Henry County for the sum of One hundred fifty pounds sells 164 acres more or less on a branch of **Horsepasture Creek**, beginning at Randolph & Co. [likely Randolph &c, meaning Randolph and others] line. Wit: Samuel Coleman Morris, Joseph Morris, William French, Benjamin Kennon. [Signed] James McCraw.”⁷³

17 JULY 1787

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Land grant.

William Mills, assignee of Sherroud Brook, assignee of William Samm receives patent to 223 acres surveyed 19 May 1780 in the county of Henry on **Matrimony Creek**, described as

Beginning at **Fontans** corner black Gum, thence with that line S 2 Degrees W 10 poles, crossing a branch to a white oak, [then] S 3 Degrees W 30 poles to a Chesnut tree, thence New lines South 67 Degrees W 148 poles crossing a branch to pointers on **Smith** line, thence with his line W 56 poles crossing a branch to a chestnut tree, thence New lines N 7 Degrees E 219 poles to a Black Jack, [then] N 60 Degrees E 162 poles crossing a branch to a Black Oak, [then] S 38 Degrees E 63 pols to a Black Gum, [then] S 59 Degrees East 28 poles to pointers in **Alexanders** line, thence

⁷¹ Lela C. Adams, *Henry County, Virginia Deed Books III & IV* (Bassett, VA: Sherwood Forest; 1978), 90–92; original source not cited.

⁷² Lela C. Adams, *Henry County, Virginia Deed Books III & IV* (Bassett, VA: Sherwood Forest; 1978), 92–94; original source not cited.

⁷³ Lela C. Adams, *Henry County, Virginia Deed Books III & IV* (Bassett, VA: Sherwood Forest; 1978), 56; citing 3: 343.

with that line S 52 Degrees E 56 poles to a hickory in **Fountains** line, thence with that line S 63 Degrees W 44 poles crossing a branch to the Beginning.⁷⁴

12 OCTOBER 1787

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Neighbor.

“Henry Mayse of Henry County to John Smith of the same for the sum of Five pounds sells 50 acres of land with the line of **John Witt** as the old line up the ridge as the path goes, crossing the **North Fork of Fall Creek**. Wit: David (X) Mayse, Ben. (X) Moore, William Moore. [Signed] Henry (X) Mayse. Proved: 14 April 1788.”⁷⁵

COMMENT:

See the 13 September 1783 deed abstract above by which Jesse Witt sold land to Henry Mayse, adjoining David Witt.

25 OCTOBER 1787

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Neighbor.

“Sherod Mayse of Henry County to John Smith for the sum of Forty pounds sell 75 acres joining Adonijah Harbour’s [at] **Fall Creek** [adjoining] **John Witt’s** and John Jonnykin’s. Wit: Ben. (X) Moore, David (X) Mayse, William Moore. [Signed] Sherod (X) Mayse. Proved: 14 April 1788.”⁷⁶

25 OCTOBER 1787

HENRY & HANOVER COUNTIES, VA

Land sale.

“**Wm Mills** to **Francis Mills, both of Hanover**, 200 a. Licking hole creek, [bounded? by] Martin Roper decd, Mills—witness Abram Fontaine, Chas. Mills, Wm Sims, Nick Mills.”⁷⁷

COMMENT:

The above assertion that William and Frances were “both of Hanover” suggests that this was a different William from William of Henry. However, note that a second document was executed on the same day in which William is said to be from Henry County.

TO DO:

The original deeds needs to be examined on next trip to LOV to ensure that it does indeed say that William and Francis are both of Hanover.

25 OCTOBER 1787

HENRY & HANOVER COUNTIES, VA

Land sale.

“**W^m Mills Sr.** of Henry Co. to **Abraham Fontaine** of Hanover 171a. Licking Hole Creek, [WITNESS:?] Frances Mills.”⁷⁸

⁷⁴ “Land Office Grants,” database, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/GetLONN.pl?first=709&last=&g_p=G9&collection=LO Grant : accessed 27 May 2018), William Mills, 223 acres on the branches of Matrimony Creek adjoining Fountain &c.”; citing “Land Office Grants No. 9, 1787, p. 709 (reel 75).”

⁷⁵ Lela C. Adams, *Henry County, Virginia Deed Books III & IV* (Bassett, VA: Sherwood Forest; 1978), 65; citing 3: 403.

⁷⁶ Lela C. Adams, *Henry County, Virginia Deed Books III & IV* (Bassett, VA: Sherwood Forest; 1978), 65; citing 3: 404.

⁷⁷ “Records of Hanover County: The Larger Book,” Gary Parks, indexer, *Virginia Land Records: From The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography, The William and Mary College Quarterly, and Tyler’s Quarterly* (Baltimore: Clearfield, 2015), 133–34.

COMMENT:

The abstract of this document also presents a problem. At this point, there seems to be only one adult William Mills in Henry County. In that case, he would not likely appear in a legal record as “William Mills Sr.”

TO DO:

Check the original deed—in Henry and/or Hanover—to determine whether the original actually does call him “Sr.” I also need to determine whether this pair of deeds was executed in Henry and then a copy sent to Hanover, or vice-versa.

19 NOVEMBER 1787

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Association.

“Harrison Hobard of Henry County to **Hymphrey Posey** of the same for Twenty pounds sells 40 acres, it being the plantation whereon Joseph Bolling formerly lived on the south side of Smith River, beginning at the mouth of Bowen’s Creek. Wit: **William Witt**, Thomas Posey, John Smallman. [Signed] Harrison Hobard. Proved: 14 April 1788.”⁷⁹

COMMENT:

The given name Humphrey was not common in this society. Finding it used twice here in Henry—the other man being Humphrey Edmondson—suggests that Poseys be kept in mind as I proceed to study the Edmondsons.

19 MAY 1788

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Association.

“Talman Harbour of Halifax County to Joell Harbour of Henry County for One hundred pounds conveys a parcel of land on the North side of **Irvin River (Smith)** and on both sides of **Widgon Creek**, being 229 acres. Wit: Joseph Reynolds, **John Witt**, John Henderson, Esaias Harbour. [Signed] Talmon (X) Harbour. Proved: 9 June 1788.”⁸⁰

19 MAY 1788

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Association.

“Talmon Harbour of Halifax County to Esias Harbour of Henry County for One hundred pounds sells land on the north side of **Irvin River (Smith)** containing 141 acres. Wit: Joseph Reynolds, **John Witt**, John Henderson Joel Harbour.. [Signed] Talmon (X) Harbour. Proved: 9 June 1788.”⁸¹

14 AUGUST 1788

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Association.

“Thomas Cummings and John Henderson are bound unto Talmon Harbour of **Hallifax County** in the sum of One hundred pounds to be paid by the 13th Aug 1788. The condition of the above obligation is such that the said Thomas Cummings and John Henderson shall keep and forever maintain the said Talmon

⁷⁸ “Records of Hanover County: The Larger Book,” Gary Parks, indexer, *Virginia Land Records: From The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, The William and Mary College Quarterly, and Tyler’s Quarterly (Baltimore: Clearfield, 2015), 133–34.

⁷⁹ Lela C. Adams, *Henry County, Virginia Deed Books III & IV* (Bassett, VA: Sherwood Forest; 1978), 65; citing 3: 401.

⁸⁰ Lela C. Adams, *Henry County, Virginia Deed Books III & IV* (Bassett, VA: Sherwood Forest; 1978), 68; citing 3: 415–16.

⁸¹ Lela C. Adams, *Henry County, Virginia Deed Books III & IV* (Bassett, VA: Sherwood Forest; 1978), 68; citing 3: 417.

Harbour and his heirs secure against all persons who shall hereafter make any lawful claim against the estate of William Burnett, deceased. Wit: **John Witt**, George Penn. [Signed] Thomas Cummings, John Henderson. (23 April 1772 [*sic*]) Then received of Talmon Harbour Sixteen poundns sixteen shillings 4 pence in full of the estate of William Burnett, deceased. I say received by me [Signed] Samuel *Allen*. Witness: Esaias Harbour. Recorded 15 Aug. 1788.”⁸²

25 MARCH 1790
HENRY COUNTY, VA

Neighbor.

“Alexander Hunter of Patrick Parish Henry County, Planter, for the love, good will and affection he bears toward his loving daughter Ruth Hord grants, gives and conveys a partcel of land containing 400 acres and being on the branches of **Horsepasture Creek** adjoining **Gregory Duram, Jesse Witt, Joseph Morris**. Ruth Hord is the wife of John Hord. [Signed] Alexander Hunter.”⁸³

26 MARCH 1790
HENRY COUNTY, VA

“**William Witt** of Henry County to John Cavern of the same, for the consideration of Twelve pounds sells and conveys 50 acres land on the waters of Blackberry Creek. Wit: Henry Lyne, John Pyrtle, Thomas Cunningham. [Signed] William Witt.”⁸⁴

28 JANUARY 1791
HENRY COUNTY, VA

Association.

“Acct estate Joseph Anthony 28 Jan 1791 with Thomas Cooper and James Anthonys Exors. 1785-1786 Pd: Martha Dawson, Thomas Cooper, George Hambleton, Abraham Penn, Joseph Cooper, Josiah Shaw, **George Hairston**, William Graves, John Salmon, expenses for going to Bedford Co. Receipts: John King, Thomas Stovall, Edmond Winston, Josiah Shaw, **William Mills**, John Rowland, **George Hairston**.”⁸⁵

COMMENT:

The associates in this document are not those of the Matrimony Creek William Mills—nor those of the James Mills family of adjacent Franklin County who originated in Bedford.

25 JULY 1791
HENRY COUNTY, VA

Deed

William Mills to Archd. Hughes. Sale for 75£, 100 acres in Henry Co. on Crooked Creek, described as:

Beginning at large white oak at Fontaine & Walton’s Corner, thence with Walton’s line North Sixty Poles to a white oak, thence New lines West six Hundred & ninety five Poles Crossing five branches to a Red Oak, thence South two hundred and thirty-two poles to Pointers? in the Country line, thence East along the said Country line to where **Fontain’s** old line intersects the said line, thence along Fontain’s Old Line North to the first station

together with all houses, outhouses, etc. Witnessses: John Childress, Lee [Lea?] Hughes, Henry France.”⁸⁶

⁸² Lela C. Adams, *Henry County, Virginia Deed Books III & IV* (Bassett, VA: Sherwood Forest; 1978), 73; citing 3: 447.

⁸³ Lela C. Adams, *Henry County, Virginia Deed Books III & IV* (Bassett, VA: Sherwood Forest; 1978), 104; citing 4: 72–74.

⁸⁴ Lela C. Adams, *Henry County, Virginia Deed Books III & IV* (Bassett, VA: Sherwood Forest; 1978), 104; citing 4: 75–76.

⁸⁵ Lela C. Adams, *Henry County, Virginia, Will Abstracts, vol. 1 & II, 1777–1820* (Easley, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1985), 27; citing 1: 192–93.

⁸⁶ Henry Co., VA, Deed Book 4: 280–81

COMMENT:

The associates of this William Mills are those of William of Matrimony Creek and (in the case of Henry France) an associate of William's son Aaron. However, I have found no record of William's acquisition of this Crooked Creek land—unless it was a part of his 1787 grant on “branches of Matrimony Creek.”

No wife participated in this sale, in contrast to the situation in 1797 and 1803 when William of Matrimony sold parts of the Matrimony Creek land that had been patented to him and his wife jointly.

4 OCTOBER 1791
HENRY COUNTY, VA

Association.

“Sales Estate Archs. Reynolds. To: Jesse Reynolds, **George Hairston**, Moses Reynolds, Jacob Adams Jr., Archs. Reynolds, William Sharp, Abraham Penn, Shadrack Barrett, Bartemus Reynolds, John **Holt**, Francis **Holt**, **Samuel Mannen [Manning]**, **William Mannen**, Widow Smith. T:50.7.6.”⁸⁷

10 OCTOBER 1792
PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY, VA

Land entry.

“**James George, Sr.** and John Buckley 400 ac on the Grs. of **Old Womans Cr.** Beg. at his cor. R. O. & run.g to join Nathan Thurmons line By part of a 4253 ac War.t Issued to James Buckley 7 Mar 1783 No. 15116 Surv.d.”⁸⁸

COMMENT:

The waterways associated with these George entries are not ones I've identified for Henry County. Old Woman's Creek is in Pittsylvania County, today.

1794
PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY, VA

Land entry.

“(Surv.d) **James George, Sr.** 100 ac adj.g his own line Beg. at his cor. near the **Gum Springs** Pr War.t.”⁸⁹

24 OCTOBER 1794
HENRY COUNTY, VA

Land sale

“**Hugh Woods** and his wife **Sara Ann Woods** of Franklin County sell unto Robert Stockton of Henry County a parcel of land on the north side of **Smith River**, crosses **Fall Creek** and **Middle Creek** for Forty five pounds. [Signed] Hugh Woods; Sarah Ann (X) Woods. Wit: Robert Stockton, Jr, Thomas Fitzpatrick, J. Woods.”⁹⁰

⁸⁷ Lela C. Adams, *Henry County, Virginia, Will Abstracts, vol. 1 & II, 1777–1820* (Easley, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1985), 28; citing 1: 199.

⁸⁸ Marian Dodson Chiarito, *Entry Record Book 2, 1770–1796: Land Entries in the Present Virginia Counties of Pittsylvania, Henry, Franklin, and Patrick* (Athens, GA: Iberian Publishing, 1988), 87; citing p. 71 “original pages ... found in the back of Old Survey Book 2, ... Clerk's Office ... Pittsylvania County Courthouse, Chatham.”

⁸⁹ Marian Dodson Chiarito, *Entry Record Book 2, 1770–1796: Land Entries in the Present Virginia Counties of Pittsylvania, Henry, Franklin, and Patrick* (Athens, GA: Iberian Publishing, 1988), 93; citing p. 75 “original pages ... found in the back of Old Survey Book 2, ... Clerk's Office ... Pittsylvania County Courthouse, Chatham.”

⁹⁰ Lela C. Adams, *Henry County, Virginia Deed Books V & VI* (Bassett, VA: Sherwood Forest; 1979), 27; citing 5: 148.

22 NOVEMBER 1794

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Petition

“The petition of the freeholders and others, the inhabitants of the county of Henry humbly sheweth that there is no Seminary of Classical learning in either of the adjacent counties or at any convenient distance ... [Signed] **Wm. F. Mills.**”⁹¹

COMMENT:

From this, we can extrapolate that William F. Mills, son of William and Elizabeth, was born by 1773, in order to be of age to sign a petition in 1794.

29 DECEMBER 1794

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Dower release

“Dower release of **Sarah Ann Wood** wife of Hugh Wood who sold land to Robert Stockton.”⁹²

DECEMBER 1794

PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY, VA

Land entry.

“Surv.d) **Hugh George** 150 ac on the brs. of **Sycamore Cr.** adj.g **his fathers** lines Beg. at a cor. W.O. near the cor. of a field By virtue of Cornelius McHaney’s War.t.”⁹³

COMMENT:

The waterways associated with this George family—Allens Creek, George’s Creek, Old Woman’s Creek, and Sycamore Creek—are all in Pittsylvania County, today. None of the George land entries in this volume fall into Henry County, where Sallie Ann (Mills?) George married Hugh Woods in 1779.

30 MARCH 1796

PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY, VA

Land entry.

“(30th Surv.d) **James George, Sr.** 100 ac on the brs. of **Sycamore Cr.** Beg. at **Camps** cor. on the **head of Lick Br.** Pr War.t No. 12541.”⁹⁴

16 APRIL 1796

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Neighbor

“Anthony Smith and Agnes Smith his wife of Henry County to John Spencer, William Spencer, James Spencer, and George Washington Spencer sons and heirs of James Spencer, deceased, for the sum of Fifty pounds sell land on the waters of **Horsepasture Creek** .. said land joins the land of the heirs, John Staples, and **William Mills**[:] said tract contains 75 acres and this land is now in the possession of the said heirs of James Spencer, deceased. [Signed] Anthony Smith, Agnes (X) Smith. Wit: Stephen Lee,

⁹¹ Judith Parks America Hill, *A History of Henry County, Virginia* (Baltimore: Regional Publishing Co., 1983), 297–98.

⁹² Lela C. Adams, *Henry County, Virginia Deed Books V & VI* (Bassett, VA: Sherwood Forest; 1979), 33; citing 5: 177.

⁹³ Marian Dodson Chiarito, *Entry Record Book 2, 1770–1796: Land Entries in the Present Virginia Counties of Pittsylvania, Henry, Franklin, and Patrick* (Athens, GA: Iberian Publishing, 1988), 97; citing p. 78 pf “original pages ... found in the back of Old Survey Book 2, ... Clerk’s Office ... Pittsylvania County Courthouse, Chatham.”

⁹⁴ Marian Dodson Chiarito, *Entry Record Book 2, 1770–1796: Land Entries in the Present Virginia Counties of Pittsylvania, Henry, Franklin, and Patrick* (Athens, GA: Iberian Publishing, 1988), 104; citing p. 84 of “original pages ... found in the back of Old Survey Book 2, ... Clerk’s Office ... Pittsylvania County Courthouse, Chatham.”

Nathaniel Shelton, Hezekiah Salmon, Nathaniel Bassett, William Brewer.” Proved 30 May 1796 & 28 Aug 1797.⁹⁵

26 OCTOBER 1796
HENRY COUNTY, VA

Deed

William Mills of Henry Co. to **Elijah Sams**. Sale for 100£, land on **Matrimony Creek**, 300 acres, described as

beginning at Pointers & running thence East 245 poles to a poplar, S 25 degrees East 64 poles to a oak, thence South 52 degrees west 100 poles to a white oak, thence South 135 poles to a hickory, thence West along the Country line 160 poles to a white oak, thence new land North 11 degrees West 75 poles to the Creek, thence down this aid Creek 26 poles to a red oak, thence North 77 degrees and 20 poles to a Hickory, thence North by 3 degrees East 82 poles to a red oak, thence on the straight line to the first station.⁹⁶

Witnesses: Jesse Murphrey (x); Peter Rugg (x); John Price (x)

COMMENT:

In 1787, William Mills patented land on waters of Matrimony creek that one William Samms had entered but assigned before receiving patent. That tract was only 223 acres.

25 AUGUST 1797
HENRY COUNTY, VA

Association.

“Acct James Shelton 25 Aug 1797 with William Shelton, exor. P[ai]d: William Shelton, **George Hairston**, Jesse Reynolds, **Samuel Kemp**, Richard Welch, Samuel Staples, **James Standefer**, Drury Salmon, Haynes Morgan, Dr. Briscoe, D. Ross. Rec[eived]: Cash lent me by my father James Shelton, Paige Oliver, Samuel Keaton, **William Mills**, William Shelton, John Redd for Alexander Joyce, sale of negro Kate to satisfy [sic] David Ross execution.”⁹⁷

COMMENT:

Adams (p. 39) has an abstract of the inventory of **Eusebius Stone**, 22 June 1798.

24 OCTOBER 1797
HENRY COUNTY, VA

Deed

William Mills (s) and wife Elizabeth (s) to **George Hairston** for 100£, sale of 50 [60?] acres on Matrimony Creek, described as

Beginning at pointers in said Mills line, thence with his line N 5 degrees E 42 poles, crossing a branch to a Hickory and pointers N 68 E 82 poles to a red oak, N 63 E 41 poles crossing a branch to a white [oak?], S 35 E 72 poles to a red oak, S 4[?] W 100 poles to a red oak, thence along a new line S 89 E 151 poles to the beginning.

Witnesses: Thomas Graves, Robt. Anderson, Benjamin Lanier⁹⁸

⁹⁵ Lela C. Adams, *Henry County, Virginia Deed Books V & VI* (Bassett, VA: Sherwood Forest; 1979), 62; citing 5: 362–64.

⁹⁶ Henry Co. Deed Book 5: 318–19.

⁹⁷ Lela C. Adams, *Henry County, Virginia, Will Abstracts, vol. 1 & II, 1777–1820* (Easley, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1985), 39; citing 1: 279–80.

⁹⁸ Henry Co., Deed Book 6:133.

13 DECEMBER 1797

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Land purchase

Samuel Woodson to **William Mills**, both of Henry County. Sale for 100£, 440 acres on north fork of **Matrimony Creek**, described as:

beginning at **Mills' corner** Hickory, thence new line N 53 degrees W 131 poles to a red oak, N 47 degrees E 136 poles crossing a branch to pointers, N 5 degrees E 86 poles crossing a branch to a hickory & corner pointers, N 68 degrees E 82 poles to a red oak, S 35 degrees E 72 poles to a red oak, S 4 degrees West 100 poles crossing a branch to a red oak, S 148 poles crossing two branches [to] a white oak, S 16 degrees E 80 poles to a black oak, S 61 degrees W 21 poles to Mills' corner black oak, thence with that line N 66 degrees W 32 poles to a red oak, thence W 70 poles crossing the creek to the beginning.⁹⁹

[Signed] Samuel Woodson. Wit: Jos. Martin, John Redd, Jesse Corn." Proved 28 June 1798.¹⁰⁰

COMMENT:

In February 1782, the pastor of St. James Northam Parish in Goochland baptized twin sons for Samuel Woodson and wife Sarah Mills. Ten months earlier, he had baptized a son George for William Mills and wife Elizabeth Fontaine.¹⁰¹ That pastor, William Douglass, apparently was riding circuit—as opposed to both couples making the two long trips to take their children to the Goochland Church.

On 31 July 1788, Samuel Woodson patented 440 acres on the N fork of Matrimony Creek. The survey, dated 11 November 1786 described the land as “Beginning at **Mills' corner** hickory ... crossing a branch of **Marrowbone Creek** [back to] **Mills** corner Black Oak, thence with that line N 66 degrees W 132 poles to a red Oak W 70 poles crossing the Creek to the beginning.”¹⁰²

Beyond reasonable doubt, Sarah and William Mills of the Douglas Register of St. James Northam, who lived adjacent to each other here in Henry County, are part of the same family.

27 JANUARY 1798

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Association.

“Acct est Dgid Clark 4 Dec 177 Ret 27 Jan 1798 with Samuel Clark Sr Admn. Pd John Frans [France? Frame?], Richard Hopkins, **Aaron Mills**, John Hall, Daniel Adams, supplies and schooling costs. Rec cash from sundry sales.”¹⁰³

COMMENT:

This Aaron Mills is son of William Sr. and Elizabeth.

31 DECEMBER 1798

HENRY COUNTY, VA

⁹⁹ Henry Co., Deed Book 6:135.

¹⁰⁰ Lela C. Adams, *Henry County, Virginia Deed Books V & VI* (Bassett, VA: Sherwood Forest; 1979), 86-87; citing 6:135–37.

¹⁰¹ W. Mac. Jones, trans. and ed., *The Douglas Register: Being a detailed record of Births, Marriages and Deaths together with other interesting notes, as kept by the Rev. William Douglas, from 1750 to 1797* (1928; reprint, Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1977), 123, 327.

¹⁰² Virginia State Land Office, Grants No. 17 (1788): 513.

¹⁰³ Lela C. Adams, *Henry County, Virginia, Will Abstracts, vol. 1 & II, 1777–1820* (Easley, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1985), 39; citing 1:282–84

Association

“**George Hairston** of Henry County to **Joseph Hobson** of the same for the sum of Two hundred twelve pounds sells land on **Leatherwood Creek** [that] joins lines of **Thomas Jett (now Hopson)**, James Johnson (now Jett) 15 acres which land was sold by **John Fontaine deceased** to **Philip Ryan**, by Ryan to William Lindsay and a deed of conveyance from Patrick Henry to William Lindsay. [Signed] George Hairston. WIT: none.” Proved 31 December 1798.¹⁰⁴

COMMENT:

On 7 March 1766, Philip Ryan married Elizabeth Mills, “both of this parish,” in St. James Northam, Goochland. I should pursue the hypothesis that all three of these Mills (or Mills-intermarried) families of Henry are rooted in Goochland:

- William Mills who married Elizabeth Fontaine in the 1760s
- Philip Ryan who married Elizabeth Mills in 1766¹⁰⁵
- Sarah Mills who married Samuel Woodson, apparently in the 1770s.

Re the Hopson land acquired from Jett:

In 1841, Samuel E[dmundson?] Mills, son of William Mills-Witt, married one Mary Ann Hobson in adjacent Franklin County. Her parents have not been identified.

9 JANUARY 1801

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Marriage

William F. Mills and Susanna Allen. Surety: John Bayley. [No parents named].¹⁰⁶

28 SEPTEMBER 1801

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Deed

Carter Dillen (x) to **Wm. F. Mills**. Sale of land inherited from will of Henry Dillon. 278 1/3 acres, being 1/3 of a 835-acre tract. The land being conveyed is described as

Beginning in William Dillens dividing line on a red oak sapling, it being 167 poles from the sd William Dillin’s beginning, thence 35 [85? 65?] W to the W line of the old survey, thence with the old survey S 20 E to pointers on the sd. old line, thence with the sd. old line to the sd. William Dillen’s beginning.

Witnesses: Ballenger Wade, Thomas Starling.¹⁰⁷

25 APRIL 1803

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Deed

William Mills and **wife Elizabeth** of Henry Co. to Joshua Hopper of same. Sale of about 100 acres in Henry Co. on **Matrimony Creek**. \$300 described as

¹⁰⁴ Lela C. Adams, *Henry County, Virginia Deed Books V & VI* (Bassett, VA: Sherwood Forest; 1979), 87; citing 6: 140–42.

¹⁰⁵ W. Mac. Jones, trans. and ed., *The Douglas Register: Being a detailed record of Births, Marriages and Deaths together with other interesting notes, as kept by the Rev. William Douglas, from 1750 to 1797* (1928; reprint, Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1977), 43; citing p. 8. The Douglas register was kept in Northam Parish, across the James from Southam Parish.

¹⁰⁶ Henry Co., Marriage Book 1: 25.

¹⁰⁷ Henry Co., Deed Book 6: 331.

Beginning at a hickory sapling on on **Elijah Sam's line**, thence N 45 W 76 poles to a post oak, thence 50 degrees W crossing the creek, 158 poles to the old line, thence with the old line to Elijah Sam's corner, thence with his line to the beginning.¹⁰⁸

9 SEPTEMBER 1803

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Marriage

Aaron Mills and Sally Shelton. Surety: Js. Shelton. [No parents named].¹⁰⁹

24 OCTOBER 1803

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Marriage

Robert Allen and **Cealy Mullins**. Surety: **William F. Mills**. Father: **David Mullins**. Witnesses: Susannah Allen? [Adams?], **John Mullen**.

COMMENT:

When William Mills-Witt made his first appearance in adjacent Franklin County in 1806, he was placed on the tax roll adjacent to **Booker Mullins**. **Booker and then son Joseph** would continue to be his neighbors in various records through the census of 1830.

The 1790, 1800, and 1810 censuses of Henry County are lost. In 1820, the census is semi-alphabetized by first letter of surname. David Mullins appears 20 houses after William F. Mills and 21 houses before the adjacent households of Francis Mills and William Mills Sr.¹¹⁰

Online trees assert that **David Mullins** was **born 11 May 1758 in St. James Parrish, Goochland**, to John Mullins and wife Elizabeth Betty Connelly; and died 1822 in Henry Co. Grandparents allegedly were Richard and Mary (Stephens) Mullins and Bryant and Elizabeth (Hopkins) Connelly. David is said to have married *Rosanna Herndon* by bond dated 30 August 1781 in **Goochland** and *Mary Alexander* about 1795 in Henry Co. His children by Rosanna supposedly were **Celia** (1781–1812), John (1781–1787), Henry Green (1790–1865), and Nancy (1795–1850). His children by Mary supposedly were Burwell Jefferson (1796–1822), Nathaniel H. (1798–1822), and Tabitha. His siblings are said to be John (1742–1775), Henry (1744–1798), Connelly (1745–1826), Ann (1747–1828), Anthony (1750–), Daniel Colman (1752–), Jesse (1754–1817), Elizabeth (1756–), Mary (1760–1798), Joel (1762–1783), **William** (1764–1804), and Frances (1768–).¹¹¹

A brief Allen sketch in *The History of Henry County* states “Robert Allen married Celia Mullins, daughter of **David Mullins of Revolutionary fame**.” However, the Mullins family sketch on pp. 227 and 228 is quite garbled, asserting that David Mullins, “who was born in 1760, was the first of the family in this State.”¹¹²

Online trees also assert that **Booker Mullins** (aka Bowker Mullins) was **born 25 March 1780 in Henry County** and died 25 May 1859 in Franklin County. His parents allegedly were **William**

¹⁰⁸ Henry Co., Deed Book 6: 427.

¹⁰⁹ Henry Co., Marriage Book 1: 31.

¹¹⁰ 1820 U.S. census, Henry Co., VA, stamped p. 34.

¹¹¹ For example, see roypaul178, “Roy Family Tree,” *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/21011247/person/29562981448/facts> : accessed 16 May 2018), David Mullins “Facts” page. Some facts are documented to reliable sources; others are not.

¹¹² Judith Parks America Hill, *A History of Henry County, Virginia* (Baltimore: Regional Publishing Co., 1983), 111.

Mullins (1746–1840 [no birthplace]; d. Franklin Co.) and Nancy Jane Stanley (1756–1831). He married Judith Stanley 12 May 1803 in Franklin Co. William Mullins supposedly was the son of William Mullins Sr. and Ann Ballard.¹¹³

TO DO:

When I return to LOV, check for a Booker Mullins death record, 25 May 1859 in Franklin Co., to determine whether it names his parents or birthplace.

JANUARY 1804

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Association.

“Acct. Samuel M. Cole ... In acct with John Alexander, Guardian.

1 Jan 1803 rent pd Sandford Reamy, John Pace, Samuel Corn.

Hire of negros to: James Rea, William Hereford, Mary Miller, Sally Harrison, Henry Carter, Henry Clark, Isham Nance, Terry Hughes, John Alexander, Richard Rea, **John Mattox**, Robert Anderson.

Pd: **George Hairston**, John C. Cox, **Joseph Hopson**, John Worsham, Hugh Nisler, Thomas Dix & Co, Peter Garland, Francis Cox, Frederick Eckolds, John East, Luke Adams, Sally Harrison, Robert Anderson, N.W. Dandridge, ... Taylor, William Nunn, William Dillen, Capt. Jett.”¹¹⁴

COMMENT:

Note the coupling in the above record of Joseph Hopson with Capt. Jett. Cf. the 1798 land sale above from George Hairson to “**Thomas Jett (now Hopson).**”

3 FEBRUARY 1804

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Inheritance.

“Div est **William Allen**. 3 Feb 1804. Ret 30 Apr 1804. By John Dillard, John Staples, Peter Garland agreeable to the last will and testament of William Allen. Property: negros Jacob, Sussey, Michael, Jordon, Sally and 2 boys, Vine and children, Winney and Children, we divide as follows: To **Robert Allen** negro Jacob and his paying estate 5.14.4. To **William Mills, negro Michael and pay 5.14.4 to estate**. To **Joseph Allen** negro woman and child and to receive from the estate 4.5.8. The residue of the estate to be as per the Will.”¹¹⁵

COMMENT:

William F. Mills, in this time frame, handled other matters for the heirs of this estate and received a share in the division.

25 JANUARY 1805

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Association.

“LWT **John Nicholas** 25 Jan 1805 Pr 31 Mar 1806 – weak in body—To my son John Nicholas the property he received when he left me. To my son Thomas Nicholas Sr by my first wife the part he received when he left; to dau Ann Burns the part she received; to son David Nicholas the part he received; to my eldest

¹¹³ For example, see Cherie Caldwell, “Cherie Caldwell Family Tree,” *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/111267422/person/180132443248/facts> : accessed 16 May 2018), Booker Mullins “Facts” page. Supporting evidence consists only of censuses and Virginia marriage records.

¹¹⁴ Lela C. Adams, *Henry County, Virginia, Will Abstracts, vol. 1 & II, 1777–1820* (Easley, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1985), 79-80; citing 2: 250–51.

¹¹⁵ Lela C. Adams, *Henry County, Virginia, Will Abstracts, vol. 1 & II, 1777–1820* (Easley, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1985), 50; citing 2: 80.

grandson John Nicholas, the oldest son of my son John Nicholas, a horse; to my granddaughter Caroline Matilda Nicholas the tract whereon I now live, bed, furniture, 2 cows and calves, 2 sows and pigs. To Silvy Loving the young woman that lives with me, a bed, furniture, cow, calf, sow and pig. To my son Thomas Nicholas Jr son of my last wife, all the rest of my estate and he is to serve as executor. Wit: John Dillard, Elizabeth (x) Lanier. 29 Sept 1805 William Hill and **Robert Allen** sec for Thomas Nicholas Jr.”¹¹⁶

20 APRIL 1805

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Deed

William Mills to Thomas Oakley. Sale of 100 acres on **Matrimony Creek**, for 90£. Described as

Beginning at Samm’s corner hickory, N 19 degrees E 82 poles to a red oak, N 36 degrees W 8 poles to the old line of the original survey, with the old line N 4 degrees West 60 poles to a post oak, thence new line So 87 degrees W 84 poles to a double white oak, thence S to a poplar on the S side of a branch, thence up the branch to old line, thence along old line to **Hopper’s corner** Red oak, thence along Hopper’s line to the beginning.¹¹⁷

23 APRIL 1805

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Deed.

William Mills to **John Oakley**. Sale for \$56.75, a tract of land on Matrimony Creek described as

Beginning at a Red oak on the old line thence S45 degrees E 72 poles to a Spanish oak, thence S 30 degrees W 60 poles to Pointers, thence W 80 poles to a Spanish Oak, then N with old line 68 poles to a white oak corner, then to the beginning.¹¹⁸

COMMENT:

Again, there is no participation of a wife.

William Mills’s will mentions his daughter “Anstiss” Oakley, leaving his homestead to her.

In the two documents above, Mills carves off part of his land for two Oakleys. If there were just one Oakley buyer, we might hypothesize that he was Anstiss’s husband. Since two are conveyed separate and equal tracts on the same day, we might question whether they are sons of Anstiss—i.e., grandsons of the William Mills who is conveying his land to them..

Tax rolls 1788-80 have the following Oakleys (as well as John Farguson, the Prillimans, and other associates of William Mills-Witt):

- 1778 Oakleys: James, Richard, Thomas
- 1779 Oakleys: James, Richard, Thomas Senr., Thomas Jr.
- 1780 Oakleys: Richard, Thomas Senr., Thomas Jr., William¹¹⁹

The published abstracts of Henry County will books, estates divisions, etc., have no Oakleys¹²⁰—suggesting they moved away or were cut away into another county. The published marriage records of Henry County have no Oakley marriages in this period. However, they do offer two (and only two) marriages that fall into the next two generations.

¹¹⁶ Lela C. Adams, *Henry County, Virginia, Will Abstracts, vol. 1 & II, 1777–1820* (Easley, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1985), 56-57; citing 2: 128.

¹¹⁷ Henry Co., Deed Book 6: 595.

¹¹⁸ Henry Co, Deed Book 6: 596.

¹¹⁹ Lela Adams, *1778–1780 Tax Lists of Henry County, Virginia* (Bassett, VA: P.P., 1973).

¹²⁰ Lela C. Adams, *Henry County, Virginia, Will Abstracts, vol. 1 & II, 1777–1820* (Easley, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1985).

14 January 1811 Oakley, William, and Milley Quarles
29 August 1836 Oakley, William M. and Icypeana Mills, dau. of Aaron Mills

The 1811 William was not one of the two Oakley men with whom William Mills divided his land. Their names were John and Thomas. The 1811 William Oakley is contemporaneous with the William Mills-Witt who married 1815 Drucilla Kemp. Most online accounts present him as the William Oakley who moved to Overton County, TN, before 1830 in company with the Quarles family. I have not yet attempted to verify this account of William Oakley.

The 1777–1782 order books, as published, contain no Oakley entries.¹²¹

TO DO:

- Trace these men on tax rolls and censuses to extrapolate their ages. If they were just coming of age at this point, that coincides with the 1806 first appearance of William Mills-Witt on the tax rolls.
- Work Franklin, Montgomery, and Patrick Counties for Oakleys.

14 NOVEMBER 1805

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Association.

“LWT John Burgess 14 Nov 1805 Pr 26 July 1806 – in a low state of health in body –

To my son Davis Burgess one dollar.

To my dau Elizabeth Hewlett one dollar.

To Edward D. Hewlett ten pounds.

To Polly M Hewlett ten pounds.

To Nancy D. Hewlett ten pounds.

To my dau. Mary A. Burgess a horse and saddle, cow and calf, bed and furniture and to live at home as long as she remains single.

To my wife Mary Burgess during her natural life or widowhood, all my estate both real and personal.

To my son John Burgess all of my estate at the death or marriage of my wife, and to be the executor.

Wit: **Thomas East**, William East, **John Mattox**.

Thomas East and John Rowland sec for exor.”¹²²

29 APRIL 1806

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Deed.

Wm. F. Mills to **Robert Allen**. Whereas **Thomas H. Watson** on 14 September 1804 conveyed by Deed to **Wm. F. Mills** his proportion of a piece of land inherited from his father John Watson, 1280 acres in Counties of Henry & Patrick, on both sides of **Horsepasture Creek**, and whereas the debt due has not been cleared, the land is offered for sale & Robert Allen purchased it.¹²³

22 JANUARY 1807

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Association.

“Guardian Acct of Samuel M. Cole by Joseph Alexander. 22 Jan 1807 Ret 20 June 1808.

¹²¹ Charles P. Blunt IV, *Complete Index and Abstract of the Henry County Order Books #1 and #2 (1777–1782)* (Richmond, VA: Briarwood Publications, 1978).

¹²² Lela C. Adams, *Henry County, Virginia, Will Abstracts, vol. 1 & II, 1777–1820* (Easley, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1985), 57; citing 2: 129

¹²³ Henry Co., Deed Book 6: 608.

Expenditures and receipts of the following:

David Lanier Sr., Thomas Nunn, **George Hairston**, John Trahern, Peter Anderson, Luke Adams, Joshua Farrington, William Nunn, Thomas Pace, William Reamy, Sanford Reamy, William Banks, Thomas Williams, David Lanier Jr., Joseph Williams, Joseph Trahern, **Robert Allen**, John Rea, Reubin Payne, **Joseph Hobson**, Thomas East, Thomas Dix & Co, David Custer, Susanah Adama, John Lanier, N. W. Dandridge, William Pace, Collin Moore, Elisha Phillips, Joseph Alexander, William Callaway, Edward Royster, R. Wilson, Capt. John Salmon, Parks Bailey, Philip Ryan, Abner Rea, Charles Hatcher, William Hale, David Mason, Frederick Eckolds, John Cox, Robert Anderson, Mrs. Reamy, William Nunn."¹²⁴

JANUARY 1807

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Association.

"Acct Samuel M. Cole Ret Jan Ct 1807. In account with Joseph Alexander formerly with John Alexander guardian.

"Bonds on: Luke Adams, Robert Lorton, Thomas Dix, Sandford Reamy, Thomas Pace, William Mitchell, Peter Garland, Abner Rea, Robert Anderson, John Wash, David Lanier, Thomas Williams, Thomas Nunn, **George Hairston**, John Trahern, Joseph Farrington, William Nunn, William Reamy, William Banks, Joseph Williams, David Lanier, Robert Atkins, Reuben Payne, **Joseph Hopson**, Thomas East, David Custer, Susanah Adams.

Receipts: Peter Garland, Thomas Nunn, John Worsham, Thomas Dix, Abner Rea, Philip Ryan Edward Royster, James Lanier, John Alexander, David Lanier, Thomas Nunn, **George Hairston**, John Trahern, Robert Anderson, Luke Adams, Joshua Farrington, William Nunn, Thomas Pce, William Reamy, William Banks, Sandford Reamy, Joseph Williams, John Trahern, **Robert Allen**, John Rea, Reuben Payne, Thomas Williams, **Joseph Hopson**, Thomas East, Thomas Dix & Co., Susanah Adams, John H. Lanier, Gilvert Rowland, John Rowland."¹²⁵

9 MARCH 1807

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Deed

William Mills (s) to Henry France , both of Henry. Sale for 75£ Virginia money, 250 acres described as

Beginning at pointers in the Country line where **Surry** and **Guilford [Counties, North Carolina]** joins at the lower end of said Order, thence N 12 W 108 poles crossing **Crooked Creek** to a poplar N 42 W 116 poles to a poplar, S 73 W 78 poles to a red oak; N 35 W 48 poles to a black gum on the South Side of **May's river**, thence up the same as it meanders to a beach at the mouth of a branch, thence with **Wallenes** [?] line S 60 W 108 poles to a locust post & pointers, N 89 E 102 poles crossing a branch to a white oak, thence new line S 3 E 162 poles crossing Crooked Creek to Pointers in the Country line, that line E 258 poles crossing Creek to the Beginning.

Witnesses: A. Hughs, Lea Hughs, John Childress.¹²⁶

TO DO:

¹²⁴ Lela C. Adams, *Henry County, Virginia, Will Abstracts, vol. 1 & II, 1777–1820* (Easley, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1985), 73; citing 2: 196–99.

¹²⁵ Lela C. Adams, *Henry County, Virginia, Will Abstracts, vol. 1 & II, 1777–1820* (Easley, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1985), 82; citing 2: 266–69.

¹²⁶ Henry Co., Deed Book 7: 126.

Both Surry and Guilford Counties, NC, need to be worked for this William who lived along that border.

17 APRIL 1807

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Deed

William Mills Senr (s) to George Hairston Junr., both of Henry Co., sale of 70 acres adjoining property already sold by Mills to Hairston ...¹²⁷

COMMENT:

George Hairston owned land adjacent to land that Joseph Hobson bought from Samuel Hester on 13 December 1808. See my Mills Notebook No. 1 for Hobson research notes. The Hobsons of Henry Co. are a prime candidate for the birth family of Mary Ann Hobson (b. ca. 1820, allegedly NC) who married Samuel E. Mills (son of William Mills and wife Drucilla Kemp of Franklin County) in 1841. This Joseph Hobson seems to have disappeared from Henry County about 1808.

Also see Franklin Co. notes for Joseph Hobson and wife Sarah (Boyd) Hopson/Hobson, daughter of George Boyd.

26 APRIL 1807

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Deed.

William Mills Senr. to Charles Jones, both of Henry, sale for \$1000 of 408 acres described as

Beginning on a Sorrel Wood tree in the sd. Mills Old line, thence N 85 degrees W running a new [line for] 364 poles to a Spanish Oak Corner tree of **John Oakley**, N 45 degrees W 73 poles to **Hairston's corner** red oak N 58 degrees E 98 poles to a red oak, S 58 E 15 poles to a chestnut tree, N 50 E 178 poles to a post oak, S 24 E 54 poles Crossing a Creek to a Spanish Oak Sapling, N 70 E 70 poles to a Sorrel Wood, E 32 poles to a black jack, N 80 E 29 poles to a chesnut, S 70 E 20 poles to a white oak, S 60 E 6 poles to the said Mills' old line, S 207 poles to the beginning.

Witnesses: David Rea, Robert Anderson, David Lanier Junr.¹²⁸

28 APRIL 1807

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Deed.

William Mills (s) to William Oakley Sr. Sale for \$300 Virginia money, of 100 acres on **Matrimony Creek** described as

Beginning at a double white oak on a path N 78 ½ degrees W 32 poles to a Spanish Oak, S 61 W 53 poles to a red oak, S 33 W 60 poles to a Sassafras at the fork of the Creek, thence up South fork to the old line, thence S 3 W 70 poles to a white oak, thence S 53 E 74 poles to a red oak near a bold branch, thence down the branch to a poplar on the S side of the branch, thence N to the beginning.

Witnesses: David Lenier, David Rea, George Hairston, Senr., Robert Anderson.¹²⁹

¹²⁷ Henry Co., Deed Book 7: 140.

¹²⁸ Henry Co., Deed Book 7: 127.

¹²⁹ Henry Co., Va., Deed Book 7: 125.

1809

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Association.

“Acct Joseph Martin Ret Nov Ct 1817

“1809 [sic] in acct with Joseph Martin, Adm.

Pd: Griffin Griffith, John Cook, William Hereford in favor of Maj Brice Martin, William Hereford for medical service, Randal G. Adams, Samuel Armstead, N. W. Dandridge, **Robert Allen**, William Nunn, David Harfield, **George Hairston**, Nathaniel Harris, Joseph Jones, Chancery Court of Richmond, Dr. William Hale, Cash expended **traveling to Tn**; Thomas Martin, a legatee; Mrs. Susanah Martin (dower), Reuben Hughes a legatee by his marriage to Polly; costs in **suit in Tn** vs Thomas Hopkins; Brice Martin for discharge of his claim vs the Estate; Patrick Martin a legatee; George Tucker, Thomas Jackson, Lewis Martin a legatee, Reuben Hughes. Collected from Peter Thomerson for 2 yrs rent on the snall plantation. Pd Henry Edwards in favor of his wife Sarah formerly Sarah Waller on account of a bond given Gen. Martin by Brice Martin for the benefit of Elizabeth Waller’s children. Rent pd to Samuel Armstead, P. H. Martin, Reuben Hughes, Lewis Martin yearly 1809-1817. Rec: Joseph Martin, Thomas Fluman [**Fleeman?**], Abraham Williams, **William Mills**, Joseph Bouldin Sr., Thomas Hopkins, Brice Martin, Barna Wells, William Laurence, William Hankins, Elijah Richardson, Lewis Jones.”¹³⁰

COMMENT:

- “Tennessee” at that time included Montgomery County, VA.
- Charles T. Mills, born c1828 or 1833 to William Mills-Witt and wife Drucilla Kemp, is said to have married one Sarah E. **Fleeman** of Montgomery Co. (parents not identified).

SEPTEMBER 1809

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Probate inventory.

“Inv est **Jesse Witt**, 26 Sept 1809 Ret Oct Ct 1809. Negros Cate and Andrew, livestock, furniture, tools T 1151.43 by John B. Trent, John Stone, Gregory Duham, Archibald (x) Farris.”¹³¹

NOVEMBER 1809

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Estate settlement.

“Acct **Jesse Witt** Nov 1809 Ret Dwc Ct 810. In acct with John Waller, admn. Sold horses to **Joel Witt**; a negro willed to Jesse Long, Horse, saddle, bridle for **Jesse Witt**. Notes on John Christian and John Leake. Yearling to H. Clifton. Receipts of: Dr. Banks, Dr. Hunter, John Owens, Dr. Hereford, **William F. Mills**, Dr. Dillen, Dr. Trent, **George Hairston**, Nathan Harris, Reuben Long, William Dillen, and **Joel Witt**.”¹³²

24 FEBRUARY 1810

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Association.

“In vest Terry Hughes 24 Feb 1810 Ret Mar CT 1810

¹³⁰ Lela C. Adams, *Henry County, Virginia, Will Abstracts, vol. 1 & II, 1777–1820* (Easley, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1985), 89; citing 2: 316–20.

¹³¹ Lela C. Adams, *Henry County, Virginia, Will Abstracts, vol. 1 & II, 1777–1820* (Easley, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1985), 70; citing 2: 171–73

¹³² Lela C. Adams, *Henry County, Virginia, Will Abstracts, vol. 1 & II, 1777–1820* (Easley, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1985), 73-74; citing 2: 200.

Negros: Charles, Citter, Polly, and children, Jeffrey, horse, furniture, livestock. T[otal] \$1779.91. By **David Mullins, Robert Allen, Joseph Allen.**¹³³

12 NOVEMBER 1810

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Association.

“LWT William Moore 19 Oct 1810 Pr 12 Nov 1810 – aged and infirm – To my wife Elizabeth Moore during her natural life all my land laying off for my son James Moore 200 ac that joins Thomas Hill and Anul? Rogers. My daus to have same privilege as my wife as long as they remain single and granddaughter Matilda Moore the same privilege as long as her remains single. To my dau Ann Moore negro Tom, to **Sally Mills** negro Patrick, horse and cow; to my son William Moore land in **Patrick County**, horse, cow, and my other land after the decease of my wife and the marriage of his sisters and niece. Negros Bob and Dick to son William Moore after my wife’s decease. To my dau Beddy negro Fanny; to my grandson William Moore negro Sterling; to my son Elect Moore \$1.00; to my dau Betsey Wilson \$1.00. Appoint wife Elizabeth Moore as exor. Wit: **David Mills**, Joseph Allen, James Dillard, Peter Garland and William **East** sec for Elizabeth Moore.”¹³⁴

COMMENT:

This Sally and David Mills have not been placed into any Mills family.

TO DO:

Patrick County needs thoroughly working.

AUGUST 1810

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Census

The federal census of this year is lost.

JANUARY 1812

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Estate sale.

“Sales est. **Jesse Witt** Ret Jan Ct 1812

27 Oct 1810 to Samuel Hill, John Bailey, William Brewer, Reuben Long, William Hill, Thomas Cheatham, John Waller, John H. Trent, James Kington, Zebedu Weaver, Archibald Farris, John Rea, Henry Fee, John Salmon Jr., John **Stone**, Dev. **Jarrett**, David Lanier, Richard Watson, William Dillen, William Brown, John Waller, Archibald Morris, Dr. Trent, Henry Clinton, Lewis Hensley, Nathan Shelton, Thomas Bouldin Jr., Abner Rea, **Aaron Mills**, William Morris, **Thomas East.**¹³⁵

COMMENT:

Note that William Mills Sr.’s son Aaron and Jesse Witt are associated with the Jarrett family that provided two wives to sons of William Mills-Witt of Franklin County.

JANUARY 1812

HENRY COUNTY, VA

¹³³ Lela C. Adams, *Henry County, Virginia, Will Abstracts, vol. 1 & II, 1777–1820* (Easley, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1985), 70; citing 2: 175.

¹³⁴ Lela C. Adams, *Henry County, Virginia, Will Abstracts, vol. 1 & II, 1777–1820* (Easley, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1985), 69; citing 2: 167–68

¹³⁵ Lela C. Adams, *Henry County, Virginia, Will Abstracts, vol. 1 & II, 1777–1820* (Easley, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1985), 56; citing 2: 120–23.

Association.

“Sales **Jesse Witt** estate 4 Nov 1809 Ret Jan Ct 1812. “To John Weaver, D. Trent, R. Lee, Henry Clinton, Reubin Long, Samuel Hill, John Bailey, **William Mills**, James Shelton, P. Shelton. T:34.19.10.”¹³⁶

OCTOBER 1814

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Association.

“Sales John East To: John **Quarles**, Joseph East, Peter Garland, **George Hairston**, Francis East, David Rea, **John Mattox**, Randolph Adams, Robert Anderson John Rea, William Est, William Dillen, Reuben Payne, Leonard Rea, Joseph Martin, Langston Pace, Thomas Pace, Joel Pace, Thomas East. T:364.12.10.”¹³⁷

OCTOBER 1814

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Association.

“Division estate of John East. Peter Garland, Thomas Graves and Robert Anderson are appointed to settle the accounts with Thomas East. To Widow Frances East, her dower, 72.13.5. To Joel Page, **John Mattox**, Joseph East, David Rea, and Thomas East 291.4. each.”¹³⁸

COMMENT:

Apparently John Mattox was married to a daughter of John East.

OCTOBER 1816

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Association.

“Acct Henry and Mary Dillen Oct Ct 1816 By John Dillard and **William F. Mills**. Amount of the estate of which there is to be an equal division amongst all the legatees \$3858.25

Pd: William P. Adams, P. R. Gilmer. To Thomas Officer part of his legacy; Jacob Dillen part of his legacy; pd Carter Dillen for Sally Dillen; Pd Cartler part of his legacy; pd Alexander Cook part of his legacy. **Pd William Mills acct**; pd part of the estate to 3 daus \$255.33 Pd Thomas Bouldin, Capt John Waller, Capt John Hughes, Maj John Redd. 20 Sept. 1816 by Robert Allen, Joseph Bouldin Jr., Thomas East.”¹³⁹

APRIL 1818

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Association.

“Dower of Maria Waller Apr Ct 1818. Widow of Edmund Waller, no ac given, lines of John C. Traylor, includes the dwelling house of Edmund Waller. Signed: John Salmon, **William F. Mills**, J. Dillard.”¹⁴⁰

AUGUST 1820

HENRY COUNTY, VA

¹³⁶ Lela C. Adams, *Henry County, Virginia, Will Abstracts, vol. 1 & II, 1777-1820* (Easley, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1985), 56; citing 2: 123.

¹³⁷ ¹³⁷ Lela C. Adams, *Henry County, Virginia, Will Abstracts, vol. 1 & II, 1777-1820* (Easley, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1985), 78; citing 2: 236-37.

¹³⁸ Lela C. Adams, *Henry County, Virginia, Will Abstracts, vol. 1 & II, 1777-1820* (Easley, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1985), 81; citing 2: 259-60.

¹³⁹ Lela C. Adams, *Henry County, Virginia, Will Abstracts, vol. 1 & II, 1777-1820* (Easley, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1985), 85; citing 2: 292-94.

¹⁴⁰ la C. Adams, *Henry County, Virginia, Will Abstracts, vol. 1 & II, 1777-1820* (Easley, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1985), 89; citing 2: 321-22

Association.

“Acct Henry Lyne 1 Aug 1820.

“**Sept 1806:** Lewis Franklin overseer, John France, John Redd, Thomas Dix & Co., James Meredith, John Benby, Charles Copland, John French, John Cox, John B. Trent, **George Hairston**, William Hunter, George Waller, **William Mills**, Charles Smith, John Smith, George Tucker, William Heath, P. H. Fontaine, P. R. Gilmer, Charles Hibbert, William Dillen, Greensville Penn, Thomas and William Bouldin, John Bailey, **Rev. James Patterson**, Thomas Bouldin, William Heath, Joseph Jones, John Salmon, Charles Fodrell, Thomas Starling, Henry Lyne.”¹⁴¹

COMMENT:

- From this abstract, it is not possible to tell when William Mills’s association with Lyne occurred—only at some point between September 1806 and August 1820.
- When William Mills-Witt’s son Samuel took out a license to marry Mary Ann Hobson in 1841, one James Patterson was his bondsman.

TO DO:

Work the original of this estate for additional data.

AUGUST 1820

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Association.

“Sales Henry Lyne 27 Feb Ret Aug Ct 1820

“Peter Garland, William French, Thomas Starling, Stephen King, Peter Leak, William Shelton, Hezekiah Salmon, William Hunter, Russell Cox, John Bailey, John Ray, David Cousins, Jane Harris, Thomas Moore, Sam Hill, **Thomas East**, John Cox, John Christian, Joseph Jones, William Bouldin, John B. Trent, **William F. Mills**, George Waller, George Taylor, John Waller, Henry Lyne, Pines Allen, Lewis Franklin, John Redd, Robert Rowland, James McCulough, William Hurd, P. R. Gilmer, John Salmon, John Bailey, Joseph Alexander.”

COMMENT:

It appears likely that the payment by “William Mills” was for the purchase by “William F. Mills.”

TO DO

- This volume of abstracts needs to be thoroughly worked for Watts and Witts.

AUGUST 1820

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Census

(Semi-alphabetized by first letter of surname)¹⁴²

| | | | |
|-------------------------|------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| William F. Mills | 1 white male 45+ | 1 white female 26-44 | 1 fpc male 14–25 |
| | | | 1 fpc female 0–14 |
| | | | 1 slave female 14–25 |
| | | | 1 slave female 0–14 |
| | | | 3 engaged in agriculture |

¹⁴¹ Lela C. Adams, *Henry County, Virginia, Will Abstracts, vol. 1 & II, 1777–1820* (Easley, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1985), 93; citing 2: 347–48.

¹⁴² 1820 U.S. census, Henry Co., VA, pp. 33–35, particularly p. 34 (stamped).

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|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Francis Mills | 1 white male 26–44 | 1 white female 26–44 | 1 slave male 14–25 |
| | 3 white males 0–10 | 1 white female 10–15 | 1 slave male 0–14 |
| | | 3 white females 0–10 | 3 engaged in agriculrue |

| | | |
|---------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| William Mills, Sr. | 1 white male 45+ | 1 slave male 45+ |
| | | 1 slave female 26-44 |
| | | 1 slave male 14-25 |
| | | 3 engaged in agriculture |

ALL “M” ENTRIES, IN SEQUENCE:

| | | | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| David Mason | Archib ^d McCoun | Othneal Minter | Michl McDaniel | William Meekes |
| David Moore | Farris Morris | Dennis Marshal | Zeary McDaniel | Hutson Martin |
| John Morris | James D. Marshall | David Mullins | Barnet Mahan | Joseph Martin |
| Samuel C. Morris | Archibald Morris | Wm Moore (Con) | Coleman Meekes | Jacob Marr (FMC) |
| Henry Mullins | Elijah Merdith | Luke Matthews | Abner Martin | Nancy McMillin |
| Samuel Moore | Alexander Moore | Benjamin Morris | Wm. McDaniel | Casander Marshall |
| George Martin | James Merdith | George Morrisson | John McDaniel | William Maricks |
| David Mays | Sarah Martin | Abrm McMillen | Rachel Martin | |
| William F. Mills | Siles Minter | Henry Morris | William Murphey | |
| Joseph Martin (miller) | Jeremiah McCullough | James Moore | Joseph R. Morris | |
| Joseph Martin Jr. | Jesse Martin | John Montgomery | Francis Mills | |
| William Moore | Stephen Martin | John Merdith | William Mills Sen. | |
| Thomas Moore | Alex. McCullough | Charles Massey | John Morgan | |
| <i>See top of col. 2</i> | <i>See top of col. 3</i> | See top of col. 4 | <i>See top of col. 5</i> | |

ALL “O” ENTRIES, IN SEQUENCE:

| | |
|---------------------------|--|
| John Orear | |
| Thomas Oakley Sen. | [1 male 45+; 1 male 26–44; 1 female 45+; 1 female 16-25; 0 slaves; 2 in ag |
| Hannah Oakes | |
| George Odle | |
| Thomas Oakley Jr. | [1 male 26–44; 1 female 26–44; 1 male 0–10; 2 females 0–10; 0 slaves; 1 in ag |
| John Oakley Jr. | [1 male 26-44; 1 female 26-44; 1 male 10–15; 3 female 0–10; 2 fem sl 0–14; 2 in ag |
| Elizabeth Oldham | |
| John Oakley Sen. | 1 male 45+; 1 female 45+; 1 female 10–15; 0 slaves, 1 in agriculture |

COMMENT:

- No **Wood(s)** families appear in the county—a further indication that William Mills’s daughter Sallie Woods is likely to be the widow Sallie Woods in adjacent Franklin County.
- The free people of color in William F. Mills’s household have not been identified.
- Note that 5 households after William Mills Sr. appears a free man of color named Jacob **Marr**. There also lived a small Marr/Marrs/Mares family of fpc whose members bounced between Henry, Franklin, and Montgomery in this period. On the unalphabetized 1830 census, young Permelia Mares lived adjacent to William Mills-Witt in Franklin Co.

AUGUST 1820
PATRICK COUNTY, VA
Census

| | | | |
|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Miles, Richd. | 1 white male 26–45 | 2 white females 45+ | 2 slave male 45+ |
| | 1 white male 16–25 | 1 white female 0–10 | 1 slave female 26–44 |
| | | | 2 slave male 14–25 |

2 slave males 0–14
 2 slave female 0–14
 5 engaged in ag¹⁴³

NEIGHBORS:

| | | | |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| John Cole | Thomas Beasley | Winston Newman | Greenville Penn |
| Bartlett Smith | Connode? Plasters | Wm. Dillen | Saml. Staples |
| William Smith | George Vepperman | Bannet Harris | Richd. Miles [Mills] |
| Elisha Norton | Michael Plastere | Peter Cassaty | Saml. Hughes |
| Aaron Bowman | Isham Edwards | James Boyas Jr. | Norman Staples |
| Nancy Heinsley | Adam Hellum | James Boaz Senr. | [<i>end of district</i>] |
| [<i>see top, col. 2</i>] | [<i>see top, col. 3</i>] | [<i>see top, col. 4</i>] | |

4 MAY 1827–14 NOV 1831

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Will

Last will & testament of **William Mills (s)**, naming

| | | |
|------------|---------------------------------|---|
| daughter: | Sarah Woods | \$1 |
| son: | Richard Mills | \$1 |
| son: | William F. Mills | \$1 |
| son: | Aaron Mills | \$1 |
| son: | Francis Mills | Tract of land on which testator resides |
| daughters | Anstiss Oakley | to get slaves & household furnishings |
| Executors: | Richard and William F. Mills | |
| Witnesses: | William Trent & James Evans (s) | |

Drawn 4 May 1827; proved & filed 14 November 1831¹⁴⁴

1 JUNE 1830

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Census

(Semi-alphabetized by first letter of surname)

| | | | |
|----------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------|
| Jarrott, Wyatt | 1 white male 40–49 | 1 white female 30–39 | 0 slaves |
| | 2 white males 10–14 | 1 white female 15–19 | 0 fpc |
| | 1 white male 5–9 | 1 white female 5–9 | |
| | 2 white males 0–5 | | |

[*skip 15*]

| | | | |
|----------------|--------------------|-----------------------|----------|
| Jarrott, Allen | 1 white male 40–49 | 1 white female 40–49 | 0 slaves |
| | 1 white male 15–19 | 2 white females 15–19 | 0 fpc |
| | 1 white male 0–5 | 2 white females 10–14 | |
| | | 2 white females 5–9 | |

COMMENT:

- Two of Allen Jarrott’s daughters, in the 1840s, would marry two sons of William Mills-Witt of adjacent Henry Co.
- In 1820, Allen Jarrett appears on the census of Franklin Co., not Henry. Jarretts also appear earlier in Montgomery County.

¹⁴³ 1820 U.S. census, Patrick Co., VA, stamped p. 123 (*verso*), line 21.

¹⁴⁴ Henry Co., Va., Will Book 4: 71.

| | | | |
|---------------------|---|--|--|
| Francis Mills | 1 white male 40–49 2 white males 15–19 1 white male 10–14 1 white male 5–9 1 white male 0–5 | 1 white female 40–49 3 white female 10–14 | 1 slave male 24–35 0 fpc |
| William Mills [Sr.] | 1 white male 80–89 | | 1 slave male 55–99 1 slave female 24–35 2 slave females 0–10 3 engaged in agriculture |
| Aron Mills | 1 white male 50–59 1 white male 20–29 1 white male 15–19 2 white males 5–9 1 white male 0–9 | 1 white female 40–49 2 white female 20–29 1 white female 15–19 1 white female 10–14 | 0 slaves 0 fpc |

(Stamped p. 288 *verso*)

| | | | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Meake, William | Moore, Alexander | Moore, Wm. Sen. | Meredith, John | Motiton[?], David |
| Martin, Abraham | Minter, Othnel | Morris, Joseph R. | Meredith, Elijah | Morrison, Geo. |
| Martin, George | Martin, Bailey | Majors, James. | Maynor, Elizabeth | Mills, Aron |
| Morris, Martha | Minter, Silas | Martin, Constantine | Morris, Benj. L? | Marshall, Thos. |
| Moore, Thomas | Mullins, Burwell | Martin, Joseph | Maupin, William | Meake, Coleman |
| Mullins, Henry G. | McCuller, James | McDaniel, Michael | [skip 5] | Martin, Abner |
| Mills, William | Martin, Stephen | Meridith, Junor | Murphey, William | Mahon, Edmund |
| Mills, Francis | Moore, Wm. Junr. | Martin, Early | Martin, Valentine | Merrit, Cornelius |
| [See top of col. 2] | [see top of col. 3] | [see top of col. 4] | [see top of col. 5] | |

ALL "O" ENTRIES, IN SEQUENCE:

Orear, John

Odle, George

Oakley, Thomas Sen. 1 male 80–89; 1 female 70–79; 1 male 40–49; 1 female 30–39; 1 female 5–9; 0 slaves

Oakley, Thomas Jr. 1 m30–39; 1 f30–39; 1 m10–14; 2 f10–14; 1 m5–9; 1 f5–9; 1 f0–5; 0 slaves;

Oakley, John 1 male 60–69; 1 female 60–69; 1 female 20–29; 0 slaves

Oakley, Anstis 1 f40–49; 1 m20–29; 1 m15–19; 1 f15–19; 1 m10–14; 1 f10–14; 2 m5–9; 1 f5–9; 1 f0–5
1 sl f10–23; 2 sl f0–10

Oldham, Elizabeth

COMMENT:

Note that Anstis is now a widow. The 1820 male who is now missing (the one who should be her husband) is the one called John **Jr.** in 1820.

JUNE 1830

PATRICK COUNTY, VA

Census.

(Entries semi-alphabetized by first letter of surname)

| | | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| William F. Mills | 1 white male 50–59 | 1 white female 40–49 | 1 fpc female 10–23 |
| | | | 3 slave males 24–35 |
| | | | 2 slave females 10–23 |
| | | | 3 slave males 0–10 |

| | | | |
|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|
| Richard Mills | 1 white male 60–69 | 1 white female 60–69 | 4 slave male 36–54 |
| | 1 white male 15–19 | 1 white female 20–29 | 1 slave male 24–35 |
| | 2 white males 5–9 | 1 white female 10–14 | 1 slave female 24–35 |
| | 1 white male 0–9 | | 3 slave females 10–23 |
| | | 1 white person blind | 4 slave males 0–10 |
| | | | 1 slave female 0–10 ¹⁴⁵ |

MARCH 1832
HENRY COUNTY, VA
 Inventory

Estate of **William Mills**. Return of inventory, made by Elijah James, Daniel Payne, John Same[?]. Sparse household furnishings. Nine slaves: Biddy and her youngest child Hanner \$350, Mary Ann \$150; America \$30; Sinthy & her youngest child Mariah \$400; Milly \$150; Neety \$125; Lanney \$00.00 [sic].¹⁴⁶

1 JUNE 1840
HENRY COUNTY, VA
 Census

(p. 275 verso)

| | | | |
|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| James Mills | 1 white male 50–59 | 1 white female 40–49 | 0 slaves |
| | 1 white male 10–14 | 1 white female 20–29 | 0 fpc |
| | | 2 white females 15–19 | 3 in agriculture |
| | | 1 white female 10–14 | |

[skip 7]

| | | | |
|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Anstis Oakly | | 1 white female 50–59 | 0 slaves |
| | 2 white males 15–19 | 1 white female 15–19 | 0 fpc |
| | | 1 white female 10–14 | 1 in agriculture |

[adjacent]

| | | | |
|-----------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| George W. Oakly | 1 white male 30–39 | 1 white female 30–39 | 0 slaves |
| | | | 0 fpc |
| | | | 1 in agriculture |

[skip 8]

| | | | |
|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| James Mills | 1 white male 30–39 | 1 white female 20–29 | 0 slaves |
| | 1 white male 20–29 | 1 white female 5–9 | 0 fpc |
| | 1 white male 10–14 | 2 white females 0–5 | 2 in agriculture |

(p. 277 verso)

| | | | |
|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Francis Mills | 1 white male 50–59 | 1 white female 50–59 | 1 slave male 36–54 |
| | 1 white male 20–29 | 1 white female 20–29 | 0 fpc |
| | 1 white male 15–19 | 1 white female 15–19 | 5 in agriculture |
| | 1 white male 10–14 | | 2 wh 20+ cannot r/2 |

(p. 279 verso)

| | | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| William F. Mills | 1 white male 60–69 | 1 white female 60–69 | 1 slave male 55–99 |
| | | | 1 slave female 36–54 |

¹⁴⁵ 1830 U.S. census, Patrick Co., VA, p. 165 (penned in top left corner), lines 20–21

¹⁴⁶ Henry Co., Va., Will Book 4: 9

1 slave females 10–23
 2 slave males 10–23
 3 slave males 0–10
 1 slave female 0–10
 3 fpc
 5 engaged in agriculture

(p. 281 verso)

| | | | |
|------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--|
| William M. Oakly | 1 white male 20–29 | 1 white female 20–29 | 1 slave female 10–23 2 in agriculture |
|------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--|

(p. 288 verso)

| | | | |
|---------------|--------------------|----------------------|--|
| Richard Oakly | 1 white male 40–49 | 1 white female 40–49 | 1 slave female 24–35 1 slave male 0–10 1 slave female 0–10 2 in agriculture |
|---------------|--------------------|----------------------|--|

(p. 289 verso)

| | | | |
|---------------------|---|----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Robert Mills | 1 white male 20–29 1 white male 5–9 2 white males 0–5 | 1 white female 20–29 | 0 slaves 0 fpc 1 in agriculture |
|---------------------|---|----------------------|---------------------------------------|

[skip 2]

Sarah Mills

| | | | |
|--|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| | | 1 white female 50–59 | 0 slaves |
| | 1 white male 20–29 | 1 white female 15–19 | 0 fpc |
| | 1 white male 15–19 | | 3 in agriculture |
| | 1 white male 10–14 | | |
| | 1 white male 0–9 | | |

(p. 294 verso)

| | | | |
|----------------|--|---|---------------------------------------|
| Jarrott, Allen | 1 white male 60–69 1 white male 10–14 | 1 white female 50–59 4 white females 20–29 1 white female 15–19 1 white female 10–14 1 white female 5–9 | 0 slaves 0 fpc 2 in agriculture |
|----------------|--|---|---------------------------------------|

NEIGHBORHOODS:

[Stamped p. 274 verso–275 verso]

| | | | | |
|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Williams, Chas M | Williams, Thomas | Mann, William | Morris, James M. | Teel, Makin |
| Payne, William H | Dunwerth? Thos. | Wells, Baker | Pritchett, Rich. H. | Banister, Nelly |
| Pattun, James | Moore, Polly | Waller, George | Wray, Caleb | Napier, Moses |
| Pedigo, Henry M. | Floyd, Sarah | Woodson, Morris | Pace, German | Mitchel, William |
| Strogdon, Elisha | Mills, James | Oakly, Anstis | Mitchel, Robert | Custer, Martha |
| Farris, Harrison | Bouldin, Fred. | Oakly, George W. | Going, Claibourne | Ma[oer. Geprge |
| Floyd, William P. | Rea, Francis | Bridewell, Enock | Mills, James | Trent, John |
| Marshall, John D. | Moore, Alexander | Eggleton, G___ F. | Moles, William | Williams, Eliz. |
| [see top col. 2] | [see top col. 3] | [see top col. 4] | [see top col. 5] | |

[Stamped p. 276 verso]

| | | | |
|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| Payne, Pleasant | Morris, John | Pace, Daniel | Sowel, John (non resident) |
| Stone, John | Mills, Francis | Agee, Charles | Land, Meshack |
| Farris, Daniel | Evans, James | Matthews, Luke | Wells, Freeman |
| Dillion, Thomas | Philpott, David | Stephen Mimm | |
| Nunn, Thomas | Fluman, George | Tyree, Martin | |
| Alexander Bowles | Eggleton, Stephen | Godard, John | |
| [see top col. 2] | [see top col. 3] | [see top col. 4] | |

[Stamped p. 279 verso]

| | | | |
|------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| Shelton, Peter | Spencer, Willaim | Travis, Rachel R. | Stovall, Landis P. |
| Grogan, Nancy | Dillard, Peter H. | George Kelly | Stovall, James R. |
| Stone, Elizabeth | Weaver, Benjamin | Cousins, David | Franklin, Lewis |
| Stone, James | Morris, Joseph R. | Johnson, Nancy | Hairston, George |
| Rea, Reuben | Mills, William F. | Cousins, Henry | Eggleton, Michael |
| [see top col. 2] | [see top col. 3] | [see top col. 4] | Redd, Ruth (non resident) |

[Stamped p. 280 verso]

| | | | | |
|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Astrop, Jesse, Sr. | Astrop, Jesse Jr. | Faris, John | Harger, George | Stone, Daniel |
| Astrop, John | Oakly, Wm. M. | Jennings, Swafford W | Redd, Edmund | [skip 5] |
| Farris, George | Wade, Jos. A. | Hairston, Geo. Jr. | East, William | Odle, James |
| [see top col. 2] | [see top col. 3] | [see top col. 4] | [see top col. 5] | Conaway, Peyton |

[Stamped p. 287 verso—to 288 verso]

| | | | | |
|------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Sams, Elijah | Moore, William | Trent, Wm. B. | <i>Minter, Othnel</i> | Mabes, Edmund |
| Sams, James | Watson, Jane | Anderson, Robert | Hunley, John | Cox, William |
| Trent, William | Payne, William | Weaver, James | Burgess, Lucy | Grigs, Peter |
| Lester, Jesse | Hollingsworth Jesse | Jones, Charles | Gilley, Francis | Brim, David |
| Trent, James | Lynch, Rosana | Mills, Robert | Gilley, Benjamin | Gilley, Franis R. |
| Moore, James | Oakly, Richard | Jones, George K. | Rea, Elizabeth | Gilley, Alford |
| Moore, Anna | Patterson, Jarrott | Bryant, William | Hopper, Rich. G. | Cox, Anstis |
| Harbour, Thomas | Payne, John | Mills, Sarah | Gilley, William | Bishop, Landon |
| Mays, David | Evans, William | Gregory, William | Joyce, Martin | Gilley William |
| [see top col. 2] | [see top col. 3] | [see top col. 4] | [see top col. 5] | Pullum, James |

[Stamped p. 294 verso]

| | | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Richardson, Arthur | Freeman, Hezekiah | Lyle, Maryan | Jarrott, Allen |
| Richardson, Elijah | Burch, John | Hunley, William | Larrance, Henry |
| Richardson, John | Burch, James | Morrison, Bushrod W. | Larrance, Jesse |
| Gravley, Willis | Terry, Joseph | Garvley, Jabez | Belcher, George |
| Gravley, Peyton | Eanes, Joseph H. | Barden, John M. | Martin, Charles |
| Dyer, Polly | Grigg, Charles | Stokes, Dabny N. | Johnson, Geo. W. |
| Richardson, Elij. Sn. | <i>Burch, Bazel</i> | Barden, James | Johnson, James |
| [see top col. 2] | [see top col. 3] | [see top col. 4] | Riddle, Lucy B. |

COMMENT:

Sarah Mills appears to be the widow of Aaron, with her oldest son Robert 3 households away.

The presence of a James Mills just before and after Anstiss (Mills) Oakley presents an enigma. If Anstiss's age is correct, as given in 1830 and 1840, then she is of the same generation as the

older James Mills—i.e., she should not be a mother who bore him before her marriage to Oakley.

Given that a James Mills (and an otherwise unidentified William Mills) participated in the legal suit to override the will of William F. Mills in 1853 (see below), it's certain that the two James belong in this family somewhere.

Key considerations about the brothers of William F. and Anstill (brothers who would be heirs-at-law to the estate of a childless widower such as William):

- Francis was still alive, but he would not be the father of James because his children would not be heirs to the estate (and therefore eligible to sue the estate as heirs) so long as Francis was alive.
- Aaron married after 1800 and would not have a legal heir of James's age.
- Richard is the only one for whom no marriage record has been found. However, the 1820 Patrick County census attributes only one other male to his household, one significantly younger than James. No James (or any other Mills/Milles) is enumerated in Patrick County that year, and no James is enumerated in Henry County prior to 1840.

One James Mills, called "Jr." is missing from adjacent Franklin County after 1805. However,

- he is believed to be the son of James Sr. of Franklin's Maggoty River—although no direct evidence has been found for his parentage and no proof argument has been mounted.
- he is believed to be James who married Nancy Frame in 1799—although no evidence has been found to prove that he (and not the widowed James Sr.) was the groom. To consider this James Jr. as a candidate for the James of Henry County 1840–50 would require evidence that Nancy had died before 1850 or they had divorced and he had taken a new wife named Catherine.

TO DO:

Locate and examine this suit to see if it states how James qualified for an interest in the estate.

21 SEPTEMBER 1850

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Census

[*William Mills neighborhood*] ¹⁴⁷

Christopher Mason, 44 (farmer) & fam.

Allie, Solomon, 70 (farmer) & Elizabeth 60

Wells, Wm. B., 29 (farmer) & fam.

Craig, David, 57 (farmer) & fam.

Trent, William B., 39 (tobacconist) & fam.

Hollandsworth, James, 40 (farmer) 40 & fam.

Dillard, Peter F., 32 (physician) & fam.

Ryan, John, 44 (blacksmith) & fam.

Mitchell, Thomas, 53 (farmer) & fam.

Calloway, John, 68 (farmer, 10,000), George Calloway 27, Barnabas Balile, 26 (overseer)

Mills, William Snr. 75, male, farmer, \$2000 [7,000?], b. Va. [William F., son of William & Elizabeth]

Oakley, Anster 51, female, b. Va. [brother of above]

Bannister, Susan 35 (black) & children

¹⁴⁷ 1850 U.S. census, Henry Co., VA, population schedule, no p.o., stamped p. 48 verso, dwelling 665, family 665 (William Mills Snr. and Anster Oakley).

Dillard, John S? [L?], 26 (farmer)

Oakley, Thomas, 27 (farmer), with Sarah 21, John 4/12, Joseph Pedigo 9

Singleton, Peter, 37 (farmer) & family

Well, Elizabeth, 56 (and family)

[*Robert Mills neighborhood*] ¹⁴⁸

Minter, William L. 31 (farmer \$1200), Mary 21 & family

Hairston, Robert 25 (no occ; \$18,000), with James Kelly 36 (farmer \$62), Jane 27 & family

Mullins, James 33 (bricklayer b. Ireland), Martha 35, & family

Mills, Robert 28, male, farmer \$200, b. VA

“ **Sally** 60, female, b. VA

“ **Ira Mills** 20, male, farmer, b. VA

Minter, Stephen H. 22 (farmer), Kitty 18, Mary Ann 1 & **Lucy Mann** 16, female, black; all b. Va.

Cheshire, James, 29 (farmer), Frances 23 & family

Price, James B., 35 (farmer \$300), Maria 30, Adophus Price 1, Charles Price 1/12, Donin Cox 11, Martha Meeks 19

[*James Mills neighborhood*] ¹⁴⁹

Hundley, John 76 (farmer), Nancy 62 & family

Hundley, Madison 26 (farmer), Louisa 24 * family

Holt, Dread, 43 (overseer), Sarah 33 & family

Burgess, John 50 (farmer), Matilda 38 & family

Gilly, Samuel 34 (farmer), Patsy 38 & family

Mills, James 64, male, farmer, [no valuations], b. Va.

Catherine Mills 65, female, b. VA

Durham, Jesse 48 (farmer), Betsy 40 & family

Bouldin, Thomas C. 42 (farmer, \$600), Arnnia? 80 & family

Patterson, **Jarrett** 43 (farmer \$550), Lucy & family

[*Francis Mills neighborhood*] ¹⁵⁰

Benjamin Moore 32 (farmer \$1000), Elizabeth & family

Andy Wilson 40 (farmer \$400), Elizabeth & family

John T. Hairston 38 (farmer \$5180), Pocahontas & family

| Francis Mills 66, male, farmer, (no valuations), b. Va.

| Samuel Mills 26, male, farmer, b. VA

| Nancy Mills 32, female, b. VA

| Hensen Mann [Marr?] 23, male, black, b. VA

| Samuel Mann [Marr?] 10, male, black, b. VA

Cullough, Alfred, 27 (farmer), Eliza & family

Cullough, Polly, 45, female and children 4-18

Wright, Isaac, 23 (labborer), Betsy 20 & family

COMMENT:

¹⁴⁸ 1850 U.S. census, Henry Co., VA, population schedule, no p.o., stamped p. 56 *verso*, *dwelling* 873, family 873.

¹⁴⁹ 1850 U.S. census, Henry Co., VA, population schedule, no p.o., stamped p. 56 *verso*, *dwelling* 873, family 873.

¹⁵⁰ 1850 U.S. census, Henry Co., VA, population schedule, no p.o., stamped p. 62 *verso*, *dwelling* 873, family 873.

For this census, I'm extracting just enough to get a rough idea of age data on the children of William Mills Sr. and some neighborhood context. By this year, there are 55 individuals surnamed Mills in the county. There are 15 surnamed Oakley, but Anstis ("Anster") is the only one of her generation. The next oldest was Allen Oakley, b. ca. 1804.

10 JUNE 1853

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Will

Last will and testament of William F. Mills. Emancipates all slaves "who are to be transported to Liberia at first opportunity." \$600 is set aside for this purpose. If any surplus remains after expenses, it is to be equally divided among those enslaved persons:

- Neaty, woman
- Cynthia, woman
- James, young man
- John Quincy, young man
- Green, a boy
- Nat Henry, a boy
- Sally, a girl

All property is to be sold. Proceeds from sale, after debts are paid, are to be paid to the children of "Penn Allen of Mansouri? [Missouri] by his second wife, formerly Nancy Hughes." Out of the remainder of his estate \$350 is to be loaned out to a responsible person, by his executors, with the interest to be paid his "beloved sister Austiss Oakly." At her death, the \$350 will be divided among her children. Residue of his money to the child [children?] of Austess. Executors: Friends William M. Schoolfeld & John Prunty.

Drawn: 10 June 1853. Proved 11 July 1853.

TO DO:

Determine how Nancy Hughes fits into this Mills family.

11 JULY 1853

HENRY COUNTY, VA

Probate

Francis Mills, Robert B. Mills, William Mills, James Mills & Aaron Mills file a protest against the terms of the will of William F. Mills.

COMMENT:

Regarding the plaintiffs in this case:

- Francis Mills who led the suit should be William F.'s brother of that name.
- Aaron Mills, brother of William F., had died. The Aaron of the suit may be his son or that of a brother who has also died.
- Richard Mills, the remaining brother of William F. is also dead.
- Robert Mills may be the Robert who heads the household of Widow Aaron (Sally) Mills in 1850. He was qualified to sue as an heir of Aaron.
- William Mills may be the 34-year-old William of Henry County's 1850 census (p. 11 verso), for whom no known Mills in-laws or associates appears in his neighborhood.
- James, as noted in the comments attached above to 1840 census notes, has not been placed into the family.

TO DO:

Get this court suit on my next trip to LOV. Each of the parties to the suit had to establish their right to sue—i.e., the relationship to the testator.

12 SEPTEMBER 1853

HENRY COUNTY, VA

After hearing testimony of various witnesses, court decrees the will to be valid.¹⁵¹

COMMENT:

Related documents on pp. 496 and 516 call him William F. Mills **Sr.**

ADDENDUM

Potentially Relevant Marriages in Henry County¹⁵²

| | |
|--------------|--|
| [n.d.] | Sally Edmundson and William Cockram (p. 66) |
| 22 Nov 1779 | Humphrey Edmundson and Frances Swanson, dau. of William Swanson (p. 16) |
| 23 Mar 1796 | James Evans m. Milley Oakley, dau. of Thomas Oakey (p. 17) |
| 29 Jan 1798 | Thomas Mullins and Amy Gilpin, dau. of Sarah Gilpin (p. 37) |
| 28 Jan 1805 | Joshua Martin and Tibitha Mullins (p. 33) |
| 24 Oct 1803 | Robert Allen and Ceally Mullins, dau. of David Mullins (p. 2) |
| 24 Apr 1809 | John Beheler, John, and Milley Mullins, dau. of Richard Mullins (p. 4) |
| 18 Nov 1815 | Henry G. Mullins and Matilda W. Hill (p. 37) |
| 28 Nov 1825 | Wiley Easter (or Esther), son of Martha Esther, and Margaret Mullins (p. 16) |
| 1833 | James Mills and Elizabeth Oakley Silas Minter, Minister (p. 112) |
| 27 Feb 1837 | Calvin Mathews and Lucy Mullins, dau. of Henry G. Mullins (p. 34) |
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