WILLIAM WATTS	Was a member of the Committee to prepare a "Declaration of Rights", representing Prince Edward Co., Va., Williamsburg, Va., 1776. (Report of that Convention by David L. Pulliam)
WILLIAM WATTS	Cornet and Lieutenant in Maryland Continental Line Dec., 1776 (Heitman's Register)
WILLIAM WATTS	Served in the Virginia Colonial Militia in the French and Indian War. (Virginia Archives Records)
WILLIAM WATTS	Born 1736; died in North Carolina 1777. Served as private in 9th Regiment of North Carolina. (D. A. R. Certificate)

MILLS.

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NICHOLAS MILLS OF HANOVER COUNTY.

(Continued from Vol. xiv, p. 242.)

Considering now the children of Nicholas[2] Mills and Ann Clopton, we begin with the eldest, Charles.[3] He was born probably between 1692 and 1695, and died 1764. The date of his death is found in an old account book, once the property of Patrick Henry, now of the Valentine Museum. A photostat copy of this book is in the State Archives and the entry was brought to the writer's attention by Mrs. M. H. Pollard, of the Archives Dept., a Mills descendant whose ability and kindness are alike unlimited. The statement in full is as follows: "p. 91, Nicholas Mills, Hanover, whose Father died intestate in 1764, Hanover, Dr. To Fee and Taxes Peter Exmore 0-16-3. To Fee and Tax W. Winston N. C. 16-3."

Charles[3] Mills's wife was probably a Thompson, since traditions of Thompson kinship persist among his descendants. Like the other member of his family, Charles[3] was an assiduous patentee of land, owning at his death some 3000 acres in Albemarle between Crozet and Whitehall, a tract on Contrary Creek in Louisa, and his home place in Hanover. Besides the sons Nicholas,[4] the eldest, and Charles,[4] so clearly stated in the following deed, he had very likely a son Thompson[4] and daus. Elizabeth[4] & Mary[4]. On May 13, 1768 (Louisa Rec. D. B. "D½", p. 121), Nicholas[4] Mills of the Par. of St. Martin's, Co. of Hanover, conveyed for 5 shillings to Charles[4] Mills of the same par. and Co., 400 a. granted to Chas.[3] Mills decd. by patent, dated

July 9, 1737, and "by the intestate death of the sd. Charles[3] Mills became the property of the sd. Nicholas,[4] first heir to the sd. Charles".[3] Nicholas[4] continued to live in Hanover and we follow him thru the tax lists until his death in 1800. No mention of his wife has been found; he seems to have married quite late in life and his sons are contemporaries of the grandchildren of his bro. Charles.[4] He had only two children, Nicholas[5] and Wm.,[5] as the following deed shows: (Louisa Rec. D. B. "J.", p. 633, Nov. 27, 1803) "Nicholas[4] Mills, late of Hanover Co., decd., father of the sd. Nicholas[5] & Wm.[5] departed this life in or about 1800, possessed of sundry tracts of land, to-wit one in Hanover whereon he resided containing about 350 a. on the waters of Little River and a tract in Louisa on Christopher's Run, and whereas sd. Nicholas[4] died intestate leaving no other children than the sd. Wm.[5] and Nicholas,[5] they divide these lands between them". Incidentally, it may be said that Nicholas[4] had had some 2700 a. in Albemarle which he had deeded to several of his kinsmen for nominal considerations, the reason for which will be given later.

Nicholas,[5] son of Nicholas,[4] son of Charles,[3] remained in Hanover and probably d. about 1837, as in that year in the tax lists Ann Jane Mills, probably his wife, holds in fee 350 a. "transferred from Nicholas[5] Mills".

Wm.[5] Mills who on the division of their father's land received the 1200 a. in Louisa, lived on it until 1825. In that year (Louisa Rec. D. B. "R", p. 48), Wm. and Mary Mills, of Louisa Co. sell to Enos Gunter for $1000.00, 800 a. on Contrary Creek, being the land "comprehended in two grants of 400 a. issued to Charles[3] Mills Sept. 10, 1755". "The sd. Mills dying intestate, the sd. land descended to Nicholas Mills,[4] heir at law, and the sd. Nicholas[4] dying intestate, the same descended to the sd Wm.[5] & Nicholas[5] Mills, his only children, and on a division of the estate of the sd. Nicholas[4] between them the sd. tract of land fell to the sd. Wm".[5] No further information as to this Wm.[5] is in the writer's possession. He m. in Louisa Oct. 3, 1817, Mary dau. of John Baker.

With reference to Charles,[4] son of Charles [3] (d. 1764) and grandson of Nicholas,[2] our positive information is scanty, yet a good deal can be gleaned from the records. He must have been born about 1720, since his dau. Ann[5] was b. 1742, and he died before 1782, for his name does not appear in the tax lists of Hanover, Louisa or Albemarle. His wife Ann was probably a Jackson, since his two proven children had sons named Jackson, and the belief in Jackson kinship survives among his descendants. From extant family registers, we know that (1) Ann[5] b. July 18, 1742, d. 1810, and Nathaniel[5] were

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children of Charles[4] and Ann Mills. The following must also have been theirs: (3) Mary[5] m. cir. 1758 Wm. Quarles, (4) Charles[5] of Hanover m. Sarah —— d. 1828 (Hanover tax books), (5) Frances[5] m. Wm. Thompson, (6) Elizabeth[5] b. Jan. 26, 1747, d. Nov. 22, 1853, m. Sept. 29, 1767, Joseph Terrell, (7) Wm.[5] m. Peggy Swift.

1. Of these children, Ann[5] who m. on Nov. 18, 1763, Henry Tandy (Mar. 6, 1741-July 1, 1809) d. in Orange Co., Va. Dec. 14, 1810. Her descendants have been traced in some notes on the Tandy family (Tyler's Mag. Oct. 1932).

2. Nathaniel[5] Mills, described in the deed as of Hanover Co., bought land and settled in Orange Co. in 1769 (Orange Rec. D. B. 15, p. 198). The witnesses of this deed were Wm. Anderson, Wm. Quarles and David Anderson, Jr. Nathaniel[5] Mills m. Oct. 22, 1771, Frances, dau. of Wm. Thompson and Margaret his wife of Hanover. Nathaniel[5] Mills and Frances Thompson are said by their descendants to have been cousins. Certainly there are some connection between the two families, who had owned adjoining lands in Hanover since 1727, and made use of the same given names. Nathaniel[5] Mills was a Capt. of Orange Co. militia in 1777 (Scott's History of Orange Co., p. 260). A copy of the Bible record of Nathaniel[5] Mills was kindly furnished by his grt. granddau., Mrs. Va. Mills Bullock, of Staunton, Va.

It is as follows: "Nathaniel[5] Mills, son of Charles[4] Mills and Ann his wife of Hanover Co. was married to Frances Thompson, dau. of Wm. Thompson and Margaret his wife of sd. county on Oct. 22, 1771. The times of the births of their children and names are as follows:"

"1. Cynthia[6] Mills b. Sept. 19, 1772". Cynthia Mills[6] m. in Orange Co. Jan. 8, 1790, Roger Burruss son of Thos. Burruss (1722-1788) and Frances Tandy, sister of Henry Tandy who m. Anne[5] Mills. Thos. Burruss served, it is said, both in the French and Indian and in the Revolutionary Wars.

"2. Margaret[6] Mills b. July 24, 1774". She m. in Orange Jan. 21, 1801, Wm. Stevens b. June 22, 1773, son of John & Sarah (Montague) Stevens. Among other children they had a dau. Margaret A.[7] Stevens who m. Isaac[7] Graves (1815-1887), son of Claiborne Graves (1776-1839) and Sarah[6] Tandy (1774-1857), dau. of Henry Tandy (1741-1809) and Anne[5] Mills (1742-1810), sister of Nathaniel[5] Mills.

Wm. Stevens served in the War of 1812 as the following petition from Orange County in the Archives Department of the State Library shows. Wm. Stevens, Captain, and Jackson[6] Mills, Ensign, testify "that Chas. M. Webb, a private in our company of mounted riflemen while in the service of our country at Hampton in March last had his horse killed by accident, and it is

our opinion that he was worth $60.00", which sum Chas. M. Webb petitioned might be paid him. This company of riflemen was part of the 3rd Va. Regiment. The testimony of Capt. Stevens and Ensign Jackson Mills was given Oct. 12, 1814, before Wm. T. Burruss, a justice of Orange Co. Wm. T. Burruss was a brother of Roger Burruss who had m. Cynthia[6] Mills. Chas. M. Webb was son of Jesse B. Webb (d. 1845, will in Orange Co. Rec. W. B. 10, p. 268), son of Capt. Richd, Crittenden Webb (d. 1823), surveyor of Orange Co. prior to the Revolution and Capt. of Orange Co. Militia 1779 (Scott's History of Orange Co. p. 261).

"3. Chas.[6] H. Mills b. Nov. 21, 1776". Chas. Henley[6] Mills m. Tabitha Buckner Daniel and moved to Todd Co., Ky. Their children were Ann,[7] Ellen,[7] Milton,[7] John N.,[7] Sarah,[7] Martha,[7] Roger Quarles,[7] and Nathan J.[7] Roger Quarles[7] Mills was a distinguished statesman author of the tariff bill that bore his name, and prominent in contemporary history.

"4. Jackson[6] Mills b. Dec. 10, 1778". He probably is the one who was a justice in Goochland 1819 (Goochland Rec.) and with his wife Martha makes several deeds for land as late as 1839. He served with his brother-in-law, Wm. Stevens in the War of 1812, as has been shown.

"5. Mary Ann[6] Mills b. Nov. 16, 1780". She m. in Orange Co. Nov. 15, 1803, Vivion Ferguson, son of Wm. Ferguson and Margaret Vivion, dau. of John Vivion, 3rd, and Jane Smith.

"6. Frances[6] Mills b. Aug. 27, 1783". She m. in Orange Co. Mar. 15, 1808, Reuben Lindsay, son of Adam Lindsay and Betty, dau. of John Garnett. (Data from the late Mrs. J. C. Gentry, Smyrna, Ga.)

"7. Nathaniel[6] Mills b. Nov. 21, 1785". He m. Dec. 16, 1807, Catharine Chapman Draper (June 8, 1788-Oct. 16, 1876), dau. of Thomas Draper, of Louisa. Nathaniel[6] Mills's will is in Louisa Co. Rec. W. B. 15, p. 6. Children were as follows:

Harriet Eliz.[7] Mills b. Jan. 27, 1809.
Mary Ann[7] Mills b. Nov. 16, 1810
Chas. Henley[7] Mills b. Dec. 28, 1812.
John Draper[7] Mills b. Oct. 18, 1814.
Ann Eliza[7] Mills b. Nov. 6, 1816.
Lucinda Draper[7] Mills b. Nov. 17, 1818.
Elizabeth Sarah[7] Mills b. Nov. 30, 1820.
Lucy Frances[7] Mills b. Sept. 30, 1822.
Nathaniel Jackson[7] Mills b. Jan. 7, 1825
Catharine Virginia[7] Mills b. April 16, 1827
Thos. Marshall[7] Mills b. April 15, 1829
Wm. Henry[7] Mills b. Aug. 1, 1831.

The Register records the death of Nathaniel[5] Mills, Sr., Dec. 27, 1815, and of his wife, Frances Thompson, Dec. 21, 1815.

Chas. Henley[7] Mills d. Feb. 22, 1836 and Ann Eliza[7] Mills d. Mar. 6, 1836. The Richmond Whig of Mar. 12, 1836, gives their obituaries and comments that the brother and sister d. of measles. The other deaths recorded are those of Catharine Virginia[7] Mills on July 7, 1844, Nathaniel[6] Mills on Nov. 11, 1859, Wm. Henry[7] Mills on April 26, 1860 Lucy F.[7] (Mills) Porter Sept. 15, 1862, and Mrs. Catharine Chapman Mills on Oct. 16, 1876. The home of Nathaniel[6] & Catharine Draper Mills is now, in 1932, owned by Mrs. Douglas Chaney. The graveyard remains, but there are no stones in it. Mrs. Bullock, thru whose kindness we have so much information about Nathaniel[5] Mills and his wife Frances Thompson, descends from Nathaniel J.[7] Mills, son of Nathaniel[6] & Catharine Draper Mills.

"9. Cecily[6] Mills b. May 9, 1790". She m. in Orange Co. Sept. 26, 1811, Landon Lindsay, b. May 25, 1789, son of Caleb Lindsay and Sally Stevens (Douglas Register). Sallie Stevens, b. Jan. 23, 1767, was the dau. of John Stevens and Sarah Montague b. Jan. 29, 1739 (History and Genealogy of Peter Montague by G. W. Montague, p. 127).

"10. Nancy[6] Mills b. Feb. 2, 1792". Married Jas. Wood.

"11. Edmund T.[6] Mills b. Oct. 27, 1793". His death on Sept. 11, 1819, is in the family register. He d. s. p. and his will is in Louisa Rec. W. B. 6, p. 124.

(3) Mary,[5] dau. of Charles[4] & Ann Mills, m. cir 1758 Wm. Quarles, of Caroline Co. who in 1760 bought land and settled in Spotsylvania Co. Mary[5] (Mills) Quarles d. either in 1778 or very early in 1779, for on Sept. 3, 1779, Wm. Quarles m. in Orange Co., Frances Vivion, dau. of John Vivion III & Jane Smith. Wm. and Mary[5] Quarles had several children, among others, Charles[6], who on Feb. 8, 1802, in Louisa m. Ann[6] Mills (b. Mar. 2, 1784), dau of Wm.[5] Mills and Peggy Swift. It was from information furnished by Dean James T. Quarles, of the Univ. of Missouri, showing that three generations of Quarles men had married their Mills cousins that the writer obtained the clue that cleared up the puzzle of these relationships.

(4) Charles[5] Mills, of Hanover Co., is considered a son of Chas.,[4] since the land he owned in Louisa corresponds with land patented by Charles[3] Mills (his grandfather) in 1737, and there is in Louisa no deed to explain how he acquired this land except by inheritance. In 1803 (Louisa Rec. D. B. "J", p. 522), he and his wife Sarah sold 300 a. of this land. In 1815, as Charles[5] Mills, Sr., of Hanover, he and his wife Sarah, for $1.00 deeded 134 a. on Reedy Creek in Louisa to Wade[6] Mills, evidently a son. The Hanover tax books show that in 1824 he conveyed 80 a. to Jackson[6] Mills, probably a son, and 80 a.

to Nathaniel,[6] likely also his son. This Jackson[6] Mills, by the way, is probably the Jackson Mills who served in the Revolution. In 1828, in the tax books Charles[5] Mills's estate was charged with 126½ a. The next year Sarah Mills's name was written under Charles's,[5] then a line was drawn thru it and in the margin these words "Conveyed from estate of Charles[5] Mills". The following year, Charles[6] Mills, evidently the Jr., whose existence was presupposed by the title of Sr., added to his father's name, was charged with this 126½ a.

(5) Frances[5] Mills (d. Nov. 19, 1802) must also have been a dau. of Charles[4] and Ann Mills from the similarity of the names of her children and those of Nathaniel[5] Mills. Frances[5] Mills m. Jan. 29, 1771, Wm., said to have been a son of Roger Thompson, of Hanover. Their children, as given in Slaughter's St. Mark's Par., are as follows:

Peggy[6] b. Feb. 6, 1772.
Charles[6] b. Mar. 7, 1773.
Wm. Mills[6] b. Jan. 11, 1775
Ann[6] b. June 18, 1777.
Sarah Mills[6] b. Dec. 15, 1779.
Mary Ann[6] b. Dec. 1, 1782
Frances[6] b. Dec. 29, 1784.
Edmund[6] b. April 11, 1787
Nathaniel[6] b. Aug. 25, 1789.

(6) Elizabeth[5] Mills was most likely a dau. of Charles[4] & Ann Mills, for her oldest child was named Charles.[6] She was b. Jan. 26, 1747, and d. Nov. 22, 1853. She m. Sept. 29, 1767, Joseph Terrell, son of Timothy Terrell of New Kent Co.

(7) Wm.[5] Mills, who from all the evidence was a son of Charles[4] & Ann Mills m. cir 1770 Peggy Swift, who seems to have been the daughter of Richard Swift, and moved from Hanover Co. to Spotsylvania Co., buying land from Beverley Winslow on Nov. 25, 1771 (Crozier's Spots. Rec. p, 288). Wm.[5] Mills served in the Revo. as a Captain of Spots. Co. Militia. On Jan. 13, 1792, he sold the land he had bought from Beverley Winslow to his son-in-law, Wm. Winslow, and moved into Louisa Co. where he had bought 642 a. from Wm. & Martha Terrell. His will, dated April 28, 1820, probated May 14, 1821 (Louisa Co. Rec. W. B. 6, p. 210), mentions wife Peggy, son Wm.,[6] son-in-law, Cluverius Baker grandson Wm.[7] Baker. "Nathaniel Thompson has $500.00 to be divided between the children of my dau. Margaret[6] Winslow, except my grandson Henry[7] Winslow", to whom advances had already been made and also mentions "children of my dau. Ann[6] Quarles". Wit.: Richd. Wyatt, Wm. Darwin, Wade Mills.

According to Miss Jean Coltrane, of Concord, N. C., Peggy[6], dau. of Wm.[5] Mills b. May, 1776, d. June 24 1816, m. Wm. Winslow.

The Bible record of Miss Margaret Baker, Gordonsville, Va., shows that Mary Elizabeth[6] Mills dau. of Wm.[5] Mills b. 1778 m. Jan. 3, 1797 Cluverius Baker (b. 1773).

The Douglas Register records the birth of two children of Wm.[5] Mills: Richard[6] b. Feb. 7, 1782, who evidently d. young, and Ann[6] b. March 2, 1784, who m. in Louisa Feb. 8, 1802, Charles,[6] son of Wm. Quarles & Mary[5] Mills.

Wm.,[6] the only son named in Wm.[5] Mills's will, became a physician and moved prior to 1830 to Yazoo Co., Miss. He seems to correspond with the Wm. Mills mentioned in W. & M. Quarterly, 1st series, Vol. 8, p. 134, who was said to have been born in Va. about 1780, d. Sept. 13, 1848, in Miss. The statement is also made that he m. Oct. 20, 1808, Eliz. Gardiner of Hanover Co., who d. Sept. 3, 1819, and that he had a son Wm.[7] Mills b. in Va. died at Wilton Plantation Miss., on Oct. 8, 1853.

From the Louisa Rec. we learn that two of his daughters either did not accompany him to Miss. or returned to Va. to marry, for among the Louisa marriage bonds are these: 1. Sarah A.[7] Mills, dau. of Wm.[6] Mills & Jas. Quarles, Sept. 9, 1830; Wm.[7] Mills, Jr. signs permission for Dr. Mills; 2. Margaret E.[7] Mills, dau. of Dr. Wm.[6] Mills, of Miss., and Cluverius B. Quarles. Aug. 24, 1836. Wm.[7] Mills, Jr.. son of Dr, Mills, signs permission."

The lines of Nicholas[4] & Charles,[4] positively sons of the Charles[3] who d. 1764, son of Nicholas[2] Mills and Ann Clopton, have been traced to the extent of the writer's knowledge. Apparently, Charles[3] had also daughters Mary[4] who m. Wm. Hogan, and Elizabeth[4] who m. Jas. Burnley. Our first mention of Wm. Hogan is in Louisa Rec. D. B. "B", p. 319, Feb. 6, 1759, when David and Elizabeth Anderson, of St. Martin's par., Hanover, deed to Wm. Hogan, of Fredericksville Par., 400 a. which David Anderson had purchased Dec. 31, 1757, from Thos. Emmerson. Wm. Hogan d. intestate in 1794 (W. B. 3, p. 571) and on Dec. 8, 1794, Jas. Hogan with Chas. Jackson as his security gives bond to administer on the estate. In Louisa Rec. D. B. "K", p. 92, July 8, 1805, Wm. Mallory, Jas. Hogan, Frances x and Elizabeth x Hogan deed to Mary Hogan their share of Wm. Hogan's land on Little River, of which he died seized and possessed.

Elizabeth[4] Mills who m. James Burnley (Douglas Register) was likely a dau. of Charles[3] Mills (d. 1764), since from a deed in Albemarle which will be mentioned later, her husband received 404 a. on Beaver Creek which clearly was patented by Charles[3] Mills.

James Burnley's will (Louisa Rec. W. B. 6, p. 165), dated Jan. 26, 1810, probated Nov. 13, 1820, names ten children: James,[5] John,[5]

Nicholas,[5] Moses,[5] Henry Mills,[5] Elizabeth[5] Harris, Seth,[5] Zachariah Mills,[5] Abner[5] (b. Oct. 13, 1785, Douglas Register) and Ann[5] Burnley.

Of these children, 1. Jas.[5] m. May 28, 1794, Elizabeth Goodman (Louisa Marriage Bonds) and d. s. p. 1819. His will (Louisa W. B. 6, p. 110) mentions several of his wife's brothers and sisters and "my nieces Elizabeth[6] Fretwell and Ann[6] Burnley, daus. of my decd. bro. John[5] Burnley.

2. John[5] Burnley m. Dec. 13, 1785, Susannah Crenshaw (Louisa Marriage Bonds) and d. before his father. His daughter Ann[6] mentioned above m. Dec. 9, 1820, Jas. Burnley. (Louisa Marriage Bonds.)

3. Nicholas[5] Burnley m. Nov. 2, 1791, Susannah Harris (Albemarle Marriage Bonds.)

5. Henry Mills[5] Burnley m. Oct. 30, 1816, Ann Goodman (Louisa Marriage Bonds.)

8. Zachariah[5] Burnley m. April 23, 1811, Elizabeth Fox (Louisa Marriage Bonds.)

The Thompson[4] Mills referred to in the following may also have been a son of Charles[3] Mills.

Thompson Mills was in Caroline Co. as early as 1772. In Car. O. B. 1772-76, p. 90, Aug. 13, 1772, a deed from Chiles Terrell to Robert Cobb was proved by Thompson Mills, and in O. B. 1777-80, p —, April 9, 1778, a deed from Benjamin Johnson and Ann his wife to Thompson Mills was recorded. Thompson Mills's will, dated May 1, 1808, recorded Sept. 12, 1808, is among the Caroline Miscellaneous Papers. He lived in St. Margaret's Parish. In his will he mentions wife Elizabeth, daus. Susannah Mills, Ann Patterson, Elizabeth Mills and Frances Mills, sons Robert M., Thomas and Thompson. Exors. son-in-law Samuel Patterson and friend Samuel Terrell. Wit: Minor Quarles, Robt. Terrell, Chiles Hackett. In Car. Gdns' Book, 1806-1824, p. 115, Dec. 13, 1813, Robt. Mills with John Hackett & Wilson Quarles as his securities gives bond to become guardian of Thompson Mills, and at the same time, p. 116 of the same book, John Hackett with Wilson Quarles and Robt. M. Mills as securities gives bond to become guardian of Thomas Mills.

The following from Caroline Marriage Bonds, Va. Mag. Vol. 23, p. 202, probably refers to Thompson Mills's dau. Elizabeth: April 7, 1823, Wm. R. Cash to Betsy C. Mills, Jas. Cash, father of the groom, and Elizabeth Mills, mother of the bride, give consent.

2. Nicholas,[3] the second child of Nicholas[2] Mills and Ann Clopton, is mentioned several times in St. Paul's Par. Vestry Book as having his lands processioned. He does not appear in the Louisa Rec. and he may be the Nicholas Mills who qualified as Lt. of Foot, Augusta Co. Militia Aug. 22, 1754. (Chalkley's Augusta Co. Abstracts, Vol. 1, p. 65). The writer has no further information about him.

3. Jane,[3] eldest dau. of Nicholas[2] Mills and Ann Clopton, had m. Thos. Rice and had at least one child, Nicholas[4] in 1741, the date of her father's will. There is a deed in Louisa, Jan. 28, 1745, D. B. "A", p. 214, from Wm. Rice, of Louisa, & Thos. Rice, of Hanover, as exors. of Thos. Rice, whose will, dated April 7, 1744, directed that a certain part of his land be sold to pay his debts, conveying 400 a. of this land to Samuel Winston. There are several later deeds from Thos. Rice in which a wife Jane joins. There is also in the earlier Hanover deed book, 1730-35, a deed from Thos. Rice & wife Joyce, of St. Martin's Par., to Thos. Jackson. We consider then that Jane[3] Mills m. Thos., son of Thos. Rice, Sr., and his wife Joyce. No information about the children of Jane[3] Mills Rice except the son Nicholas[4] mentioned in her father's will has been found.

4. Relative to David,[3] fourth child of Nicholas[2] Mills, thru the kindness of a descendant, Mrs. W. N. Harrison, of Washington, we have so much interesting material that he will be considered later at length.

5. Robert,[3] son of Nicholas[2] Mills, had a son Wm.[4] mentioned in his father's will. He is probably the Wm.[4] Mills, Sr. of Henry Co., who in 1787 (Hanover Rec. 1783-92, p. 396) sold 200 a. to Francis Mills. This identification is based on a deed in Albemarle Rec. (D. B. 9, p. 302) from Nicholas[4] Mills of Hanover to Jas. Burnley for 102 a. in Albemarle, "part of Chas.[3] Mills's land surveyed by Jno. Hogan for Wm.[4] Mills of Henry Co., joining the lands of Nicholas[4] Mills and James Burnley". It will be remembered that Nicholas[2] in his will left land then in Goochland to his grandson Wm.,[4] son of Robert[3] and that his oldest son Charles[3] was trustee for this land. The will of Wm.[4] Mills has not been found. It seems likely that the Robert mentioned in the following Bible record kindly given the writer by Miss Ida Lee, of Richmond, was also his son: Robert Mills b. in Hanover 1743, m. Dec. 1767, Mary Hopkins of Hanover C. H. Issue: Robt. Jr. Robt. Mills, Jr. b. at Hanover C. H., Dec. 1, 1769, m. Sept. 5, 1793, Mary dau, of Robert Sharp. Issue: 1. Jos. W. Mills b. Dec. 14, 1795, m. Mar. 30, 1819, Susan Burger (Probably dau. of Jacob Burger). 2. Susan Mills b. Oct. 15, 1797, d. Feb. 2, 1855, m. Dec. 26, 1823, Merryman Lunsford. 3. Robert Sharp Mills b. April 6, 1800, d. Dec. 25, 1860. 4. Edmund Mills b. July 7, 1802. 5. John Garland Mills b. Mar. 12, 1804, d. Dec. 10, 1859, m. Jan. 26, 1826, Martha Walker Haymes. 5. Abraham Mills b. July 21, 1806. 6. Ann J. Mills b. Mar. 7, 1808, d. Nov. 9, 1891. 7. Mary H. Mills b. Oct. 10, 1810, m. Robert Marsh. 8. Barbara Sharp Mills b. Feb. 8, 1813, d. Feb. 2, 1854. 9. Frances A. Mills b. Jan. 14, 1815, d. July 16, 1863, m. Sept. 21, 1836, Robt. Moore.

6. Ann,[3] dau. of Nicholas[2] Mills and Ann Clopton, had m. Thos. Jackson and her dau. Frances[4] was b. prior to April 6, 1741, when her father made his will. Thos. Jackson's will, dated Nov. 28, 1794, proved April 12, 1791, is in Louisa Rec. W. B. 3, p. 611. In it he mentions wife Ann,[3] daus Frances[4] Anderson (wife of Nelson Anderson) & Ann[4] Christmas, sons Thos.[4] Jackson, Chas.[4] Jackson, John[4] Jackson, dau. Ann[4] White, the children of Wm.[4] Jackson, decd., namely, Mary[5] Steele, Wm.[5] and Thos.[5] Jackson, dau. Elizabeth[4] Britton, the children of Mary[4] Parsons, decd., namely, Elly,[5] Judah[5] and Augustus[5] Parsons, grandchildren Elizabeth[5] Jackson Dabney and John Nelson[5] Christmas, son and dau. of Ann[4] Christmas.

Among the Louisa Marriage Bonds are those of Lyddall Britten and Elizabeth,[4] dau. of Thos. Jackson, June 8, 1774; and John White and Ann,[4] dau. of Thos. Jackson, Sr., Dec. 23, 1783.

The will of John Christmas, dated Sept. 16, 1771, proved Oct. 14, 1771 (Louisa Rec. W. B. 2, p. 120), mentions wife Nancy[4] and dau. Elizabeth Jackson[5] Christmas. Exors.: Waddy Thomson and Thos. Jackson, Sr.

7. Elizabeth,[3] the youngest child of Nicholas[2] Mills and Ann Clopton, must have been born between 1710 & 1715, and m., probably by 1735, David Anderson of Hanover, son of Robert Anderson (d. 1716) and his wife Mary Overton. David Anderson was a merchant in Hanover until after 1786 when he moved to Albemarle and died there in 1791. His will (Albemarle Rec. W. B. 3, p. 186), dated Oct. 3, 1789, recorded Sept. —, 1791, mentions sons, Wm.,[4] Nathaniel,[4] David,[4] Richard,[4] Matthew,[4] Thomas,[4] Samuel[4] and Edmund;[4] daus., Ann[4] Minor, Sarah[4] Hudson and a third dau. whose son, Anderson[5] Barrett, is left a bequest. Wm.,[4] the oldest son, was a merchant like his father and went to England prior to 1786, dying there in 1796 without issue. His wife was Mary, dau. of Samuel Gist, and she m. (2) Martin Pearkes. In his will, Wm.[4] Anderson mentions lands in Albemarle "which descend to me under the will of my Grandfather Mills". This land appears in Amherst Tax lists up to 1818 as 1000 a. on Pedlar River belonging to the estate of Wm. Anderson, whose place of residence is given as "Europe". Wm. Anderson's will is given in Va. Mag. Vol. 37, p. 39.

The descendants of David[3] Mills, son of Nicholas[2] and Ann Clopton Mills have so many family papers that he seems more alive than any others of his family. They possess not only a copy of his will but a copy of one of his patents and his Bible record. We do not know just when David[3] Mills came to Albemarle but it was after 1743, for in 1743 he was appointed Lieut. of a company of militia for Louisa. In 1749 he is called Capt. Mills in the Fredericksville Par. Vestry Book, tho the writer has no knowledge that he actually saw

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service. Mr. Julian Catterton, a descendant, now lives on David[3] Mills's old place near Free Union, Albemarle Co., Va., and the house that David[3] Mills built is still standing. Part of the old water mill that he built is also standing. David[3] Mills was a large land owner, having patented at the time of his death some 11,000 a. in Louisa and Albemarle. One of these patents, dated Sept. 10, 1755, and signed by Gov. Dinwiddie, for 400 a. in Albemarle on Mechum's River was in 1932 in the possession of Miss Lucy[6] Mills, his grt. granddau. According to Wingfield's History of Caroline Co., David[3] Mills's wife was the dau. of John Wyatt, of Caroline Co., and Jane Pamplin his wife (pp. 490-491). The Bible record of David[3] Mills, copied from a paper written by her grt. grandmother Lucy Wyatt Mills, was in the possession of Miss Lucy[6] A. Mills and is as follows: "Capt. David[3] Mills and Lucy Wyatt his wife were married June 5, 1746. 1. Zachariah[4], son of the above, was born April 29, 1747. 2. Anne[4], dau. of the above, was b. Feb. 22, 1748 and departed this life Mar. 17, 1748. 3. Anne[4], dau. was b. 6th Mar. 1749. 4. Elizabeth[4] Mills dau. was b. 14 Mar. 1752. 5. Mary[4] Mills the dau. of David[3] and Lucy his wife was b. Feb. 28, 1754. 6. David[4] the son of the above was b. April 15th, 1756. 7. Wyatt[4] the son of David[3] and Lucy his wife was b. the 1st of April 1758. 8. Joseph[4] the son of David[3] Mills and Lucy his wife was b. 26 of July 1760." David[3] Mills had also another dau., probably the youngest child, Lucy[4], named in his will but not given in the Bible record. In his will (Albemarle Rec. W. B. 2, p. 173), dated Feb. 28, 1764, and proved Oct. 11, 1764, David[3] Mills leaves to his son Zachariah[4] 400 a. on Buck Mt., to son David[4] the residue of the Buck Mt. tract, to son Wyatt[4] the Beaverdam Swamp tract, and to son Joseph[4] 1,000 a. adjoining Beaver Creek; the land on the Great Mts., bought of David Thomson, is to be divided among his four sons, Zachariah[4], David[4], Wyatt[4], and Joseph[4]; to his daus. Ann[4], Elizabeth[4], Mary[4] and Lucy[4] Mills land. Wife Lucy, friends Isaac Davis, Wm. Barksdale and son Zachariah[4], exors. Witt: Wm. Michie, David Thomson, Hannah x Epperson, Wm. Coleman.

Considering first the four daughters of Capt. David[3] Mills, we find that Mary[4] m. July 13, 1793, Wm. Lane (Albemarle Marriage Bonds). There was no issue of this marriage. Wm. Lane died about 1805. Anna[4] Mills (Mar. 6, 1749-Feb. 20, 1842) m. Wm. Michie of Albemarle. His will, dated Jan. 28, 1808, recorded 1811 (Albemarle Rec. W. B.—) mentions son John Augustus[5], dau. Lucy[5], son David[5], dau. Mary[5] Michie, son Wm.[5] Exors. David[5] Michie and John Augustus[5] Michie. The dau., Lucy[5] or Lucy Wyatt[5] Michie m. Benjamin Richards.

Elizabeth[4] Mills m. Wm. Doswell of Hanover and they moved to Nottoway Co. In an undated letter Joseph[4] Mills states that he has just received a letter from Mr. Wm. Doswell informing him of

the death of his wife on Dec. 12th. We know of only one child of Wm. & Elizabeth[4] (Mills) Doswell, a son Wm.[5], to whom Joseph[5] Mills, Jr., in a letter to his father, written in 1824, from Prince Edward Co., refers as "my cousin Wm.[5] Doswell".

Lucy[4], youngest dau. of Capt. David[3] Mills, m. Mar. 31, 1786, Philip White, of Hanover, (d. 1822). A letter, dated Dec. 5, 1795, from Lucy White to her mother Lucy (Wyatt) Mills, refers to her intended journey in the following words: "So must inform you we set out our Journey to Kentucky in March next, and must say my Spirits is much distress leaving my aged parrent". The Bible record of David[5] Mills has this item: "Philip Spotswood[5] White, son of Philip White and Lucy[4] Mills, b. Nov. 25, 1807". From family letters Philip and Lucy[4] White had also these children: Thos. K.[5] White of Frankfort, Ky., Joseph[5] White, Zachariah[5] White, Everett[5] White, Marcia[5] White and Jefferson[5] White (b. about 1804). Marcia[5] White m. John M. Foster, and the birth of their son Thos. W.[6] Foster on Feb. 10, 1824, is recorded in David[5] Mills's Bible.

1. Zachariah[4], eldest son of Capt. David[3] Mills is said to have served in the Revolution and to have gone blind from a long and severe march. He is one of the Signers of the Albemarle Co. Declaration of Independence (Wood's Albemarle, p. 306). A letter, dated Dec. 5, 1795, written by Lucy[4] White to her mother, Lucy Wyatt Mills before her departure for Ky., has this postscript: "Tell brother Z.[4] Mills my Spirit felt depressed that I could not see him when I came down and my sincere wishes to him that he can be restored to his sight." To Zachariah[4] as eldest son fell the coat-of-arms which he used on a fire screen (doubtless one of the pole type, the screen part of which would be about the size of the average painting of coat-of-arms). It is not clear from descriptions whether this was the arms of the Wyatts or Mills, hence despite effort, the writer can assign the Mills to no definite place in England. Zachariah[4] m. Dec. 6, 1808, Mary dau. of Joshua Catling, of Albemarle. His will, dated Feb. 22, 1818, proved Oct. 7, 1822 (Albemarle Rec. W. B. 7, p. 243), mentions his wife Mary, dau. Lucy[5], son Wyatt[5] (under age), and child[5] to be born. Of these children, the dau. Lucy[5] m. May 22, 1826, Michael Catterton, of Albemarle. They were the grandparents of Mr. Julian[7] Catterton who now lives on the old David[3] Mills place. The child[5] to be born that he mentioned in his will was a dau. Elizabeth[5] who m. David Maupin, according to family papers. The son Wyatt[5] may be the Wyatt Mills who d. about 1845 in Albemarle, James Beasley admr. of his estate.

6. David[4], son of Capt. David[3] Mills, went to S. C. and in 1786 sold to his brother the land in Albemarle he had inherited from his father. A letter written by Spotswood[5] Mills, then in La. in 1819,

to his father, Joseph[4], has this pitiful reference: "Your brother David[4] Mills lives about 100 miles from me. He has a large family and as poor as it is possible to be in order to live; though he appears resigned to his fate. When he talks of his situation once in life, the tears voluntarily trickle down his cheeks. He says religion affords a better solace than all the vanity and wealth of the world. The old man and family were overjoyed to see me."

David[4] probably m. Frances dau. of Richard Durrett, of Albemarle Co.

7. Wyatt[4] Mills, called Capt. Wyatt Mills in the Albemarle tax books for 1795, had also served in the Revo. He enlisted April 10, 1776, and was discharged Feb. 11, 1778, a corporal in Capt. Matthew Jouett's Co. 7th Va. Regt. of Foot. He m. Sally Stark, very likely a cousin, for his mother's sister, Ann Wyatt, had m. May 25, 1735. John Stark and had 13 children (Wingfield's Caroline, p. 490). Wyatt[4] Mills d. in 1808, and his property was divided the following year among his widow Sally, children Susannah[5] Davis, John S.[5] Mills, Wilson[5] Mills and Elizabeth[5] Mills (W. B. 5, p. 23). Of these children, Susannah[5] had m. Aug. 7, 1804, Edmund Davis, and on Nov. 9, 1817, her sister Elizabeth[5] m. Jas. Beasley, who is said to have been a Capt. in the War of 1812. Jas. and Elizabeth[5] (Mills) Beasley had four children: 1. Wyatt Starke[6], a lawyer, who m. —— Miller. 2. James, Jr.[6], m. —— Burton of Mo. 3. Edward[6] m. ——. 4. Robert Sanford[6] m. —— Early; he was a physician of Greene Co. and also served in the State Senate. Capt. Wyatt[4] Mills's oldest son John[5] S. Mills, a physician, d. unmarried. His second son Wilson[6] is said to have m. Elizabeth Johnston and d. 1830. His will in Albemarle Rec. mentions wife Elizabeth and seven children, namely, James Wyatt[6], Angelina[6], Sarah[6], Jane[6], Wm.[6], Thomas,[6] Mary Margaret[6], Hester Frances[6] and John Wilson[6] Mills. Exors. John Mills of Buckingham Co. and Wm. and Thos. Johnson of Augusta Co.

8. Joseph[4] Mills, b. July 26, 1760, d. after 1840, was the youngest son of Capt. David[3] Mills and Lucy Wyatt. He was educated at the Washington Henry Academy near Atlee in Hanover Co., as was his cousin Richard Wyatt (Jan. 1, 1763-June 12, 1845) with whom he maintained a close friendship all his life. A letter written to him in 1840 by Richard Wyatt begins: "My aged and dear relative."

Joseph[4] Mills lived in Albemarle on the Buck Mt. tract he had inherited. For some years he conducted a school and his children were all well educated, four of his sons becoming lawyers. A fragmentary letter, written by him Dec. 4, 1819, to an unknown correspondent, gives some items of interest about this school. "I gladly received your letter a few days ago from our post-office. We are all very glad in so calamitous a time of sickness with your southern

citizens that you enjoy health, a blessing of no common kind. We were also extremely glad to hear from my Brother David[4] but sorry for his indigence but rejoice he is blessed with religion which soothes the mind under the greatest evils we can recount. I knew you would feel the lack of the Latin Language which is the greatest of all aids to make a complete orator and an eloquent english scholar. I still teach school making the fourth revolving year almost in that business. My son Richardson[5] is my usher who principally attends to the writing. He is considerably advanced in the Latin language, he has just entered Virgil. Little Robert[5] who is almost ten years of age reads tolerably well" (Paper torn). "My school this year is worth about $200.00 besides teaching my own children. Mr. Woods' suit against me is not determined, perhaps will be in May next. We all enjoy good health here. The greatest drought has prevailed here that was ever known, in many places not over a fourth of a crop of corn, some places a third, and some half a crop, but a good crop of wheat. We shall be extremely glad to see you and perhaps a few months now to spend at the Latin Language might be very serviceable. I have almost now a full set of all classical Latin authors. I expect to teach next year. How I shall succeed I can't tell, the school being so long in one place. Blackwell[5] is learning english Grammar and Geography with Joe[5], he will teach next year. We desire you most heartily to come in the spring or when it best suits you to see—"

Joseph[4] Mills followed the example of his bro. Wyatt[4] and his sisters Lucy[4] and Elizabeth[4] and m. a resident of Hanover. His wife, Mary Blackwell (b. Jan. 11, 1770, d. May 8, 1851) was the dau of John Blackwell who m. 1762 Mary Richardson.

Joseph[4] and Mary Mills's Bible, printed in Edinburgh 1793, by Mark & Chas. Kerr, has the following record: 1. "Patsy[5] daughter of Joseph[4] Mills and Mary his wife was born on Wednesday 30th December about 8 o'clock afternoon 1789". Patsy[5] m. Sept. 18, 1806, Robt. McCulloch, who moved in 1834 to Cooper Co., Mo., his wife and children going out the next year. From a letter written in 1869, the children of Robt. McCulloch and Patsy[5] Mills were: Sarah E.[6], Lucy Ann[6], Martha[6], Robert[6], who was a General in the Confederate Army, Spotswood[6], John[6], Joseph[6] and Sophia[6].

2. "Spotswood[5], son of Joseph[4] Mills and Mary his wife b. on Monday 14th Nov. at 10 o'clock morning, 1791". Spotswood[5] Mills studied law and in 1819 went to Louisiana. Thru the kindness of Mrs. W. N. Harrison, of Washington, the writer has been given a copy of a letter he wrote in 1820 from Natchitoche, La., to his bro. Wm. R.[5] Mills, then living in Charlottesville, Va. It is a splendid letter and behind the stilted phraseology of the period shows a spirit of tender affection for his family. The writer has also seen a copy of the

commission given by Thos. Bolling Robertson, Governor of the State, Dec. 18, 1822, appointing him Major of the 18th Regt. Fifth Brigade La. Militia. Spotswood[5] Mills was stabbed without warning on July 23, 1824, by a Frenchman named Prevost, who was later hanged for the murder. Spotswood[5] d. unmarried.

3. "Elizabeth[5], dau. of Joseph[4] Mills and Mary his wife, b. on Sunday 10th November about 10 o'clock evening 1793". Elizabeth[5] Mills m. Sept. 2, 1841, Stokes Tunstall, and d. s. p. December 15, 1855.

4. "Lucy[5] dau. of Joseph[4] Mills and Mary his wife b. on Monday 22 January, 1795 about 2 o'clock evening". Lucy[5] Mills m. Sept. 7, 1825, Bailey Shumate.

From the Bible record of Sophia[5] and Fontaine[6] Richards: "Mary Elizabeth[6] Shumate was born the 18 day of August 1826".

5. Sophia[5], dau. of Joseph[4] Mills and Mary his wife b. on Saturday 13th Feb. 1796. Sophia[5] Mills m. April 10, 1823, Fontaine[6] Richards b. July 1, 1790, d. April 18, 1835, son of Benjamin Richards and his wife Lucy Wyatt[5] Michie. Fontaine[6] Richards served in a Cavalry Co. in the War of 1812 (see below). The Bible record of Fontaine[6] and Sohpia[5] Mills Richards has the following: 1. "Fontaine's[6] and Sophia's[5] first child a son born the 14th day of October about ten o'clock in the night whom I shall call John Augustus Spotswood". "John Spotswood Richards married to Bettie Winslow 22nd of December 1864". Bettie Winslow b. November 29, 1839, d. Aug. 20, 1900. The births of their three children are given: Eleanor George Oct. 19, 1865, Mary Spotswood Oct. 26, 1867, John Calhoun Jan. 18, 1871. 2. "George Washington born the 6th of August at 7 o'clock at night 1827". 3. "23 day of September 1829 about twelve o'clock in the night was born Joseph Robert Richards". "Joseph Robert Richards was married to Lucy Collins December 1861". These were the grandparents of Mrs. W. N. Harrison who has been of such incalculable aid in the preparation of this paper. Lucy Collins's descent will be traced later. 4. "16 day of May was born Benjamin Franklin, 1831". Benjamin Franklin Richards m. his first cousin Mary[6] Mills, dau. of Wm. Richardson[5] Mills (1802-1859) and his first wife Eliz. Vaughan. There was no issue by this marriage. 5. "Martha Ann Sarah was born Monday 29 July at four o'clock in the morning 1833". 6. "Fontaine the youngest son of Sophia[5] and Fontaine[6] Richards, his father, after whom he is named, was born the 11 day of August 1835 on Monday night about 11 o'clock." "Mr. Fontaine Richards died the 21 of Oct. 1861, it being Monday morning before day in the 27 year of his age." "Sophia[5] Richards, wife of Fontaine[6] Richards, died July 13, 1875, in the 80th year of her age." (Bible published by H. C. Corey & I. Lea, Philadelphia, 1823.)

6. "Joseph[5], son of same b. Wednesday 25th Dec. 1799". Joseph[5]

like his brother Spotswood[5] was a lawyer. In 1824, he was in Prince Edward Co., Va., but in November of that year rode horseback with his bro. Wm. Richardson[5] Mills to La. to settle the estate of his brother Spotswood[5]. Wm. Richardson[5] returned to Va., but Joseph[5] decided to remain in La. and practice law. He died there unmarried 1826.

7. "Wm.[5] Richardson and (8) John Blackwell[5] twin sons of Joseph Mills and Mary his wife b. Sunday night at 12 o'clock 7th March 1802." Following the example of their brothers, the twins also studied law. John Blackwell[5] Mills was in 1824 in Prince Edward Co., either studying or teaching, and died there on "the 5th day of June 1824 after a severe illness of 14 days, the attack of bilious fever of a congestive and very violent nature". He d. unmarried. Wm. Richardson[5] Mills (d. 1859) m. (1) Elizabeth Vaughan of Standardsville, (2) Sept. 22, 1857, Hannah Collins (1804-1863), dau. of Francis and Margaret Collins. Wm. Richardson [5] Mills for years had a school in Greene Co. His children, all born of his first marriage, were: Wyatt[6]; Joseph[6] m. Nov. 2, 1857, Frances Collins; John[6] (Senator in Texas); Sarah[6] m. Capt. Duval Harn and went to Texas; Mary[6] m. Benj. Franklin Richards, d. s. p.; Dr. Robert[6]; Wm.[6] lived in Baltimore; Vaughan[6] and Minnie[6], both of whom d. unmarried.

The Bible record of Joseph[4] Mills and Mary Blackwell does not mention the birth of their son (9) Robert B.[5] Mills, but the Bible record of David[5] gives his death: "Robert B. Mills son of Joseph Mills d. Mar. 16, 1839 about 4 o'clock Saturday evening". He d. unmarried.

10. David[5] Mills's Bible has the following:

"David[5] Mills son of Joseph[4] was married to Sarah[6] Richards Feb. 20, 1845." She was sister of the Fontaine[6] Richards who had m. his sister Sophia[5] Mills. David[5] Mills d. 1863. His Bible record is as follows: "David[5] Mills and Sally Mills's first child was b. 7 o'clock in the morning Jan. 9, 1846." This child was 1. Mary Wyatt[6] Mills who m. Sept. 11, 1879, Philip Eastham b. in Rappahannock Co. Sept. 6, 1838. By this marriage there were two sons. Mrs. Eastham d 1931. She was greatly interested in genealogy and the excerpts she made of the will of Nicholas[2] Mills have been the keystone on which this paper has been built. 2. "Lucy Anna[6] Mills b. Jan. 13, 1848 at 7 o'clock at night". This is the Miss Mills so frequently referred to who has preserved the family records. It is a real grief to the writer to note her death on Sept. 24, 1932, from the effects of a fall. Miss Mills had looked forward to seeing this account of her family, but fate willed otherwise. 3. "David S.[6] Mills was b. Sept. 12, 1849." 4. "Sally[6] was b. Feb. 7, 1852". 5. "Quintus[6] Mills, son of David and Sarah Mills was b. April 28, 1854."

Collins.

Francis Kirtley, apparently the immigrant, was b. probably about 1690, and was m. circa 1712. Probably he came first to Falmouth and later resided in Spotsylvania Co. His wife was Margaret, dau. of John Roberts, of Spots., who d. 1724 (Crozier's Spots. Rec., p. 1). Our earliest knowledge of John Roberts is found in Stafford Rec. Liber. , p. 267, April 11, 1705, John Trammill of Stafford sells to John Roberts of the same county 100 a. on the south side of Potomac Creek, part of a tract granted Francis Waddington now decd. and sold by his son Francis Waddington to the sd. Trammill. On July 12, 1718, John Roberts is granted two patents (S. L. O. Book 11, p. 376), one for 194 a. on the S. side of Rappahannock River in the fork in St. Mary's Par. beginning at the riverside at the upper end of an island, etc., the other for 100 a. "beginning on the north side of the mountain view". At the time of the patent he was living in Overwharton Par., Stafford Co. By May 12, 1722 (Crozier's Spots. Rec., p. 88), as John Roberts, of St. George's Par., Spots. Co., he deeded this 100 a. on the mountain run as a gift to his son-in-law, Francis Kirtley.

Francis Kirtley is a fine example of Scotch characteristics, thrifty, prudent and honorable. Realizing the value of land, he patented in 1732, with Francis Willis and John Lewis, 10,000 a. in what is now Shenandoah Co. and 10,000 in what is now Page Co. (Va. Mag. Vol. 13, p. 138), besides from time to time smaller tracts in Orange and Culpeper Cos. He was at one time a merchant at Falmouth in partnership with Robert Rae (Culpeper Rec. Grantor D. B. "C", p. 108), whose tomb is in Bruton Churchyard. Since Robert Rae was from Glasgow, it is not unlikely that Francis Kirtley was a native of the same city. Francis Kirtley was an officer in Spots. militia in 1729 (Crozier's Spots. Rec., p. 514), and a member of the first vestry of St. Mark's Parish (Slaughter's St. Mark's Par., p. 6). In 1756, as Capt. of a company of Culpeper militia, he marched to Winchester in service against the Indians (Va. Mag. Vol. 18, Pp. 60-62). His son, Francis, was Capt. of a company of Augusta militia about the same time (Boogher's Va. Gleanings, p. 39), which has caused some confusion about the services of father and son.

Capt. Francis Kirtley, Sr., d. in Culpeper in 1763. His will is in W. B. A., p. 313. His wife survived him and d. 1781 (Culpeper Rec. W. B. B., p. 413). Their children were as follows: 1. Wm., the oldest, m. Sarah, dau. of Jeremiah Early and Eliz. Buford, and d. 1795 (Madison Rec. W. B. 1, p. 72); 2. Thomas m. Dorothy —— and d. 1799 (Madison Rec. W. B. 1, p. 203); 3. Francis m Elizabeth, dau. of Honorius Powell of Orange, d. 1774 in Augusta Co.; 4 James m. Jemima; 5. Sarah (b. May 4, 1733, d. April 25, 1817), m. clr 1750 Jonathan Cowherd (b. Jan. 7, 1727, d. Feb. 10, 1806), son of James and Elizabeth Cowherd; 6. Mary m. James[1] Collins. James[1] Collins d. 1788, and in his will, dated 1781, recorded Aug. 20, 1788 (Culpeper Rec. W. B. B., p. 318), he mentions wife Mary, children Margaret[2] Collins, Milly[2] Broaddus, Francis[2] Collins, Mary[2] Collins, James[2] Collins, Tandy[2] Collins, Thomas[2] Collins and James[2] Collins.

Of these children, Francis[2] Collins m. April 27, 1794, Peggy Doheney (Orange Marriage Bonds), dau. of Hannah and Thos. Doheney, who d. 1798 (Orange Rec. W. B. 3, p. 443). Francis[2] Collins's will, recorded July 22, 1847, is in Madison Co. Rec. W. B. 8, p. 172. Among the children of Francis & Margaret (or Peggy) Doheney Collins were John[3], James[3] & Hannah[3] (b. 1804). Hannah[3] m. Nov. 2, 1857, as his second wife, Wm. Richardson[5] Mills (1802-1859) and d. 1863. In her will (Greene Co. Rec. W. B. 2, p. 46), Hannah Mills requests that her "bro. James[3] fence in the graves of her husband's first wife, her husband and herself and erect handsome marble head and foot tombstones". Her bro. James[3] Collins m. Mary Clarkson and had certainly two children, Thos.[4] and Lucy M.[4] Collins, mentioned in the will of their aunt Hannah Mills. Lucy M.[4] Collins m. Dec. 1861, Joseph Roberts Richards, son of Fontaine[6] Richards and Sophia[5] Mills, whose descent has been traced.

At a court held for Madison County the 25th day of June, one thousand eight hundred and forty six.

Present—Anthony Twyman, Reuben Thomas, Nathaniel J. Welch, and Acrey Berrey, James W. Walker; Gentlemen Justices.

The Court doth certify that satisfactory evidence has this day been exhibited to this court that Francis[2] Collins, Tandy[2] Collins, and Thomas[2] Collins are the only surviving children of James[1] Collins, dec'd, a commissary in the Revolutionary War, his other children being dead.

The above is recorded in Law Order Book No. 10, page 125 of Madison County Court, Madison County, Virginia.

Teste: A. H. Cave, Clerk of the Circuit Court for Madison County, Virginia.

War of 1812 Record, War Department, Washington, D. C.
Fountain[6] Richards.

Private; Capt. Samuel Carr's Troop of Militia, 88 regiment, State of Virginia, 1813-1814.

Service begun March 30 to May 30, 1813. Roll dated Norfolk, June 26th, 1813. Commencement of service, March 30, 1813. Expiration of service, May 30, 1813. Term of service charged, two months.

Pay per month, $8. Amount of pay, $16.

Number of horses, one. Number of days charged for horses, 60. Allowance of pay for horses, $24.

Total amount, $40.
May 30-July 30.
August 1-October 15, roll pay dated Norfolk.
August 1-October 1.

There are three deeds in Albemarle Rec. mentioned in Woods' Albemarle p. 276, as being from Nicholas Mills[4] "to his sons Joseph & William and son-in-law Jas. Burnley". As the Louisa Rec. showed that Nicholas had only two children, Nicholas[5] and William[5], and the Wm. named in the deed could not for various reasons be identified with his son Wm.[5], the writer was greatly puzzled at these deeds. The consideration, a nominal one, showed that they were in pursuance of some agreement, but the question of what agreement remained.

The following papers in the possession of Miss Lucy A.[6] Mills showed that Nicholas[4], as heir of Charles[3] who d. intestate and who was exor. of the will of his father Nicholas[2], gave these deeds in winding up his father's obligations. Joseph[4] Mills was his first cousin, son of his uncle David[3]. Wm.[5] was his nephew, son of his younger bro. Charles[4] and Jas. Burnley was most likely his brother-in-law, husband of his sister Elizabeth[4].

"The Deed Information."

"Nicholas[2] Mills entered for a tract of land in Goochland appoints his son Charles[3] a Trustee for his Legatees (under his will) and agrees that said Charles[3] shall take a patent in his son's name for the Land. By his will, said Nicholas[2] gave 200 acres to his son Nicholas,[3] other 200 acres to his grandson Nicholas[4], son of Charles[3], and the remainder to be sold by his Exors. and the money divided between William[4] Mills and the three other claimants in the Bill mentioned.

It appears that Charles[3] Mills & David[3] Mills sons to the above named Nicholas[2] entered for 1000 acres of Land each, and that Nicholas Mills the father also entered for 800 acres, this being the same Land for which Nicholas[2] above named had entered and which he disposes of as there stated. By some circumstance unknown at this day, it appears that only 1800 acres of the said Land was patented by Charles[3] and that previous to his obtaining such patent he enters into Bond and obliges himself his heirs & to make good to the Legatees under the will of his father Nicholas[2] the 800 acres bequeathed to them in manner above and also to make equal parties of the remainder with his brother David."[3]

"I am of opinion that the Legatees under the will of Nicholas[2] Mills have a good right to the 800 acres entered for by him and patented in the name of Charles Mills and that this is secured to them by the written agreement between the said Charles[3] and his brother

David.[3] They can have no further claim because it appears that the said Nicholas[2] only entered for the 800 acres part of the said 1800 acres for which a patent issued in the name of Charles[3] and it is equally ———— (word illegible) that the entry's made by the two Brothers Charles[3] and David[3] being a mutual one with that of their father *carry's* a right to them which is confirmed by the patent for the remaining 1000 acres. The Bond between Charles[3] and David[3] being for an equal portion of that remainder, I am of opinion that Nicholas Mills[4] heir at law to the said Charles[3] who died intestate is entitled to one half thereof and Joseph Mills,[4] who claims under the will of the said David,[3] to the other half.

A court of equity is the only Judicature that can establish this opinion. At Common Law there would be no question that Nicholas[4] Mills heir at Law to the said Charles[3] who died Intestate, is entitled to the whole of the said Land. He would indeed be bound to perform the condition of the Bond entered into by his father but a Court of equity alone can enforce these conditions."

"John Beckley."

Albemarle
June 7th 1781

PAPER WRITTEN BY LUCY (WYATT) MILLS.

1778 Oct. 28th. Sold 1150 acres of land lying on Spring Creek to Joseph Morton of Maryland. Mr. Nicholas Mills Executed a deed for it to Sam Morton Bror. to the said Jos. Sold the said land for six hundred Pounds cash paper currency. Nicholas Mills had a right to one half the Land and I paid him one half of the Money, the other half I Recd. of which I applyed for the use of paying debts which the Estate owed & divided some of it among the Legatees as will appear by the following————

	L	S	d
Cash. Recd. for Spring Creek land for the use of the Estate was	300		
Money I paid Nicholas Mills for charges on said as will appear Amt.	24	17	5
The Ballance Remaining in hand	215	2	7

which I paid away in the following manner debts paid which was due from the Estate before the Division (Viz.)

1778

Oct. 31st paid James Byrd for a crop he made while in our business which was sold to Swann 2206th Tobc. at 18 (word illegible)	19	17	0¾

Also 7/6 which was due him on old settlement		7	6
To assessment on 1598 acres of the Estates land that year by Twyman & Barksdale 450 L at — for every 100 L which is..)	2	5	0
1779. Paid Wm. Isaac Davis Junr. the above Assmt. which will appear by a Receipt Taken by Lucy Mills	2	5	0
March 22nd. Paid Doct. Thos. Walker for Sundrys which will appear by act.	3	2	5¾
	25	12	02

The following Public Service certificate attests the patriotism of Lucy (Wyatt) Mills.

No. 101.

I do hereby certify that I have Received of Lucy Mills for public use agreeable to an act of Assembly for pursuring a Supply Provisions and their necessarys for the use of the Army one hundred & two pounds bacon at thirteen pound two shilling and Six pence Amounting to thirteen hundred thirty Eight pound fifteen shillings as witness my hands this 2 day of July 1781.

L 1338 — 15s John Key P. L.
102 Bacon at L 3.17.6 per Albemarle County.

Before concluding this sketch, we recur to the will of Wm. Hammond of Stepney Par., Middlesex, England, leaving his estate to his uncle, Wm. Clopton, and such children of the sd. Wm. Clopton as should be living at the time of the testator's death The following power of attorney (Hanover Rec. D. B. 1783-92, p. 164, July 6, 1786) has been so large a factor in building up these notes that it is here quoted: "Thos. Jackson of Louisa planter and Ann his wife, Nicholas Mills of Hanover, David Anderson of Hanover Mercht. and Elizabeth his wife, Ann Diuguid, widow, of Powhatan Co., Wm. Diuguid of Buckingham, Mercht., and Lucy his wife and Ann Mills, widow of Charles Mills decd., appoint Wm. Anderson of America Square London our attorney to receive of Richd. Neave our shares in the Manor of Eastwood or Eastwoodbury in the Co. of Essex which by each of us have been surrendered to the Lord & Lady of the Manor by the hands of John Lyons deputy steward appointed for that purpose to the use of the sd. Richd. Neve. The sum of £2643-11s-10½ d is due us from sd. Richd. Neave in the following proportions: to Thos. Jackson, Nicholas Mills & David Anderson £755-6s-3d, to Ann Diuguid £83-18s-5d. to Wm. Diuguid £671-7s-10d, to Thos. Jackson, David Anderson & Elizabeth his wife, Wm. Hogan & Mary his wife and Ann Mills £755-6s-3d, to Ann Diuguid £377-13s-1½ d, which said sums together with £377-13s-1½ d make £3021-5s, the sum mentioned in the deeds due us

and sd. Wm. Anderson from the sd. Richd. and is the consideration mentioned in an indenture of release bearing even date herewith and made between the same parties and payable in the same proportions for conveying a farm called Gorings in the Par. of Thundersley North Ben Fleet, and Co. of Essex, Great Britain."

No one can doubt that the persons giving this power of attorney have either an inherited or a courtesy right in the estate bequeathed Wm. Clopton, though the exact degree of relationship to him is not stated. It was hoped that the English records would be more explicit on this point, however; hence a search was made in England to locate the records of the Manor of Eastwood. To our disappointment, the College of Arms reported that the Manor Court had long since ceased to function and it was difficult to trace its Rolls. A suit, however, was found brought by John Lowry in 1744 against Micajah Perry, acting on a power of attorney received in 1734 from the children of Wm. Clopton, decd., Samuel Skinner of Stepney, Gent., and Josiah Cole of Mary's Lane, exors. of Wm. Hammond, decd. (Chancery Bills and Answers, 1714-58, bundle 2268, Lowry v. Perry, 25 May 1744, amended by order 13 June 1744). John Lowry claimed rents of some property that had belonged to his father and that he charged were included in Wm. Hammond's estate. In reply to this, Micajah Perry exhibited "the letter of attorney from Robt. & Walter Clopton, Nicholas Mills and Alex. Moss who are the children of the sd. Wm. Clopton".

The last reference to the Clopton property that the writer had found is this tantalizingly brief note in the will of Thos. Jackson (Louisa Rec. W. B. 3, p. 611): "My will and desire is that in case of the Cloptons recovering suit against my estate that the £25 given to my grandchildren, viz. Mary Steele, Wm. Jackson and Thos. Jackson, Elly Parsons, Judah Parsons and Augustus Parsons be paid back to my estate."

Since only a few of the known descendants join in the 1786 power of attorney, it is probable that the others had either sold their shares to the persons named in the power of attorney, or had received from the residue of Wm. Hammond's estate rather than from the Manor of Eastwood their proportionate parts.

The writer will welcome additions and corrections to this sketch of some of the descendants of Nicholas Mills of Hanover. A few miscellaneous notes on different unplaced Mills are added.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Nicholas Mills b. in Hanover, Nov. 23, 1782, d. in Richmond Sept. 13, 1862. He lived for a while in Chesterfield, being from 1811 to 1813 associated with Miles Bott and John Cunliffe in the firm of Mills,

Bott and Cunliffe, and in 1816 a justice for Chesterfield. By 1827, he was living in Richmond, where his "residence at the n.e. corner of 8th and Leigh was an attraction to visitors for many years". (History of Henrico Parish, p. 496). He m. in Chesterfield Aug 5, 1805, Sarah Ronald (Feb. 20, 1788-Jan. 17, 1857) dau. of Andrew Ronald (1742-1799) and Sally Payne. His will, preserved in the Chancery Court Rec., Richmond, dated Oct. 17, 1861, probated Sept. 24, 1862, names son Geo., son Wm. decd., dau. Sarah Ann Robinson, son Chas. Spotswood, son-in-law Robt. B. Corbin of Caroline Co., "grandchildren Sally Mills Corbin, Nicholas Mills Corbin, children of my deceased dau. Mary C. Corbin", son Nicholas Mills, Jr., "to dau. Jane Ronald Blair land in Amelia on which she and her husband Wm. T. Blair reside", son Ronald Mills, "grandchildren Thos. Verney Robinson, Andrew Ronald Robinson and Ann Murray Robinson, children of my dau. Sarah Ann Robinson, and Nicholas A., son of my son Chas. S. Mills", niece Mary C. Corbin wife of Jno. S. Corbin.

Archives Dept. State Library. Letter Book D, p. 189, of John K. Martin, a Pension Agent.

July 11, 1854. Sarah Nicholas Mills b. Mar. 22, 1838, minor child of Richd. C. Mills who was in Capt. D. Wren's Co. Richmond. Nicholas Mills, bro. of Richd. C. Mills is gdn. of Sarah Nicholas Mills, Richd. C. Mills had also two other children: Wm. S. b. Sept. 20, 1828, and Mary F. b. Aug. 6, 1831. Richd. C. Mills d. July 8, 1852, his wife Lucy N. Mills d. Aug. 3, 1847.

The writer feels sure Nicholas and Richd. C. Mills descend from Nicholas & Ann Clopton Mills, but cannot verify her belief.

Hanover Tax. Lists 1814. St. Paul's Par. Robt. K. Blackwell 50 in fee, 10 mis. s.e. of the courthouse adjoining John Mills and Dibdal Talley, and 50 a for life, part of the same tract. "Conveyed from Richd. Mills to R. H. Blackwell 50 a. land, it being sd. Richd. Mills's undivided interest in his father's land which has formerly been charged to Mary Mills". To R. K. Blackwell instead of Mary Mills 50 a. "it being land that fell to R. K. Blackwell's wife at the death of sd. Mary Mills."

Albemarle Rec. W. B. 9, p. 438. Will of Henry x Mills, dated Mar. 4, 1828, probated June 1, 1829, "to the children of my daughter-in-law Nancy Mills, wife of my son Jas. Mills", dau. Ann Mills. Wit: Bezaliel B. Garth, Wilson A. Gardner, Thos. Draffin.

Albemarle Marriage Bonds. Dec. 7, 1788, Elizabeth Mills dau. of Henry Mills to John Maupin. Jan. 14, 1789, Mary Mills dau. of Henry Mills to Micajah Via.

Albemarle Land Tax. 1787. Henry Mills, Jr. 258, Henry Mills, Sr. 140. 1790, Henry Mills, decd; 140.

Caroline Marriage Bonds. Va. Mag. Vol. 23, p. 200. Mar. 11, 1800, Jas. Davis and Agnes Mills. P. 317, Dec. 1807, Wyatt Mills and Polly Mills.

Louisa Marriage Bonds. April 5, 1799, Mrs. Ann Phillips and Jesse Mills.

Mrs. W. H. Shumaker, Three Rivers, Michigan, sends the following: "My great grandfather, Wm. Mills m. in Franklin Co., Va., Feb. 29, 1796, Elizabeth Abshire. Wm. Mills d. in Franklin Co., near Boone's Mill, 1837, his widow d. in North Manchester, Indiana, her tombstone states that she died in 1854, aged 72 years. Wm. Mills had a brother, Arthur Mills. Wm. Mills and Elizabeth Mills had 16 children, among others, James, Jubal and Hiram.

Mecklenburg Marriage Bonds. Chas. Mills and Jencey Baker, Dec. 9, 1799, Geo. Baker, Sec. Leroy Williams and Amey Mills, Dec. 24, 1794, Geo. Baker, Sec. Note from Susannah Stubbs, mother of Amey. David Wallace and Nancy Mills, Mar. 22, 1798, Larkin Crowder, Sec. John Mills and Susannah Pool, Nov. 27, 1808, Robt. Greenwood, Sec.

Halifax Records, W. B. 14, p. ——. Will of Anthony Mills, dated Jan. 14, 1826, proved Jan. 22, 1826, mentions dau. Sarah Mills, dau. Susannah Pistol, "to Martha Falling $50.00", "Mary Pistol to pay Nancy $50.00 in cash", residue of estate, half to Lucy Faullin, and the other half to Obediah Hames's children, viz., Anthony, Mary, Henry, Elizabeth and Alvert. Dau. Sarah Mills and friend Stephen Kent exors.

Halifax Marriage Bonds. Dec. 16, 1809. David Pistole and Susannah Mills.

Henry Co. Rec. W. B. 5, p. 252. Will of Wm. F. Mills, dated Jan. 10, 1853, proved July 11, 1853, mentions that his slaves are to be sent to Liberia, "a slave of the estate to go to the children of Pines Allen of Missouri, by his second wife formerly Nancy Hughes", sister Austis Oakly. Friends Wm. M. Schoolfield and John Pronty exors. At the probate of the will, Francis Mills, Sr., Robt. B. Mills, Wm. Mills, James Mills and Aaron Mills came apparently to contest the will, but the Court ruled the testator was of sound mind.

Henry Co. Marriage Bonds. Sept. 9, 1803, Aaron Mills and Sally Shelton. She signs her own consent. Jas. Shelton, Sec. William Mills and Susanna Allen, Jan. 9, 1801. John Bailey, Sec.

Pittsylvania Co. Marriage Bonds. July 5, 1794, John Mills and Betsy, dau. of Louisa Bayes.

Pittsylvania Co. W. B. 1, p. 344, Will of Jacob Berger, dated Dec. 22, 1824, mentions dau. Susannah Mills.

Powhatan Co. Rec. W. B. 3, p. 120. Will of Mary Logwood, dated June 28, 1806, proved Dec. 10, 1807. Friend Chas. Mills one of the exors.

S. L. O. Book 31, p. 299. Wm. Mills, 400 a. on a branch of Roanoke called Buffalo Creek in Augusta Co. Noc 16, 1752.

S. L. O. Book 32, p. 699. Mar. 10, 1756. Wm. Mills 117 a. in Augusta Co. on the waters of Roanoke beginning at John Mills's line.

S. L. O. Book 39, p. ——, Aug. 7, 1770. Wm. Mills and Elizabeth his wife, 850 a. in Pittsylvania on both sides Matrimony Creek.

Marriage bonds in Fredericksburg. File 238. Robt. Mills and Elizabeth dau. of Archibald Burden, May 13, 1816. Elizabeth Mills certifies that her son Robt. was b. July 21, 1794.

Same reference. Francis S. x Mills and Catherine White, Feb. 22, 1836. Jesse White goes on bond.

Same reference. Maria Brown gives her own consent to marry Robt. T. Mills. Dec. 6, 1838.

Chesterfield Land Tax. 1792-99. Henry Mills 250 a. 1795. Henry Mills 1 tithable, Lucy Mills 1 tithable.

Chesterfield Co. W. B. 2, p. 364. Anthony Wilkinson mentions in his will a dau. Lucy Mills. Names his son Edward Wilkinson & Henry Mills, exors. Dated 3 Mar. 1768.

Bedford Co. Rec. D. B. "D", p. 430. Deed between Wm. Jenkins of Bedford and Henry Mills of Chesterfield for 100 a. Dated June 3, 1772, recorded Nov. 23, 1772. Witt: John Farmer, Jr., Henry Cheatham, John Hill.

Albemarle Rec. D. B. 9, p. 1, Aug. 11, 1784. Richd. Durrett makes gifts of slaves to his daus., one of whom is Frances Mills.

S. L. O. Book 42, p. 554. July 5, 1774. Henry Mills (marked in index Henry Jr.) 258 a. in Albemarle on Mechum's River adj. Abraham Staton.

S. L. O. Book 25, p. 230. Aug. 28, 1746. Wm. Mills, son of Wm. Mills of Aberdeen, 380 a. in Goochland on both sides of Pidy Rocky Run of Willis's River adj. Ralph Hipkins, Wm. Daniel & others.

Caroline O. B. 1770-1772, p. 99. Oct. 11, 1770. John Mills made choice of James Mills to be his guardian.

Caroline W. B. 19, p. 418. The following notes from the nuncupative will of Jno. Mills, of Miss., may identify him as the John of the preceding item: "Of John Clopton in Richd. I purchased 2 negroes & the mare I have here is his for the use of which I wish Mr. Clopton paid. I have a small horse at M. Clopton's of Phil. Gatewoods. x x x balance of estate to my bro. James Mills near Stephens on the Tombigby River." Dated Nov. 3, 1817, proved April 14, 1818.

Richmond Enquirer. Dec. 13, 1817. Died at the Bowling Green on the 10th instant, Mr. John Mills of La.

In 1931, Mr. Nicholas Mills. of Tunstall, Va., stated that his father. Dr. Charles Mills, was son of John N. Mills who was the son of Benjamin, son of Nicholas. He clearly belongs among the Hanover Mills.

tho in the absence of all dates a definite replacement is impossible.

Douglas Register. Samuel Woodson and Sarah Mills, twins, Wm. Fontaine and Jos. LeVillaine, Jan. 30, 1783.

Douglas Register. Wm. Johnson and Elizabeth Mills m. Feb. 4, 1755, their son Jeremiah b. June 15, 1757; their dau. Judith b. June 2, 1758.

Douglas Register. Philip Ryan and Elizabeth Mills, a dau. Elizabeth b. May 26, 1773; a son Thomas b. Dec. 10, 1775.

Douglas Register. Wm. Mills & Eliz. Fontaine, a son George b. April 11, 1782.

In S. L. O. Book 14, p. 407, on April 11, 1732, a Wm. Mills patented 400 a. lying on the branches of Lickinghole Creek in the Co. of Goochland adjoining Saml. Coleman and Henry Chiles. On Oct. 31, 1732, Henry Chiles and Ann, his wife, of Hanover Co., sold to Wm. Mills, of Goochland, 300 a. on the east side of Lickinghole Creek (Goochland Rec. D. B. 1, p. 366). The same deed book on p. 487 records a deed from Wm. Mills to Francis Kearby for 100 a, part of the 400 he had patented the year before. Mary Mills, his wife, relinquishes her dower rights in this land, Mar. 12, 1733. In 1735 (D. B. 2, p. 168), Wm. Mills sells the remainder of the tract he had purchased from Henry Chiles and the next year (D. B. 2, p. 231), he sells the remainder of the 400 a. he had patented in 1732. Also in 1736, he patents 400 a. in Goochland on the ridge between Willis's River and Great Guinea Creek of Appomattox River (S. L. O. Book 17, p. 164) which he sells in 1743 to Tobias Payne (Goochland Rec. D. B. 4, p. 270.) In 1756 (S. L. O. Book 32, p. 696), he patents 350 a. on the branches of Buck Creek of Pedlar River and on July 10, 1766 (S. L. O. Book 36, p. 392) he patented 330 in the same vicinity. His son, Thomas, also patented 335 a. on the branches of Pedlar River in 1756 (S. L. O. Book 34, p. 40). In the first order book of Albemarle, several references to Wm. Mills occur. In 1752 (Albemarle Rec. D. B. 1, p. 475), he sells to Martha Massie, of New Kent, 400 a. on both sides of Pedlar River. His will, dated Sept. 26, 1755, probated Aug. 4, 1766, is in Amherst Co. Rec. W. B. 1, p. 73. In this will, describing himself as of Albemarle Co., Wm. Mills mentions the following persons: wife Mary, son Ambrose, dau. Sarah Watts, to son Wm. the 350 a of land that is unsettled (evidently the land for which the patent was recorded in 1756), daus. Elizabeth Learwood and Ann Mills, son Jesse Mills, dau. Milly Mills, son Thos. Mills's children, viz., Ambrose Mills, Jr., and Elizabeth Mills, son and dau. of Thos. Mills, deed. Wife & Thos. Jopling exors. Witt: John Staples, Isham Davis, Wm. Floyd, Charles Tuly and Robt. Davis. According to Miss Lucy Stone, Hollins, Va., Ambrose Mills, son of Wm. was b. 1723 and m. about 1745 Mourning Stone; their son Wm. b. 1746 moved 1766 to

Rutherford Co., N. C. and m. Eleanor Morris of S. C. Ambrose was the oldest son of Wm. Mills as he is called heir at law, in Amherst Co. O. B. 1773-82, July 1776, when the heir at law of Wm. Mills, decd. is summoned to court to declare if he will admr. on the estate of Mary Mills, decd. The statement that Wm. Mills, son of Ambrose, moved to N. C. is proved by a deed in Amherst Rec. D. B. "C", p. 118, Oct. 5, 1770, in which Wm. Mills of N. C. conveys to John Lewis of Amherst Co. 350 a. in the branches of the Buck branch of Pedlar River. Wit: David Crawford, Alex. Reid, Jr., Richd. Powell. In the 1782 Census, only Jesse Mills was living in Amherst. He m. Aug. 6, 1765, in Amherst, Lucy Tilman, dau. of Thomas Tilman, Sr. and his wife Lucy, dau. of Daniel Hix of Goochland (Chalkley Abstracts, Vol. 2, p. 197). A Jesse Mills, probably the same person, m. May 21, 1793, Rachel dau. of Joshua Hudson, Sr. of Amherst and soon moved to Green Co., Ky. The will of Joshua Hudson, dated Feb. 5, 1799, proved April 21, 1801 (Amherst W. B. 4, p. 6), mentions dau. Rachel Mills & granddau. Rachel Hudson Mills. There is also a power of attorney in Fluvanna Rec. (D. B. 5, p. 430), Aug. 11, 1810, from Judith Murray, the widow of Richd. Murray, & his other heirs to Jesse Mills of Greene Co., Ky., "to sell the land whereon the widow Murray now lives for the best price he may think fit". The reason for this power of attorney does not appear in the records.

Apparently Wm. Mills's dau. Sarah Watts, named in his will, was the wife of Thos. Watts, as in Albemarle Rec. D. B. 1, p. 96, Aug. 9, 1749, Thos. and Sarah Watts sell to Peter Bays 400 a. on north side of Pedlar River.

Albemarle Marriage Bonds. Lucy Mills & Richard Murray, April 1798.

In the list of Revolutionary Pensioners living in 1840 is Francis Mills, aged 83, of Lee Co., Va. His statement, made Aug. 2, 1822, before Geo. Wilcox, a justice of the peace for Scott Co., showed that he enlisted for a term of three years Aug. 1, 1776, in Capt. Jno. Fleming's Co. 1st Va. Regt. of which Richard Parker and Burgess Ball were the colonels.

In the Archives Dept. is the discharge of Nicholas Mills after three years service by order of Lt. Col. Edmunds, dated Sept. 8, 1780. Nicholas Mills had served in Col. Marshall's Regt. of Artillery.

There is also a paper signed by Edward Valentine certifying that "Anthony Mills enlisted with me Aug. 8, 1777, to serve 3 yrs. in the Artillery".

TOMBSTONE OF PHILIP ROOTES OF ROSEWALL.

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Malcolm Harris, M. D., and the writer, have made many interesting discoveries in the course of their studies in the territory originally comprising the "Old *New Kent*". The most valuable finds have been numbers of old papers dating from Colonial times, and many old tombstones, the location of which has not been known to historians.

Among the latter is the tombstone of Philip Rootes of "Rosewall". It reads as follows:

Underneath this stone
Lies the Body of
Philip Rootes
obiit August the 17, 1757
Aged 63

Rosewall was situated about two miles above West Point on the Mattaponi river in King and Queen County. It was one of the many fine old mansions existing in this territory. Both Bishop Meade and Charles Campbell, the historian, said that this section was not excelled in Virginia for its wealth and culture, and the magnificence of the homes of many distinguished people.

Of the Rootes family, it is recorded that a dancing master was employed for the daughters. There are traces today of the private race track on the plantation. The Rootes's were known to have kept a fine string of race horses. Such homes as those of the Corbins, the Merediths, the Thorpes, the Robinsons, the Dudleys, the Taliaferro's, the Moores, the Sutherlands, the Fox's, and the Ruffins were a short distance up and down the river.

Today the neck of land between the two creeks where Rosewall was situated is entirely deserted. For many years the only activity in this neck has been the cutting of timber. During the last four or five years even that has not been done, and the roads into the place have so grown up that it is almost impossible to reach the site of the old home except by water. A hole in the ground represents the old cellar, and a few bricks of the foundations may still be seen.

About a hundred yards up the river from the site of the Mansion are traces of an old cemetery. By prodding here, in April of this year (1933), we came upon the above tombstone, broken in two pieces. These were dug from underneath the surface of the ground. No inscription at all was visible at first, but on turning over one fragment there was found to be a very clear inscription, as recorded above. The date "1757" and the age "63" are unmistakable. We made a second visit to this tomb to verify the figures. The date upon the stone is slightly at variance with records that have come down to us from that period.