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CAVEAT: This report includes some extracts from tax rolls, court orders, and deeds that I made as a beginning genealogist, along with random material gathered across several decades when a concerted research effort was not possible. Now, as a starting point toward resolving the identity and parentage issues that have not been resolved in the intervening decades, I am incorporating those early notes into this report. Future project segments will redo that early work to ensure thoroughness.

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

William Mills and Drucilla Kemp were the parents of nine children:

1. **JAMES H. MILLS**, b. ca. 1816; first appeared on Franklin Co. tax rolls, listed adjacent to William, in 1837. He has not been found after the roll of 1841.
2. **SAMUEL E(DMUNDSON?) MILLS**, b. 26 February 1818; died 31 July 1894, Meriwether Co., GA; Married (1) **Mary Ann Hobson**, 17 December 1841, Franklin Co., VA, with James Patterson as surety; (2) **Rebecca Amy Collier**, 19 March 1868, Upson County, GA. The daughter of Charles V. Collier, Rebecca was still living 1924 in Thomaston, GA. Samuel was the second son to emerge on the Franklin rolls, being first taxed in his own name, aged 21, in 1839.
3. **WILLIAM B. MILLS**, 1820, should be the third son aged 0–5 in William and Drucilla's 1820 household. He appears on the Franklin Co., tax rolls of 1841 and 1842, was dropped in 1843, but was back again in 1844. One "William B. Mills, aged 47" and son of "W. Mills," died 30 April 1865 of gunshot wound, "occupation: soldier," information given by wife **M. Mills**. This soldier might be William A. B. Mills of the Maggoty Creek family whose wife was Mary. That point remains to be resolved.
4. **ROBERT WILEY MILLS**, b. ca. 1824; died 31 May 1862, Battle of Seven Pines near Richmond, VA; married **Mary Jarrett**, daughter of Allen Jarrett. A farmer in 1850, militia district 15 (Beaverdam Creek, allegedly), Robert enlisted in the 24th Virginia Infantry. After his death, his wife Mary took their four youngest children and departed VA for IL to live with her brother, William Jarrett. Following the war, Robert and Mary's oldest son, William Allen Mills, also joined the family in IL, according to descendant Edward E. Mills of 67 Brookside Road, PO Box 1447, Westford MA 01886.
5. **SPARRELL MILLS**, b. ca. 1824, Franklin Co., VA; first appears on the tax roll of 1845; married **Martha Susan Jarrett**, 1848 Henry Co., VA; "member of the 54th VA Infantry during the Civil

¹ For documentation of all details for William, Drucilla, and their children, see Elizabeth Shown Mills, "William Mills (b. c1783–88; d. c1863); Spouse Drucilla Kemp: Research Notes," a work-in-progress last updated 28 August 2018; archived at E. S. Mills, *Historic Pathways* (<https://www.historicpathways.com>), under the "Research" tab.

War, POW, later released. Lived in Montgomery Co. after the Civil War, is listed there in the 1880 federal census, and died probably between 1889–1900 in Montgomery Co.”²

6. **CHARLES T. MILLS**, b. ca. 1828, or 1833 Franklin Co., VA; married **Sarah E. Fleeman**, Montgomery Co., VA; “disappears” after the 1860 census.
7. **SARAH “SALLIE” MILLS**, b. ca. 1829, m. **George Bradberry**, 1850–60. Lived in Pulaski and Montgomery Cos., VA.
8. **MILLY ANN MILLS**, b. 1830, 1832, or 1833, Franklin Co., VA; married 1854 (license 22 July), Floyd Co., VA, **John B. Lawrence**.
9. **THOMAS R[ICHARD?] MILLS**, b. 1834 or 1836; married ca. 1856–57, **Sarah [Nunley?]**; on 1860 census, Pulaski Co., VA, next door to parents. Died after 1870, allegedly 1915 Pulaski Co.

KEY ISSUES: 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 many William Millses—I am calling him William Mills-Witt.**

- The area that became Franklin County in 1785 was cut from Henry and Bedford Counties. The region north of Blackwater River was cut from Bedford. The region south of Blackwater River was cut from Henry (formerly Pittsylvania and Halifax).
- Prior to 1785, 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 part of Bedford that was cut off to create Franklin. I have not yet associated him with Henry County. This James Mills had a son William (m. Elizabeth Abshire, 1796, in Franklin) who can be disambiguated from William Mills-Witt.

POSSIBLE KIN: One **Elizabeth Mills** married 1786 in Bedford County to **William Burton**. They have not been found past that point. Elizabeth was of an age to have borne William Mills-Witt (c1784–85) prior to her marriage. Her own birth family is unknown. Two Mills couples in Bedford offer potential kin for Elizabeth:

- James and (Octavia?) Mills who, in 1784, were cut away into Franklin but lived near the Bedford line.
- John Mills [Jr.] who acquired land in Bedford in 1777 and sold it in 1787, with wife Patty (Ewing), as residents of Botetourt.³

Witts have been found in both Bedford and Henry, offshoots of the same family.⁴ If the change of the Mills surname to the Witt Y occurred with the conception of William Mills-Witt, then I should especially watch for a Witt male in proximity to a Mills female in the place and time of that conception.

² Edward E. Mills, query, “Sparrell Mills,” *Mills Ancestry* (<http://www.geocities.com/millsancestry/q3.htm> : posted 25 February 1998; accessed 15 March 2002).

³ See E. S. Mills, “Mills: Bedford County, Virginia: Extended Survey of Resources,” report to file dated 28 August 2018; archived at *Historic Pathways* under the “Research” tab.

⁴ See E. S. Mills, “Mills: Bedford County, Virginia: Extended Survey of Resources,” report to file dated 28 August 2018. Also E. S. Mills, “Mills: Henry and Pittsylvania Counties, Virginia: Initial Survey,” report to file dated 28 August 2018. Both are archived at *Historic Pathways* under the “Research” tab.

RESIDENCES:	1806–10	Franklin County
	1811	<i>Missing</i>
	1812–20	Franklin County
	1821–29	<i>Missing</i>
	1830–47	Franklin County
	1848–	Floyd County (some children then lived in Montgomery County)
	1852–59	<i>Nothing found</i>
	1860–63?	Pulaski County (apparently his death place)
	1867	Montgomery County (widow Drucilla died while living with offspring)

ASSOCIATES: At William Mills-Witt’s first appearance on record in Franklin, 1806, he is entered onto the tax roll between **Samuel McCarrell** (aka Carrell) and **Booker Mullins**. He remains between them until 1811, at which time Mills is dropped but Mullins and McCarrell continue to be taxed in the same positions on the list.

The 1810 federal census of Franklin includes Mullins, but not Mills or McCarrell. One Samuel **Carrell** appears on the census of adjacent Montgomery county that year, as does one **Thomas Musgrove**. However, the age data for that Samuel Carrell and his household seems incompatible with known data for Samuel McCarrell.

In 1812, William reappears on the Franklin tax roll, positioned between **Thomas Mullins** and **Thomas Musgrove**. The 1820 census (semi-alphabetized) places him between “**Bowker**” and **Jacob Mullins**, his in-law Gabriel Mattox, and the Mattox in-law, John **Manning**.

After a decade of absence, when William returned to Franklin in 1830 in the wake of an inheritance from his father-in-law, the census places him adjacent to **Booker Mullins’s son Joseph**.

Samuel McCarrell is widely reported (without evidence) to be the son of Thomas McCarrell and Mary **Furgeson**. Supposedly Samuel was born about 1780 in Virginia, married about 8 December 1806 in Franklin Co. to Mary “Polly” Menefee, died 3 November 1837 in Greenville District, SC, and left a son William Menafee McCarrell.⁵

Bowker Mullins married **Judith Stanley** in Franklin County about 12 May 1803.⁶ Online trees assert that his parents were William Mullins and Nancy Stanley and that her parents were William Stanley and Nancy Mullins. Bowker and Judith’s son Joseph Mullins, enumerated next to William Mills in 1830, married **Frances “Fanny” Prillamon**. Joseph and Fanny are said to have named a daughter Octavia Mullins (b. 1851) who married John Edmund Bryant.⁷ The name Octavia, which was not common in the place

⁵ For example, see kooltrainer48, “Bobbie’s Family Tree,” *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71206085/person/40235777959/facts> : accessed 15 May 2018). For the marriage, see “Franklin County, Virginia, Marriage Bond Index, 1786–1858,” database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 15 May 2018), citing “Marshal Wingfield, *Marriage Bonds of Franklin County, Virginia* (Memphis, TN: West Tennessee Historical Society, 1939), 154.” The date given in the index appears to be that of the bond, not the actual marriage.

⁶ “Franklin County, Virginia, Marriage Bond Index,” database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 15 May 2018), citing “Marshall Wingfield, *Marriage Bonds of Franklin County, Virginia* (Memphis, TN: West Tennessee Historical Society, 1939), 166.”

⁷ Cindy Waters, “Cindy and Pat Wood Family Tree,” *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/114843146/person/300141810112/facts> : accessed 15 May 2018), Octavia Mullins “Facts” page, with appended death certificate from Franklin Co., Brown Hill Dist., 21 June 1917, Octavie Bryant daughter of Joseph Mullins and Fannie Prillaman.

and time, is said to be the name of the wife of James Mills of Franklin’s Maggoty Creek—i.e., Octavia Breckinridge.

Camp-Kemp, Edmondson, and Mattox—Drucilla’s birth families—are not pursued in this project. They have been previously researched.

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Executive Summary

This preliminary work provides a foundation to build on and a sounder framework for studying several associated families.⁸

BURTON:

The tax rolls of 1786, 1787, and 1788 do not include a William Burton—the name of the man who married Elizabeth Mills in Bedford County 1786. This reduces the possibility that she was a daughter of Bedford’s James Mills who was cut away into Franklin County.

MILLS:

- The 1850 census explicitly states that William Mills [Witt] was born in Franklin County. It places his birth at 1787–88. The 1860 census places his birth at 1783–84. The 1860 data is compatible with his first appearance on the Franklin County tax roll.
- Only one Mills family existed in the present bounds of Franklin County at the time of his birth and childhood: James Mills, whose wife is said to be Octavia Breckinridge (no evidence offered).
- That James Mills previously lived in the part of Bedford County that became Franklin in 1785.
- James, in the 1780s, witnessed multiple documents for John Early & his son Jubal of Bedford and Franklin. John’s son William (m. Elizabeth Abshire) later bought part of John Early’s extensive landholdings and one of James’s grandsons was named Jubal Mills.
- James in 1790 bought land on Elliott’s Branch of Maggoty Creek from James Slone and wife Alice (alleged to be Alice Mills). James Mills remained there the rest of life in the Red Valley between Elliott and the Maggoty. The Slones operated a mill at the juncture of Elliott and Maggoty.

⁸ Fuller information and documentation for all details covered in this summary of findings can be found in the chronological research notes by using the date provided by this summary.

- Elliott and the Maggoty ran into the Blackwater River about 10 miles (5 miles as the crow flies) from Camp's/Kemp's Ford on the Blackwater, where William Mills-Witt found his wife (Drucilla Kemp; m. 1815).
- The fact that Drucilla's family operated a ford introduces a possible means by which William Mills-Witt could have made her acquaintance. Given her location at Camp's Ford, we cannot assume that William met and courted her as a near neighbor.
- About five to six miles east of Elliott, running parallel with it, was Gills Creek, where William Mills-Witt was taxed in 1816, but only in 1816.
- William Mills-Witt apparently bought no property, owning nothing other than a tract of land he inherited from his father-in-law in 1830. Slaves inherited at that time were promptly sold. His residential pattern is unstable and he remains missing for several blocks of years:

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McCARRELL & FERGUSON:

- Samuel McCarrell (**aka Carrell**) who appears to be coupled with him on the 1806–9 tax rolls, inherited land (the "Menafee Place") from his grandfather John Ferguson in 1790. Samuel and his parents, Thomas and Mary (Ferguson) McCarrell were then living in Greenville District, SC. Samuel returned to Franklin County to take possession (and pay taxes) on his inheritance in 1800. That land lay below the Blackwater River, just three-to-four miles south of the county seat, Rocky Mount. It had previously been in Henry County—as was the south-side-of-the-Blackwater lands of Drucilla Kemp's family (Camps/Kemps and Edmundsons).
- McCarrell paid taxes on his land in Franklin from 1800. I've found no presence of him in the county before then. His parents remained in Greenville.
- In 1801, Samuel McCarrell bought a second tract of family land from his aunt Sarah (Ferguson) Weaks of Franklin. **That land lay in adjacent Montgomery County.**
- Samuel McCarrell is missing from the 1810 census of Franklin but is on the tax roll. (William Mills is missing from both the 1810 census and the 1811 tax roll.) One Samuel **Carrell** appears on the 1810 census of Montgomery County, and only that one census; but the household details depict a more "mature" family that is incompatible with known details for Samuel McCarrell of Franklin.
- Samuel's Uncle William Ferguson in 1790 received a patent to land in the northwest quadrant of Franklin County, with one Samuel *Miles* cited as adjacent landowner. (I've not found Miles's patent or purchase deed.) One "Samuel & William *Mills*" appear in this general location on the *Settlement Map of Franklin County*. The compilers of that map cite no year for his settlement.

MULLINS:

- Booker Mullins appears on the personal property tax rolls of Franklin, as an independent adult, by 1801.

- William Mullins, the father attributed to Booker Mullins in online trees (no evidence provided) remains a viable candidate for Booker's father.⁹
- William Mullins (father or brother) was a close neighbor to John Ferguson, from whom Samuel McCarrell inherited his land. Like Ferguson, Mullins's holdings had previously been in Henry County.

WITT:

No Witt male has been found on the tax rolls of Franklin County in the 1780s.

Research Notes

9 APRIL 1784

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Association.

"I, John Early of F[ranklin], in perfect sense & memory. First, all my just debts shall be paid.

"To my **2 natural children, Sally and Dolly** – all the land I hold in **Henry County**, at the confluence of the **horse Pasture Cr & the Mayho River**, containing about 900 acres, together with the following slaves: Lewis, Absalom, Lucy, Jinney, Dilcey, and Poll. Also 2 feather beds & furniture, 2 horses at 25 £ each.

"To my natural daughter **Jinney and her mother Elizabeth** – my mansion house on **Gills Cr** [Franklin Co.] near Capt Skelton Taylor's together with all the lands I hold on the south side of said creek, adjoining the lands of Skelton Taylor, Amos Elison, Jubal Early's orphans, and James Boards, and with his lines so as to intersect with Pike's survey, John Hale. Also Negro slave Price and his wife Winny & their 3 children, Patt, Solomon, and Charles. Also Negro woman Sall. Also 2 feather beds & furniture, 2 brood mares, 30 barrels of corn, 2 milk cows, 1000 pounds of pork, and enough plantation utensils to carry on the farm.

"To **James Callaway Early** – all my right that I hold in copartnership with James Callaway on Pig River in F, he being **my natural son**.

"To my 3 natural sons, **Samech, Jubal, and Melchizedech** – the rest of my estate, to be equally divided between them by my executors, except Negroes Hannah and her 7 children (Bacchus, Ruth, Courtes, Betty, James, and Sam), who I desire shall be free; as Hannah was born free, the children consequently are.

"Executors: James Callaway Sr, James Callaway Jr, William Crump and John Callaway Jr., son of John Callaway Sr. I wish that my executors shall only return an inventory, and that they can make legal contracts. I further ordain that James Callaway Sr, James Callaway Jr, Abner Early, Henry T Callaway William Callaway, William Crump and John Callaway Jr, son to John Callaway Sr. or any of them 'to to— my within named natural children'." [sic]

"Signed Apr 9, 1784 – John Early. Wit – Guy Smith, John Hall, **James Mills**.¹⁰

⁹ For example, see Bev and Ken Lintott, "Opal (Mullins) Lintott Paternal Ancestors – The Mullins'," *Mullins* (http://users.xplornet.com/~kenlintott/Genealogy%20site/public_html/pages/bookermullinsseniordescendants.html : downloaded 13 August 2018) > "Modified Register for Booker MULLINS Sr."

¹⁰ *Franklin County, Virginia, Wills, 1786–1812* (Miami Beach, FL: TLC Genealogy, 1991), 69–70; citing Will Book 1:242.

COMMENT:

Early's will was probated in 1804. See notes under that date. See also Map 1 for the proximity of John Early's land to Elliott's Creek of the Maggoty where James Mills bought land from James Slone (alleged wife Alice Mills) in 1789.

Map 1
Maggoty Creek & Gills Creek, Northwest & North-Central Franklin County¹¹



MAY 1786
FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA
County court minutes

“May 1786 ... **James Mills** is Appointed Sur'v of the road Down Maggoty from the fork of the road Leading to Luke Abshire's to the Black Water Road Above **Thos. Wattses** Xing, **Aylett's** Creek & filed to his Gang &c. **Luke Abshire** is appointed Surveyor of the Road Down Maggoty from the Caroline Road to the fork of the Road leading to the said Abshire & A List fil'd to his Gang &c.”

¹¹ Gertrude C. Mann, J. R. Hildebrand, and George A. Kegley, *A Settlement Map of Franklin County, Virginia ... 1786 to 1886* (Rocky Mount: Franklin County Historical Society, 1976).

COMMENT:

This James Mills is the only Mills head of household in Franklin County during the period of William's childhood. In 1790, this James bought land from James Slone and wife Agnes¹² who is alleged to be "Agnes Mills." Proof of the identity of these two wives has not been found. (James's son William married Elizabeth *Abshire* on 29 February 1796.¹³

Map 1, above, does not show Luke Abshire's land. It lay a couple of miles past the point that Maggoty Creek turns into Crooked Creek. The 1812 and 1814 tax rolls place James Mills "on a branch of Maggoty," and "12 miles North of the courthouse." This should put him in the area of Red Valley, just below the spot labeled "Jubal Early's birthplace."

Map 2, below, shows Standefur's Stage Stop, roughly four miles southwest of Rocky Mount.

Map 2
Nicholas Creek of Smith River, Town Creek, Buttram's Town Creek
(South Central Franklin County, Near Henry County Line)
Site of Mavity, Ferguson, Guillaume, O'Brien, Prillaman, Mullins, Stanley Families¹⁴

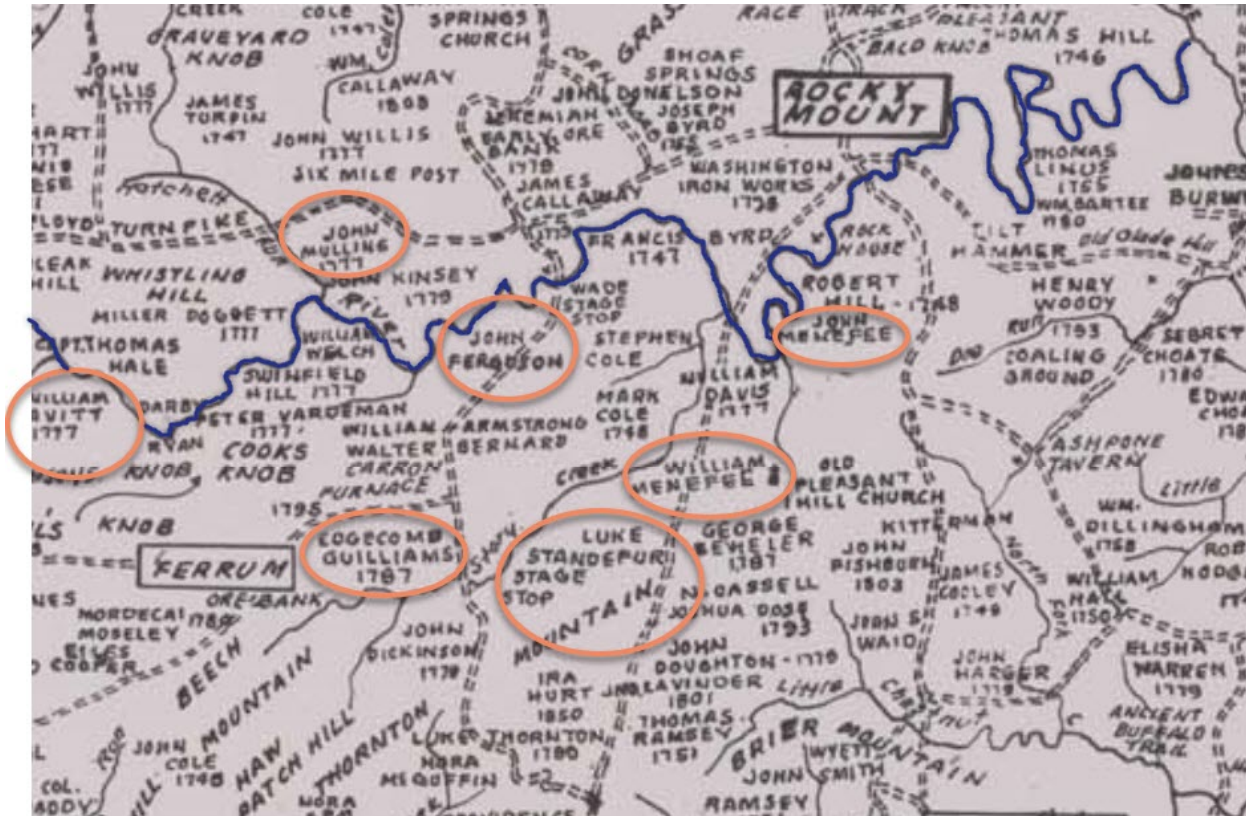


¹² Franklin Co., Deed Book 2: 75. Also see E. S. Mills, "James Mills (*bef.* 1750–c1823-24) & Wife [?Octavia Breckinridge?]: Research Notes," a work-in-progress last updated 28 August 2018; archived at *Historic Pathways* under the "Research" tab.

¹³ "Franklin County, Virginia, Marriage Bond Index," database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 15 May 2018), citing "Marshall Wingfield, *Marriage Bonds of Franklin County, Virginia* (Memphis: West Tennessee Historical Society, 1939), page 162."

¹⁴ Gertrude C. Mann, J. R. Hildebrand, and George A. Kegley, *A Settlement Map of Franklin County, Virginia ... 1786 to 1886* (Rocky Mount: Franklin County Historical Society, 1976).

Map 3
Pigg River & Storey Creek, Central Franklin County
Site of Ferguson, Guillaumes, Mavity, Menafee, Mullins Families & Luke Standifer's Stage Stop¹⁵



1 APRIL 1787
FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Association

“John Keele (Fr. Co.) to **William Mullings** (Fr. Co.) £35 cmv. 444a a Tract of Land Granted to *John Keele* dated 1780. Branches of **Nicholases Creek**. CG. Adj: *Robert Stocktons* Corner; his old line;” [signed] John Keele.

Witnesses: *John Hunter, James Young, Edgecome Guillaums*

“Ann the wife relinquished her right of Dower.

Recorded September 1, 1788.”¹⁶

1787
FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Tax roll abstract.

MOSES GREER'S DISTRICT: “M” section¹⁷

¹⁵ Gertrude C. Mann, J. R. Hildebrand, and George A. Kegley, *A Settlement Map of Franklin County, Virginia ... 1786 to 1886* (Rocky Mount: Franklin County Historical Society, 1976).

¹⁶ Sara Motisher Beck, *Abstracts of the Eighteenth Century Deed Books, Franklin County, Virginia; Deed Book 1 (1786–1789), Deed Book II (1789–1793)* (Rocky Mount, VA: Franklin County History Project, 1978), 53; citing Deed Book 1:432–33.

Mullendore, Jacob
Miller, Daniel
Miller, Thomas Sr.

Mills, James 1 white male 21+
 0 white males 16–21
 0 blacks 16+
 0 blacks –16
 1 horses, mares, etc.
 6 head of cattle

Meadow, Jesse
Martin, Martin
Miller, Jacob Jr.
Martin, William
Miller, Joseph
Meadow, Jonas¹⁸

COMMENT:

- This roll suggests that all sons of James were born after 1771. The above data syncs with the years in which his sons William, Arthur, and James Jr., began to appear on the Franklin County rolls. (Regarding Arthur’s given name, which has not been found among earlier families, James Mills was a neighbor and associate of an Arthur family.)
- The Kemps—family of Drucilla Kemp who married William Mills-Witt in 1815—are on Tax List B (Hairston’s List). No Millses appear there. No Lavenders or Learwoods (Mills associates in Albemarle) appear at all.
- This James Mills has not yet been identified as to pre-Bedford origin or birth family.

AUGUST 1787
FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Association.

“Nancy Frame & Chrisly Frame is Bound to Chrisn. C. Long.”¹⁹

COMMENT

5 May 1799, Nancy Frame m. James Mills [Jr.]. See that date below. Also see the 1788 binding out of William Fram, bastard child of Happy Frame” and later abstracts, below, that suggest “Chrisly” in the above abstract may actually be “Jesse.”

31 MARCH 1788
FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Association.

“John Keele (Fr. Co.) to **William Standley** (Fr. Co.) £100 lcmv. 326a m/1. granted John Keele March 15, 1773 on both sides of **Town Creek**. CG. Adj. on South side of said Creek; **James Standefers** line; Crossing the Creek; on a fork of the said creek; **William Standleys** line; it being the land the s’d John

¹⁷ Franklin Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 120, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

¹⁸ Also see Netti Schreiner-Yantis and Florene Speakman Love, *The 1787 Census of Virginia: An Accounting of the Name of Every White Male Tithable ...*, 3 vols. (Springfield, VA: Genealogical Books in Print, 1987), 1: 623–38.

¹⁹ Marshall Wingfield, *An Old Virginia Court: Being a Transcript of the Records of the First Court of Franklin County, Virginia, 1786–1789* (Memphis: West Tennessee Historical Society, 1948), 82; citing original p. 153.

Keele now lives on.” [Signed] John Keele. Witnesses: *John Hunter, William Hunter, William Mullings.* Nancy the wife relinquished her right of Dower. Recorded September 1, 1788.”²⁰

9 APRIL 1788

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Personal tax roll.

MOSES GREER’S DISTRICT: “M” section²¹

Mills, James 1 white male 16+
 0 blacks 16+
 0 blacks –16
 1 horse, mare, etc.

SEPTEMBER 1788

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Possibility.

“Ordered that the Overseers of the Poor do Bind **William Fram** a Bastard Child of **Happy Frame** to Lewis Bryant.”²²

5 OCTOBER 1788

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Association.

“Robert Mason (Fr. Co.) to Nathaniel **Mason** (Fr. Co.) {No price given} 236a on both sides of the **Mudy Fork** of **Chestnut Creek**. CG. Adj: Robert **Frazier’s** Corner on the North side of **Chestnut Mountain**; on top of the Mountain; **Hodges** line; crossing said Mudy fork; crossing a Branch; Frazers line’ Crossing the Mudy fork. [Signed] Robt. Mason. Recorded October 6, 1788.”²³

6 OCTOBER 1788

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Association.

[*nutshell*]

Thomas Jones (Fr. Co.) to Alexr. Sutherland (Fr. Co.) ... near the head of **Nicholases Creek**.²⁴

4 FEBRUARY 1789

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Association.

[*nutshell*]

Will of “**John Forguson** of F[ranklin], Farmer”

Wife: Elizabeth

Sons: William, James, John, George, Thomas, Charles. Charles to get his home plantation after his [testator’s] widow dies; George to get half of “my Quarter Land on **Pig River** and **Story Cr**, including

²⁰ Sara Motisher Beck, *Abstracts of the Eighteenth Century Deed Books, Franklin County, Virginia; Deed Book 1 (1786–1789), Deed Book II (1789–1793)* (Rocky Mount, VA: Franklin County History Project, 1978), 52; citing Deed Book 1:427–29.

²¹ Franklin Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 120, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

²² Marshall Wingfield, *An Old Virginia Court: Being a Transcript of the Records of the First Court of Franklin County, Virginia, 1786–1789* (Memphis: West Tennessee Historical Society, 1948), 150; citing p. 281.

²³ Sara Motisher Beck, *Abstracts of the Eighteenth Century Deed Books, Franklin County, Virginia; Deed Book 1 (1786–1789), Deed Book II (1789–1793)* (Rocky Mount, VA: Franklin County History Project, 1978), 53; citing Deed Book 1:435.

²⁴ Sara Motisher Beck, *Abstracts of the Eighteenth Century Deed Books, Franklin County, Virginia; Deed Book 1 (1786–1789), Deed Book II (1789–1793)* (Rocky Mount, VA: Franklin County History Project, 1978), 53; citing Deed Book 1:436–37.

the Mill, and its land, reserving 100 acres out of the place known by the name of **Menefees Place**; other half to son Thomas.

Daughters: Mere **Carril**, Sarah Weacks, Faney Wade

Grandson: Samuel Carril

Executors: son John and *Swinfield Hill*.

Witnesses: James Cannon, **Robert Woods Jr.**, William Campbell.

Proved: 1 February 1790

Probate granted 3 Feb 1790 to executor, with Samuel **Patteson**, Stephen Smith, and Moses Greer as sureties.²⁵

COMMENT:

- For the Furgeson & Menafee location, see Map 3.
- Note that the testator, in identifying his grandson Samuel McCarrell, does not use the “Mc” prefix.
- The testator’s daughter Mary and her husband, Thomas McCarrell, have moved to South Carolina. They are shown on the 1790 census of Greenville County, Old Ninety-Six District:

Thomas McCarrol

3 white males 16+ 1 white female 3 slaves²⁶

Neighbors:

Thomas Bowlin	William Lynch	Warran Sams	John Ellage
John Sinclair	William Hinson	Marlin Adams	William Trammel
Jafter [Jasper?] Cornelius	Peter Baker	Thomas McCarrol	Jesse Mayfield
James Tadlock	Barbary Sulkey	Benja. Harris	Jesse Trammel
Reuben Harris	Edmond Franklin	Robert Bayley	Henry Prince
[see top of next row]	[see top of next row]	[see top of next row]	John Nicholas

- No Millses are enumerated in 1790 Greenville County, SC.
- The 1790 census data suggests that Samuel was born by 1774. In 1800, he is not in the parental household; nor is he shown as a head-of-household in SC 1800.²⁷
- Samuel returned to Franklin County, VA, before the 1800 census was taken. The 1800 returns for Virginia are lost. He first appears on the 1800 land tax roll of Franklin, taxed for the land he inherited from his grandfather. In 1801 he would acquire more family land from his aunt Sarah Weaks—in adjacent, across-the-Blue Ridge, Montgomery County.

26 APRIL 1789

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Personal tax roll.

MOSES GREER’S DISTRICT: “M” section²⁸

Mills, James 1 white male 16+
 0 blacks 16+
 0 blacks –16
 1 horse, mare, etc.

²⁵ *Franklin County, Virginia Wills, 1786–1812* (Miami Beach, FL: TLC Genealogy, 1991), 18; citing Will Book 1:50.
²⁶ 1790 U.S. census, Greenville County, SC, p. 97, line 6.
²⁷ 1800 U.S. census, Greenville Co., SC, p. 284 (stamped), line 2.
²⁸ Franklin Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 120, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

3 OCTOBER 1789

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Association.

“Anthony Pate of Franklin to **John and Jubal Early**. £15 15 acres. **Gills Creek** beg at pointers in Wade and **Bowker** old line; S55W46 to white oak; S85W16 to red oak; S57W51 to Spanish oak. M/B. Signed: Anthony Pate. Wit: *William Charter, John Charter, James Mills*, Wray (x) Pate. Proven: 4 Jan 1790 by akn.”²⁹

COMMENT:

A different set of published abstracts provides slightly different details.

“**Anthony Pate** (Fr. Co.) to **John Early & Jubal Early** (Fr. Co.) £15 15a m/1. On **Gills Creek**. CG. Adj: Wades & *Bowkers* old order line; in Randolphs old line near **Charters ford** on the **North fork** of Gills Creek; Wades & Bowkers Dividing line. [signed]: Anthony Pate. Wit: *William Charter, John Charter, James Mills; Wroy (X his mark) Pate*. Recorded January 4, 1790.”³⁰

See Map 1 for the position of the Earlys, James Mills, and Gills Creek.

5 APRIL 1790

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Land purchase.

“*James/Alice Slone* of Franklin to **James Mills** of same. £60 334 acres.” **Elliott’s Creek** beg *Doran’s* white oak crn on south side of creek; new line S61W4 to small white oak; S38E156 to chestnut and black jack. M/B. Signed: James Slone. Wit: None. Proven 5 Apr 1790 by akn, R/Dower by Alice.”³¹

COMMENT:

Online trees assert (without presenting evidence) that James Sloan/Slone (b. bef. 1733, **Hanover Co.**) married **Alice Mills** (b. 1739–49) and had children born 1756 through 1768: William, Patrick, Thomas, Milly, Clifford, and Reuben.³² Some trees allege that Alice “d. 5 April 1790” and was the daughter of “John Mills Jr. (1712–1794) and Sarah Beals (1713–1800)” of Chester Co., Pa., and Guilford Co., NC. The latter also assert that after Alice’s death, James Slone married 8 September 1797, Franklin Co., Sarah McGuire, and d. 4 April 1808 on Maggoty Creek of Franklin Co.³³

COMMENT:

For Elliott’s Creek, James Slone’s Mill, and Maggoty Creek, see Map 1.

APRIL 1790

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

²⁹ Barbara Crumpton, *Franklin County, Virginia: Deed Book 2, 1788–92* (Duncan, OK: Creative Copies, 1999), 12; citing DB 2: 75.

³⁰ Sara Motisher Beck, *Abstracts of the Eighteenth Century Deed Books, Franklin County, Virginia; Deed Book 1 (1786–1789), Deed Book II (1789–1793)* (Rocky Mount, VA: Franklin County History Project, 1978), 75; citing Deed Book 2:75.

³¹ Barbara Crumpton, *Franklin County, Virginia: Deed Book 2, 1788–92* (Duncan, OK: Creative Copies, 1999), 14; citing DB 2: 94. I checked the original document on film; nothing of value has been omitted, aside from the metes & bounds which I may need to get at a later date.

³² For example, see robin24910, “Robin24910 Tree,” *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/67818995/person/40304548153/facts?_phsrc=Wle588&_phstart=successSource : accessed 15 May 2018), James Sloan “Facts” page.

³³ For example, see Tom Cauley, “My Tree,” *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/117040835/person/270190397628/facts> : accessed 15 May 2018), Alice Mills “Facts” page. For the 1808 Sloan-McGuire marriage, Cauley cites “Virginia, Compiled Marriages, 1660–1800,” database, *Ancestry*, a database that is at least a third-hand source, with the original being unidentified.

Personal tax roll.

MOSES GREER'S DISTRICT: "M" section³⁴

Mills, James 1 white male 16+
 0 blacks
 1 horse, mare, etc.
 tax: 0.1.0

AUGUST 1790
FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA
Census

COMMENT:
The Virginia census for this year has been destroyed.

25 APRIL 1791
FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA
Association.

"Deed. **Robert Hairston** & Abraham Penn Late Sheriff of Henry Co. to **Hugh Woods** (Fr. Co.) £2/6/5 it being the Tax and Expence of Advertising one Certain Tract of parcel of Land Containing 210a which was Granted to **Michael Mattocks** on both sides of the **Muddy Fork** of **Chestnut Creek** which became Due thereon for the year 1784 & 1785 Collectable by the said Pen and by them sold to satisfy the Tax Due. PCG. Adj: On the Top of **Chestnut Mountain**; on a Branch at the foot of the abovesaid Mountain; Along the Top of the said Mountain. [Signed] Abrm. Penn." Witnesses: John Hunter, Luke Standefer, J. Wood {Month not given} 4, 1791³⁵

COMMENT:
Hugh Wood in 1779, Henry County, married "Sarahann George." However, this couple is the only candidate couple within several surrounding counties for the "daughter Sarah Woods" named in the 1827 will of the William Mills who patented land on Matrimony Creek, Henry County, in 1770.³⁶ I will need to pursue the possibility that Hugh Woods's wife may have had a prior marriage to someone of the surname George.

The only other reference to Hugh Woods in these two volumes of abstracted Franklin County deeds is a 1788 bill of sale from Thomas Levesey of Franklin to William **Meniffee** of Franklin, of a woman Cloe and child, together with household furninshings. Witnesses: William Ryan, **H. Woods**, Robert Carter.

1791
FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA
Personal tax roll
Both districts³⁷

Mills, James [not found on tax roll either year]

³⁴ Franklin Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 120, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

³⁵ Sara Motisher Beck, *Abstracts of the Eighteenth Century Deed Books, Franklin County, Virginia; Deed Book 1 (1786–1789), Deed Book II (1789–1793)* (Rocky Mount, VA: Franklin County History Project, 1978), 113; citing Deed Book 2: 242.

³⁶ Henry Co., Va., Will Book 4: 71. For other records created by this Mills family, see E. S. Mills, "Mills: Henry and Pittsylvania Counties, Virginia: Initial Survey," report to file, 28 August 2018; archived at *Historic Pathways* under "Research" tab,

³⁷ Franklin Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 120, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

FEBRUARY 1792

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Association.

“**Richard Standley**, Executor of **William Standley Dec’d** (Fr. Co.) to **Luke Standifer** £41/5/6 cmv. Est. 103a on the water of **Buterom town Creek** CG Adj:” No neighbors named. Recorded 7 February 1791.³⁸

COMMENT:

For the Standleys, Luke Standifer’s Stage Stop, and Butteram’s Town Creek, see Maps 2 & 3.

1792

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Personal tax roll.

Both districts³⁹

Mills, James [not found on tax roll]

COMMENT:

Binn Genealogy’s Virginia tax roll database online (not complete) places a James Mills in *Prince Edward County* in 1792. I have not pursued this.

10 JULY 1792

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Association.

“Deed of Gift. Dennis **Obrian** (Fr. Co.) To my loving Son [-in-law?] **Daniel Prillemon** my Plantation I now live on 286a lying on **Nicholoses Creek**. NCG ‘being all the land I had, with all my Goods and Chattles except one horse & four head of Cattle.’ [Signed] Dennis (C his mark) Obrian.”⁴⁰

Witnesses: *John (X his mark) Prillemon, Jacob Prillemon, Joseph Rentfro, Samuel Critchfield*; Recorded September 3, 1792.”

COMMENT:

As noted earlier in this paper, the Prillemons and William Mullins lived on Nichols/Nicholas’ Creek. See Map 2.

6 MARCH 1793

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Land survey.

“Surveyed for **William Ferguson** 18 acres on **Samuel Mileses Spring Br** by Virtue of part of a Land Office Treasury Warrant Containing 277 acres No. 5 Issued to **William Mavity** the XXVi of May 1783 and Bounded as followith, to wit, Beginning at **Samuel Mileses Corner** W.O. Stmp in **Randolph Halls line**, Thence with **Samuel Mileses line** No 22 ½ W 40 po to a W.O. No 5 E 22 po to a R.O. No 72 E 54 po to a Spa Oak Stump, So 24 E 27 po to pointers in Randolph Halls line, Thence with his line So 34 W 78 to the Beginning afestant.

COMMENT:

³⁸ Sara Motisher Beck, *Abstracts of the Eighteenth Century Deed Books, Franklin County, Virginia; Deed Book 1 (1786–1789), Deed Book II (1789–1793)* (Rocky Mount, VA: Franklin County History Project, 1978), 96; citing Deed Book 2:170.

³⁹ Franklin Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 120, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

⁴⁰ Sara Motisher Beck, *Abstracts of the Eighteenth Century Deed Books, Franklin County, Virginia; Deed Book 1 (1786–1789), Deed Book II (1789–1793)* (Rocky Mount, VA: Franklin County History Project, 1978), 146; citing Deed Book 2:414.

I have not located the Samuel Miles land in either the LVA patent data or the DirectLine database.

The Franklin Co. *Settlement Map* places “Samuel Miles” in extreme NW Franklin Co. (See Map 8), which is not the neighborhood of the Fergusons (see maps 2 & 3). The section of the *Settlement Map* covered in this report’s Map 2 places William Ferguson’s land on Beard’s Creek, west of Town Creek and west of Luke Standifer’s Stage Stop. However, numerous surveys in Merritt’s *Franklin County ... Plat Books #1, 1792–1811* places William Ferguson in the NW quadrant of Franklin near the Botetourt-Roanoke line.

This volume contains numerous entries for the Fergusons and Standifers as neighbors—and as neighbors to others associated with William Mills-Witt and his activities. I have read this volume, page by page, line by line, to flag all potentially useful entries. See my personal copy.

TO DO:

- A separate study needs to be made of the Ferguson family.
- This Samuel Miles needs to be thoroughly investigated, given (a) the extent to which “Mills” and “Miles” are misread, one for the other; and (b) the proximity of this man to the Fergusons.

1793

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Personal tax roll.

MOSES GREER’S DISTRICT: “M” section⁴¹

Mills, James 1 white
 0 blacks
 2 horses, mares, etc.

1794

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Personal tax roll.

MOSES GREER’S DISTRICT: “M” section⁴²

Mills, James

COMMENT:

Not found on tax roll, either Greer’s or Hairston’s District.

23 MAY 1795

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Personal tax roll.

MOSES GREER’S DISTRICT: “M” section⁴³

Mills, James 3 white males
 0 blacks
 2 horses, mares, etc.
 tax 0.0.8

COMMENT:

⁴¹ Franklin Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 120, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

⁴² Franklin Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 120, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

⁴³ Franklin Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 120, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

The two extra males in his household should be William and Arthur. William would marry in 1796 and the tax roll would assign him to his own household that year.

29 FEBRUARY 1796

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Marriage bond.

“**William Mills** & Elizabeth Abshire, Abraham Abshire, surety.”⁴⁴

APRIL–MAY 1796

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Personal tax roll.

GEORGE TURNBULL’S DISTRICT (formerly Greer): “M” section⁴⁵

Mills, William 1 white male (turned in list on 30 April)
 0 blacks
 0 horses, mares, etc.
 tax 0.0.0

[skip 8 “M” entries]

Mills, James 2 white males (turned in list on 13 May)
 0 blacks
 2 horses, mares, etc.
 tax 0.0.8

COMMENT:

William, son of James, has set up his own household, leaving only one son over 16 in the parental household. That should be Arthur, who pays tax in his own name in 1797, although he did not marry until 1800. James’s other sons, James Jr. and George, should still be under 16.

19 JULY 1796

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Association.

Will of **Jacob Prillaman Sr.** of Franklin, sick

Wife: Waltpurgilly Prillaman [sic]

Son Jacob Jr. land on **Daniels Run of Black Water**, adjoining Donahoo

Son John Prillaman, “all that part of *Daniel Donahoo’s* survey and a survey of 160 acres on Daniels run”

Son Daniel Prillaman: part of a tract on waters of **Daniels run & Pigg River** which lies above my son Jacob’s line on the branch, where *Sherwood Bybe* now lives.”

Daughter *Barbara Martin* – “all my right to a certain tract of land in **Montgomery** County on the branches of **Little river**, adjoining *Nathan Sellers’* land.”

Daughter *Ann Sowder*, land on Daniel’s Run above *Scoot’s* lines [sic]

Witnesses: *Wm. Mavity, Henry Jones, Jacob Robbins, Christian Prillaman, Anne (+) Prillaman, Elizabeth (E, her mark) Prillaman*

Proved September 1796.⁴⁶

COMMENT:

⁴⁴ Marshall Wingfield, *Marriage Bonds of Franklin County, Virginia, 1786–1858* (Memphis: West Tennessee Historical Society, 1939), 161.

⁴⁵ Franklin Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 120, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

⁴⁶ *Franklin County, Virginia, Wills, 1786–1812* (Miami Beach, FL: TLC Genealogy, 1991), 34–35; citing Will Book 1: 112.

Daniel's Run of the Black Water is west-central Franklin, near the Floyd (previously Montgomery) County line. It lies just off the right edge of Maps 2 & 3 above.

17 MARCH 1797

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Personal tax roll.

GEORGE TURNBULL'S DISTRICT: "M" section⁴⁷

Mills, James 2 white males (turned in list on same day as William)
 0 blacks
 1 horses, mares, etc.

[skip 5 "M" entries]

Mills, William 1 white male
 0 blacks
 1 horses, mares, etc.

COMMENT:

The extra male in James's household should be Arthur, who went on the roll in his own name in 1798.

1798

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Civic role.

William Mills paid \$2.25 for 36 hours as a Patroller.⁴⁸

MAY 1798

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Personal tax roll.

GEORGE TURNBULL'S DISTRICT: "M" section⁴⁹

Mills, James 2 white males (turned in list on 7 May)
 0 blacks
 1 horses, mares, etc.
 tax 0.0.9

[skip 8 "M" entries]

Mills, Arthur 1 white male (turned in list on 19 May)
 0 blacks
 0 horses, mares, etc.

[skip 3 "M" entries]

Mills, William 1 white male (turned in list on 19 May)
 0 blacks
 1 horses, mares, etc.
 tax: 0.0.9

COMMENT:

⁴⁷ Franklin Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 120, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

⁴⁸ Franklin Co., VA, Court Order Book 3: 350.

⁴⁹ Franklin Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 120, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

Note that two sons of James are now independently taxed—William and Arthur. The new male aged 16+ should be James Jr. who would marry in 1799 and be taxed in his own right that year.

30 OCTOBER 1798

FRANKLIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Association.

[nutshell only]

Will of **Edgecome Guilliams** of Franklin, sick and weak of body. Wife Adelphi, most of his land [location not given], sons William, John, Richard, George, Robert. Daughters Charity and Mary. Executors: **William Mullins** and William **Standley**.⁵⁰ Not filed until 1807?.

COMMENT:

Several Guilliams families are found in the 1810 census neighborhood of Booker Mullins (m. Stanley). For the locus of Edgecome Guilliams, adjacent to Standifer's Stage Stop, some five miles north of William Mullins and William Standley, see Maps 2 and 3.

MAY 1799

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Marriage bond.

James Mills [Jr.] and Nancy Frame. William Brown, surety.⁵¹

cMAY 1799

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Personal tax roll

TURNBULL'S DISTRICT: "M" section⁵²

Mills, William	1 white poll	(turned in list on 1 April)
	0 blacks	
	0 horses, mares, etc.	

[skip 6]

Mills, Arthur	1 white poll	(turned in list on 1 April)
	0 blacks	
	0 horses, mares, etc.	

[skip 8]

Mills, James	1 white poll	(turned in list on 1 April)
	0 blacks	
	1 horses, mares, etc.	
	tax 0.12	

[skip 28 to end of list for new add]

Mills, James [Jr.]	2 white polls	(turned in list on 6 May)
	0 blacks	
	1 horses, mares, etc.	
	tax 0.12	

⁵⁰ *Franklin County, Virginia, Wills, 1786–1812* (Miami Beach, FL: TLC Genealogy, 1991), 90; citing Will Book 2: 91.

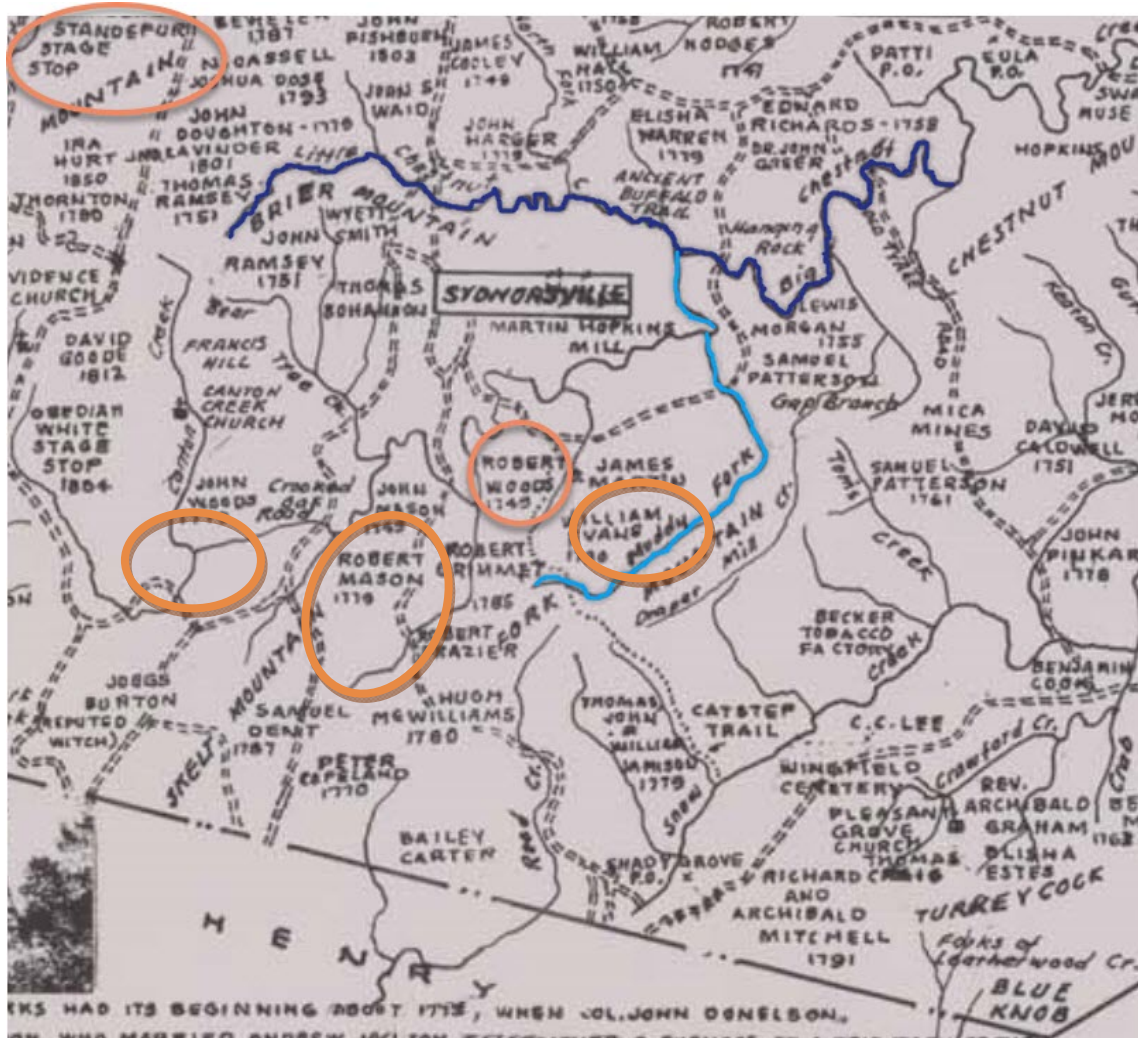
⁵¹ Franklin Co., VA, Marriage Bond Register 1, 1786–1853: 67, citing marriage bond 2854.

⁵² Franklin Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 120, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

COMMENT:

- This is the first appearance I've found for Samuel McCarrell on the tax rolls of Franklin County.
- Samuel and William Cooper are the last two names at the end of the "C" list—the end of the list being the position where new names are added.
- No census exists for Virginia this year. The 1800 census household of his father in Greenville District SC shows that a male of Samuel's age group has left the parental home since 1790. Obviously, as an adult, Samuel came back to Franklin County to claim the land he inherited from his grandfather.

Map 4
Chestnut Creek & Muddy Fork of South-Central Franklin County
Site of Woods, Martins & Masons
(William Mullins & Stanleys are Immediately to the West)⁵⁵



⁵⁵ Gertrude C. Mann, J. R. Hildebrand, and George A. Kegley, *A Settlement Map of Franklin County, Virginia ... 1786 to 1886* (Rocky Mount: Franklin County Historical Society, 1976).

AUGUST 1800
FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA
Census.

COMMENT:
The Virginia census for this year has been destroyed.

18–19 AUGUST 1800
FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA
Marriage bond.

Arthur Mills & Nancy West. Bond issued 18 August 1800, Peter Abshire, surety. Married 19 August 1800, Horatio Burns, minister.⁵⁶

30 AUGUST 1800
FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA
Association.

*“Robert Woods Sr of Franklin to Robert Martin of same. Chestnut Creek beg crn wh oak on Hugh Martin; S62W224 crossing brch to Blk oak crn on Hugh Martin and John Woods line; 120po to Span oak on old order line; N57E264 to 2 blk jacks ... M/B ... adj. Hugh Woods Senr. Signed: Robert Woods Senr. Witnesses: Hugh Martin, Robert Woods Junr, Nathan Mason. Proven: Sep 1800 by 3 wits [not named].”*⁵⁷

COMMENT:
For Robert Woods, Chestnut Creek, and the Martins and Masons, see Map 4, above.

1 AUGUST 1801
FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA
Personal tax roll.

RICHARD FRENCH’S DISTRICT: (formerly Greer & Turnbull): “M” section⁵⁸

Mills, Arthur not found

[consecutive entries]

Mills, James Jr. 1 white male (turned in list on same day as Wm & James Sr.)
0 blacks
1 horse, mare, etc.
tax 0.12

Mills, William 1 white male
0 blacks
1 horse, mare, etc.
tax 0.12

Mills, James Sr. 2 white males
0 blacks
2 horses, mares, etc.
tax 0.24

COMMENT:

⁵⁶ Franklin Co., VA, Marriage Bond Book 1, 1786–1853: 67; citing marriage bond 2850; consulted 1977, Clerk of Court’s Office, Rocky Mount.

⁵⁷ Barbara Crumpton, *Franklin County, Virginia, Deed Book 4, 1799–1804* (Duncan, OK: Creative Copies, 1999), 25; citing Deed Book 4: 191.

⁵⁸ Franklin Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 120, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

Again, the extra male aged 16+ is in James's household.

HAIRSTON'S DISTRICT⁵⁹

Carrel, Saml.	1 white male	(turned in list on 15 April, amid many others)
	2 blacks over 16	
	1 horse, mare, etc.	
	tax: 1.00	
Mullins, Booker	1 white male	
	1 horse, mare, etc.	
	tax 0.12	

COMMENT:

This is the first appearance I've found for Booker on these tax rolls. He is the fifth name from the end of the "M" section, not consecutive with other Mullinses.

18–19 AUGUST 1801

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Marriage

Arthur Mills & Nancy West. Bond issued 18 August 1800, Peter Abshire, surety. Married 19 August 1800, Horatio Burns, minister.⁶⁰

27 OCTOBER 1801

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Association.

Sale for £100. "William/**Sarah Weaks** of **Montgomery Tenn** to **Samuel McCarrell** of Franklin. 275a on Story Creek beg at post oak at **Mark Cole's** crn and old survey crn to **Rentfro** survey; S30E186 to wh oak crn on **Early & Callaway**: S78W98 crossing brch to wh oak; new line S401/2 W104 crossing brch to post oak ... M/B .. adj **Wm Armstrong**. Signed: William Weaks, Sarah Weaks. Wit: None

Proven:

Montgomery Tn 27 Oct 1801 by akn, R/Dower

Franklin VA 4 Jan 1802 by certification"⁶¹

COMMENT:

- Montgomery "Tennessee" of this document would be Montgomery County, Virginia—which lay just west of Franklin but was across the Blue Ridge Mountain.
- **Re the Montgomery County association.** One "Samuel Carrell" is enumerated on the 1810 census of Montgomery County, while Samuel McCarrell is "missing" from the 1810 Franklin County return.
- Mark Cole, in 1750, appeared on the Nicholas Haile tithe list with several Rentfros. In 1754, his land was cut away into Bedford County, where he appears to have remained through 1780.⁶²

⁵⁹ Franklin Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 120, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

⁶⁰ Franklin Co., VA, Marriage Bond Book 1, 1786–1853: 67, citing marriage bond 2850; consulted 1977, Clerk of Court's Office, Rocky Mount.

⁶¹ Barbara Crumpton, *Franklin County, Virginia, Deed Book 4, 1799–1804* (Duncan, OK: Creative Copies, 1999), 39; citing Deed Book 4: 279–80.

⁶² For a study of all the men on this list and their subsequent locations and migrations, see E. S. Mills, "William Mills of Haile's Tithe List, 1750, Lunenburg Co., Virginia: Identification Needed," report to file, 20 June 2018; archived at *Historic Pathways* under the "Research" tab.

- For Mark Cole & Storey Creek, see Map 3. Cole’s land is encircled by John Ferguson, William Menefee, Luke Standefur’s Stage Stop, and Edgewood Guilliams. All are just south and east of the Washington Iron Works founded by Andrew Jackson’s father-in-law, John Donnelly.

**MARCH–MAY 1802
FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA**

Personal tax roll

RICHARD FRENCH’S DISTRICT: “M” section⁶³

[consecutive entries]

Mills, James Sr.	2 white males 0 blacks 4 horses, mares, etc. tax 0.48	(turned in list on 24 April)
Mills, James Jr.	1 white males 0 blacks 0 horses, mares, etc.	(turned in list on 1 May)
Mills, William	1 white male 0 blacks 1 horse, mare, etc. tax 0.12	(turned in list on 1 May)
 [skip 25]		
Mills, Arthur	1 white male 0 blacks 1 horse, mare, etc. tax 0.12	(turned in list on 25 August)

COMMENT:

Again, the extra male aged 16+ is in James Sr.’s household.

HAIRSTON’S DISTRICT⁶⁴

Carrel, Saml.	1 white male 3 blacks over 16 0 horse, mare, etc. tax: 1.52	(turned in list on 5 April)
Mullins, Booker	4 white males stud horse/\$20 tax 3.33	(turned in list on 15 March)

COMMENT:

Note that Samuel [Mc]Carrell and Booker Mullins, year after year, turn in their lists on different days. The fact that they appear consistently adjacent to each other on the roll apparently stems from the fact that, when they went onto the tax roll, they were added consecutively at the end of the roll, and then moved up the roll in tandem each year as newer names were added beneath them.

Note also that Mullins’ in-law Standley will sell land to McCarrel in 1803. They were obviously in the same close neighborhood.

⁶³ Franklin Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 120, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

⁶⁴ Franklin Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 120, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

?1803

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Civic role

Arthur Mills paid for 36 hours patrolling: \$2.25

William Mills paid for 72 hours patrolling: \$4.50.⁶⁵

MAY 1803

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Personal tax roll

RICHARD FRENCH'S DISTRICT: "M" section⁶⁶

Mills, James Jr. 1 white male (turned in list on 4 May)
 0 blacks
 0 horses, mares, etc.

[skip 2]

Mills, William 1 white male (turned in list on 7 May)
 0 blacks
 1 horse, mare, etc.
 tax 0.12

Mills, James Sr. 2 white males (turned in list on 7 May)
 0 blacks
 4 horses, mares, etc.
 tax 0.48

Mills, Arthur 1 white male (turned in list on 7 May)
 0 blacks
 1 horse, mare, etc.
 tax 0.12

COMMENT:

Again, the extra male aged 16+ is in James Sr.'s household.

HAIRSTON'S DISTRICT⁶⁷

Carrel, Saml. 1 white male (turned in list on 4 April)
 3 blacks over 16
 1 horse, mare, etc.
 tax: 1.44

Mullins, Booker 1 white male (turned in list on 30 April)
 tax 0.00

COMMENT:

Booker Mullins's tax list has dropped 3 white males since the prior year. This needs to be explained.

7 NOVEMBER 1803

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Association.

⁶⁵ Franklin Co., VA, Order Book 4 (1800–1805): 247.

⁶⁶ Franklin Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 120, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

⁶⁷ Franklin Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 120, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

Sale for £100. "Richard **Standley** of Franklin to **Samuel McCarroll of same**. Beg at a red oak; new line S76W58 xing brch to dead Span oak; S17W116 xing brch to Span oak; S20E45 to Span oak; S77E58 xing fork to maple ... B/B ... adj. *Habdy line*. Signed: Richard Standley

Wit: *Thomas Crutcher, Lewis Davis, George Ferguson*. Proven: 6 Feb 1804 by 3 wits."⁶⁸

COMMENT:

I've not yet located this land. Full metes and bounds are needed.

5 DECEMBER 1803
FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Association.

"Inventory and appraisalment of the estate of **Hugh Woods**, dec'd. Items mentioned include: 26 cattle, 1 yoke of oxen, 1 set smit's tools, 1 still, 7 plows, plantation utensils, 1 desk and bookcase, 6 beds and furniture; Negroes Seasor, Lucy and child, Judy, Delph and child, Joe, Andrew, Isaack, James, Simon, Milla, Anny, Veanus, Nancy, Thomas. Total value 954 £ 5 shillings 6 pence. Signed – *John Bird, Hugh Martin, John Martin, Wm. H. Shelton*. Recorded Dec 5, 1803."⁶⁹

COMMENT:

The 1830 will of William Mills Sr. of Henry County names his eldest daughter as Sarah Ann "Sallie" Woods."⁷⁰ In 1779, in Henry, she married Hugh Woods. They settled in the part of Henry that fell into Franklin County in 1785.

APRIL & AUGUST 1804
FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Personal tax roll

MOSES GREER'S DISTRICT (formerly French's): "M" section⁷¹

Mills, Arthur 1 white male (turned in list on 14 April)
 0 blacks
 0 horse, mare, etc.
 tax 0.0

[*skip 1*]

Mills, William 1 white male (turned in list on 14 April)
 0 blacks
 1 horse, mare, etc.
 tax 0.12

[*skip 27*]

Mills, James Sr. 2 white males (turned in list on 29 August)
 0 blacks
 3 horses, mares, etc.
 tax 0.36

Mills, James Jr. 1 white males (turned in list on 29 August)
 0 blacks

⁶⁸ Barbara Crumpton, *Franklin County, Virginia, Deed Book 4, 1799–1804* (Duncan, OK: Creative Copies, 1999), 84; citing Deed Book 4:558–59.

⁶⁹ *Franklin County, Virginia, Wills, 1786–1812* (Miami Beach, FL: TLC Genealogy, 1991), 67; citing Will Book 1:235.

⁷⁰ See E. S. Mills, "William Mills (c.1745–c.1830) of Pittsylvania and Henry Counties, Virginia; Spouse Elizabeth Fontaine): Research Notes," a working file last updated 25 June 2018.

⁷¹ Franklin Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 120, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

0 horses, mares, etc.
tax 0.0

COMMENT:

Again, there is an extra male aged 16+ in James Sr.'s household. However, it may be a different male. This is the year that his son George (who would go on the roll in his own name in 1809) would have turned 16 and should be taxed in James's household.

On my reexamination of the rolls for McCarrell and Mullins, I did not have time to access Hairston's District for 1805–6. In old research notes from a trip to LOV many years ago, I took a note that Robert Mills appeared this year in Hairston's district—the only year he appeared on record in Franklin's tax books. **This is likely the Robert who subsequently appears in Bedford, origin and parents unknown.**

5 JUNE 1804

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Association.

Sale for £100. "William/**Sarah Weaks** of Montgomery Tenn to **Samuel McCarrell** of Franklin. **Story Creek** beg at post oak at crn of **Mark Cole and Rentfro**; S30E186 to w oak crn in **Callaway & Early** S78W98 xing brch to wh oak; new line S40 ½ W 104 xing brch to post oak; N66W78 to pie ... M/B .. adj. **Armstrong, formerly Cole's**. Wit: None.

Proven:

Montgomery TN 1 June 1804 by akn; R/dower

Franklin: 2 July certification.⁷²

COMMENT:

Sarah Weaks was McCarrell's aunt. He is buying her share of the land left by his grandfather (her father) John Furgerson.

2 JULY 1804

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Association

"*John/Caty Johnson* of Franklin to *David Overholts* of same. £60 50 Acres. North brchs **Maggoty Creek** beg at his own crn Span oak and sourwood below **Happy's cabin**; agreed line to chest; S71E72 to wh oak; S20E44 to red oak and gum. M/B adj. *George Johnson*. Signed: John Johnson, Caty Johnson. Wit: None. Proven: 2 July 1804 by akn, R/dower."⁷³

COMMENT:

I've seen no family with the surname "Happy." However, one "Happy Frame" had three children taken away from her in Franklin County in the 1780s. One was named William Frame; he, alone, was said to be a "Bastard child." One named Nancy Frame married James Mills Jr. about 9 years later. If the reference *is* to the widow Happy Frame, it's interesting that they are calling this woman (familiarly) by just her given name.

This set of Frames intermarried repeatedly with Millses and their associates in Franklin. Ancestry shows the following:

⁷² Barbara Crumpton, *Franklin County, Virginia, Deed Book 4, 1799–1804* (Duncan, OK: Creative Copies, 1999), 93; citing Deed Book 611–12.

⁷³ Barbara Crumpton, *Franklin County, Virginia: Deed Book 4, 1799–1804* (Duncan, OK: Creative Copies, 1999), 92; citing DB 4: 607.

All Franklin County, Virginia, Marriage Bond Index, 1786-1858 results for Frame			
Results 1-5 of 5			
View Record	Happy Frame	1797	Thos. Short
View Record	Paul Frame	20 Nov 1798	Susannah Hickman
View Record	Nancy Frame	3 May 1799	James Mills
View Record	Jesse Frame	10 Jan 1803	Nancy Asbhire
View Record	Wm. Frame	2 Sep 1805	Nancy Crowe

3 SEPTEMBER 1804
FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Association.

Probate of the 9 April 1784 will of John Early (see that date above), witnessed by **James Mills**.

COMMENT:

Both Early and Mills were formerly of Bedford although Early also owned land at the confluence of Horse Pasture Creek and Mayo River in southwest Henry County.

“At F Court of **Sep 3, 1804**, this will of John Early, deceased, was exhibited in Court, and proved by the **oaths of all 3 witnesses**. It appearing to the Court from the testimony of Guy Smith, who wrote the will, that it was the intention of the testator to appoint James Callaway Sr, James Callaway Jr, Abner Early, Henry T Callaway, William Callaway, William Crump and John **Callaway Jr, son of John Callaway Sr., guardians of his children**. OR. [Ordered]. And at **Nov 7, 1804** Court, Henry T Callaway and William Callaway, 2 of the executors, qualified, liberty being reserved to the other executors to join in the executorship when they shall see fit.⁷⁴

“Renunciation. **Sep 4, 1804**. I, **Elizabeth Early, widow** and relict of John Early, deceased of F, who departed this life less than a year ago, am not satisfied {by the provision} made for me by my said husband in his will. I declare that I will not accept the provision made for me by such will, and renounce all benefit of the will. I will take that part of the estate as by the Law of the Land I am entitled to take. Signed – Elizabeth Early. Wit – *Nath’l H Claiborne, Patrick Hix*. Recorded Sep 3 {sic}, 1804.⁷⁵

COMMENT:

At the time that John Early made his will in 1784, he and Elizabeth were not married and the amount of property he could leave legally to her obviously fell short of what she was entitled to

⁷⁴ *Franklin County, Virginia, Wills, 1786–1812* (Miami Beach, FL: TLC Genealogy, 1991), 69–70; citing Will Book 1: 242.

⁷⁵ *Franklin County, Virginia, Wills, 1786–1812* (Miami Beach, FL: TLC Genealogy, 1991), 70–71; citing Will Book 1: 243

as his widow. The county's published marriage bonds show that John Early married Elizabeth Cheatham about 20 February 1792.⁷⁶

7 JANUARY 1805

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Association.

"Division of estate. We, in obedience to F Court, assigned to **Sarah Ann Woods, widow of Hugh Woods**, deceased, her dower of said decedent's estate, and also divided the residue thereof amongst the legatees, to wit

To **Sarah Ann Woods** – Negro Charson, Negro Delf & Child, Negro Milley, Negro Isaac, 1 cow & calf, 1 yoke of oxen & cart, 1 sorrel horse, 1 feather bed & furniture, 8 hogs. To **Robert Woods, Wm. Woods, Polly Woods, John Woods, and Bailly Woods**, 17 shillings 4 pence to each {from Sarah Ann}. The widow's part of the land is the east end of the tract on which the mansion house is, including the mills and bounded by the Creek.

To **Robert Woods** – Negroes Joe, Andrew, Judy; 2 heifers, 1 bed bolster, 1 folding table. Robert Wood's part of the land is adjoining the widow's dower land on the east, and Polly Woods on the west.

To **Wm. Woods** – Negroes Jim, Anne, 1 still, boiler, & tubs, 1 cow, calf, bull, & bell, 1 bed, bolsters, & bedstead. Robert Woods {to be paid} 3 £19 shillings 4.75 pence. William Woods is to have 3 tracts of land in Patrick County, and 1 on Birds Mountain.

To **Polly Woods** – Negroes Nom, Venus; 1 desk & bookcase, 1 bed, bedstead, & furniture, 2 cows. Polly Woods' part of the land is adjoining the line of Robert Woods on the east, and the line of John Woods on the west.

To **John Woods** – Negroes Lucy & Frank; 1 brown horse, 1 bed, bedstead, & furniture, 4 yearlings. John Woods is to have the upper or west end of said tract adjoining Polly Wood's Part of the land on the east.

To **Baily Woods** – Negro Mary & her child Henry, Henro Faner, 1 bed, bedstead, & furniture, 11 sheep, 1 bowfat [?], 1 cow & calf. Polly Woods {to be paid} 63 L 14 shillings 9.5 pence, and John Woods {to be paid} 4 £ 9 shillings 0.75 pence. Baily Woods is to have a tract on the **Mudy [sic] Fork of Chestnut Cr.**

"The aggregate amt is 1822 £ 16 {shillings} to be divided between 5 egete's {legatees?} except 4 £ 6 shillings 8 pence which is due to the widow. $1822:16/5 = 364 \text{ £ } 11 \text{ shillings } 2.25 \text{ } 3/5$ each legatee's proportion of the whole amount. Signed – *Wm H Shelton, Joseph Hale, David Dickenson*. Recorded Jan 7, 1805."⁷⁷

1805

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Land tax roll

MOSES GREER'S DISTRICT⁷⁸

Mills, James 334 acres / .21 per acre / \$70.14 total value / .34 tax

Personal tax roll

MOSES GREER'S DISTRICT⁷⁹

⁷⁶ "Franklin County, Virginia, Marriage Bond Index," database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 15 May 2018), citing "Marshall Wingfield, *Marriage Bonds of Franklin County, Virginia* (Memphis: West Tennessee Historical Society, 1939), page 80."

⁷⁷ *Franklin County, Virginia, Wills, 1786–1812* (Miami Beach, FL: TLC Genealogy, 1991), 72; citing Will Book 1: 256.

⁷⁸ Franklin Co., VA, Land Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 103, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

⁷⁹ Franklin Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 121, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

Mills, William 1 white male (turned in list on 3 May)
 0 blacks
 1 horse, mare, etc.
 tax 0.12

Mills, James Jr. 1 white male (turned in list on 3 May)
 0 blacks
 0 horses, mares, etc.
 tax 0.0

[skip 7]

Mills, James Sr. 2 white males (turned in list on 3 May)
 0 blacks
 3 horses, mares, etc.
 tax 0.36

[skip 22]

Mills, Arthur 1 white male (turned in list on 26 October)
 0 blacks
 1 horse, mare, etc.
 tax 0.12

COMMENT:

Again, the extra male aged 16+ is in James Sr.'s household, presumably George.

1806

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Land tax roll

MOSES GREER'S DISTRICT⁸⁰

Mills, James 334 acres / .24 per acre / \$70.14 total value / .34 tax

Personal tax roll

Moses Greer's District: "M" section⁸¹

Mills, James Sr. 2 white males (turned in list on 7 April)
 0 blacks
 3 horses, mares, etc.
 tax 0.36

Mills, James Jr. [missing]

[skip 25]

Mills, William 1 white male (turned in list on 24 May)
 0 blacks
 1 horse, mare, etc.
 tax 0.12

[skip 4]

Mills, Arthur 1 white male (turned in list on 24 May)
 0 blacks
 0 horse, mare, etc.
 tax 0.0

⁸⁰ Franklin Co., VA, Land Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 103, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

⁸¹ Franklin Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 121, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

COMMENT:

Again, the extra male aged 16+ is in James Sr.'s household, presumably George. Meanwhile, William Mills-Witt makes his first tax-roll appearance this year in Hairston's district, between Booker Mullins and Samuel McCarrell.

James Jr. is missing. If he and James Sr. have combined their households, then James Sr.'s second male could be James Jr. However, that seems unlikely given the age of the son George, who comes onto the roll in 1809 and should be in the parental household this year.

2 JUNE 1806

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Personal tax roll

HAIRSTON'S DISTRICT

William Mills 1 white male. Added just after **Booker Mullins**.

Mills and **Samuel McCarrell** (taxed on poll and land) both turned in their lists on 2 June.

COMMENT:

This is the earliest record found for William Mills-Witt.

Re McCarrell

Samuel McCarrell [who did not marry until December of this year] has three listings on this year's land tax roll, Hairston's District:

(1) McCarrell, Samuel / 139 acres / .50 per acre / \$68 total value / .33 tax

[skip 9]

Mattox, Nathan [in-law of Drucilla Kemp who married William Mills-Witt in 1815]

[skip 16]

Mattox, Gabriel [ditto]

[skip 2]

(2) McCarrell, Samuel / 139 acres / .50 per acre / \$68 total value / .33 tax

Mavity, John

Marcum, Barnet

(3) McCarrell, Samuel / 105 acres / .30 per acre / \$30.63 total value / .15 tax

The third tract was purchased in 1805. No purchase has been found for tracts 1 and 2 of the 1806 tax roll although one of the two tracts that carry the same exact data may be the 6 January 1806 item on his list of acquisitions below:

- **4 Feb. 1805, Samuel McCarroll of Franklin** bought 105 acres in Franklin from Abraham Stober (s/ Stover) and wife Chatrathen (s/Caty), for 105£. No watercourse is cited, but it adjoined *Mary Barret, John Wood, John Martin, and James Martin*.⁸² This land is likely in the Map 4 region, where Woods and Martins lived in proximity.
- **6 Jan. 1806, Thomas McCarroll** and Alexr. Wilson bought from the trustees of the town of Mt. Pleasant, Lot 3 for \$72.⁸³
- **1 Mar. 1814, Thomas McCarrell and wife Mary (x)**, legatees of Chas. **Furgeson**, sold to **Samuel McCarrell**, land formerly owned by **John Furgeson**, decd., which had been devised by him to his son Charles Furgeson who had died without legal offspring. Acknowledged by Thomas 1

⁸² Franklin Co., Deed Book 5:49.

⁸³ Franklin Co., Deed Book 5: 199.

March 1814 in Greenville Dist., SC.⁸⁴ [This should be “Menafee’s Place, as named in John Furgeson’s will. Samuel in December 1806, married Mary “Polly” Menafee, as discussed above. See Map 3.]

- **Oct 1811** “Deed from Sam’l McCarroll to Benja. Chavis provd & ord.”⁸⁵
- **2 Jan 1815** “Sam’l McCarroll to Charles Ward, lot.”⁸⁶

Online trees assert the following for Samuel McCarrell⁸⁷

- b. before 1776 in Virginia; son of Thomas McCarrell (died 1834)
- m. 8 December 1806, Franklin Co., Mary “Polly” Menafee, who died 1829 [“bond on file”]
- died 3 November 1837, Greenville Dist., SC
- had son William Menafee McCarrell

McCarrell has not been found on the 1810 census and his adjacent landowners of 1805 are scattered widely on that 1810 return. Booker Mullins does appear on the census that year.

TO DO:

Deed Book 2 (1789–1793): 97	Isham Furgerson to Nathan Maddox
Deed Book ___ (October 1811)	Samuel McCarroll to Benjamin Chavis

Re Mullins:

Bowker Mullins married Judith Stanley in Franklin Co., 12 May 1803.⁸⁸ Online trees assert that his parents were William Mullins and Nancy Stanley and that her parents were William Stanley and Nancy Mullins. Their **1810 census neighborhood** (starting with Mary Barrett, adjacent landowner to Samuel McCarrell, is as follows:⁸⁹

- Mary Barrett, female 45+, male 26–45, female 16–26, male 16–26
- Joshua Doss
- Jesse **Mullins**, male 26–45, female 26–45, male 16–26
- Nehemiah **Mullins**, male 26–45, female 16–26, male 0–10
- John **Lavender**, male 45+, female 45+, 2 males 16–26, 1 female 16–26, 4 males 10–16, 1 female 10–16, 1 female 0–10⁹⁰
- William Campbell,

⁸⁴ Franklin Co., Deed Book 7:193–94.

⁸⁵ Franklin Co., Order Book, October 1811–1817, p. 1.

⁸⁶ Franklin Co., Order Book, October 1811–1817, p. 240.

⁸⁷ For example, see kooltrainer48, “Bobbie’s Family Tree,” *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71206085/person/40235777959/facts> : accessed 15 May 2018). For the marriage, see “Franklin County, Virginia, Marriage Bond Index, 1786–1858,” database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 15 May 2018), citing “Marshall Wingfield, *Marriage Bonds of Franklin County, Virginia* (Memphis, TN: West Tennessee Historical Society, 1939), 154.”

⁸⁸ “Franklin County, Virginia, Marriage Bond Index,” database, *Ancestry.com* : accessed 15 May 2018), citing “Marshall Wingfield, *Marriage Bonds of Franklin County, Virginia* (Memphis: West Tennessee Historical Society, 1939), page 166.”

⁸⁹ 1810 U.S. census, Franklin Co., Va., stamped pp. 313 verso and 314.

⁹⁰ John Lavender supposedly was the grandson of the immigrant Richard Lavender, son of [unidentified], and brother of Thomas Lavender; Richard is said to have had a brother who settled in S.C. This family is of interest to me because (a) their descendants share atDNA with descendants of William Mills-Witt; (b) William Lavender of Albemarle/Bedford, son of one Charles, married in the 1750s to Millie, daughter of William Mills of Albemarle/Amherst and sister of my ancestress Sarah (Mills) Watts; and (c) descendants of the SC Lavenders of Fairfield also share atDNA with both me and descendants of William Mills-Witt. For a brief and questionable account of the Lavenders of Franklin, see Marshall Wingfield, *Pioneer Families of Franklin County, Virginia* (Berryville, VA: Chesapeake Book Co., 1964), 141–42. According to Wingfield, the John above m. Mary Depit and had children Thornton, William, James, Joseph, Chilton, John, Mary, Frances, Nancy, Emily, and Jesse (b. 1791).

- Hugh Oneal
- David Goode [offspring married Mullins]
- George Lamb
- Richard **Guilliams**
- Robert **Guilliams**
- George Turner
- James and Jeremiah **Ferguson** (kinsmen of Samuel McCarrell)
- Townley Riggs
- Andrew Ree
- Jacob *Prillimin* [Frances Prilliman m. 1829 Joseph Mullins, son of Booker, and lived next door to William Mills-Witt in 1830. See 1830 census notes, below.]
- John Briant [In 1788, the courts bound to Lewis Briant a child William Frame, “the bastard child of Happy Frame” whose daughter Nancy Frame in 1799 married James Mills Jr.” of Maggoty Creek. “Happy’s Cabin” in 1804 was said to be on Maggoty Creek.⁹¹]
- Levi *Martin*
- John Hixon
- Joseph Bowls
- Daniel *Prillimin*
- *Nathaniel Dixon*
- John *Prillimin*
- [skip 8]
- Obediah Stover (who sold land to **Samuel McCarrell**)
[This is the position **William Mills** appears in on the 1809 roll, between McCarrell & Bowker Mullins]
- **Bowker Mullins** (who married Judith Stanley)
- William Standley Sr. [married Nancy Mullins, sister of Booker;⁹² he has males in his household of age to be the missing William Mills-Witt]
- Thomas Standley [son of William and Nancy, born c1778]⁹³
- William **Mullins** [apparent brother of Booker Mullins]
- David Robertson
- John Young
- James Martin (adjacent neighbor of the Stover land sold to Samuel McCarrell)

Daniel Prillimin and the Mullins, Standleys, and Martins are shown on Maps 2 and 3. They are all SW of Rocky Mount.

On the 1830 census, Booker’s son Joseph is listed consecutively with William Mills.⁹⁴ Shortly before the census, Joseph married Frances “Fanny” Prillamon. (See notes under that year below.) Joseph and Fanny are said to have had a daughter **Octavia Mullins**, b. 1851, who married

⁹¹ Barbara Crumpton, *Franklin County, Virginia: Deed Book 4, 1799–1804* (Duncan, OK: Creative Copies, 1999), 92; citing DB 4: 607.

⁹² Bev and Ken Lintott, “Opal (Mullins) Lintott Paternal Ancestors – The Mullins’,” *Mullins* (http://users.xplornet.com/~kenlintott/Genealogy%20site/public_html/pages/bookermullinsseniordescendants.html : downloaded 13 August 2018) > “Second Generation.”

⁹³ Bev and Ken Lintott, “Opal (Mullins) Lintott Paternal Ancestors – The Mullins’,” *Mullins* (http://users.xplornet.com/~kenlintott/Genealogy%20site/public_html/pages/bookermullinsseniordescendants.html : downloaded 13 August 2018) > “Second Generation.”

⁹⁴ As subsequently shown under 1830 notes, this census is semi-alphabetized by the first letter of the surname. There are 127 “M” entries. The fact that William Mills and Booker’s son Joseph are adjacent would suggest some proximity of residence.

John Edmund Bryant.⁹⁵ The name Octavia is not a common name in this area—and is said to be the name of the wife of **James Mills** of Maggoty Creek, i.e., Octavia Breckinridge.

The 1850 census shows Booker (71) worth \$189, living with Judith (67), in the following household sequence:⁹⁶

- 1496/1490 Booker & Judith Mullins
- 1500/1494 **Joseph** Mullins, (40) worth \$300, with Frances (35) and children **George, Henry M.**, Mary J., Andrew, **Booker**, William, Joseph.
- 1501/1495 Jacob Good (57) worth \$1000, with Aley (54) & 8 children Mary (25), Olive (23), Jacob (21), Jonas (20), Elizabeth (18), Alice (16), **Jane** (14), **Judith** (12)
- 1502/1496 Luke **Standly** (75), **Jane** (50), Cynthia (30), Elizabeth (21), Harriett (17), **George** (23), **Henry** (10)

In 1860, Booker and Judith (aged 80 and 75) appear in this sequence:⁹⁷

- 328/324 David Prillamon Jr. (42), worth \$2000/800, Mary (30), Eliza E. (2)
- 333/329 Saml. **Stanley** (46) worth /\$80, Martha (30), Cynthia A. (20), Abigail (15), Wm. G. (12)
- 334/330 Booker and Judith, worth \$100/875
- 335/331 Wyatt J. [**Mullins?**] (44), worth 350/300, Rachel (36), Peter (19), **Sparrell (17)**, Louisa (15), Margaret J. (14), Sarah (12), Martha (10), Lewis (8), Thomas (7), Isaac (5), Lucy A. (1). "Sallie Boyd 62, serving"
- 336/336 Mariah Lovell (40), Martha (16), Saml (14)
- 337/333 Reuben Gear (55) worth /\$75; Cassie (45), Mary E. (20) serving, Martha J. (16), **Sparrell (13)**, Louisa (11), Letitia A. (8), Sarah A. (6), George G. (5), Missouri (3/12).
- 338/334 Isaac Worley (26) worth /\$50, Lucinda (20), George (1)
- 339/335 Samuel **Sloan** (46) worth \$1500/600, Lydia (46), Esom (22), Saml H. (16), Sarah M (14), James (12), Catharine (12), Mary (6)

Note:

- William & Drucilla Mills gave the name "Sparrell" to a son born 1824.
- In 1790, James & Alice Slone/Sloan sold their land on Elliott Creek to James Mills.⁹⁸

2 FEBRUARY 1807
FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA
Association.

"Inventory and appraisement of the estate of Thomas Robertson (Robinson), deceased ... 1 rifle, 1 old bed quilt, 1 big coat of County Cloth pantaloons, 1 old Bible, Dows Journal, 1 small book, 3 pamphlets, 1 old spelling book, 1 coffee pot, a parcel of shoemaker's tools; bonds from: Lewis Davis & Melker Waggoner, **Samuel McCarroll**, Walker Waggoner, John Griffith. Total value: 174 £ 11 shillings 9 pence. Sighed – Lewis Davis, Thomas Crutcher, George **Menefee**, Appraisers. Recorded Feb 2, 1807."⁹⁹

1807
FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

⁹⁵ Cindy Waters, "Cindy and Pat Wood Family Tree," *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/114843146/person/300141810112/facts> : accessed 15 May 2018), Octavia Mullins "Facts" page, with appended death certificate from Franklin Co., Brown Hill Dist., 21 June 1917, Octavie Bryant daughter of Joseph Mullins and Fannie Prillaman. Also Marshall Wingfield, *Marriage Bonds of Franklin County, Virginia* (Memphis: West Tennessee Genealogical Society, 1939), 167.

⁹⁶ 1850 U.S. census, Franklin Co., Va., p. 161v.

⁹⁷ 1860 U.S. census, Franklin Co., Va.. SW district, pp. 48–49.

⁹⁸ Barbara Crumpton, *Franklin County, Virginia, Deed Book 2, 1788–92* (Duncan, OK: Creative Copies, 1999), 14; citing DB 2: 94. Checked the original document on film; nothing of value has been omitted. .

⁹⁹ *Franklin County, Virginia, Wills, 1786–1812* (Miami Beach, FL: TLC Genealogy, 1991), 79; citing Will Book 1:288.

Land tax roll.

MOSES GREER'S DISTRICT: "M" section¹⁰⁰

Mills, James 334 acres / .21 per acre / \$70.14 total value / .34 tax

Personal tax roll.

Moses Greer's District: "M" section¹⁰¹

Mills, Arthur 1 white male (turned in list on 13 March)
0 blacks
0 horse, mare, etc.
tax 0.0

[skip 3]

Mills, James Sr. 2 white males (turned in list on 6 April)
0 blacks
2 horses, mares, etc.
tax 0.24

Mills, William 1 white male (turned in list on 6 April)
0 blacks
2 horse, mare, etc.

Mills, James Jr. 1 white males (turned in list on 6 April)
0 blacks
0 horses, mares, etc.
tax 0.0

COMMENT:

Again, the extra male aged 16+ is in James Sr.'s household. This would appear to be George who is added to the tax rolls under his own name in 1809. No tax rolls exist for Virginia in 1808, when the legislature failed to pass a tax act. *George could have come of age in 1808.*

4 APRIL 1807

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Personal tax roll

HAIRSTON'S DISTRICT

William Mills 1 white male

COMMENT:

William is again listed between **Booker Mullins** and **Samuel McCarrell**. Mullins and McCarrell both turned in their lists on 4 April. William's entry, sandwiched between them, is undated.

1808

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Land tax roll

Personal tax roll

COMMENT:

Virginia did not assess a tax this year.

MARCH 1809

¹⁰⁰ Franklin Co., VA, Land Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 123, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

¹⁰¹ Franklin Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 121, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Legal suit.

“**James Mills & Wife** vs. Kinzie.”¹⁰²

TO DO:

This needs to be reconsulted for details. The full suit needs to be sought in Franklin Co.’s “Determined Papers.”

9 MARCH 1809

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Association.

“I, **Robert Woods Sr.** of F, am advanced in years, but at this present time, of sound mind and memory. To **John S. Burwell and Josiah Woods**, my son – the following Negroes, to wit, Robert, Nan, Jane, Patsey, together with her daughter now born named Lucinda; also, all my households and kitchen furniture, all my plantation utensils, and one third of the cattle, hogs, & sheep on the plantation whereon I now live; also 1 horse called Jolly, and saddle & bridle, to be by them held in trust for the use of my daughter, Sarah Woods. If Sarah dies without an heir of her body, Sarah to have the sole right of disposing of the above property.

“To my daughter **Sarah Woods** – during her continuance on the plantation whereon I now live, the right to occupy the house where I now live, enough ground for her to cultivate corn & flax, to be adjudged by my executors, who will also judge the quantity of the place where she shall have the same, half the orchard attached to the plantation where I now live, and that part of the meadow which I now occupy, the use of a yoke of oxen, when she needs them.

“To my son **Josiah Woods** – the tract of land where I live, excepting to my daughter Sarah, the rights, as above. Also Negro man Anthony.

“To my grandson **Wiley Woods**, son of Josiah – Negro man Isaac.

“To my granddaughter **Harriot Woods**, daughter of Josiah – Negro girl Easter.

“To my granddaughter **Elizabeth Middleton Burwell** – Negro girl Letty.

To my daughter **Elizabeth Hill** – Negro women Fanny, Philis, & Eady and all her children.

To my son **Robert Woods** – Negro man Sam.

To my **grandsons Wiley Woods, son of Josiah, & Bailey Woods, son of Hugh Woods** – the bond due me from the estate of Hugh Woods, dec’d, to be equally divided between them, when collected by my executors.

To prevent any future misunderstanding or contention about my estate, after my death, I want it understood that all my property should be disposed of as described in this will, except such as may have been disposed of during my lifetime. Such of my children or their representatives who are not named in this will, should have no benefit or advantage from my estate, s I have intentionally excluded them.

“Executors: *John S. Burwell & Josiah Woods*. I do not want my estate appraised, not any security required of my executors. Signed March 9, 1809 – Robert Woods. Wit – Peachy R. Gilmer, David Dickenson, Nathan Mason.”¹⁰³

COMMENT:

- The grandson Wiley P. Woods was of age to witness a will on 15 November 1813.¹⁰⁴

¹⁰² Franklin Co., VA, Court Order Book 5:255.

¹⁰³ TLC Genealogy, *Franklin County, Virginia, Wills, 1786–1812* (Miami Beach, FL: TLC Genealogy, 1991), 104–5.

¹⁰⁴ Franklin Co. Will Book 2: 39.

- William Mills and wife Drucilla Kemp named a son Wiley—a name that I’ve not found in Drucilla’s birth family.
- See also, below, dates of 4 November 1811 and 3 March 1812, for the probate of Robert Woods’ will.
- For Robert Woods, see Map 4.

1809

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Land tax roll.

MOSES GREER’S DISTRICT: “M” section¹⁰⁵

Mills, James 334 acres / .21 per acre / \$70.14 total value / .34 tax

Personal tax roll.

MOSES GREER’S DISTRICT: “M” section¹⁰⁶

Mills, George 1 white male (no date in this district for turning in list)
 0 blacks
 1 horse, mare, etc.
 tax 0.12

[skip 5]

Mills, James Sr. 1 white males
 0 blacks
 1 horses, mares, etc.
 tax 0.12

Mills, James Jr. 1 white males
 0 blacks

 0 horses, mares, etc.
 tax 0.0

Mills, Arthur 1 white males
 0 blacks
 0 horses, mares, etc.
 tax 0.0

Mills, William 1 white male +
 0 blacks
 1 horse, mare, etc.
 tax 0.12

COMMENT:

This is the first appearance of George. Note that the 2nd male in James’s household is simultaneously dropped.

Throughout this period the Wimmer family appears in the same district with James Mills’s family. Wimmers would later intermarry with them.

Personal tax roll.

HAIRSTON’S DISTRICT “M” section¹⁰⁷

¹⁰⁵ Franklin Co., VA, Land Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 103, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

¹⁰⁶ Franklin Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 121, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

William Mills, 1 white male (submitted list on 13 April)

COMMENT:

William Mills-Witt appears on Hairston's roll in this cluster of "M" entries: Nathan Mattox, William Martin, Nathan Mason, George McAllister, Wilson Mattox, **Booker Mullins, William Mills, Samuel McCarrell.**

William Mills, Samuel McCarrell, and Nathan Mattox all turned in their lists on 13 April. Booker Mullins submitted his on 5 March. This makes the third year that Mills and MccCarrell turned in their lists on the same day.

1810

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Land tax roll

MOSES GREER'S DISTRICT: "M" section¹⁰⁸

Mills, James 334 acres / .24 per acre / \$70.14 total value / .34 tax

Personal tax roll

MOSES GREER'S DISTRICT: "M" section¹⁰⁹

Mills, William 1 white male (no dates)
0 blacks
1 horse, mare, etc.
tax 0.12

[skip 10]

Mills, James Jr. 1 white males
0 blacks
0 horses, mares, etc.
tax 0.0

[skip 11]

Mills, George 1 white male
0 blacks
1 horse, mare, etc.
tax 0.12

[skip 1]

Mills, James Sr. 1 white male
0 blacks
1 horses, mares, etc.
tax 0.12

[skip 15]

Mills, Arthur 1 white male
0 blacks
0 horses, mares, etc.
tax 0.0

Personal tax roll

¹⁰⁷ Franklin Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 121, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

¹⁰⁸ Franklin Co., VA, Land Property Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 103, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

¹⁰⁹ Franklin Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 121, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

HAIRSTON'S DISTRICT: "M" section¹¹⁰

William Mills, 1 white male (submitted list on 2 April)

COMMENT:

He, **Samuel McCarrell**, and John Kemp Jr. and Sr. all turned in list on 2 April. This makes the *fourth* consecutive year that William Mills and Samuel McCarrell turned in their lists on the same day. More specifically, *they have done so every year sinc William began to be taxed.*

2 JUNE 1810

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Witness

Clifford Slone and Peggy Slone his wife sell to George Wright, for 37£ 10s, all their interest in the estate of Harthman Doran, deceased, of Franklin Co., father of Peggy. Witnesses: Joseph Wright, Solomon Wright, **William Mills**.¹¹¹

COMMENT:

Online trees assert (without citing evidence) that Clifford is the son of James Slone/Sloan and wife Alice Mills. James and Alice (no surname given for her in that record) sold their Elliott Creek land to James Mills in 1790. Ostensibly, the William Mills who witnessed this deed would be James's son William—not William Mills-Witt of the Blackwater area.

AUGUST 1810

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Census

[consecutive entries]¹¹²

Isreal Davis

Henry Dishorn

Joshua Davis

Clifford Slone [alleged son of Jas. Slone and Alice Mills; Jas. S sold his land 1790 to Jas. Mills]

George Teel

John Stove[r]

Edward **Absheir**

William Mills	1 male 26–45	1 female 26–45
	2 males 10–16	2 females 10–16
	3 males 0–10	

Arthur Mills	1 male 45– [James?]	1 female 26–44 [Nancy Frame?]
	2 males 26–44 [Arthur? & James Jr?]	1 female 16–25 [Nancy West?]
	4 males 0–10	1 female 0–10

Justis Boitnetts

Luke **Abshier**

Joel Roberts

Pleasant Blankenship

COMMENT:

No William Mills appears this year as a head-of-household, in any county, who could be William Mills-Witt. Samuel McCarrell and their two nearest "M" entries from the 1809 roll (John Mavety

¹¹⁰ Franklin Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 121, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

¹¹¹ Franklin Co., Deed Book 6: 10–11.

¹¹² 1810 U.S. census, Franklin Co., Va., p. 12, lines 22 (William Mills) and 23 (Arthur Mills).

and Barnet Marcum) are also missing. **One Samuel “Carrell” is in adjacent Montgomery County, where Samuel McCarrell bought Ferguson family land from William and Sarah Weakes in 1803:**

Booker Mullins does appear on the Franklin census in this sequence:

- Mary Barrett, female 45+, male 26–45, female 16–26, male 16–26
- Joshua Doss
- Jesse **Mullins**, male 26–45, female 26–45, male 16–26
- Nehemiah **Mullins**, male 26–45, female 16–26, male 0–10
- John **Lavender**, male 45+, female 45+, 2 males 16–26, 1 female 16–26, 4 males 10–16, 1 female 10–16, 1 female 0–10¹¹³
- William Campbell,
- Hugh Oneal
- David Goode [offspring married Mullins]
- George Lamb
- Richard **Guilliams**
- Robert **Guilliams**
- George Turner
- James and Jeremiah **Ferguson** (kinsmen of Samuel McCarrell)
- Townley Riggs
- Andrew Ree
- Jacob *Prillimin* [Frances Prilliman m. 1829 Joseph Mullins, son of Booker, and lived next door to William Mills-Witt in 1830. See 1830 census notes.]
- John Briant [In 1788, the courts bound to Lewis Briant a child William Frame, “the bastard child of Happy Frame” whose daughter Nancy Frame in 1799 married James Mills Jr.” of Maggoty Creek. “Happy’s Cabin” in 1804 was said to be on Maggoty Creek.¹¹⁴]
- Levi Martin
- John Hixon
- Joseph Bowls
- Daniel *Prillimin*
- *Nathaniel Dixon*
- John *Prillimin*
- [skip 8]
- Obediah Stover (who sold land to **Samuel McCarrell**)
[This is the position **William Mills** appears in on the 1809 roll, between McCarrell & Bowker Mullins]
- **Bowker Mullins** (who married Judith Stanley)
- William Standley Sr. [married Nancy Mullins, sister of Booker,¹¹⁵ he has males in his household of age to be the missing William Mills-Witt]
- Thomas Standley [son of William and Nancy, born c1778]¹¹⁶

¹¹³ John Lavender supposedly was the grandson of the immigrant Richard Lavender, son of [unidentified], and brother of Thomas Lavender; Richard is said to have had a brother who settled in S.C. This Franklin family is of interest to me because (a) their descendants share atDNA with descendants of William Mills-Witt; (b) William Lavender of Albemarle/Bedford, son of one Charles, married in the 1750s to Millie, daughter of William Mills of Albemarle/Amherst and sister of my ancestress Sarah (Mills) Watts; and (c) descendants of the SC Lavenders of Fairfield also share DNA with both me and descendants of William Mills-Witt. For a brief account of the Lavenders of Franklin, see Marshall Wingfield, *Pioneer Families of Franklin County, Virginia* (Berryville, VA: Chesapeake Book Co., 1964), 141–42. According to Wingfield, the John above m. Mary Depit and had children Thornton, William, James, Joseph, Chilton, John, Mary, Frances, Nancy, Emily, and Jesse (b. 1791).

¹¹⁴ Barbara Crumpton, *Franklin County, Virginia: Deed Book 4, 1799–1804* (Duncan, OK: Creative Copies, 1999), 92; citing DB 4: 607.

¹¹⁵ Bev and Ken Lintott, “Opal (Mullins) Lintott Paternal Ancestors – The Mullins,” *Mullins* (http://users.xplornet.com/~kenlintott/Genealogy%20site/public_html/pages/bookermullinsseniordescendants.html) : downloaded 13 August 2018) > “Second Generation.”

- William **Mullins** [apparent brother of Booker Mullins]
- David Robertson
- John Young
- James Martin (adjacent neighbor of the Stover land sold to **Samuel McCarrell**)

Bowker Mullins's household on this 1810 census did not contain another male who might be William Mills. However, the **William Standley household adjacent to Mullins** had a male 45+, a male 26–45, and **male 16–26**, as well as a male 0–10, 1 female 0–10, 1 female 10–16, 2 females 16–26, and 1 female 45+.

[1810?]

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Will of George Boyd

[*nutshell*]

Eldest daughter **Sarah Hopson** to get "1 survey of land, adjoining the **Davenport's**, together with Negroes Patt."

Son **Walter** (land on **Poplar Creek** at mouth of **Dan River**), land on **Miry Creek**, adjoining "*Cunon ... and others*", 1 acre from land purchased of *William Stokes*, to be used for a landing on Dan River.

Son **Joshua** (upper part of the **County line Land** that was deed to my father," etc.)

Son **Job** [*sic*], 365 on south side of Dan, being land purchased from Mr. *William Stokes*, adjoining *Hampton Wade*, deceased, *Thomas Colley*, and *David Boyd*.

Wife Wilmoth, for her use and for bringing up and educating children, land on **Poplar Creek**, household furnishings, slaves, etc.

Son **George**: after death of wife to get the land left to her, etc.

Son **Harrison Boyd**, 180 acres on **County line Creek**; also 100 acres of old tract deed to father and part of the entry made with Mr. Rice.

Daughter **Tabitha Boyd**: slaves.

Executors: wife Wilmoth Boyd, and **my friends Michajah Wokur & Joseph Hopson**.¹¹⁷

COMMENT:

VAHometownLocator (<https://virginia.hometownlocator.com/features/s>) shows a Miry Creek and a Poplar Creek, off the Dan, in **Halifax County**. I've not located County Line Creek.

This Joseph Hopson and probable wife Sarah Boyd should be pursued as possible parents of Mary Anne Hobson who married Samuel E. Mills, son of William and Drucilla.

7 MAY 1810

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Association.

"Inventory and appraisement of the estate of **John Woods**, deceased, administered by **Ann Woods** who was the administratrix in her lifetime. Also an Appraisement of **Ann Woods, dec'd**, administered by Samuel Hairston, all included and appraised by *John Martin Sr, William Campbell, Robert Woods Esq & David Dickenson*. Feb 16, 1810. Items mentioned include: 3 yoke steers, 21 cows, set smit's tools, 4

¹¹⁶ Bev and Ken Lintott, "Opal (Mullins) Lintott Paternal Ancestors – The Mullins'," *Mullins* (http://users.xplornet.com/~kenlintott/Genealogy%20site/public_html/pages/bookermullinsseniordescendants.html : downloaded 13 August 2018) > "Second Generation."

¹¹⁷ TLC Genealogy, *Franklin County, Virginia, Wills, 1786–1812* (Miami Beach, FL: TLC Genealogy, 1991), 106–8; citing Will Book 1: 382.

plows, 2 desks, 2 rocking chairs, 1 large looking glass, 7 toylets, 4 bed quilts; Negroes Adam, Plato, Cato, Killis, Dick, Rose & her 5 children, Venus, Sarah & Lidey's child, Huldey & her 2 children, Seley & her 2 children, Catey & 2 children, Sophey and Cloey, Squire, Alsey, Antoney; books, indigo. Total value: \$8120.50. Recorded May 7, 1810.¹¹⁸

7 AUGUST 1810
FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Jury duty.

George Mills is cited for jury service.¹¹⁹

1811
FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Civic role.

William Mills paid \$1.75 for 28 hours patrolling.¹²⁰

1811
FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Land tax roll

MOSES GREER'S DISTRICT: "M" entries¹²¹

Mills, James 334 acres / .24 per acre / \$70.14 total value / .34 tax

Personal tax roll

MOSES GREER'S DISTRICT: "M" section¹²²

Mills, William 1 white male (no dates)
0 blacks
2 horse, mare, etc.
tax 0.24

[skip 6]

Mills, George 1 white male
0 blacks
1 horse, mare, etc.
tax 0.12

Mills, James Sr. 1 white male
0 blacks
1 horses, mares, etc.
tax 0.12

Mills, Arthur 1 white male
0 blacks
0 horses, mares, etc.
tax 0.0

[skip 6]

Mills, James Jr. 1 white male
0 blacks

¹¹⁸ TLC Genealogy, *Franklin County, Virginia, Wills, 1786–1812* (Miami Beach, FL: TLC Genealogy, 1991), 108; citing 1:386.

¹¹⁹ Franklin Co., VA, Court Order Book 5:376–7.

¹²⁰ Franklin Co., VA, Court Order Book 5: 430.

¹²¹ Franklin Co., VA, Land Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 103, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

¹²² Franklin Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 121, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

0 horses, mares, etc.
tax 0.0

COMMENT:

William Mills is not on the 1811 roll of either district. McCarrell is there on Hairston’s list.

TO DO:

- Work Montgomery County records thoroughly, to see if William is there during the period he is missing from Franklin.
- Include Thomas Musgrove and Thomas Mullins, from 1812 note below.
- Check Franklin’s personal tax roll to see if Thomas Mullins is also missing in 1811.

4 NOVEMBER 1811
FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Association.

“Proof of will

“At F Court of Nov 4, 1811, this will of Robert Woods, deceased, was proved by the oath of all 3 witnesses, and OR [ordered recorded.”¹²³

COMMENT:

See above notes for 9 March 1809, for Woods’ will.

“Also at Mar 3, 1812 Court, on the motion of John S. Burwell, one of the executors [of the will of Robert Woods], certificate is granted him for obtaining a probate in due form, liberty being reserved to the other executor to join in the probate when he shall see fit.”¹²⁴

1812
FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Land tax roll.

MOSES GREER’S DISTRICT: “M” section¹²⁵

Mills, James Sr. 334a “on a branch of Maggety” / .21 per acre / \$70.14 total value / .34 tax

Personal tax roll.

MOSES GREER’S DISTRICT: “M” section¹²⁶

Mills, William	1 white male	(no dates)
	0 blacks	
	2 horse, mare, etc.	
	tax 0.24	

[skip 2]

Mills, George	1 white male
	0 blacks
	1 horse, mare, etc.
	tax 0.12

Mills, Arthur	1 white male
	0 blacks

¹²³ TLC Genealogy, *Franklin County, Virginia, Wills, 1786–1812* (Miami Beach, FL: TLC Genealogy, 1991), 104–5.

¹²⁴ TLC Genealogy, *Franklin County, Virginia, Wills, 1786–1812* (Miami Beach, FL: TLC Genealogy, 1991), 104–5.

¹²⁵ Franklin Co., VA, Land Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 103, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

¹²⁶ Franklin Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 121, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

0 horses, mares, etc.
tax 0.0

[skip 14]

Mills, James Jr. 1 white male
0 blacks
0 horses, mares, etc.
tax 0.0

[skip 32]

Mills, James Sr. 1 white male
0 blacks
1 horses, mares, etc.
tax 0.12

Personal tax roll.

HAIRSTON'S DISTRICT: "M" section¹²⁷

William Mills 1 white male (submitted list on 6 April)

COMMENT:

- Consecutive with **Thomas Musgrove**; both turned in their lists on 6 April, as did one **Thomas Mullins**.
- A Thomas Musgrove was taxed in Bedford in 1801, 1802, 1803
- A Thomas Musgrove was taxed 1832–33 in Floyd, where William Mills-Witt moved c1847.

OCTOBER 1812

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Jury service.

William Mills serves on jury.¹²⁸ No indication as to which William Mills.

1813

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Land tax roll

MOSES GREER'S DISTRICT: "M" section¹²⁹

Mills, James 334a "Magoty Waters" / .21 per acre / \$70.14 total value / .46 tax

Personal tax roll

MOSES GREER'S DISTRICT: "M" section¹³⁰

Mills, William 1 white male (no dates)
0 blacks
2 horse, mare, etc.
tax 0.32

[skip 2]

Mills, George 1 white male
0 blacks
0 horse, mare, etc.

¹²⁷ Franklin Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 121, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

¹²⁸ Franklin Co., Order Book, October 1811–1817, p. 58.

¹²⁹ Franklin Co., VA, Land Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 103, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

¹³⁰ Franklin Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 121, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

Mills, Arthur tax 0.0
1 white male
0 blacks
0 horses, mares, etc.
tax 0.0

[skip 32]

Mills, James Sr. 1 white male
0 blacks
1 horses, mares, etc.
tax 0.16

Mills, James Jr. [Missing]

Personal tax roll.

HAIRSTON'S DISTRICT: "M" section¹³¹

William Mills, 1 white male, 2 horses. 32¢ tax. (list dated 5 April)

COMMENT:

Seventy-nine other individuals turned in their list on the same day. No Kemps were included. Others included James Patterson (who would serve as surety on the marriage bond of William Mills's son Samuel in 1841), Mathew Farmer and **John Mason of Bull Run**, Jno. Parker of Pigg River. William was listed immediately after John Mason of Bull Run.

COMMENT:

Bull Run of Blackwater River was in extreme east-central Franklin, meandering southwest some 2–5 miles southeast of Kemp's Ford. While William is in a different neighborhood, he had not moved far. **He was very near the Pittsylvania County line.** See Map 5, below.

NOVEMBER 1813

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Jury service.

William Mills serves on jury.

COMMENT:

The jury list carries no indication as to *which* William Mills was called for jury duty. By implication, we might propose that this William was the only one eligible to serve—hence, the clerk had no need to make a distinction. This William should be the son of the landowner James. He should not be William Mills-Witt who has owned no taxable property.

1814

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Land tax roll

MOSES GREER'S DISTRICT: "M" section¹³²

Mills, James 334a "Magoty" /12m. N of cthse / .21 per a / \$70.14 total value / .60 + .60 tax

COMMENT:

This year, the tax roll begins to state a location for the land, in terms of distance from courthouse in Rocky Mount.

¹³¹ Franklin Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 121, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

¹³² Franklin Co., VA, Land Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 103, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

MOSES GREER'S DISTRICT:

Abraham Abshear: Magoty 12 miles north of courthouse.
 Luke Abshear is Magoty 9 miles north.

JESSE PRUNTY'S DISTRICT (formerly Hairston's):

William Kemp Bull Run 18 m. E of cthouse
 Robert Kemp Blackwater 15 m. NE of courthouse
 Nathan Mattox Standifer's Cr 16 & 20 m. E

Map 5
 Blackwater River, Gill's Creek & Bull Run, Franklin County
 (Site of Kemp, Maddox, James Standifer & John Mason)¹³³



¹³³ Gertrude C. Mann, J. R. Hildebrand, and George A. Kegley, *A Settlement Map of Franklin County, Virginia ... 1786 to 1886* (Rocky Mount: Franklin County Historical Society, 1976).

1814

Personal tax roll.

MOSES GREER'S DISTRICT: "M" section¹³⁴

William Mills, 1 white male, 0 horses. 0 tax (list dated 12 March 1814)

COMMENT:

Prunty took over Robert Hairston's district. William is taxed between **Margaret & Peggy Martin** and **Matthew Martin**. His new position might suggest employment by the Martins.

The closest Maddoxes to him on the semi-alphabetized list are Gabriel and John, who are 11 listings away. Both turned in their list on 1 March. Apparently William is not in their immediate neighborhood. Martins were earlier adjacent to land purchased by Samuel McCarrell, in the region south and west of the county seat, Rocky Mount.

MOSES GREER'S DISTRICT: "M" section¹³⁵

Mills, Arthur 1 white male
0 blacks
0 horses, mares, etc.

Mills, William 1 white male (no dates)
0 blacks
2 horses, mares, etc.

[skip 2]

Mills, James 1 white male
0 blacks
2 horses, mares, etc.
tax 0.16

COMMENT:

No "Sr." or "Jr." is used for James. Coupled with the emergence of Widow Nancy on the 1820 census, this roll suggests that Jr. has died by 1814, leaving Sr. as the only James in the county. Note that George is also dropped. Thus far, I have not found a record of enlistment in the War of 1812 for either of them.

1815

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Land tax roll

MOSES GREER'S DISTRICT: "M" section¹³⁶

Mills, James 334a "Magoty" /12m. N of cthse / .21 per a / \$70.14 total value / .60 tax

Personal tax roll.

JESSE PRUNTY'S DISTRICT: "M" section¹³⁷

William Mills 1 white male 16+, 1 horse. 21¢ tax (list dated 27 February)

TO DO:

Go back to my tax roll notes and get his closest M entries.

¹³⁴ Franklin Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 121, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

¹³⁵ Franklin Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 121, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

¹³⁶ Franklin Co., VA, Land Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 103, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

¹³⁷ Franklin Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 121, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

MOSES GREER'S DISTRICT: "M" section¹³⁸

Mills, Arthur 1 white male (list of 24 ___)
 1 head of cattle
 tax: .03

[skip 6]

Mills, William 1 white male (list of 16 ___)
 2 horses, mares, etc.
 4 head of cattle
 tax: .33

[skip 16]

Mills, James 1 white male (list of 14 April)
 1 horses, mares, etc.
 7 head cattle
 tax 0.63

COMMENT:

By this time, assessments were also being made on desks, chests of drawers, clocks, and watches, as well as enslaved people. The Millses reported ownership of none of these.

The cited "12 miles North of courthouse" would put James Mills's land in Red Valley between upper Maggoty and Elliott's Creeks, just below Gen. Jubal Early's birthplace. See Map 1.

24 AUGUST 1815

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Marriage bond.

William Mills and **Drewsiller Kemp**. Signed by William Mills and Stephen Standefer, bondsman. Witness: Andrew Thompson.¹³⁹

COMMENT:

See image, next page.

On the surface, Stephen Standefer does not seem to offer a connection for William himself. The Kemps and Standifers had been neighbors on Standifer Creek of Blackwater River for nearly fifty years at this point.

Andrew Thompson appears to be the clerk who penned the bond, thereby diminishing the possibility that he provides clus to William's birth family.

¹³⁸ Franklin Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 121, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

¹³⁹ Franklin Co., VA, "Marriage Bonds, 1813 (I)–1818," loose papers chronologically arranged; Franklin Co. reel 47, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

Know all men by these Presents that We William Mills and
 Stephen Standefer, and he do and firmly bound unto Mr Wilson (son)
 Nicholas esquire, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, in
 the just and full sum of One hundred and fifty Dollars, to
 the payment whereof we and truly to be made to the said
 Governor and his successors for use of the Commonwealth We
 bind ourselves and each of us, our, and each of our heirs, executors
 and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these
 Presents, Sealed with our seals, and dated this 21th day of
 August 1815. The Condition of the above obligation is
 such that whereas there is a Marriage shortly intended to
 be had and solemnized between the above bound William
 Mills and Dorothea Kemp; Now if there shall be
 any lawful cause to obstruct the said Marriage then
 the above obligation to be void, else to remain in full
 force and Virtue.

signed sealed & delivered
 in the presence of
 Andrew Thompson

William Mills
 Stephen Standefer

1816
FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Personal tax roll.
 JESSE PRUNTY'S DISTRICT:

COMMENT:
 William Mills is missing. See Greer's District for a "new" William who had not appeared there
 before and would not be taxed there, thereafter.

Land tax roll.
 MOSES GREER'S DISTRICT: "M" section¹⁴⁰

Mills, James 324a [sic] "Magoty" /12m. N of cthse / .21 per a / \$70.14 total value / .53

COMMENT:
 Note that James Mills owns 10 acres less than usual. This does not seem to be an error because
 (a) his tax has also been reduced; and (b) he's taxed for 324a going forward.

¹⁴⁰ Franklin Co., VA, Land Tax Records, 1786-1803; Franklin Co. reel 103, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

Personal tax roll

MOSES GREER'S DISTRICT: "M" section¹⁴¹

Mills, William	1 white male	(4 March)
	2 horses, mares, etc.	
	tax: .36	
Mills, James	1 white male	(4 March)
	2 horses, mares, etc.	
	tax 0.36	
Mills, Arthur	1 white male	(4 March)
	tax: 0	

[skip 7]

Mills, William "G.C."	1 white male	(25 March)
	2 horses	
	\$.36 tax	

COMMENT:

There is no notation as to what "G.C." represents. Annotations of this type were added by assessors to distinguish multiple same-name men. Typically the annotation was the father's name or initials or the name or initials of the waterway on which the person lived.

The likeliest possibility is Gill's Creek, which lies in northeast Franklin County (formerly Bedford) on the north side of Blackwater. It flows off Blackwater, running northwest, parallel to and between Maggoty Creek and Roanoke River. Sites on Gill's Creek are about five to six miles east of parallel sites on Elliott's Creek. See Map 6.

William Mills-Witt is a likely candidate for this William Mills "G.C." He had married Drucilla Kemp seven months earlier, in the district where he had been listed every year before this. In this year, he is missing from that district. He should not be one of the unnamed taxables in the Kemp household, because the polls in the Kemp household correspond to earlier and later years.

This William Mills "G.C." would not be cited on a tax roll thereafter. In 1817, William Mills-Witt of the Kemp-Maddox clan was again enumerated in Prunty's District.

Re "poll tax": In the 1790s, the state of Virginia dropped the poll tax, although it allowed counties to continue to tax males 16+ or 21+, if they chose. In this year 1816, state law abolished the poll tax completely.¹⁴²

In 1789 (see above) James Mills witnessed a document on Gills Creek:

"Anthony Pate of Franklin to **John and Jubal Early**. £15 15 acres. **Gills Creek** beg at pointers in Wade and Bowker old line; S55W46 to white oak; S85W16 to red oak; S57W51 to Spanish oak. M/B. Signed: Anthony Pate. Wit: William Charter, John Charter, **James Mills**, Wray (x) Pate. Proven: 4 Jan 1790 by akn."¹⁴³

¹⁴¹ Franklin Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 121, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

¹⁴² Robert W. Baird, "Tithables: Everything You Wanted to Know," *Bob's Genealogy Filing Cabinet* (<http://www.genfiles.com/articles/tithables/>; accessed 13 June 2016); also Conley L. Edwards, *A Political History of the Poll Tax in Virginia, 1900–1950* (M.A. Thesis, University of Virginia, August 1973), 1; archived at University of Richmond, "UR Scholarship Repository" (<https://scholarship.richmond.edu/masters-theses/452/>; 2 May 2014).

¹⁴³ Barbara Crumpton, *Franklin County, Virginia: Deed Book 2, 1788–92* (Duncan, OK: Creative Copies, 1999), 12; citing DB 2: 75.

COMMENT (continued):

Other individuals who turned in their 1816 lists on same day as William Mills are

Arthur, Cary

Booth, Benjamin

Bradley, William

Betz, Conrood

Brown, Jennings

Cunningham, Joseph

Divers, Christopher

Dillin, Jesse

Frayland, Jacob

Hitt, Joseph

Hippingstall, Calob

Hitts, Michael

Hagans, James

Lein, Peter

Lazenbury John

Maxcey, Osias [Josiah] [alleged fath. of Zebedie below; bro. of Walter, husb. of Phoebe Arthur]

McGregory, Walter

Maxcey, Zebedie [Walter Maxcy & Elizabeth Craighead had

- Esther who married Thom M.Kemp
- Daughter who married John Craighead, first husb of Eliz. Edmondson, (sister of Millie who married Robert Kemp)

William Mills (G.C.)

Marr, Nell

[Find out more about this Nell or Eleanor. The 1830 census enumerates William Mills adjacent to a woman with a similar surname (Mares).

Napper, Thomas

Newbell, John G.

Oyler, Valentine Jr. [1815 one Fred Oiler was on next day's list from Wm. Mills]

Oneil, Thomas

Seay, John

Stewart, William

Stewart, John

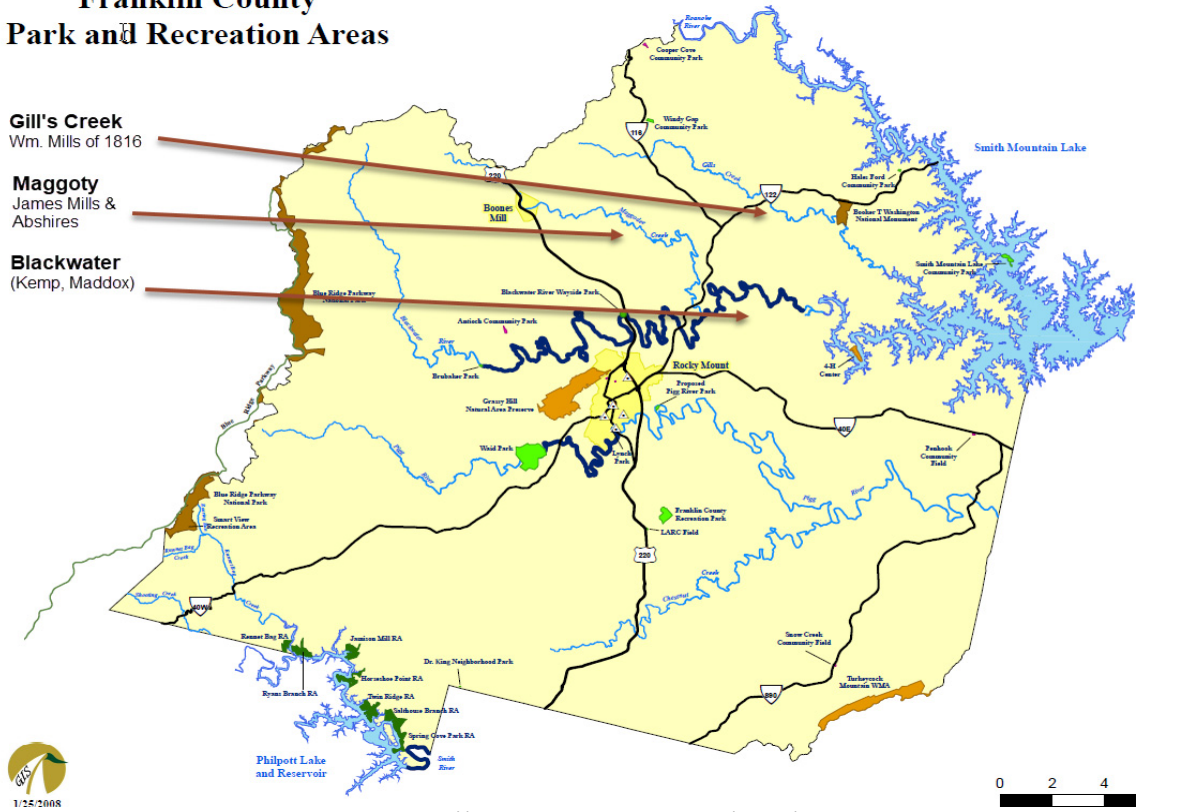
Stewart, Isaac

Thurman Daniel

Williamson, James

Map 6
Franklin County's Major Waterways

Franklin County
Park and Recreation Areas



Franklin County Park and Recreation (<http://www.franklincountyva.org/parks/> : accessed 14 April 2018), annotated by ESM.

1817
FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Personal tax roll.

PRUNTY'S DISTRICT: "M" section

William Mills 1 white male, 1 horse, 18¢ tax (list dated 3 February)

COMMENT:

Known associates turned in their list on 3 February. Others who turned in their list on 3 February included Peter Houseman, a Kemp neighbor, and William McCall, whose widow was enumerated adjacent to William in 1830, after William inherited Kemp land. William seems, this year, to have returned to the Camp's Ford area of his inlaws.

Prunty's roll has been substantially reorganized since 1813.

Land tax roll

MOSES GREER'S DISTRICT: "M" section¹⁴⁴

Mills, James 324a "Maggoty Waters" /12m. N of ctchse / .21 per a / \$70.14 total value / .53 tax

¹⁴⁴ Franklin Co., VA, Land Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 103, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

FEBRUARY–APRIL 1817

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Personal tax roll

MOSES GREER'S DISTRICT: "M" section

Mills, William	1 white male	(no date)
	2 horses, mares, etc.	
	tax: .36	
Mills, James	1 white male	
	1 horses, mares, etc.	
	tax 0.18	
Mills, Arthur	1 white male	
	tax: 0	

Mills, William "G.C." [no entry]

COMMENT:

Note that William "G.C." is dropped from this district after one year. Meanwhile, William Mills-Witt is again assessed with the Kemps and Mattoxs on Jesse Prunty's list (formerly Hairston's).

1818

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Land tax roll

MOSES GREER'S DISTRICT: "M" section¹⁴⁵

Mills, James 324a "Magoty" /12m. N of ctlse / .21 per a / \$70.14 total value / .53 tax

Personal tax roll

Moses Greer's District: "M" section¹⁴⁶

Mills, William	1 white male	(6 April)
	2 horses, mares, etc.	
	tax: .36	
Mills, James	1 white male	(6 April)
	1 horses, mares, etc.	
	tax 0.18	
Mills, Arthur	1 white male	(6 April)
	tax: 0	

Personal tax roll.

HAIRSTON'S DISTRICT: "M" section¹⁴⁷

William Mills 1 white male, 0 horses, 0 tax (list dated 2 March)

COMMENT:

The semi-alphabetized roll places him 4 listings from John Mattox.

1819

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Land tax roll.

¹⁴⁵ Franklin Co., VA, Land Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 104, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

¹⁴⁶ Franklin Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 121, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

¹⁴⁷ Franklin Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 121, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

MOSES GREER'S DISTRICT: "M" section¹⁴⁸

Mills, James 324a "Magoty" /12m. N of ctse / .21 per a / \$70.14 total value / .53 tax

Personal tax roll¹⁴⁹

Mills, Arthur 1 white male (30 April)
1 horse, mare, etc.
tax .18

Mills, William 1 white male (30 April)
3 horses, mares, etc.
tax: .54

Personal tax roll.

PRUNTY'S DISTRICT:

William Mills 1 white male, 0 horses. 0 tax list dated 12 February

COMMENT:

- This is the last year that William Mills-Witt was taxed in Franklin until 1830, when he inherited land from his father-in-law and returned to Franklin.
- He has not been found in the intervening decade on Montgomery County rolls.
- He is, however, enumerated on the August 1820 census of Franklin. See below.

1820

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Land tax roll

MOSES GREER'S DISTRICT: "M" section¹⁵⁰

Mills, James 324a "Magoty" /12m. N / \$1. / \$324 total value / 0 house / .41 tax
"Franklin in fee"

COMMENT:

This year, the roll adds a house column but it is blank for James's land. Ostensibly, there was no house or it was not worth more than a set base at which houses would be taxed. If no house is on the land, where was he living? Given that none of James's sons yet owned land, it is likely that all were residing on James's land and farmed with him.

The roll carries no explanation of the "Franklin in fee" comment. It appears for many taxpayers. It *should* mean that the land was in Franklin and was held by fee-simple title (i.e., full title).

Personal tax roll

MOSES GREER'S DISTRICT: "M" section¹⁵¹

Mills, William 2 white male (6 March)
2 horses, mares, etc.
tax: .36

Mills, Arthur 2 white males (6 March)
0 horses, mares, etc.
tax 0.0

¹⁴⁸ Franklin Co., VA, Land Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 104, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

¹⁴⁹ Franklin Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 121, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

¹⁵⁰ Franklin Co., VA, Land Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 104, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

¹⁵¹ Franklin Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 121, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

Mills, James 0 white male (6 March)
 1 horse, mare, etc.
 tax 0.0

COMMENT:

The reason why no adult male is charged to James’s household is puzzling. Virginia has not charged a poll tax for many years, by decree of the state assembly. Counties were allowed to tally males 16+ or 21+, but not to charge them a head tax. Thus far, I have not found a record in which James has requested relief from any tax on the basis of advanced age.

1820

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Census

[consecutive entries]¹⁵²

William McCall

Nathan Mason

Nehemiah *Mullin*

Mordica Moseley

Judith *Mullin* [née Standley]

James McVey (McDay?)

Caty Minnia

Francis Moss

Nancy Mills 5 males 0–10 1 female 26–45 [née Nancy Frame, sister of Wm. Frame]

Jacob Mangus

George McVey

George **Mars**

Benjamin **Mars**

John M. **Marr**

Archibald McClardy

William Mitchell

Benjamin Marshall

Richard Mitchell

James Mitchell

William Mullin

John Mason

[skip 11]

Bowker Mullins

Edward McDaniel

John Matthews

Gabriel Mattock

William Mills 1 male 26–45 1 female 26–45¹⁵³
 3 males 0–10

COMMENT:

Nancy Mills (apparently Nancy née Frame, widow of James Mills Jr.), does not seem to be amid “M” names from Greer’s District. Her fellow M’s are south-of-the-Blackwater families.

¹⁵² 1820 U.S. census, Franklin Co., Va., p. 155 (stamped), line 28 (Nancy Mills); p. 156, line 18 (William Mills [and Drucilla]); p. 167.

¹⁵³ 1820 U.S. census, Franklin Co., Va., p. 156, line 18 (William Mills [and Drucilla]).

Various online trees assert that William of the Kemp-Maddox clan was the father of two sons, Larkin Mills and Anderson Mills, born in the 18-teens. The above household data does not allow for their presence. By August 1820, William and Drucilla had 3 sons: James H. (b. c1816); Samuel E. (b. 26 February 1818); and William B. (b. 1820).

James Merril
 Jesse Mavity
 William Mavity
 John Manning
 William Moore
 Henry Manning
 Mary **Mullins**
 [skip 21]
 Josiah Maxcy
 Jeremiah Maxcy
 William Mitchell Sen.
 Robert Martin
 Jonathan McGuire

Arthur Mills	2 males	45—	1 female	26–45 ¹⁵⁴
	1 male	16–25	2 females	16–25
	1 male	16–18	2 females	0–10
	2 males	10–15		
	4 males	0–10		
William Mills	1 male	45–	1 female	16–25 ¹⁵⁵
	1 male	16–25	3 females	0–10
	1 male	10–16		
	3 males	0–10		

James Martin, Sr.
 Hezekiah Meador
 John Martin, Jnr.

27 JANUARY 1821
FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Deed.

Joab Early and wife Ruth to **William Mills**, all of Franklin Co., for 200, 67 acres in Franklin Co. described as follows: Beginning at a White Oak S28 W88 poles to a white oak in Mills’ line, thence with that line N45 W59 poles to a White Oak, N25 W82 poles to a white oak, N25 E74 poles to a white Oak, S41 E142 to the beginning, together with all “appertenances.”¹⁵⁶

COMMENT:

I’ve found no record of the Elliott-Maggoty Creek William owning land prior to this. The reference to “Mills’ line” would seem to be a reference to the land of his father James.

1821
FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Land tax roll

¹⁵⁴ 1820 U.S. census, Franklin Co., Va., p. 157, line 13 (Arthur Mills).
¹⁵⁵ 1820 U.S. census, Franklin Co., Va., p. 157, line 19 (William Mills [brother of Arthur]).
¹⁵⁶ Franklin Co., VA, Deed Book 9: 254.

MOSES GREER'S DISTRICT: "M" section¹⁵⁷

Mills, James 324a "Magoty" /12m. N / \$1. / \$324 total value / 0 house / .41 tax
"Franklin in fee"

Personal tax roll.

MOSES GREER'S DISTRICT: "M" section¹⁵⁸

Mills, William 2 horses, mares, etc. (5 February) tax .27
Mills, James 1 horse, mare, etc. (5 February) tax .13½
Mills, Arthur No listing

COMMENT:

William Mills of the Kemp clan is not found in either tax district this year.

28 MARCH 1822

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Mortgage.

Arthur Mills and **James Mills** to Eli Ferguson. Mills owes Stephen Preston, Jr. & Co. as of same date, \$192.08. In security, they give a mortgage to Eli Ferguson (trustee) for land on Elliott's Creek, 78 acres bounded by Peter Abshire's line and running to a new cut line, together with 5 head of cattle, all of which were owned by James Mills. Signed: Arthur X Mills, James X Mills. Witness: William X Mills.¹⁵⁹

COMMENT:

In other documents, James Mills did sign rather than make his mark.

1822

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Land tax roll

MOSES GREER'S DISTRICT: "M" section¹⁶⁰

Mills, James 324a "Magoty" /12m. N / \$1. / \$324 total value / 0 house / .41 tax
[skip many]
Mills, William 67a "p. J. Early" / Magoty / 15 N / \$2. 0 house / \$134 value / .12 tax

COMMENT:

For both James and William, the "Franklin in fee" notation appears.

"p J. Early" was the style of notation to indicate that William had bought the land "per J. Early." Early executed many deeds in the several months preceding this tax roll.

William's father, in 1784 (when Maggoty Creek was still in Bedford County), witnessed the will of John Early. The family association has spanned at least 40 years.

Personal tax roll

MOSES GREER'S DISTRICT: "M" section¹⁶¹

Mills, William 2 horses, mares, etc. (4 February) tax .27
Mills, Arthur 1 horse, mare, etc. (23 February) tax .13½

¹⁵⁷ Franklin Co., VA, Land Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 104, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

¹⁵⁸ Franklin Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 121, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

¹⁵⁹ Franklin Co., VA, Deed Book 10:281.

¹⁶⁰ Franklin Co., VA, Land Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 104, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

¹⁶¹ Franklin Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 122, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

Mills, James No listing

COMMENT:

William Mills of the Kemp clan is not found in either tax district this year.

6 MARCH 1823

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Land sale.

James Mills to Peter Boon, for \$400, 200 acres lying on both sides of "Ellet's Creek." Begin at post oak, N23W8½ poles to a white oak, S33 W5 poles to a white oak, S10 E30 poles to a white oak, S38 E156 poles to a chestnut, S57 E11 poles to 3 chestnut oaks, then with dividing line along several courses for 158 poles to the beginning.¹⁶²

COMMENT:

No wife participated in this sale by James Sr.

1823

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Land tax roll

MOSES GREER'S DISTRICT: "M" section¹⁶³

Mills, James 324a / "Elliott's Creek" / 12m. N / \$1. / \$324 total value / 0 house / .26 tax
[skip many]

Mills, William 67a / "Elliott's Creek" / 15 N / \$2. 0 house / \$134 value / .12 tax

COMMENT:

William Mills of the Kemp clan is not enumerated in any district this year.

For both James and William, the "Franklin in fee" notation appears.

Note the new location for the land. The land obviously has not moved. Instead, the roll now identifies the specific "waters of the Maggoty" on which the James Mills family lived.

Personal tax roll

MOSES GREER'S DISTRICT: "M" section¹⁶⁴

Mills, William 1 horse, mare, etc. (6 March) tax .12

Mills, Arthur 1 horse, mare, etc. (6 March) tax .23

Mills, Hiram 1 horse, mare, etc. (6 March) tax .12

COMMENT:

William Mills of the Kemp clan is not found in either tax district this year.

24 MARCH 1824

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Marriage bond.

Jesse Mills and Sophronia Hawkins. George McVey, surety.¹⁶⁵

COMMENT:

¹⁶² Franklin Co., Deed Book 10:243.

¹⁶³ Franklin Co., VA, Land Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 104, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

¹⁶⁴ Franklin Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 122, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

¹⁶⁵ Franklin Co., Marriage Bond Book 1, 1786–1853: 67, citing marriage bond 2855.

Jesse's parentage has not been identified. He is not named as a son in the will of William-of-James. By elimination, he should be a son of Arthur or James Jr.

30 APRIL 1824

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Deed.

James Mills to William Mills, both of Franklin Co., for "one dollar," paid, 100 acres more or less "on the waters of Elliot Creek ... bounded as follows": Beginning at Peter Boons corner, chestnut oak, then S57 E100 poles to a black oak, S28 E110 poles to a black Oak, N52 E 94 poles to a spanish oak, N6 W crossing Elliot's Creek 58 poles to a white oak, N44 W59 poles to a red oak, N23 W to Peter Boons line, thence with his line to the beginning, together with all "appertenances." Witnesses: Arthur Mills, John Doran, James Pate. **James and Arthur signed.**¹⁶⁶

1824

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Land tax roll

MOSES GREER'S DISTRICT: "M" section¹⁶⁷

Mills, James 120a / "Elliott's Creek" /12m. N / \$1. / \$120 total value / 0 house / .19 tax
[skip many]

Mills, William 67a / "Elliott's Creek" / 15 N / \$2. 0 house / \$134 value / .11 tax

COMMENT:

- William Mills of the Kemp clan is not found in either tax district this year.
- James's taxable land is reduced by 124 acres. The deed of 6 March 1823 states that he sold 200 [sic] acres to P. Boon. Reading all letters of the alphabet on this tax roll, I find the following crossreference: Boon, Peter, "pr James Mills" 200a / Magoty / 12m. N \$1 / 0 house tax / \$200 / .16 tax.

Personal tax roll

MOSES GREER'S DISTRICT: "M" section¹⁶⁸

Mills, William 1 horse, mare, etc. (3 March) tax .12

Mills, Arthur 2 horses, mares, etc. (3 March) tax .24

Mills, Hiram No entry

COMMENT:

William Mills of the Kemp clan is not found in either tax district this year.

1825

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Land tax roll

MOSES GREER'S DISTRICT: "M" section¹⁶⁹

Mills, James [no entry]

Mills, William 100a "fr. James Mills" / "Elliott's Creek" /12m. N / \$1. / \$120 total value / .19 tax
67a / "Elliott's Creek" / 15 N / \$2. 0 house / \$134 value / .11 tax

¹⁶⁶ Franklin Co., Deed Book 11:39-40.

¹⁶⁷ Franklin Co., VA, Land Tax Records, 1786-1803; Franklin Co. reel 104, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

¹⁶⁸ Franklin Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1786-1803; Franklin Co. reel 122, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

¹⁶⁹ Franklin Co., VA, Land Tax Records, 1786-1803; Franklin Co. reel 104, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

COMMENT:

William Mills of the Kemp clan is not found in either tax district this year.

Note that James is dropped from tax rolls after 1824. This parallels the common (but undocumented) assertion in online trees that he died on 24 April 1824.¹⁷⁰

Personal tax roll

MOSES GREER'S DISTRICT: "M" section¹⁷¹

Mills, Arthur	1 horse, mare, etc.	(7 February)	tax .12
[skip 20]			
Mills, William	1 horse, mare, etc.	(no date)	tax .12
Mills, Hiram	No entry		

FEBRUARY–MARCH 1826

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Personal tax roll

MOSES GREER'S DISTRICT: "M" section¹⁷²

Mills, Arthur	2 horse, mare, etc.	(6 February)	tax .24
[skip 26]			
Mills, Jesse	1 horse, mare, etc.	(6 March)	tax .12
[skip 18]			
Mills, William Sr.	2 horses, mares, etc.	(6 March)	tax .24

COMMENT:

William Mills of the Kemp clan is not found in either tax district this year.

Given that William-of-James is now called William Sr. on the tax roll, one would expect to find a William Jr. on the roll also—not necessarily as a son but simply a younger same-name man. That does not happen this year.

William Mills-Witt has been missing from Hairston's District since 1823. He would not return until 1830 (census) and 1831 (tax roll), after inheriting land from his father-in-law Robert Kemp. I have also read Bedford and Montgomery Counties personal tax rolls for 1819–30 and do not find him in those counties.

26 MARCH 1827

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Personal tax roll

MOSES GREER'S DISTRICT: "M" section¹⁷³

Mills, Arthur	1 horse, mare, etc.	(26 March)	tax .12
[skip 13]			
Mills, Hiram	2 horses, mares, etc.	(26 March)	tax .24
[skip 14]			
Mills, William Sr.?	2 horse, mares, etc.	(26 March)	tax .24

¹⁷⁰ For example see bootiekeys, "DNA Connection for Lang Family," user-contributed tree, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/108329254/person/280085653012/facts> : accessed 13 May 2018), James Mills "Facts" page.

¹⁷¹ Franklin Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 122, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

¹⁷² Franklin Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 122, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

¹⁷³ Franklin Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 122, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

COMMENT:

William Mills of the Kemp clan is not found in either tax district this year.

3 MARCH 1828

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Personal tax roll

MOSES GREER'S DISTRICT: "M" section¹⁷⁴

Mills, Arthur	1 horse, mare, etc.	(3 March)	tax .12
[skip 1]			
Mills, William J[r]	1 horse, mare, etc.	(3 March)	tax .12
[skip 8]			
Mills, Hiram	1 horse, mare, etc.	(3 March)	tax .12
[skip 4]			
Mills, Jesse	1 horse, mare, etc.	(3 March)	tax .12
[skip 6]			
Mills, William	1 horse, mare, etc.	(3 March)	tax .12

COMMENT:

William Mills of the Kemp clan is not found in either tax district this year.

20 NOVEMBER 1828

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Marriage bond.

William Mills Jr. and Polly Showalter. John Frailin, surety.¹⁷⁵

FEBRUARY–APRIL 1829

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Personal tax roll

MOSES GREER'S DISTRICT: "M" section¹⁷⁶

Mills, Arthur	2 horses, mares, etc.	(7 March)	tax .20
[skip 2]			
Mills, William Jr.	1 horse, mare, etc.	(7 March)	tax .10
[skip 7]			
Mills, Hiram	1 horse, mare, etc.	(1 February)	tax .10
[skip 2]			
Mills, Jesse	1 horse, mare, etc.	(6 April)	tax .10
[skip 6]			
Mills, William Sr.	2 horse, mare, etc.	(4 April)	tax .20

COMMENT:

William Mills of the Kemp clan is not found in either tax district this year.

30 MARCH 1829

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Deed.

¹⁷⁴ Franklin Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 122, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

¹⁷⁵ Franklin Co., VA, Marriage Bond Book 1, 1786–1853: 67, citing marriage bond 2860.

¹⁷⁶ Franklin Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 122, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

William Mills and wife **Elizabeth** to Henry Stover. Sale for \$171 paid, 38 acres “on the wates of Elliets Creek” beginning at a Red Oak N70 W18 poles to a double Chestnut off new lines, N27 W20 poles to a Rock on a branch, N57 W52 poles to a Spanish Oak, N77 W22 poles to a Spanish Oak, S41 W34 poles to a chestnut tree in the old line, with it S29 E92 poles to a Black Oak, N55 E84 poles to the beginning.¹⁷⁷

8 JUNE 1830

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Partition of estate of Robert Kemp, dec’d.

Widow Sarah Kemp	\$675.00
James Dudley	807.40
William Mills	807.40
William Kemp	807.40
James Kemp	807.40
John Kemp	807.40

Also land to each heir. Mills’s land is described as

151 acres beginning at a spanish oak on the River, off 52° E92 poles to pointers on a branch, thence up the same as it meanders 130 poles to a red oak, off S85 E82 poles to pointers, N8 W128 poles to a persimmon tree, N65 W140 poles to a willow on River, then up the same as it meanders to the beginning.¹⁷⁸

TO DO:

I need all documents relating to this estate, including metes and bounds for the other divisions of the land.

JUNE 1830

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Jury duty.

William Mills Jr. served on jury.¹⁷⁹

JUNE 1830

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Census.

(semi-alphabetical)¹⁸⁰

Medders, William & Benjamin

Manson, Charles R.

McGuire Jonthn.

Mills, Arther

	1 female	70–80
1 male	50–60	1 female 40–50
1 male	20–30	1 female 30–40
1 male	15–20	1 female 15–20

¹⁷⁷ Franklin Co., VA, Deed Book 17: 45–46.

¹⁷⁸ Franklin Co., VA, Will Book 4: 163. The heir James Dudley married Nancy Kemp by bond dated 19 September 1804; see “Franklin County, Virginia, Marriage Bond Index, 1786–1858,” database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 15 May 2018), citing Marshall Wingfield, *Marriage Bonds of Franklin County, Virginia* (Memphis: West Tennessee Genealogical Society, 1939), 78. To be of age to marry in 1804, Nancy should be a full sister of Drucilla—i.e., the daughter of Millie Edmondson rather than Sarah Maddox. Online trees assert that James Dudley was born about 1784 in Bedford County, as son of Gwyn Dudley and Mary E. Hail(e).

¹⁷⁹ Franklin Co., VA, Court Order Book 10: 8.

¹⁸⁰ 1830 U.S. census, Franklin Co., VA, pp. 77–79.

	2 males 10–15	1 female 10–15
	1 male 0–5	2 females 0–5

Medder, George

(p. 78)

Mills, William S [sic]	1 male 30–40	1 female 30–40
	1 male 15–20	1 female 15–20
	1 male 5–10	2 females 10–15
		1 female 0–5

McGuire, Robert
 Medder, Abel
 Medder, Jahue
 Montgomery, Samuel
 McCormck, John D
 McGuffin, Obrah

Mills, Hyrum	1 male 20–30	1 female 20–30
	1 male 0–5	1 female 10–15
		2 females 0–5

Moore, Lewis
 Moore, James
 Meaires, George S
 Meaires, Benjm.

Mills, Jesse	1 male 20–30	1 female 20–30
	1 male 5–10	
	2 males 0–5	

COMMENT:

I have not yet identified the parents of this Jesse. His proximity to Hiram and William suggests that he stems from the James Mills family, but he is not included among the children named in the will of William-of-James.

Martin, Thomas
 Medder, Thomas
 Medder, James
 Minnis, Daniel
 Medder, Hezekiah
 “ Creed

Mills, William [Jr.]	1 male 30–40	1 female 30–40	[grandson of James]
		1 female 0–5	

Mitchel, William
 Medder, Joseph Sr.
 Moore, Joseph
 Medder, Jonas
Mullins, Nehemiah
 Martin, Booker
 McNeel, Jacob Jr.
 Mackentree, James

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Marrs, Samuel
 Martin, Sarah

Maison, William
 Mitchee, Elisha
 Mason, John
 Mitchel, William
 Martin, James [adjacent landowner to Samuel McCarrell the year before William Mills went on the Franklin Co. tax rolls between McCarrell and Booker Mullins]

Moore, David
 Martin, John [ditto James Martin comment]

Merredith, James
 Maresy, James
 Mitchel, David
 Mason, John S.
 Mullans, Aaron
Mattox Gabriel
Mannin Samuel
 Mackinhammer, Jacob
 Muse, John
 Meredith, William

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Mullens, Stephen
 McCrery, John E.

Mullins, Booker [1 male 80–90; 1 male 50–60; female 80–90; female 40–60]

[skip 6]

Mullins, Hadron

[skip 5]

Mason, Lewis

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Muse, Henry S.
 Moseley, Rebeckah
 Martin, Sitteral
 McCalister, Agnis
 Martin, William
 Moore, John
 Mullins, Jacob
 Moore, Benjamin
 Martin, Hugh
 Martin, Mary
 Martin, John
 Mason, Francis

1 female 70–80

1 female 40–50

1 male 20–30 1 female 30–40

1 male 5–10

Maris, Permelia

1 female 30–40

1 total

Mills, Wm. [Mills-Witt]

1 male 40–50

1 female 30–40

1 male slave 24–36

11 total

1 male 20–30

1 male slave 0–10

2 males 10–15

1 male 5–10

1 male 0–5

2 females 0–5

Mullins, Jos.	1 male 20–30	1 female 15–20	1 female slave 10–24	
			1 male slave 0–10	
Metz, John				
McCall, Milly ¹⁸¹		1 female 40–50	[9 slaves]	17 total
	1 male 20–30	1 female 20–30		
	3 males 15–20	1 female 15–20		
	1 male 5–10			
McCall, Holland	1 male 30–40	1 female 20–30	[0 slaves]	4 total
	2 males 0–5			

[Start of 'N' section]

COMMENT:

The documents I've found from Robert Kemp's estate do not show William Mills inheriting any enslaved people. If that man and child did not come from the Kemps, then two possibilities exist:

- William was an overseer of an absentee landowner in 1830 and thus the slaves are attributed to his household.
- William actually did buy slaves—in which case he should appear on personal tax rolls, somewhere, in the 1820s.

Note that the young newlywed male next door to William, Joseph Mullins, owned an enslaved woman and child who might be the missing mother from the father-son family held by William.

A single enslaved woman and small child in the family of a young newlywed couple such as Joseph and Fannie, in a farming community, is unusual. A young farm husband, starting out, would want a male slave to help him build his farm.

Mare, Mares, Maires, Mairs, Maris, Marrs:

The Marrs family of Franklin on the earlier 1820 census consisted of

- Benjamin Marrs who married 24 February 1801, daughter of Samuel and Catherine Saunders¹⁸²
- George Marrs who married 23 February 1808, Elizabeth Beverley¹⁸³

Other Marrs marriages in Franklin in the relevant time period were:

- Hercules Marrs who married 11 February 1806, Betty Chavers,¹⁸⁴ from the family of Ben Chavers, f.m.c., who bought a lot from Samuel McCarrell in 1811.
- Margaret Marrs m. 1815, Jacob Saunders¹⁸⁵

¹⁸¹ This Milly is said to be née Holland, daughter of Peter and Mary Holland, and widow of William S. McCall. See *Find A Grave* (<https://findagrave.com/memorial/44154813>), tombstone photo by John McCall; burial in McCall Cemetery, Readsville, Callaway County, MO.

¹⁸² "Franklin County, Virginia, Marriage Bond Index," database, *Ancestry.com* : accessed 15 May 2018), citing Marshall Wingfield, *Marriage Bonds of Franklin County, Virginia* (Memphis: West Tennessee Historical Society, 1939), page 148."

¹⁸³ "Franklin County, Virginia, Marriage Bond Index," database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 15 May 2018); citing Marshall Wingfield, *Marriage Bonds of Franklin County, Virginia* (Memphis: West Tennessee Historical Society, 1939), page 149." The 1810 census enumerates him on the same page with Peter Boone, who lived 12 households after the Abshires. Samuel Saunders was a close neighbor of Hercules. See 1810 U.S. census, Franklin Co., p. 306 & verso (stamped). They were not near the Kemp-Mattox families. Hercules is not there in 1830. The parents of Elizabeth Beverley have not been identified, but Ben Chavis ("Chaffers") and Cill Beverly appear in adjacent households in 1810, as fpc.

¹⁸⁴ "Franklin County, Virginia, Marriage Bond Index," database, *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 15 May 2018); citing Marshall Wingfield, *Marriage Bonds of Franklin County, Virginia* (Memphis: West Tennessee Historical Society, 1939), page 149."

- Samuel Marrs, m. 18 April 1827, Anna Marrs; son of George Sr. and Elizabeth.¹⁸⁶
- George Marrs, m. 3 March 1828, Charity Hickman¹⁸⁷
- Hercules Marrs [Jr.] m. 1 March 1828, Lydia Cuff, daughter of William and Rachael Cuff;¹⁸⁸ this Hercules, considerably younger than the one who married in 1806, is enumerated with Lydia on the 1850 census of adjacent Montgomery Co. (Other Marrs in Montgomery Co. in earlier years are free people of color, including Abraham Mares who, in 1807 filed in Montgomery Co. a free paper created for him in Franklin Co. on August 1805, stating that he was “a dark mulatto,” about 22, and born of free parents.)¹⁸⁹
- Elizabeth Marrs m. 11 January 1828, Thomas Goings.¹⁹⁰

George and Samuel Marrs are missing from 1830 Franklin Co. census, suggesting they moved on.

Marrs, described as “free people of color,” also appear in Henry County. Of particular notice is Jacob Marrs who appears on the 1820 census 5 households from William Mills Sr. and his son Francis.¹⁹¹ This William’s son, William F., also had unnamed fpc in his household that year.

Permelia, aged 30–40 in 1830, was of age to have married 1810–20. I’ve found no marriage of any Marrs (*var.* Mares, Morris, etc.) to a woman named Permelia in any of the Virginia marriage databases at Ancestry.

Mullins:

The following Mullins marriages are recorded in Franklin County pre-1840:¹⁹²

¹⁸⁵ “Franklin County, Virginia, Marriage Bond Index,” database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 15 May 2018); citing Marshall Wingfield, *Marriage Bonds of Franklin County, Virginia* (Memphis: West Tennessee Historical Society, 1939), p. 148.

¹⁸⁶ “Franklin County, Virginia, Marriage Bond Index,” database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 15 May 2018); citing Marshall Wingfield, *Marriage Bonds of Franklin County, Virginia* (Memphis: West Tennessee Historical Society, 1939), page 149.”

¹⁸⁷ “Franklin County, Virginia, Marriage Bond Index,” database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 15 May 2018), citing Marshall Wingfield, *Marriage Bonds of Franklin County, Virginia* (Memphis: West Tennessee Historical Society, 1939), page 148.”

¹⁸⁸ “Franklin County, Virginia, Marriage Bond Index,” database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 15 May 2018), citing Marshall Wingfield, *Marriage Bonds of Franklin County, Virginia* (Memphis: West Tennessee Historical Society, 1939), page 148.” The 1810 census places Will Cuff 12 houses from Peter Boon, whose land lay adjacent to James Mills’s land when James sold it to son William in 1824. Cuff was 2 houses from Samuel Saunders, whose daughter married Benjamin Marrs in 1801. “Harcules” Marr, who married Betty Chavers in 1806 is on same page (p. 306 stamped). All of Hercules’ family are tallied as fpc.

¹⁸⁹ James L. Douthat, *Montgomery County, VA; Will Book 1, 1786–1800* (Signal Mountain, TN: Mountain Press, 1986), 41.

¹⁹⁰ “Franklin County, Virginia, Marriage Bond Index,” database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 15 May 2018), citing Marshall Wingfield, *Marriage Bonds of Franklin County, Virginia* (Memphis: West Tennessee Historical Society, 1939), no page number.

¹⁹¹ 1820 U.S. census, Franklin Co., VA, pp. 33–35, particularly p. 34 (stamped).

¹⁹² “Franklin County, Virginia, Marriage Bond Index,” database, *Ancestry.com* : accessed 15 May 2018), citing Marshall Wingfield, *Marriage Bonds of Franklin County, Virginia* (Memphis: West Tennessee Historical Society, 1939), page 167.”

Sarah Mullins	1786	Wm. Ordin
John Mullins	3 Sep 1787	Lucy Bohanan
Susannah Mullins	24 Apr 1793	Edward Baker
Doria Mullins	6 Jun 1803	James Martin
Bowker Mullins 	12 May 1803	Judith Stanley ←
Wm. Mullins	23 Mar 1803	Judith Standley
Nehemiah Mullins	21 Feb 1804	Elizabeth Doss
Polly Mullins	25 Aug 1806	Joseph Standley ←
Jesse Mullins	6 Nov 1807	Judith Doss
Jacob Mullins	22 Oct 1819	Dotia Brammer
Sarah Mullins	30 Dec 1822	David Scarborough
Aider Mullins	10 Aug 1822	Polly Scarborough
Joseph Mullins	25 Feb 1822	Lucy Allen
Nancy Mullins	21 Apr 1825	Samuel Scarborough
Judy Mullins	6 Nov 1826	Thos. Ramsey
Stephen Mullins	12 Dec 1826	Charity Young ←
Thos. Mullins	30 Dec 1826	Nancy Bowles
Priscilla Mullins	3 Mar 1828	David Rutledge
Joseph Mullins	7 Dec 1829	Frances Prillaman
Charlotte Mullins	16 Apr 1831	Creed, s. Alexander Frasher, Frasier
Ann Mullins	23 Jan 1832	Nicholas Kemplin

TO DO:

Three neighboring families need thoroughly studying:

- Permelia Marrs, with no enslaved people, living alone as the closest “M” to William Mills, should be thoroughly studied. Single women or widows did not live alone unless living on the property of a male relative—and, even then, they usually lived within the household of that relative.
- Francis Mason, who was itemized on the other side of Permelia, might be her kinsman.
- Joseph Mullins, William’s other adjacent entry in 1830, was the son of William’s earlier associate Booker Mullins.

1831

FLOYD COUNTY, VA

Floyd County was cut from Montgomery County in this year.

COMMENT:

William & Drucilla Mills remained in Franklin County until 1847, on the land they had inherited from her father. Their residences, from 1848 onward, tie them to Montgomery.

- In 1848, they moved to Floyd County (cut from Montgomery) and continued paying taxes on the inherited land. (The 1848 tax roll of Franklin actually identifies the taxpayer William Mills as a resident of Franklin. See that date below.)
- The 1860 census places them in Pulaski County, which had been cut in 1839 from Montgomery and Wythe. (Wythe itself was cut from Montgomery in 1790.)
- Their son Samuel E. Mills, in 1841, married a Hopson—a family found earlier in Bedford, then Montgomery.

Map 7
Counties Associated (thus Far) with William Mills-Witt of Franklin:
Bedford, Floyd, Franklin, Henry, Montgomery & Pulaski¹⁹³



1831

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Land tax roll.

HAIRSTON'S DISTRICT: "M" section¹⁹⁴

William Mills, 151a Blackwater, 18 m. NE of courthouse, \$2.65 per acre, \$400.15 total value, .32 tax.
"From Robt. Kemp Dec'd by Partition."

Personal tax roll.

HAIRSTON'S DISTRICT: "M" section¹⁹⁵

¹⁹³ J. T. 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/>.

¹⁹⁴ Franklin Co., VA, Land Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 105, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

William Mills, 1 horse. 6¢ tax.

COMMENT:

No date appears beside his name. His name is now added at the end of the list, the conventional position for those who are newly added. This also suggests that he had been living out of the county during the past decade that he is missing from Franklin's rolls and that he has just returned.

Note that he is not taxed on slaves. If the enslaved males of the 1830 census belonged to him, then he has disposed of them quickly.

1831

FLOYD COUNTY, VA

Personal property tax roll.

Countywide¹⁹⁶

COMMENT:

- No Hobson, Kemp, Manning, McCarroll, Mills, Musgrove, West, or Wimmer.
- These are the names for which I'll be combing the Floyd lists.
- Wimmer is included because Larkin Mills married Hannah Wimmer of Franklin County.¹⁹⁷

1832

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Land tax roll

HAIRSTON'S DISTRICT: "M" section¹⁹⁸

William Mills, 151a Blackwater, 18 m. NE of courthouse, \$2.65 per acre, \$400.15 total value, .32 tax.

Personal tax roll.

HAIRSTON'S DISTRICT: "M" section¹⁹⁹

William Mills, 1 horse. 6¢ tax. Hairston's list. No date.

1832

FLOYD COUNTY, VA

Personal property tax roll.

Countywide²⁰⁰

[1st name on list]

Thomas Musgrove, 1 white male 16+, 0 slaves, 0 horses, 0 tax

11 NOVEMBER 1832

¹⁹⁵ Franklin Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 122, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

¹⁹⁶ Floyd Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1831–1850; Floyd Co. reel 117, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

¹⁹⁷ "Virginia, Select Marriages, 1775–1940," database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : 2 June 2018); also "Virginia, Death Records, 1912–20," *Ancestry*, imaging a death record for Mary M. Mills, daughter of Larkin Mills and Hanna Wimmer, d. 19 January 1918. Note that one Elizabeth Mills of Franklin also married, 23 March 1818, Jacob Wimmer; see "Franklin County, Virginia, Marriage Bond Index," database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 2 June 2018), citing "Marshall Wingfield, *Marriage Bonds of Franklin County, Virginia* (Memphis: West Tennessee Historical Society, 1939). The Wimmers of Franklin lived in the region of the Elliott-Maggoty Creek Millses. Earlier Wimmers have been found in Montgomery.

¹⁹⁸ Franklin Co., VA, Land Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 105, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

¹⁹⁹ Franklin Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 122, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

²⁰⁰ Floyd Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1831–1850; Floyd Co. reel 117, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Marriage bond.

George Mills to “Milla” Bond.²⁰¹

COMMA:

George Mills is named as a son in the 1841 will of William-of-James. The 1850 census identifies George’s wife as “Mildred.” Both are said to be aged 43. Children were Elizabeth, Martha, Lucinda, William, James, and Lewis C.²⁰²

1833

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Land tax roll.

HAIRSTON’S DISTRICT: “M” section²⁰³

William Mills, 151a Blackwater, 18 m. NE of courthouse, \$6.65 [*sic*] per a, \$400.15 total value, .32 tax.

Personal tax roll.

HAIRSTON’S DISTRICT: “M” section²⁰⁴

William Mills, 1 horse. 6¢ tax. List dated 6 May,

1833

FLOYD COUNTY, VA

Personal property tax roll.

Countywide list²⁰⁵

Claybourne Manning, 1 white male 16+, 0 slaves, 1 horse, 6¢ tax

[*skip 1*]

Larkin Mills, 1 white male 16+, 0 slaves, 0 horses, 0 tax

[*skip 18*]

Thomas Musgrove, 1 white male 16+, 0 slaves, 0 horses, 0 tax

[*skip 6 to end of list*]

COMMENT:

These Floyd Co. rolls vary greatly from year to year. The order of names is not duplicated annually, as in Franklin County. Out of 26 “M” entries taxed in 1832, only 19 were still in the county in 1833. That high turnover needs to be understood.

27 MAY 1834

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Mortgage.

William Mills Jr. to Daniel Ferguson. Mills is indebted to Sally Showalter for \$127.10 for purchase of 74 acres of land in Franklin County, adjoining Jacob Peters and Abram Teel (being same that Peters sold to Sally & Polly Showalter), also cattle, hogs, beds, furniture, farm equipment, kitchen supplies. Mills must pay before 25 December 1837. Mills X’d.²⁰⁶

²⁰¹ Franklin Co., VA, Marriage Bond Book 1, 1786–1853: 67, citing marriage bond 2852.

²⁰² 1850 U.S. census, Franklin Co., VA, p. 98 (stamped), dwelling 560, family 558.

²⁰³ Franklin Co., VA, Land Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 105, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

²⁰⁴ Franklin Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 122, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

²⁰⁵ Floyd Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1831–1850; Floyd Co. reel 117, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

²⁰⁶ Franklin Co., VA, Deed Book 14:117.

COMMENT:

Apparently, Mills is buying the other half of the land owned by the wife he married in 1828.

1834

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Land tax roll.

HAIRSTON'S DISTRICT: "M" section²⁰⁷

William Mills, 151a Blackwater, 18 m. NE of courthouse, \$6.65 [*sic*] per a, \$400.15 total value, .32 tax.

Tax roll.

HAIRSTON'S DISTRICT: "M" section²⁰⁸

William Mills, 1 horse. 6¢ tax. List dated 2 April.

1834

FLOYD COUNTY, VA

Personal property tax roll.

Countywide; consecutive entries in "M" section:²⁰⁹

Larkin Mills, 1 white male 16+, 0 slaves, 0 horses, 0 tax

Anderson Mills, 1 white male 16+, 0 slaves, 0 horses, 0 tax

"W" section:

Jacob Wimmer, 1 white male 16+, 0 slaves, 0 horses, 0 tax

31 OCTOBER 1834

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Debt.

William Mills & Siller Mills, his wife, of first part, *Solomon Pasley* of second part, and *Guin Dudley* of third part. Mills is indebted to Dudley for \$205.62 by promissory note of 31 October 1834 and gives a mortgage on:

- land in Franklin Co. on **Blackwater River and Standifer's Creek**, 151 acres by recent survey [same description as that given in the partition of Robert Kemp's estate]
- 2 horses, 7 cattle, house of tobacco, 5 stacks of oats, 3 blade stacks, 3 top stacks, crop of corn now on plantation, beds, furniture, chairs, kitchen utensils.

Note must be paid before 1 August 1835. William X'd.

COMMENT:

William's marriage bond carried his signature. Either that document or this one misrepresents his literacy.

Guin Dudley is said by many online trees to be the father of William Mills-Witt's brother-in-law James Dudley.

26 FEBRUARY 1835

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Deed.

William Mills and wife **Betsey** to Henry Stover, sale of 2 acres lying on Elliott's Creek. Both William and wife X'd.²¹⁰

²⁰⁷ Franklin Co., VA, Land Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 106, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

²⁰⁸ Franklin Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 122, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

²⁰⁹ Floyd Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1831–1850; Floyd Co. reel 117, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

1835

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Land tax roll.

HAIRSTON'S DISTRICT: "M" section²¹¹

William Mills, 151a Blackwater, 18 m. NE of courthouse, \$6.65 [*sic*] per a, \$400.15 total value, .32 tax.

Personal tax roll.

HAIRSTON'S DISTRICT: "M" section²¹²

William Mills, 1 horse. 6¢ tax. List dated 6 April.

1835

FLOYD COUNTY, VA

Personal property tax roll.

Countywide list: "W" section:²¹³

Jacob Wimmer, 1 white male 16+, 0 slaves, 0 horses, 0 tax

3 FEBRUARY 1836

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Deed.

Sally Showalter, **William Mills**, and **wife Polly** sell to Daniel Nafe, land on "Elects" Creek. 74 acres, beginning at forked red oak in the old line, then N21 W108 poles to a white oak, N37 W120 poles to pointers in Jacob Peters' line, then with that line E 50 poles to a black Jack, S32 E60 poles to a red oak, S 60 E24 poles to a white oak, S20 E121 poles to a stake in Sample's line, with it S62 W44 poles to beginning.²¹⁴

9 MARCH 1836

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Land conveyance

"**Mills, William** 3-09-1837 Deed p. 17"²¹⁵

COMMENT:

I need to get this actual deed.

MARCH & NOVEMBER 1836

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Jury service.

"**Mills, William** Juror
3-08-1836 p16
3-08-1836 p17
11-08-1836 p65²¹⁶

²¹⁰ Franklin Co., VA, Deed Book 14: 262.

²¹¹ Franklin Co., VA, Land Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 106, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

²¹² Franklin Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 122, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

²¹³ Floyd Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1831–1850; Floyd Co. reel 117, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

²¹⁴ Franklin Co., VA, Deed Book 14: 448.

²¹⁵ Beverly Merritt, *Franklin County, Virginia, Court Records: Minute Books 04-03-1836 – 05-04-1840* (Henry, VA: Privately printed, 1999), 95. Note: Although the title does not say so, this is only an index to the volume; it does not offer abstracts or transcription of the actual minutes.

COMMENT:

We have at least 3 William Millses who should be adults and candidates for jury service. By age:

- William Mills, son of James
- William Mills-Witt, parentage unknown
- William Mills, son of William and grandson of James

1836

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Land tax roll.

HAIRSTON'S DISTRICT: "M" section²¹⁷

William Mills, 151a Blackwater, 18 m. NE of courthouse, \$6.65 [*sic*] per a, \$400.15 total value, .32 tax.

Personal tax roll.

HAIRSTON'S DISTRICT: "M" section²¹⁸

William Mills, 1 horse. 6¢ tax. List dated 24 April.

1836

FLOYD COUNTY, VA

Personal property tax roll.

Countywide: "W" section²¹⁹

Jacob Wimmer, 1 white male 16+, 0 slaves, 0 horses, 0 tax

5 JUNE 1837

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Road order

"Mills, Joseph 6-05-1837 Surveyor p. 108²²⁰

COMMENT:

"Surveyor" in this case is not an occupation. It means the individual was appointed to a road crew to lay out or repair a neighborhood road.

This is the only reference found to a Joseph in the county. However, the compiler of this volume has several other entries for a "Joseph Miles, Surveyor."

TO DO:

Examine the context in the original court-order book to identify the neighborhood to which this Joseph Mills? was assigned.

1837

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Land tax roll.

HAIRSTON'S DISTRICT: "M" section²²¹

²¹⁶ Beverly Merritt, *Franklin County, Virginia, Court Records: Minute Books 04-03-1836 – 05-04-1840* (Henry, VA: Privately printed, 1999), 95.

²¹⁷ Franklin Co., VA, Land Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 106, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

²¹⁸ Franklin Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 122, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

²¹⁹ Floyd Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1831–1850; Floyd Co. reel 117, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

²²⁰ Beverly Merritt, *Franklin County, Virginia, Court Records: Minute Books 04-03-1836 – 05-04-1840* (Henry, VA: Privately printed, 1999), 95. **Note: Although the title does not say so, this is only an index to the volume; it does not offer abstracts or transcription of the actual minutes.**

²²¹ Franklin Co., VA, Land Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 106, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

William Mills [*sic*], 151a Blackwater, 18 m. NE of courthouse, \$6.65 per a, \$400. total value, .32 tax.

Personal tax roll

HAIRSTON'S DISTRICT: "M" section²²²

James H. Mills, 1 horse. 6¢ tax. Hairston's list, consecutive with:

William Mills, 1 horses. 6¢ tax.

COMMENT:

William and Drucilla's eldest son has come of age, placing his birth in 1816 or late 1815.

1837

FLOYD COUNTY, VA

Personal property tax roll.

Countywide; "M" section:²²³

Larkin Mills, 1 white male 16+, 0 slaves, 0 horses, 6¢ tax tax (submitted list on 10 March)

5 MARCH 1838

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Road order

"**Mills, Jno.** 3-05-1838 Surveyor p. 151²²⁴

TO DO:

Examine the context in the court-order book to identify the neighborhood to which Mills was assigned.

6 MARCH 1838

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Road order

"**Mills, Hiram** 3-06-1838 Juror p. 156²²⁵

TO DO:

Examine the court-order book for possibly more details

2 JULY 1838

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Legal suit.

"**Mills, Arthur** 07-02-1838 Plaintiff p. 184²²⁶

COMMENT:

The index gives no clue to the defendant or the nature of the case.

²²² Franklin Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 122, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

²²³ Floyd Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1831–1850; Floyd Co. reel 117, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

²²⁴ Beverly Merritt, *Franklin County, Virginia, Court Records: Minute Books 04-03-1836 – 05-04-1840* (Henry, VA: Privately printed, 1999), 95. Note: Although the title does not say so, this is only an index to the volume; it does not offer abstracts or transcription of the actual minutes.

²²⁵ Beverly Merritt, *Franklin County, Virginia, Court Records: Minute Books 04-03-1836 – 05-04-1840* (Henry, VA: Privately printed, 1999), 95. Note: Although the title does not say so, this is only an index to the volume; it does not offer abstracts or transcription of the actual minutes.

²²⁶ Beverly Merritt, *Franklin County, Virginia, Court Records: Minute Books 04-03-1836 – 05-04-1840* (Henry, VA: Privately printed, 1999), 95. Note: Although the title does not say so, this is only an index to the volume; it does not offer abstracts or transcription of the actual minutes.

TO DO:

Examine the original court-order book for fuller details or context.

12 SEPTEMBER 1838

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Marriage bond.

Jubal Mills to Livena [Leona] Mills.²²⁷

COMMENT:

Leona Mills is named as a daughter in the 1841 will and probate proceedings of William Mills Sr.²²⁸

Given Leona's identity as child of William Sr., then Jubal should be the son of either James Jr. or Arthur Mills. The 1850 census cites Jubal's age as 45, Leona as 38, with children Nancy, Randolph, Gilla A., and Jefferson.²²⁹

1838

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Land tax roll,

HAIRSTON'S DISTRICT: "M" section²³⁰

William Mills, 151a Blackwater, 18 m. NE of courthouse, \$6.65 [*sic*] per a, \$400.15 total value, .40 tax.

Personal tax roll.

HAIRSTON'S DISTRICT: "M" section²³¹

James H. Mills, 1 white male 16+, 0 slaves, 0 horses, 0 tax. Hairston's list, consecutive with:

William Mills, 3 white males 16+, 0 slaves, 0 horses, 0 tax.

1838

FLOYD COUNTY, VA

Personal property tax roll.

Countywide list: "M" section:²³²

Larkin Mills, 1 white male 16+, 0 slaves, 0 horses, 6¢ tax tax (submitted list on 10 March)

1839

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Land tax roll.

HAIRSTON'S DISTRICT: "M" section²³³

William Mills, 151a Blackwater, 18 m. NE of courthouse, \$6.65 [*sic*] per a, \$400.15 total value, .40 tax.

Personal tax roll.

HAIRSTON'S DISTRICT: "M" section²³⁴

William Mills, 2 white males 16+, 0 slaves, 0 horses, 0 tax. Hairston's list, consecutive with:

²²⁷ Franklin Co., VA, Marriage Bond Book 1, 1786–1853: 67, citing marriage bond 2856.

²²⁸ Franklin Co., VA, Will Book 5: 455, 551.

²²⁹ 1850 U.S. census, Franklin Co., VA, p. 125 (stamped), dwelling 967, family 963.

²³⁰ Franklin Co., VA, Land Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 106, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

²³¹ Franklin Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 122, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

²³² Floyd Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1831–1850; Floyd Co. reel 117, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

²³³ Franklin Co., VA, Land Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 106, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

²³⁴ Franklin Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 122, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

James H. Mills, 1 white males 16+, 0 slaves, 0 horses, 0 tax.

Samuel Mills, 1 white male 16+, 0 horses, 0 slaves, 0 tax

COMMENT:

William and Drucilla's second son has come of age: Samuel E. Mills, born 26 February 1818.²³⁵

1839

FLOYD COUNTY, VA

Personal property tax roll.

HAIRSTON'S DISTRICT: "M" section:²³⁶

Mills: none

3 MARCH 1840

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Legal suit.

"Mills, Samuel 3-03-1840 Defendant p. 313"²³⁷

COMMENT:

The index gives no clue to the plaintiff or the nature of the case. On a "family trip" to the courthouse in the 1970s, just as the courthouse was closing, I found a court record in which Samuel was acting on behalf of William B. Mills. That was my only day there for research, and there was not time to take a note. That record needs to be relocated.

TO DO:

Get the original order book for fuller details.

1840

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Land tax roll.

HAIRSTON'S DISTRICT: "M" section²³⁸

William Mills, 151a Blackwater, 18 m. NE of courthouse, \$3 [sic] per a, \$453 total value, .46 tax.

Personal tax roll.

HAIRSTON'S DISTRICT: "M" section²³⁹

William Mills, 2 white males 16+, 0 slaves, 1 horse, 8¢ tax. Consecutive with:

James H. Mills, 1 white males 16+, 0 slaves, 0 horses, 0 tax.

Samuel Mills, 1 white male 16+, 0 horses, 0 slaves, 0 tax

1840

FLOYD COUNTY, VA

²³⁵ Tombstone, Woodbury Cemetery, Woodbury (Meriwether Co.), GA. Also Samuel Mills Bible, being *Wilmore's New Analytical Reference Bible* (New York: Henry Giere, 1905), family pages; transcription in Mrs. Luther L. Watson and Mrs. Joseph W. Stephens, Jr., Genealogical Records Committee, Daughters of the American Revolution, Georgia Society, "Bible Records 1976"; Georgia Department of Archives and History. At the time of transcription, the Bible was owned by Samuel's granddaughter Alma Inez Mills (b. 7 Dec. 1892) living in Woodland, GA 31836.

²³⁶ Floyd Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1831–1850; Floyd Co. reel 117, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

²³⁷ Beverly Merritt, *Franklin County, Virginia, Court Records: Minute Books 04-03-1836—05-04-1840* (Henry, VA: Privately printed, 1999), 95. Note: Although the title does not say so, this is only an index to the volume; it does not offer abstracts or transcription of the actual minutes.

²³⁸ Franklin Co., VA, Land Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 106, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

²³⁹ Franklin Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 122, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

Personal property tax roll.

County-wide list: "M" section:²⁴⁰

William Mills [William B?] 1 white male 16+, 0 slaves, 0 horse, 0 tax (list dated 3 April)

COMMENT:

This William is not taxed in Floyd the next year. Instead, the 1841 tax roll of Franklin has both William and William B.

1840

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Census.

STEPHEN TURNBULL'S DISTRICT: semi-alphabetical.²⁴¹

[Start of 'M' section]

Mackenhammer, Jacob?

Mators, David

Muse, Alford

Moore, Littlebury

Mathas, John

Morgen, Saml. B.

McCall, Mildred

Martin, Wm.

" James

Mills, John	1 male	40–50	1 female	30–40	0 fpc	8 total [sic]
	1 male	5–10	1 female	10–15	5 in ag [sic]	
	1 male	0–5	2 female	5–10		

COMMENT:

This John, born 1790–1800, has not been identified. He might be the John Mills shown on the *Settlement Map of Franklin County* in the extreme NW corner near the head of Maggoty. (See top-center of Map 8, below.)

McClester, Maryann

Marten, James D.

McEvit, Joseph

McGeehee, Lewis

Moore, Abraham

" Richard

" Willis

" Allin

" Wm.

" John

Martin, Mathew

Muse, Hugh L.

Matar, Saml.

Martin, Mary

Martin, John & Stephen [sic]

Muse, Francis

McInhammer, Gabriel

Mason, John

²⁴⁰ Floyd Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1831–1850; Floyd Co. reel 117, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

²⁴¹ 1840 U.S. census, Franklin Co., VA, Eastern District p. 1.

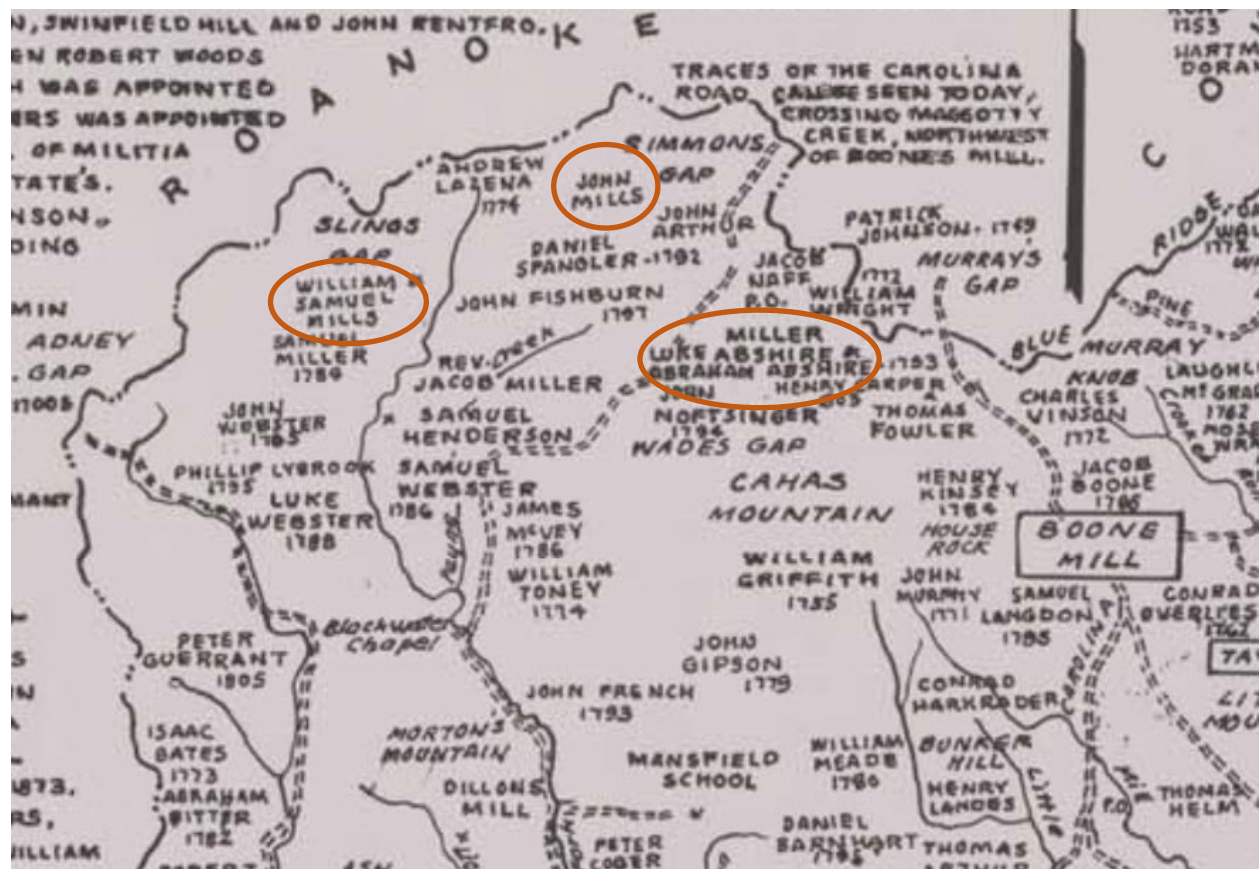
Mitchel, Wm.
 " Elisha
 " Jane
 " James

Mason, John A.
 Menafee, Wm.
 McCrecy, John E.
 McGuffin, Robert F.
 Martin, Wm.

Miles, Wm. [sic]	1 male	50-60	1 female	40-50	0 fpc	11 total
	3 males	20-30	2 females	10-15	5 in ag	
	1 male	15-20				
	1 male	10-15				
	2 males	5-10				

Mitchel, Thos.
 Mathes, Benjn.
 Mullins, Aaron

Map 8
Extreme Northwest Franklin County
Locations of Unidentified William, Samuel & John Mills in Luke Abshire Neighborhood²⁴²



²⁴² Gertrude C. Mann, J. R. Hildebrand, and George A. Kegley, *A Settlement Map of Franklin County, Virginia ... 1786 to 1886* (Rocky Mount: Franklin County Historical Society, 1976).

Miles, Joseph
 " John
 Martin, Hugh
 McGehee, Nelson
 Mason, Robert Jr.
 Martin, Wally

p. 17
Manning, Saml.

Mills, Thos.	1 male	20-30	1 female	30-40	0 fpc
	1 male	5-10	2 females	10-15	
	2 males	0-10	1 female	5-10	
			1 female	0-10	

COMMENT:
 This appears to be Thomas *Metts* of later rolls. William & Drucilla's son Thomas was still a child.

Mullins, Stephen
 Moore, Joseph
 Mason, Charles H? R?
 Myers, John
 McCraw, Alexander
 Masee, Obediah

p. 45, Eastern District (Section 2)
 [Start of "M" section]

Montgomery, Edmnd
 Martin, James
 Moore, Henry

Mills, George	1 male	20-30	1 female	20-30
			2 females	5-10
			2 females	0-5

COMMENT:
 This George, born 1810-20, has not been identified. If his age is correct on the census, he is too young to be the George (b. c1789, apparent son of James) who went on the tax roll in 1809.

Martin, Jordan
 Meders, Otug^e [?] & A. Wright?
 McCmack, Anderson
 Martin, Abraham

p. 46, Stephen Turnbull's District

Meaders, James Jun.
 " Joel
 " Maderson

McGuire, Joel
 McGeehee, John
Mills, Juble 1 male 30-40 1 female 20-30
 McNeel, Jonthn.

COMMENT:

This should be Wm. Jr., son of William Mills and Elizabeth Abshire, grandson of James.

Massey, Zebadee
" Jerry
Martin, Daniel Sr.

Mares, Daniel
McGuire, Robert

Mills, Archibald	1 male	40-50	1 female	40-50	1 in ag	8 total
	1 male	10-15	1 female	10-15	1 in mfg or trade	
	2 males	5-10				
	2 males	0-5				

COMMENT:

I have not identified this Archibald Mills.

Mitchell, Jecovoie
Murray, James
Musgrove, John
Meaders, Joseph D.
" James Sr.
Merriman, Thos.
McGeehee, Wm.
Martin, Elizabeth
Meaders, George
" Hezekiah
McVey, Thos.
[end of 'M' section]

25 JANUARY 1841
FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Marriage bond
Andrew Mills & Elizabeth Klingenpiel. Jonathan Klingenpiel, surety.²⁴³

13 SEPTEMBER 1841
FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Will.
William Mills [Sr.]. Names wife Elizabeth; children: Burrel W. Mills, Hiram Mills, George Mills, Leona Mills, Betsy Mills, Katharine Rucker, Patsy Mills and James Otey Mills. Son Burrell W. is to have his land at the death of his mother. If grandson [not named] lives with widow Elizabeth till he is of age, he will have an equal share of estate.²⁴⁴

2 NOVEMBER 1841 [?]
FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Death.
"Mills, William Will: Book 5:336

²⁴³ Franklin Co., VA, Marriage Bond Book 1, 1786-1853: 67, citing marriage bond no. 2849.

²⁴⁴ Franklin Co., VA, Will Book 5: 336.

Inv. & Appr. Book 5:455
Accts., Extr. Book 5:551
File # 2336²⁴⁵

COMMENT:

Merritt's index provides no dates or time frames. The date of death shown above is widely asserted in online trees, none of which provide a source.

This is the earliest Mills probate covered in Merritt's index. The coverage then jumps from this vol. 5 to volume 26.

Checking for other relevant names:

- | | |
|--|--|
| • Burton, William or Elizabeth | Nothing |
| • McCarrells or Samuel "Carrell" or "Carroll." | Nothing |
| • Mullins, Booker | Books 14, 15, 16, 17 |
| • Mullins, William | Book 3:452 (only entry) |
| • Musgrove, Thomas | Nothing (& no other Musgrove before Bk 59) |

1841

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Land tax roll.

HAIRSTON'S DISTRICT: "M" section²⁴⁶

William Mills, 151a Blackwater, 18 m. NE of courthouse, \$3 [sic] per a, \$453 total value, .46 tax.

Personal tax roll.

HAIRSTON'S DISTRICT: "M" section (consecutive entries; all dated 8 April)²⁴⁷

William B. Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 1 horse, 1 clock, 12 ½¢ tax

William Mills, 2 white males, 0 slaves, 0 horses, 0 tax

James H. Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 0 horses, 0 tax

Samuel E. Mills, 1 white male, 0 horses, 0 slaves, 0 tax

Samuel Manning, Senr.

Samuel Manning, Junr.

COMMENT:

This cluster represents William Mills-Witt and 3 adult sons. William B. Mills, the third son of William and Drucilla, born c1820, has now come of age (21) and is being listed independently of his father—as James and Samuel are. Of these three brothers, only Samuel E. is married.

The cluster below are offspring of James Mills.

Personal tax roll.

GREER'S DISTRICT: "M" section²⁴⁸

George Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 0 horses, 0 tax (list dated 21 April)

Archibald Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 0 horses, 0 tax (list dated 7 May)

[skip 14]

Arthur Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 0 horses, 0 tax (11 March)

²⁴⁵ Beverly Merritt, *Franklin County, Virginia, Will Book Index, 1786–1986* (Henry, VA: Privately printed, 1999), 325.

²⁴⁶ Franklin Co., VA, Land Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 107, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

²⁴⁷ Franklin Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 123, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

²⁴⁸ Franklin Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 123, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

William Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 2 horses, .25¢ tax (22 April)

Jubal Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 0 horses, 0 tax (24 April)

George Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 0 horses, 0 tax (25 April)

Hiram Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 0 horses, 0 tax (1 May)

Cornelas Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 0 horses, 0 tax (1 May)

Andrew [sic] Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 0 horses, 0 tax (1 May)

[skip 16]

Nathaniel Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 0 horses, 0 tax (2 April)

[skip 4]

Anderson Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 0 horses, 0 tax (10 May)

1841

FLOYD COUNTY, VA

Personal property tax roll.

Countywide list²⁴⁹

Mills: None

4 DECEMBER 1841

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Probate inventory.

William Mills, deceased. Inventory and appraisal of personal estate (not land or slaves) totaled \$402.50. His administrator Hiram filed an account on 6 January 1843 showing he had paid \$3.50 for a coffin.²⁵⁰

27 DECEMBER 1841

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Marriage bond.

“Samuel E. Mills and Mary Ann Hobson. Dec. 27, 1841. Sur. James Patterson.”²⁵¹

1842

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Land tax roll.

HAIRSTON’S DISTRICT: “M” section²⁵²

William Mills, 151a Blackwater, 18 m. NE of courthouse, \$3 [sic] per a, \$453 total value, .57 tax.

Personal tax roll.

DISTRICT A: “M” section²⁵³

William B. Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 1 horse, 1 clock, 12 ½¢ tax. Hairston’s list, *consecutive with*:

William Mills, 2 white male, 0 slaves, 1 horses, 0 tax

James H. Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 0 horses, 0 tax.

Samuel E. Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 0 horses, 0 tax

Samuel Manning, Senr.

Samuel Manning, Junr.

²⁴⁹ Floyd Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1831–1850; Floyd Co. reel 117, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

²⁵⁰ Franklin Co., VA, Will Book 5: 455, 551.

²⁵¹ Marshal Wingfield, *Marriage Bonds of Franklin County, Virginia, 1786–1858* (Memphis: West Tennessee Historical Society, 1941), 162.

²⁵² Franklin Co., VA, Land Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 107, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

²⁵³ Franklin Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 123, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

Personal tax roll.

GREER'S DISTRICT: "M" section (consecutive listings, no dates of submission)²⁵⁴

Arthur Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 0 horses, 0 tax
Widow Mills, 0 white males, 0 slaves, 1 horse, \$.12 ½ ¢ tax
Jubal Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 0 horses, 0 tax
George Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 0 horses, 0 tax
Hiram Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 1 horse, \$.12 ½ ¢ tax
Cornelas Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 1 horse, \$.12 ½ ¢ tax
Anda [sic] Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 1 horse, \$.12 ½ ¢ tax
Nathaniel Mills, 1 white male, 0 horses, 0 slaves, 0 tax
Anderson Mills, 1 white male, 0 horses, 0 slaves, 0 tax
George Mitts
Archibald Mitts
John Mitts

1842

FLOYD COUNTY, VA

Personal property tax roll.

Countywide list²⁵⁵

Mills: None

3 APRIL 1843

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Deed.

Cornelius Mills, for \$450 cash, sells to Samuel Hale his interest in the estate of James Ray.²⁵⁶

1843

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Land tax roll.

HAIRSTON'S DISTRICT: "M" section²⁵⁷

William Mills, 151a Blackwater, 18 m. NE of courthouse, \$3 [sic] per a, \$453 total value, .68 tax.

Personal tax roll.

HAIRSTON'S DISTRICT: "M" section; consecutive entries:²⁵⁸

William Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 2 horses, 28¢ tax (list submitted 13 May)

James H. Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 0 horses, 0 tax.

Samuel E. Mills, 1 white male, 0 horses, 0 slaves, 14¢ tax

Samuel Manning Sr.

Samuel Manning Jr.

[skip 67]

Mills, Thomas, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 0 horses, 0 tax (list submitted 10 May?)

Mills, John, 2 white males, 0 slaves, 4 horses, 1 wood clock, .81¢ tax (4 Apr)

²⁵⁴ Franklin Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 123, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

²⁵⁵ Floyd Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1831–1850; Floyd Co. reel 117, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

²⁵⁶ Franklin Co., VA, Deed Book 18: 114.

²⁵⁷ Franklin Co., VA, Land Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 107, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

²⁵⁸ Franklin Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 123, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

COMMENT

Thomas and John appear as "Mets" on later lists.

Personal tax roll.

GREER'S DISTRICT: "M" section (consecutive listings)²⁵⁹

Jubal Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 0 horses, 0 tax (list submitted 17 May)

George Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 0 horses, 0 tax (17 May)

Widow Mills, 0 white males, 0 slaves, 0 horses, 1 wood clock, \$.39¢ tax (17 May)

[skip 26]

Cornelas Mills, 1 white male, 1 slave 16+, 1 slave 12+, 2 horse, \$.74¢ tax (5 May)

[skip 13]

Arthur Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 0 horses, 0 tax (16 May)

Hiram Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 1 horse, \$.14¢ tax (16 May)

Anda [sic] **Mills**, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 0 horses, 0 tax (16 May)

Nathaniel Mills, 1 white male, 0 horses, 0 slaves, 0 tax (16 May)

COMMENT:

Anderson is dropped this year from Greer's roll. He appears this year, for the first time, on the tax roll in adjacent Floyd Co.

1843

FLOYD COUNTY, VA

Personal property tax roll.

Countywide list²⁶⁰

Anderson Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 1 horse, 14¢ tax

1844

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Land tax roll.

HAIRSTON'S DISTRICT: "M" section²⁶¹

William Mills, 151a Blackwater, 18 m. NE of courthouse, \$3 [sic] per a, \$453 total value, .57 tax.

Personal tax roll.

HAIRSTON'S DISTRICT: "M" section; consecutive entries:²⁶²

William Mills, 2 white male, 0 slaves, 0 horses, 0 tax (12 March)

James H. Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 0 horses, 1 silver watch, 25¢ tax (12 March)

Samuel E. Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 1 horse, 1 "mettle" clock, 62½¢ tax

Samuel Manning Sr.

Samuel Maning Jr.

[skip 105]

William B. Mills, 1 male 16+, 0 slaves, 1 horse, 12½¢ tax

[skip 9 to end of list]

COMMENT:

²⁵⁹ Franklin Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 123, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

²⁶⁰ Floyd Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1831–1850; Floyd Co. reel 117, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

²⁶¹ Franklin Co., VA, Land Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 107, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

²⁶² Franklin Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 123, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

The separation of William B. from the rest of his family on this list appears to be due to the fact that he was not on the list during the prior 3 years. When he came back as a taxable, he was placed among new entries at the end of the list.

Might William's absence have been due to the 1840–41 court case against him?

Personal tax roll.

GREER'S DISTRICT: "M" section (consecutive listings)²⁶³

Hiram Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 1 horse, \$.12½¢ tax (5 April)

[skip 18]

Jubal Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 0 horses, 0 tax (11 April)

George? Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 0 horses, 0 tax (11 April)

Widow Mills, 0 white males, 0 slaves, 0 horses, 1 wood clock, \$.37½¢ tax (11 April)

[skip 22]

Cornelas Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 2 horses, \$.36¢ tax (12 April)

[skip 9]

Arthur Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 0 horses, 0 tax (14 March)

Nathaniel Mills, 1 white male, 0 horses, 0 slaves, 0 tax (15 March)

COMMENT:

Anda (Andrew), formerly of the Arthur Mills cluster, is now dropped.

1844

FLOYD COUNTY, VA

Personal tax roll.

Countywide list²⁶⁴

William Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 0 horses, 0 tax

[skip 1]

Andrew Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 0 horses, 0 tax

COMMENT:

- Both William Mills-Witt and William B. Mills are taxed this year in Franklin.
- Andrew Mills, formerly of Greer's Dist. of Franklin Co., is now missing from the Franklin roll.
- Anderson and Larkin Mills do not seem to be on the rolls of either Franklin or Floyd.

1845

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Land tax roll.

HAIRSTON'S DISTRICT: "M" section²⁶⁵

William Mills, 151a Blackwater, 18 m. NE of courthouse, \$3 [sic] per a, \$453 total value, .46 tax.

Personal tax roll.

HAIRSTON'S DISTRICT: "M" section; consecutive entries:²⁶⁶

William Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 0 horses, 0 tax (no date)

Samuel E. Mills, 1 white male, 0 horses, 0 slaves, 1 metallic clock, 25¢ tax

²⁶³ Franklin Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 123, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

²⁶⁴ Floyd Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1831–1850; Floyd Co. reel 117, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

²⁶⁵ Franklin Co., VA, Land Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 107, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

²⁶⁶ Franklin Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 123, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

Samuel E. Manning, 1 white male 16+, 0 slaves, 1 horse, 10¢ tax (6 March)

Samuel Manning Jr., 1 white male 16+, 0 slaves, 0 horse, 0 tax (6 March)

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Mattox, Gabriel, Samuel G. & Daniel

[skip 36]

Mills, William B., 1 white male, 0 slaves, 1 horse, 0 tax (20 April)

[skip 11]

Mills, Sparrel, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 0 horses, 0 tax (10 March)

COMMENT:

Sparrel, the supposedly fifth son of William and Drucilla, born c1824, has now come of age and is listed independently.

The fourth son attributed to William and Drucilla, Robert Wiley, has not yet emerged on the tax rolls. This calls into question the age commonly attributed to Robert Wiley.

Personal tax roll.

GREER'S DISTRICT: "M" section (consecutive listings)²⁶⁷

COMMENT:

Same Millses as 1844.

1845

FLOYD COUNTY, VA

Personal tax roll.

Countywide list ²⁶⁸

Andrew Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 0 horses, 0 tax (submitted list on 5 April)

[skip 22]

Anderson Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 1 horses, 10¢ tax

Larkin Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 1 horses, 10¢ tax

COMMENT:

William Mills of 1844 is missing this year.

1846

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Land tax roll.

HAIRSTON'S DISTRICT: "M" section²⁶⁹

William Mills, 151a Blackwater, 18 m. NE of courthouse, \$3 [sic] per a, \$453 total value, .46 tax.

Personal tax roll.

HAIRSTON'S DISTRICT: "M" section; consecutive entries:²⁷⁰

William Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 0 horses, 10¢ tax (no date)

Samuel Manning Sr. (18 April)

Samuel Manning Jr. (18 April)

²⁶⁷ Franklin Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 123, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

²⁶⁸ Floyd Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1831–1850; Floyd Co. reel 117, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

²⁶⁹ Franklin Co., VA, Land Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 107, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

²⁷⁰ Franklin Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 123, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

[skip many]

William B. Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 0 horses, 10¢ tax (no date)

[skip 10]

Sparrel Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 0 horses, 0 tax (no date)

COMMENT:

- This is William's last appearance on the personal tax roll of Franklin.
- Note that one William Mills is itemized on the Floyd Co. roll for 1846. Either
 - (a) he moved mid-year; or
 - (b) there was a different William Mills in Floyd this year, possibly the one dropped earlier from Franklin's Greer District.

Personal tax roll.

GREER'S DISTRICT: "M" section²⁷¹

Hiram Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 2 horses, \$.25¢ tax

[skip 23]

Jubal Mills, 1 white male+, 0 slaves, 0 horses, 0 tax

George Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 0 horses, 0 tax

Widow Mills, 0 white males, 0 slaves, 0 horses, 1 other clock [not metal], 0 tax

[skip 6]

Samuel Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 0 horses, 0 clock, 0 tax

COMMENT:

- This Samuel is listed 6 entries from "Widow Mills" [apparently Nancy Frame, widow of James Mills Jr.]
- The next year's tax roll (1847) includes a Samuel Mills in this same position, near "Widow Mills," and explicitly calls him *Samuel E. Mills*—using the middle initial of the Samuel born to William and Drucilla.
- Possibly, this is the Samuel Mills shown in the Abshire neighborhood, coupled with one William Mills, on the *Settlement Map of Franklin*. See Map 6.

[skip 4]

Cornelas Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 2 horses, \$.20¢ tax

[skip 3]

Arthur Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 0 horses, 0 tax

William Mills, 1 white male, 0 horses, 0 slaves, 0 tax

Thomas W. Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 0 horses, 0 clock, 0 tax

1846

FLOYD COUNTY, VA

Personal tax roll.

Countywide list.²⁷²

Anderson Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 1 horses, 10¢ tax (4 March)

[skip 18]

Larkin Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 1 horses, 10¢ tax (11 April)

[skip 4]

²⁷¹ Franklin Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 123, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

²⁷² Floyd Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1831–1850; Floyd Co. reel 117, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

William Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 0 horse, 0 tax (11 April)

COMMENT:

This William is added to the end of the list. He is not listed consecutively with Anderson or Larkin (formerly of Greer's District in Franklin) who have been in Floyd off and on since c1833. However, William and Larkin both turned in their lists on 11 April.

William Mills-Witt and son William B. are still in Franklin. However, William Mills-Witt would drop from Franklin's rolls in 1847.

4 JANUARY 1847

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Marriage bond.

William Mills and Mary Abshire. Anderson Starkey, surety.²⁷³

19 OCTOBER 1847

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Marriage bond.

William Mills and Mary M. Matthews. Wm. C. Barber, surety.²⁷⁴

COMMENT:

The 1850 census of Franklin presents only one William and Mary. William is 30, Mary is 22. With them are John W. Mills aged 3, and James W. Mills aged 1.²⁷⁵

4 OCTOBER 1847

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Deed.

Elizabeth Mills, William A. B. Mills, and Mary E. Mills, his wife, sell to A. Starkey for \$150 cash and \$150 to be paid 1 May 1851, 89 acres described as beginning at chestnut tree near Elliot's Creek, running with Henry Stover's line to Tenor Smith's line, with her line to Abraham Kinsy's line, then with his line to Southerland Ross's line, runnign with his line to Joab Early's line, runnign with his line to A. Starky's line, and with his line to the beginning.²⁷⁶

COMMENT:

This Elizabeth Mills is widow of William-of James. William's will named a son "Burrel W." but not one called William. Thus, William A. B. Mills would seem to be the grandson referred to in the will of William Mills—the grandson who was to inherit a share of the estate if he remained with William's widow Elizabeth.

1847

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Land tax roll.

HAIRSTON'S DISTRICT: "M" section²⁷⁷

William Mills, 151a Blackwater, 18 m. NE of courthouse, \$3 [sic] per a, \$453 total value, .46 tax.

Personal tax roll.

²⁷³ Franklin Co., VA, Marriage Bond Book 1, 1786–1853: 67, citing marriage bond 2862.

²⁷⁴ Franklin Co., VA, Marriage Bond Book 1, 1786–1853: 67, citing marriage bond 2861.

²⁷⁵ 1850 U.S. census, Franklin Co., VA, p. 197v, dwelling 2012, family 2001.

²⁷⁶ Franklin Co., VA, Deed Book 20:125.

²⁷⁷ Franklin Co., VA, Land Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 107, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

HAIRSTON'S DISTRICT: "M" section²⁷⁸

William, James H., Samuel E. Mills: Missing

Samuel Manning Sr. & Jr.

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Wm. B. Milles, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 0 horses, 0 tax (4 February)

[*skip 8*]

Sparrel Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves,) horses, 0 tax (4 March)

COMMENT:

William and Drucilla's son Robert Wiley, b. 1824, should have come onto a tax roll in 1845 or 1846. He has not been found yet on a roll.

Personal tax roll.

GREER'S DISTRICT: "M" section²⁷⁹

Hiram Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 2 horses, \$.25¢ tax

[*skip 18*]

Jubal Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 0 horses, 0 tax

George Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 0 horses, 0 tax

Widow Mills, 0 white males, 0 slaves, 0 horses, 1 other clock [not metal], 22½¢ tax

[*skip 4*]

Samuel Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 0 horses, 1 metallic clock, 1.36 tax

[*skip 4*]

Cornelius Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 1 horses, \$.10¢ tax

[*skip 3*]

Andy Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 0 horse, 0 tax

[*skip 19*]

William Mills, 1 white male, 0 horses, 0 slaves, 0 tax

[*skip 1*]

Thomas W. Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 0 horses, 0 clock, 0 tax

1847

FLOYD COUNTY, VA

Personal tax roll.

Countywide list²⁸⁰

William Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 0 horse, 0 tax (5 March)

Anderson Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 1 horses, 10¢ tax (6 March)

[*skip 8*]

Larkin Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 0 horses, 0 tax (25 March)

COMMENT:

This William, this year, he turned in his list on the same day as Anderson Mills, while in 1846 he turned it in on the same day as Larkin Mills. In 1848, he, Anderson, and Larkin would all turn their list in the same day.

By this point of this research trip, little time remained and I took very abbreviated notes.

²⁷⁸ Franklin Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 123, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

²⁷⁹ Franklin Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 123, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

²⁸⁰ Floyd Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1831–1850; Floyd Co. reel 117, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

1848

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Land tax roll.

HAIRSTON'S DISTRICT: "M" section²⁸¹

William Mills, 151a Blackwater, 18 m. NE of courthouse, \$3 [sic] per a, \$453 total value, .46 tax.

Personal tax roll.

HAIRSTON'S DISTRICT: "M" section²⁸²

William, James H., Samuel E. Mills: Missing

John W. **Hobson**, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 0 horses, 0 tax, (6 March)

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William B. Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 1 horse, 0 tax, (5 February)

Personal tax roll.

GREER'S DISTRICT: "M" section²⁸³

Hiram Mills, etc

[skip 25]

Samuel E. Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 1 horse, \$.10 tax [married to Mary Ann Hobson since 1841]

[skip 4]

Cornelius Mills, etc.

[skip 2]

Andy Mills

Nathaniel Mills

[skip 16]

George Mills

[skip 1]

Thomas W. Mills [Metts?]

[skip 12]

Samuel Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 0 horses, 1 "other" clock, 12½¢

COMMENT:

- Jubal, George, and the widow are no longer taxed
- The second Samuel would seem to belong to the Maggoty Creek Millses, unless someone new has moved into the county.

1848

FLOYD COUNTY, VA

Personal tax roll.

Countywide list²⁸⁴

William Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 0 horse, 0 tax (21 March)

Anderson Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 1 horses, 10¢ tax (21 March)

[skip 6]

Larkin Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 0 horses, 0 tax (21 March)

COMMENT:

²⁸¹ Franklin Co., VA, Land Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 107, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

²⁸² Franklin Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 123, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

²⁸³ Franklin Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 123, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

²⁸⁴ Floyd Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1831–1850; Floyd Co. reel 117, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

William Mills-Witt has not been found on a personal tax roll in Franklin, 1847–48. The 1849 Franklin Co. land tax roll explicitly identifies him as a resident of Floyd Co,

1849

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Land tax roll.

HAIRSTON'S DISTRICT: "M" section²⁸⁵

William Mills (Floyd Co.) 151a Blackwater, 18 m. NE of courthouse, \$3 per a, \$453 total value, .46 tax.

COMMENT:

Only one William Mills appears on the Floyd County roll. He is listed consecutively with Anderson Mills, but did not turn in his list on the same day. Instead, he turned in his list on the same day as (a) William and Drucilla's son Sparrel; and (b) Samuel D. Light, who would be enumerated next door to William and Drucilla on the 1850 census.

TO DO:

I need to *read* Floyd's court minutes, deeds, and probate records for this decade, page by page, to find all possible mentions of William and determine when he actually made his move to Floyd.

9 MARCH 1849

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Tax roll.

JOSEPH PATTERSON'S DISTRICT (formerly Hairston): "M" section²⁸⁶

Wm. B. Mills, 1 white male 16+, 0 slaves, 1 horse, 10¢ tax

[*skip 30 to end of list*]

Samuel E. Mills, 1 white male 16+, 0 slaves, 0 horses, 1 "other" clock, 12½¢ tax [same day as William B.]

COMMENT:

- Joseph Patterson was the surety for Samuel E. Mills's marriage bond in 1841.
- No Samuel Mills appears on Greer's list.

1849

FLOYD COUNTY, VA

Personal tax roll.

Countywide list²⁸⁷

William Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 0 horse, 0 tax, **9 February**

Anderson Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 1 horse, 10¢ tax, 3 May

[*skip 6*]

Larkin T. Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 0 horses, 0 tax, 3 March

[*skip 27*]

Robt. W. Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 0 horses, 0 tax, **9 February**

Sparriel Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 0 horses, 0 tax, **9 February**

"S" section

Samuel D. Light, 1 white male 16+, 0 slaves, 2 horses, \$.32 ½ tax (5 March)

²⁸⁵ Franklin Co., VA, Land Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 107, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

²⁸⁶ Franklin Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 123, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

²⁸⁷ Floyd Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1831–1850; Floyd Co. reel 117, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

COMMENT:

Note that William and his two known sons, Robert Wiley and Sparriel, turned in their lists on the same day. Samuel Light, in 1850, appears on the Floyd Co. census next door to William and Drucilla.

1850

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Tax roll.

Patterson's District: "M" section²⁸⁸

Samuel E. Mills, 1 white male 16+, 0 slaves, 1 horse, 1 "other" clock, 12½¢ tax (13 February)

Tax roll.

GREER'S DISTRICT: "M" section

Mills: Hiram, Jubal, Cornelius, Nathaniel, Anderson

1850

FLOYD COUNTY, VA

Personal tax roll.

Countywide list²⁸⁹

William Mills, 2 white males, 0 slaves, 0 horse, 0 tax (**7 March**)

Anderson Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 0 horses, 0 tax (3 April)

[skip 6]

Larkin T. Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 0 horses, 0 tax (23 April)

[skip 23]

Robt. W. Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 0 horses, 0 tax (**11 March**)

Sparriel Mills, 1 white male, 1 horse, 10¢ tax (**16 May**)

25 JULY 1850

FLOYD COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Census.

Western District No. 15, pp. 390–93

195/195	Light, Elijah 51; Susannah 49; John 20 (all b. Floyd Co.)					
196/196	Conner, Andrew 27; Matilda 25; Julia A. 4; W. H. 1 (all b. Floyd Co.)					
197/197	Whitneck/Whitlock, Wm 45 (b. Roanoke); Betsey 42 (b. Rockbridge); children 21 to 2 (b. Floyd)					
198/198	McNeal, Wm 28 (b. Franklin); Nancy 21 (b. Pocahontas); Elizabeth 1 & James 1/12 (b. Fl.)					
199/199	Wilson, James 21; Emily 29; children 7 to 1/12 (all b. Floyd); Peter Wilson 75 (b. Loudoun)					
200/200	Wilson, Elijah 68; Hannah 39; children 21 to 5 (all b. Loudoun)					
201/201	Angle, Lamuel 23 (Pittsylvania); Elizabeth 22 (Floyd)					
202/202	Walters, Jacob 40 (Montgomery); Hannah 45 (Floyd); Lutitia 25, Christina 16 (b. Floyd)					
203/203	Light, Samuel 30, constable (b. Floyd); Margaret 23 (b. Franklin) ; Furdinand 6, Henry 4, McAlin? 2, Angeline 1/12 (b. Floyd)					
204/204	Mills, William	62	male	farmer	b. Franklin	cannot read or write
	Drucilla	57	female		b. Franklin	cannot read or write
	Sally	21	female		b. Franklin	cannot read or write
	Thos. R.	14	male		b. Franklin	cannot read or write
	Charles T.	21	male	labourer	b. Franklin	

²⁸⁸ Franklin Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 123, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

²⁸⁹ Floyd Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1831–1850; Floyd Co. reel 117, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

Milley 20 female

COMMENT:

The assertion that William could not read or write is at odds with his well-penned signature on his marriage bond.

Millie Mills married John Lawrence in 1854. William and Drucilla lived with them in 1860.

By 1860, Samuel Light, Margaret, Ferdinand, and family had moved to Missouri. The census places them in Osceola Township, St. Clair Co., Missouri (p. 901/31). No Millses nearby.

- 205/205 Idings, Henry 28 (b. Penn.); Charles Vest 30 (b. Franklin); Martha Vest 49 (b. Floyd), Children 16-8 (b. Floyd), Polly Idings 51 "Ediot" (b. Floyd).
- 206/206 Idings, Anderson 29; Eliz. 47; Ellen 19; Ely 15; Matitia Smith 12; Lafayette Idings 12 (all b. Floyd)
- 207/207 Idings, Jonathan 42; Hannah 43; Aligice? 4 (all b. Floyd)
- 208/208 Newman, John 23, farmer (b. Botetourt)
- 209/209 Vest, Isaac 23 (b. Franklin); Nancy 26 (b. Floyd); Louisa 1 (b. Floyd)
- 210/210 Idings, Wm. 49 (b. Floyd); Sarah 45 (b. Floyd; Wm Booth 19 labourer (b. Floyd); Sarah Holt 12 (b. Montgomery)
- 211/211 Holiday, Sarah 35 (b. Franklin); Francis Holoway 10, female (b. Franklin); Lutetia Holoway 12 (b. Franklin); Charles L? Holoway 8 (b. Franklin); Nancy Holoway 20 (b. Franklin); Louisa Holoway 11 (b. Franklin); Floyd 7 (b. Franklin); Henry Holoway 5 (b. Floyd); Wilmoth Holoway 80 (b. Franklin).
- 212/212 Smith, Bird (Bond?) 49, farmer (b. Franklin); Lydia 36; Henry 16; Alizice 13; Martha 8; Jonathan 6; Elizabeth 2); wife and children born Floyd.
- 213/213 Idings, Thomas 42, farmer; Jane 37; Ellen 16; Michael 13; Sarah 11; Mary 10; Caroline 8; Martha 5; Nancy 2; Alcey Idings 15 (all b. Floyd)
- 214/214 Walters, William 78 farmer (b. Botetourt); Hiram 31 (b. Floyd); Druzilla 27 (b. Montgomery); Mary 9/12 (b. Floyd); Ticha? Hedges 10 (b. Unknown)
- 215/215 Walters, Wm. C. 41, farmer (b. Montgomery); Cynthia 35; Sarah 13; John 15; Mary 9; Peter 8; Jacob 7 (wife and children b. Floyd)
- 216/216 Walters, Martin 42, farmer (b. Montgomery); Mary 41; Wmanuel 17; William P. 15; Solomon 13; Philip 9 (wife and children b. Floyd)

COMMENT:

Next page of neighbors includes Walters, Simpson, Gray, Walters, Light, Newman, Gsrey, Reed, Conner & Conner, with various of these families mingled in same household. In short: these four pages—this neighborhood into which William has planted himself and his family—seem to represent a cluster of interrelated families

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Western District No. 15

- 421/421 **Mills, Sparrel** 23 male farmer b. Franklin
- Susan 19 female b. Franklin
- Juliana 1 female b. Floyd

COMMENT:

Neighbors:

- 417 Pugh, Sarah 64? (b. "Va.")
- 418 Leftwich, Cromwell 27 farmer (b. Bedford); Sally Leftwich 50 (b. Bedford) & family
- 419 Leftwich, Joel 23 farmer (b. Bedford) & family
- 420 Barber, Josiah 34, carpenter b. Penn & family
- 421 Mills
- 422 Jarret, Allen, 69, farmer b. Virginia & family [father-in-law of Sparrel Mills]

- 423 Key, George, 36, farmer, b. Giles Co.; Hannah 28 (b. Montgomery), Sarah 8 (b. Giles), Louise 5 (b. Montgomery), John R 2 (b. Floyd); Wm. H. Key 23 (b. Giles)
- 424 Light, Loving D. 28 (b. Floyd); Sarah 30 (b. Montgomery); Octais, 1, female (b. Floyd)

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Western District No. 15

451/451	Mills, Wiley	26	male	farmer	b. Franklin
	Mary	25	female		b. Franklin
	William	5	male		b. Henry
	George	3	male		b. Henry
	John	1	male		b. Henry

1851

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Tax roll.

PATTERSON'S DISTRICT: "M" section²⁹⁰

William B. Mills, 1 white male 16+, 0 slaves, 1 horse, 1 "other" clock, 12½¢ tax (3 March)

Tax roll.

CHATTIN T. POLLARD'S DISTRICT (formerly Greer's): "M" section

Mills: Hiram, Jubal, Cornelius, Nathaniel, Jordan & Anderson

COMMENT:

Samuel E. has been dropped. He is not found on the 1850 census. By 1853, he was in Meriwether County, GA, where he would die 31 July 1894. His son Joseph H. Mills left Georgia after the Civil War and married Aura J. Morse in Harrison County, Texas. Their son Hugh E. Mills was the grandfather of my late husband, Gary B. Mills.

1851

FLOYD COUNTY, VA

Personal tax roll.

Countywide list²⁹¹

William Mills, 2 white males, 0 slaves, 0 horse, 0 tax (26 April)

Anderson Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 0 horses, 0 tax (22 April)

[skip 5]

Larkin T. Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 0 horses, 0 tax (22 April)

[skip 23]

Robt. W. Mills, 1 white male, 0 slaves, 0 horses, 0 tax (20 April)

Sparriel Mills, 1 white male, 1 horse, 10¢ tax (26 April)

COMMENT:

This is William's last appearance on the Floyd tax rolls.

TO DO:

Franklin County tax rolls need to be continued (thoroughly), to determine whether William returned to Franklin.

²⁹⁰ Franklin Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 123, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

²⁹¹ Floyd Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1831–1850; Floyd Co. reel 117, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

28 DECEMBER 1852

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Marriage bond.

William Mills and Sarah Boitnott. No surety.²⁹²

1852

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Tax roll.

PATTERSON'S DISTRICT: "M" section²⁹³

William B. Mills

L. A. POWELL'S DISTRICT (formerly Greer's): "M" section

Mills: Jubal, Nathaniel, George, Hiram, Wilson

1852

FLOYD COUNTY, VA

Personal tax roll.

Countywide list²⁹⁴

Andrew Mills 1 white male
 2 cattle, sheep, hogs @ \$21 total
 \$35 value of household furniture
 \$36 exempted
 .36 tax

Maxy, Hannah

Robert W. Mills 1 white male
 2 cattle, sheep, hogs @ \$21
 \$30 value of household furniture
 \$51 exempted
 .36 tax

[skip 8]

Andrew Mills 1 white male
 \$10 value of household furniture
 \$10 exempted
 .36 tax

Manning, Clabourn

Anderson Mills, 1 white male
 1 horse/mule @ 45
 29 cattle, sheep, hogs @ \$69
 \$40 value of household furniture
 \$100 exempted
 .46 tax

Larkin Mills (S) 1 white male
 .36 tax

Robert Moore

²⁹² Franklin Co., Marriage Bond Book 1, 1786–1853: 67, citing marriage bond 2863.

²⁹³ Franklin Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1786–1803; Franklin Co. reel 123, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

²⁹⁴ Floyd Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1831–1850; Floyd Co. reel 117, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

Clabourne Manning (S)

COMMENT:

This assessor appears to be using "(S)" to indicate *Son*.

1853

FLOYD COUNTY, VA

Personal tax roll.

Countywide list²⁹⁵

Larkin Mills 1 white male [etc.]

Robert W. Mills, 1 white male [etc.]

Anderson Mills, 1 white male [etc.]

1853

FLOYD COUNTY, VA

Personal tax roll.

Countywide list²⁹⁶

Anderson Mills 1 white male [etc.]

[skip 13]

Larkin Mills, 1 white male [etc.]

[skip 3]

William Mills, 1 white male; 0 furnishings, cattle, etc.; 40¢ poll

[skip 3 to end of list]

COMMENT:

This William appears to be a young man new to the area.

11 MARCH 1855

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Death.

Arthur Mills, died 11 March 1855, aged 58 [?], cause: old age. **Cornelius Mills** reported the death.²⁹⁷

28 DECEMBER 1855–2 JUNE 1856

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Probate.

Arthur Mills, dec'd. Inventory and appraisal, 28 December 1855. Very small estate. No amount given. Sale of estate 2 June 1856; proceeds: \$6.61½. Property bought by Thomas Galloway, **Cornelius Mills**, John R. Webster "paid by H. Mills," Peter Teel, **Hiram Mills**.²⁹⁸

11 APRIL 1856

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Death.

Wilson Mills, d. 11 April 1856, aged 27 years, 4 mos. 16 days. "Of consumption. Parents: **Hiram and Tenah Mills**. Occupation: school teacher. Father reported the death.²⁹⁹

²⁹⁵ Floyd Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1831–1850; Floyd Co. reel 117, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

²⁹⁶ Floyd Co., VA, Personal Property Tax Records, 1831–1850; Floyd Co. reel 117, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

²⁹⁷ Franklin Co., VA, Register of Deaths, 15.

²⁹⁸ Franklin Co., VA, Will Book 9:405, 407–8.

²⁹⁹ Franklin Co., VA, Register of Death: 19.

28 JUNE 1856

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Probate.

Hiram Mills is the administrator of the estate of **Wilson Mills**. Property sold for \$93.07. Buyers: John Abshire, **Hiram Mills**, **Sarah Mills**, Daniel Bowman, George *Boitnott*, John Arthur, and **Cornel. Mills**.³⁰⁰

COMMENT:

The 1850 census cites Hiram and wife "Tener," both 49, with children **Fluvana** 23, Dulcinia 21, Wilson 19, Hiram 16, William 15, Major 13, Mary 11, Joseph 9.³⁰¹

The name given to the oldest daughter suggest a possible origin for the James Mills family. the naming convention was also used by Samuel E. Mills, son of William and Drucilla of Franklin County, VA, who named a daughter Virginia Franklin.

In 1777, Fluvanna County was cut from southeastern Albemarle. It is bordered by Louisa on NE, Goochland on SE, Cumberland and Buckingham on the S, and Albemarle on the W.

18 JUNE 1866

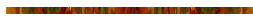
FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Death.

"**Nancy Mills**, white, female, died 18 June 1866 of old age, aged 85. Father: John W. Campbell. Born Franklin County, VA. **Widow of Cornelius Mills**. Death reported by [?], a friend.³⁰²

COMMENT:

The 1850 census identifies the wife of Cornelius (age 37) as "Sarah," aged 32. This *Nancy* of the death record was of age to be Nancy *West*, **widow of Arthur** and mother of Cornelius.



³⁰⁰ Franklin Co., Will Book 10:115–18.

³⁰¹ 1850 U.S. census, Franklin Co., VA, p. 127v, dwelling 997, family 993.

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Franklin County, VA

- 1810 United States Census
- 1820 United States census
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- 1850 United States census

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- Judgments
 - 1769–August 1787³⁰³
 - 1783–98 (microfilm 500-501) Loose papers
 - Land Suits, 1805–18 (microfilm 40) Indexed, but need to read page by page
 - Order Books, as follows:
 - 1836–40: 108, 151 (microfilm 31) Jos & John Mills appt’d surveyor (**what n’hoods?**)
 - 1836–40: 184 Arthur Mills, plaintiff
 - 1836–40: 313 Samuel Mills, defendant
 - Probate Records (microfilm 18-19)
 - Will Book 1: 242, 243, 249, 433 John Early Will & adm. (microfilm 18) Richard Edmondson, Richard
 - Will Book 1: 26, 34, 50, 242 Elizabeth Ferguson, Will
 - Will Book 1: 330 John Ferguson, Will &c
 - Will Book 1: 50, 53 William Ferguson, guardianship
 - Will Book 1: 169³⁰⁴ No index exists; need to read every page
 - Will Book 2 (microfilm 18) No index exists; need to read every page
 - Will Book 4 (microfilm 19) Particularly need Robert Kemp’s estate records
 - Tax Rolls, as follows:
 - 1815: William Mills, Hairston’s District Get closest “M” entries
 - 1850s: William Mills & sons
3. Greenville County, SC, needs to be worked for Samuel McCarrell and his parents—Thomas and Mary (Ferguson) McCarrell. They were in Greenville by the time of the 1790 census and remained there for at least three decades.

³⁰³ As identified in a Facebook posting: “It appears a box of missing records for Franklin County has been found in the State Data Center. **It is labeled Franklin County Judgements 1769 - August 1787.** After years of searching microfilm and circuit court records for the details on a court case that ended in August 1787 (Callaway vs. Brooks and Guthrie, Exhors) I called a state archivist at LVA and she found out about this box. She said it may have never been opened since Franklin County boxed it up. I am also missing a 1787 deed for William Brooks who began paying land taxes in 1787, and hope it may be with the court case docs IF IF IF they are in the box. This box likely contains records that should have been with the Franklin County microfilms listed as Judgements, Determined Papers, Chancery, and possibly Loose papers. See Jim Wentz, “Franklin County Virginia Genealogy,” *Facebook* (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/53236351407/> : 5 May 2017).

³⁰⁴ William Mills-Witt came of age during the period of this volume. Because the volume has been abstracted and published—ostensibly including all imbedded names—and does not name William Mills-Witt, I am not reading it page by page. **I may need to revisit this book from about p. 375 forward, skimming page by page.** I suspect the index covers only those named in wills and the legatees in partitions, not those who had notes-of-hand being held by the deceased or is otherwise named.