

**GENEALOGY OF THE
MILLS FAMILY**

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PREFACE

This genealogy of one branch of the Mills family was gathered from some old records, and from stories told by my parents and grandparents, and copied solely for my nephews and nieces and their descendants, knowing that the time was not far off when no one would be left who could tell them of these things.

Friends suggested that it would be more convenient to read and keep if printed in book form, to which I have reluctantly consented, as the latter part of the genealogy is not complete, owing to failing health, which prevents me from tracing it further and more definitely.

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SIMEON MILLS came from England, and is the first of the name of Mills of whom we have any record, his brother John having died on the voyage.

Simeon married Mary Buell the twenty-third of February, A. D. 1649, twenty-nine years after the first landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth. He settled and resided in Windsor until 1669, when he removed to Simsbury, Connecticut (then called Mas-sacoe), seven years before the burning of Simsbury by the Indians under King Philip.

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Simeon and Mary Mills had eleven children — five sons and six daughters : Mary, born December 8, 1652 ; Hannah, born 1655 ; Simeon, born May, 1657 ; John, born June, 1658 ; Sarah, born September, 1660 ; Abigail, born 1662 ; Elizabeth, born 1664 ; Prudence, born 1666 ; Simeon, second, born 1668 ; two younger sons supposed to have died in infancy or early youth.

John, the fourth child, is the immediate ancestor of the Mills family to which we belong, and whose lineage we will trace.

The wife of Simeon Mills was a woman of great courage and energy, as the following story, which has been told of her from one generation to another, will show.

The Indians at that time were so hostile and treacherous that those first settlers deemed it unsafe for their families to remain in their houses at night, and built a fortress of logs, where they slept with their guns loaded, ready for a sudden attack. Their house was half a mile from the fort, and one day, when the time arrived for them to

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go there, some delay occurred. The bread that Mrs. Mills was baking was not ready to be taken from the oven, and, the darkness coming on, she requested her husband to hasten to the fort with the children, and to leave his loaded gun with her, while she remained to watch the bread. At length she was ready to leave, when she saw three Indians, one sitting on the fence, and one climbing over the bars of the fence near the house, and another coming. With great presence of mind, she closed the door, and began to call over the names of her boys, in a loud voice telling them to get their guns, for the Indians were coming, and at each name she threw up a chair, which came tumbling down-stairs with a great noise. Then she fired off her gun through a hole in the door. She heard a groan, and a sound as though they were dragging one of their number away, and when the last sound of the retreating Indians had died in the distance, she ran for the fort, and was met on the way by her

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husband and some men who had heard the report of the gun.

On the following morning, on returning from the fort, there were traces of blood to be seen from the house to the woods, and they thought one Indian had been killed.

Capt. Michael Mills used to relate the foregoing story of his brave great-grandmother to his grandchildren.

II

John Mills, fourth child of Simeon and Mary Buell Mills, was born June, 1658. He married Sarah Pettibone, whose family is supposed to be the first of the name who came from England during the Cromwellian wars.

John and Sarah Pettibone Mills had four children; two of them, Joseph and Benjamin, were twins, and were carried seven miles, in a basket, to be baptized. The mother rode on horseback through

Deacon Joseph Mills and Hannah Mills had fourteen children. Their names were Joseph, Michael, Hannah, Samuel, Amasa, Benjamin, Ezekiel, Daniel, Simeon, Andrew, Sarah, Thankful, Ephraim, Ruth.

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the forest, while the father and another man walked, carrying the basket containing the infants.

John Mills settled in West Simsbury, now called Canton. He died while young, leaving a wife and four children. His widow married Deacon John Humphrey of Canton.

III

Joseph Mills, son of John and Sarah Mills, was born in 1694, and settled in East Simsbury (Weatogue). When Joseph was thirty years old, he married Hannah Adams, who was fifteen years of age, born in 1709. Joseph and Hannah Mills had fourteen children, ten sons and four daughters; all of them remarkable for their Christian character and example. Six of his sons were deacons of churches, and most of them were military men, known by military titles. Some of them served in the Revolutionary War. Four of his sons and three of his daughters settled in Norfolk. The

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names of those who settled in Norfolk were Joseph, born 1726, died 1795, aged 69; Michael, born 1728, died 1820, aged 92; Samuel, born 1734, died 1803; Simeon, born 1744, died 1788, after enduring great hardship in the service of his country, during the Revolutionary War. The names of the daughters of Joseph and Hannah Mills, all of whom married and settled in Norfolk, were Hannah, born 1731, died 1796; Sarah, born 1748, died 1805; Ruth, born 1753, died 1789; Thankful, born 1750, died 1776.

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Joseph Mills lived to see all of his fourteen children married and to see their children. He died April 19, 1783, aged 89. Hannah, his wife, died September 1776, aged 67.

Of them all it is related that they were pious and reverent men and women, toiling amidst hardships, privations, and peril to help lay the foundation of a good

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government and a pure faith, a heritage left to their posterity to preserve and enjoy. "These all died in faith."

IV

Michael Mills, second son of Deacon Joseph Mills and Hannah Adams Mills, was born in Simsbury, 1728. He married Mercy Lawrence, daughter of Samuel and Patience Lawrence, of Killingly, Conn. He settled in the eastern part of Norfolk, called Loonmeadow, so named by the first settlers, who found a dead loon there.

In some historical sketches of Norfolk it is recorded that "Capt. Michael Mills' company of Col. Hutchins regiment, was ordered to West Point in June 1780, and remained there eleven days, of which company, fifteen were Norfolk men.

"Capt. Michael Mills was Representative to the General Assembly of Connecticut in 1779, 1782, 1783, 1785, 1786, 1788, 1790, 1791."

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The Assembly met twice each year then, and he was chosen fourteen times. He took an active, useful part in the affairs of the town, enjoying the confidence of the people, and was esteemed as an honest, upright man.

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Michael Mills died March 21, 1820, aged 92 years. Mercy Mills, wife of Michael Mills, died October 8, 1821, aged 86 years. Noble and dignified in manner, of the old-school style, they commanded respect and veneration from those who knew them. Patriotism and kindness were blended in their characters, as one incident tells.

After the surrender of Burgoyne, 1777, one wing of his army, composed mostly of Hessians, was marched through Norfolk to Hartford, and encamped several days in Norfolk. One of their number, a Hessian, was sick and unable to proceed farther, and Captain Michael Mills and his

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wife took him from the roadside into their own house, where Mrs. Mills kindly watched over him through a lingering illness until he died. He was very grateful for the kindness he received, and often said in broken English that if he ever recovered he would never fight against such good people as the Americans were, and that the English had deceived them. He had a strange belief, which he frequently expressed, that when he died he should return to his native land, and see his wife and little children.

He was buried in a field beneath a tree, on which were carved these words: "Here lies the body of Abram Hunchupp." The tree has long since disappeared, but the field is still known as the "Hunchupp Lot." Some have thought it was the grave of an Indian, but the oldest inhabitants remember it as having been called "the Hessian's Grave."

Years had come and gone since the death of the Hessian, and the wife of Mr.

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Eden Mills was sitting in the twilight hour, by the wide fireplace in the old Loon-meadow home. She was quietly singing a lullaby to the infant resting on her lap, and as she watched the smoke and flame, she was startled as she read on the huge blazing backlog the well-known words: "Here lies the body of Abram Hunchupp." In relating it, she said, "I almost fainted away when I read it." Mr. Mills had hired a man to chop down some trees in those woods for "fire-wood," and this man had done the ruthless deed. Mr. Mills was grieved, and greatly surprised at the carelessness of the man, and went with him to search thoroughly for the place where the monumental tree had stood; but so many trees of the same age and size had been cut down that they could not tell which was the one that marked the Hessian's grave.

A large family Bible, printed in Edinburgh, A. D. MDCCLII, which was presented to Mrs. Mercy Mills by her father Samuel Lawrence, is now in possession of

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one of her descendants, and on one of the blank leaves the following is written:

Samuel Lawrence His Book
God Grant Him Grace therein to Look
That he may Run that Blessed Race
That Heaven may be his Dwelling Place.

Samuel Lawrence married Patience Bigelow
August 24, 1734.

Mercy was born June 22nd 1735 att Killingly.

John was born March 29th 1737 att Killingly.

Susanna was born April 4th 1739 att Killingly.

Bigelow was born May 24th 1741 att Killingly.

Ariel was born June 21st 1743 att Killingly.

Patience was born September 12th att Killingly.

Samuel was born April 2nd 1748 att Killingly.

Sarah was born July 31st 1750 att Simsbury.

Luther was born November 15th 1751 att Simsbury.

Zeruah was born May 20th 1754 att Simsbury.

James was born January 25th 1758 att Simsbury.

Samuel Lawrence was born 1711 Died in Simsbury April 10th 1793 in the 82nd year of his age.

Our Honard Father Died April the 10 A. D. in the 82 year of Age.

Our Honard Mother Died February in the 82 year of her Age.

John Lawrence died.

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Mrs. Mercy Mills used to relate this little story of her childhood to her grandchildren.

When she was a very little child, living in Killingly, her mother was making preparations to visit her parents in Providence, and their only way of traveling then was on horseback. A neighbor who owned a better sidesaddle than hers kindly offered to exchange with her for the journey. She was to start the next morning, and being very busy, Mercy was sent to get the saddle. It was late in the afternoon, and the neighbor lived a mile away, with no house but a long stretch of dense forest between.

Her father lifted her on to the old gentle horse, telling her that she had plenty of time for the horse to walk there and back before sunset. The faithful old horse seemed to feel his responsibility, and moved very slowly on. When she arrived at the house, the woman came out and took her from the saddle and into her house, where she entertained and amused

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her, and then said, "You must have some of my biscuits and honey before you go home." While she was eating they were startled by loud thunder, and, looking out, saw a very dark cloud rapidly rising, and that it was growing dark. The woman hurried her on to the horse, telling her to "ride fast, so as to get through the woods before dark, for there were goats in those woods that sang psalms in the night." Greatly frightened at hearing this, little Mercy hurried on, but found it very dark when she entered the woods. The old horse kept the road, and as the vivid lightning flashed, it revealed something white coming swiftly towards her, and she thought it was surely one of the psalm-singing goats, when, to her great joy, she saw that it was her little dog coming to meet her. Another flash! and she saw a man standing by the bars through which she had to pass, who called in a troubled voice, "Marcy, my child, is it you?"

The ministers of the gospel in those

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early days were men of courtly and dignified manners, commanding much respect and reverence from the people. An anecdote is told of one of them.

Riding on horseback one bright morning, becomingly dressed in the style of the time, with three-cornered hat, and shining buckles on his knees and shoes, he was met by Martha, an Indian woman, who had become civilized by Christian influence. Greatly impressed by his imposing appearance, Martha dropped a low courtesy, and said, "Good morning, cousin." "Good morning," he replied. "But I should like to know how we are cousins?" She meekly answered, "By Adam, sar." "Well, well," said he, "I am glad it is no nearer." "So I too," she said.

V

The children of Michael and Mercy Mills were Michael (who died when young), Mercy, Ira, Eden, Lawrence,

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Editha, Persia, Augustus, Michael Frederick. Mercy, married Stephen Walter, settled in the western part of the State of New York, then called the "Holland Purchase"; Ira, married Charlotte Lawrence, first wife; Leah Fields, second wife, settled in New Haven, Vermont; Eden, married Rosanna Wilcox, settled in Norfolk, Connecticut; Lawrence, married Olive Benedict, settled in Norfolk; Persia, married Andrew Moore, settled in the western part of the State of New York; Editha, married Cyrus Curtis, settled in Ohio; Augustus, married Martha Pettibone, settled in Norfolk, removed to Wadsworth, Ohio, then a wilderness; Michael Frederick, married Sarah Pettibone, settled in Norfolk.

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Eden Mills, son of Capt. Michael Mills and Mercy Lawrence Mills, married Rosanna Wilcox, daughter of Ezekiel and

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Rosanna Pettibone Wilcox. They had ten children, five sons and five daughters. They resided in the eastern part of Norfolk, called Loonmeadow.

Eden Mills served a short time in the Revolutionary War, when he was sixteen years of age, at New London. He died April 30, 1836, aged 71 years. Rosanna Mills, wife of Eden Mills, died March 6, 1830, aged 61 years. Rosanna Wilcox and her sister Charlotte, who married Col. Amherst Phelps of Simsbury, were remarkable for their great beauty of person and loveliness of character, and were called "the flowers of Norfolk" when they were young.

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The children of Eden and Rosanna Mills were, Ezekiel Wilcox, John Milton, Rosanna Selima, Irad, George Sylvester, Charlotte, Lucy, Eden, Sarah Pettibone, Susan Lawrence.

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Ezekiel Wilcox Mills married Julia Anna Stowe of Philadelphia, and died near that city, May 15, 1835; John Milton Mills married Emma Parrot, died Norfolk, April 19, 1860, aged 71 years: Emma died June 13, 1886, aged 89 years.

Rosanna S. married Luther Butler, died September 27, 1880, aged 89 years: Luther Butler died September 28, 1855, aged 69 years; Irad married Almira Nettleton, died November 12, 1864, aged 72 years: Almira died February, 1862, aged 58 years; George S. married Elizabeth Ryerson of Pompton, New Jersey, died at Newark, December 18, 1876, aged 81 years: Elizabeth died April 8, 1873, aged 77; Charlotte married Phineas Hunt of Sharon, Connecticut, died at Canaan, December 24, 1863, aged 64 years: Phineas Hunt died at Canaan, September 27, 1868,—both interred in Norfolk; Lucy Mills died in Oconome-

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woc, Wisconsin, September 23, 1845, aged 42 years; Eden Mills died in Oconomewoc, Wis., October 27, 1843, aged 36 years; Sarah married Jedediah Sage of Sandisfield, Massachusetts, died at New Lisbon, Wisconsin, February 12, 1873, aged 64 years: Jedediah Sage died at Oconomewoc, Wisconsin, April, 1849.

"These were lovely and pleasant in their lives," noble, upright, true men and women.

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The children of Ezekiel Wilcox Mills and Julia Anna Mills were Emily Therese Mills, married Capt. William Bartlett Sheldon, who served in the navy during the war of the Rebellion. He was taken near Charleston by the Confederates, and imprisoned in Charleston and Salisbury, South Carolina, was afterwards exchanged, but entered the navy again.

Julia Wilcox Mills resides in Beverly, New Jersey. John Stowe Mills married

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Anna Ogden of Madison, Indiana, and died in Indiana.

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The children of John Milton Mills and Emma Mills : Mary, married John Roberts; George, died August 29, 1835, aged 23; Elizabeth, married Benjamin Eggleston of Northeast, New York; Dwight Phelps, married Sarah Skilling of Yarmouth, Maine; James Hubbell, married Sylvia Hart.

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The children of Luther Butler and Rosanna Mills Butler : Rosanna Wilcox, married Edward H. Hubbard of Salisbury, died March 30, 1885, aged 72; Ellen Elizabeth, married George C. Dodge of Salisbury.

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The children of Irad and Almira Mills : Julia, died March 1, 1895, aged 71 years; William Lawrence; Samuel John, married

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Harriet Lemley (he was one of the first to enlist for his country in the war of the Rebellion, and was a member of the 2d Connecticut Volunteers, Co. F; died from sufferings received at the battle of Bull Run, September 5, 1861, aged 28 years); Helen, married Lewis H. Hurlbutt, Stamford, Connecticut.

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The children of George S. and Elizabeth Ryerson Mills: George Augustus Mills, died at Pará, Brazil, S. A., November 10, 1845, aged 23 years; Rosa Wilcox Mills, wife of Dr. George Adam, Canaan, died February 9, 1859, aged 39 years; Ellen Ryerson Mills, married Hon. Robbins Battell of Norfolk, died March 19, 1851, aged 26 years; Elizabeth Mills, married Judge George F. Tuttle, resides in Newark, New Jersey; Samuel Ryerson Mills, died July 27, 1893, Newark, New Jersey, aged 62. "Mr. Mills was unmarried. He was very pleasant and agree-

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able in social life, and an artist of considerable merit, whose paintings took prizes in art exhibitions. One painting, in particular, is said to be worth \$5000." (Copied from the "Herald.")

VII

The children of Jedediah Sage and Sarah Mills Sage: Emily S., married Dr. E. G. Little, Oconomewoc, Wisconsin; Eden Mills, died May 26, 1845, aged 13 years; Edward Deming, married Sarah Lewis, first wife; second wife, Helen Baxter, New Lisbon, Wisconsin; Frances Margaret, Ellen.

VIII

Minnie Emily Sheldon Stees, Walter S. Sheldon, Raymond M. Sheldon.

Charles, George, John, Frederic, Roberts; Mary E. Van Alstyne, Edward, Dwight, George, Hamilton, * Stuart, Frederick Eggleston; George Mills, Grove

* Have died previous to 1896.

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Mills, Belle, Hattie A. Mills; William Hurlbutt, Jessie Scofield; Susie G. Mills, William S. Mills, Annie M. Mills; Ellen B. Palmer, Hattie R. Carrington, Rosalie Johnson, Joseph S. Adam, Mary E. Noble, Rev. Samuel F. Adam, Ellen Battell Stoeckel, Rosa E. Tuttle, Joseph N. Tuttle, George S. Tuttle; William Little, Edward T. Sage.

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* Margaret Whitehouse Stees, Hubert Stees, Hildegard Stees, Minnie, * Burton, Lena Mills, George Mills; Charlotte Rossanna Palmer, Ellen Elizabeth Palmer, Edward H. Johnson, Harvey L. Johnson, Ellen Elizabeth Johnson; Edward Carrington, Robert T. Carrington, Frank Mills Carrington, Rose Adam, George Adam Noble, Mason Noble, Katherine P. Noble, Rose Noble, John Noble, Charles Noble, * Joseph Noble; * Frederic Battell Terry, Eleanor Johnson; Harry, Roy, Jenny Little.

* Have died previous to 1896.

DESCENDANTS OF THE PILGRIMS

- I. Simeon.
- II. John.
- III. Joseph.
- IV. Michael.
- V. Eden.
- VI. Children of Eden and Rosanna Mills.
- VII. Grandchildren of Eden and Rosanna Mills.
- VIII. Great-grandchildren of Eden and Rosanna Mills.
- IX. Great-great-grandchildren of Eden and Rosanna Mills.

SOME FAMILIES CONNECTED WITH THE MILLS FAMILY, AND INCIDENTS RELATING TO THEM

Simeon Mills, brother of Captain Michael Mills, was in Burrell's Regiment, of which Rev. A. R. Robbins was chaplain in 1776. He had smallpox, not properly cared for, and it became chronic, producing ulcers, which remained a long time. He was sent home in September, 1776, and was confined to his bed and chair until autumn, 1779. The Assembly of Connecticut voted him £300 to pay his bills, of which £200 was doctor's bill. An old gray stone marks his grave in the Norfolk cemetery.

Ariel Lawrence, brother of Mrs. Mercy Mills, served two short terms in special

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calls on the militia. He was at Saratoga on a four months' term when Burgoyne surrendered. He was a man of great physical endurance; after the surrender, he shouldered his gun and knapsack and walked from a point six miles beyond Troy to Norfolk in one day.

Luther Lawrence, another brother of Mrs. Mercy Mills, was four months and twenty-one days at Highlands, in 1780, in Philip B. Bradley's regiment.

IV

Ezekiel Wilcox was born in Simsbury, A.D. 1736. He married Rosanna Pettibone, daughter of Jonathan Pettibone of Simsbury, Connecticut, afterward an officer in the Revolutionary army, who died at Rye, New York, in 1776, soon after he entered the service. When the call was made for troops to defend New York, Colonel Pettibone, then more than sixty-five years of age, but strong in love for his

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country, hastened with his regiment to respond to the call, but fell a victim to that fatal malady "camp distemper," as it was called from its prevailing to such an extent throughout the encampments of the army. Ezekiel and Rosanna Wilcox settled in Norfolk. They had four children: Ezekiel, died in infancy; Charlotte, married Col. Amherst Phelps of Simsbury; Rosanna, married Eden Mills of Norfolk; Ezekiel, married Olive Welch of Norfolk. Charlotte, wife of Col. Amherst Phelps, died 1832, aged 65 years. Rosanna, wife of Eden Mills, died March 6, 1830, aged 61 years; Ezekiel died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Amelia Pickett, Decatur, Ill., 1861, aged nearly 90 years.

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Ezekiel Wilcox, died January 23, 1774, in the thirty-ninth year of his age; Rosanna Pettibone, wife of Ezekiel Wilcox, died October 15, 1813, aged 75 years.

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Lucy Wilcox, sister of Ezekiel Wilcox, married Ariel Lawrence, a brother of Mercy Lawrence Mills, the wife of Capt. Michael Mills. Ariel Lawrence and Lucy Wilcox Lawrence were the grandparents of the late Hon. E. G. Lawrence of Norfolk.

The house in which the first town-meeting of the town of Norfolk was held, December 12, 1758, was built and owned by Col. Giles Pettibone, a brother of Rosanna Pettibone Wilcox. The house is still standing (1896), and is occupied by one of the third, one of the fifth, and three of the sixth generation of the lineal descendants of Rosanna Pettibone Wilcox. Judge Augustus Pettibone, son of Col. Giles Pettibone, was born in this house. He married Susan Lawrence, daughter of Ariel Lawrence.

V

Constantine Mills, son of Deacon Joseph Mills, was born in Norfolk in 1761,

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and at the age of seventeen enlisted in the Revolutionary army, August, 1778. He was in the battle at the burning of Fairfield by the British, July, 1779. He married April 29, 1783, and removed to Ohio, where he died (at Ashtabula), October, 1848. He was the grandfather of the late Gen. Simeon Mills, who died in Madison, Wis., June 1, 1895, aged 85. Gen. Simeon Mills was born in Norfolk, February 14, 1810. Both his grandfathers were Revolutionary soldiers.

Augustus Mills, son of Michael and Mercy Mills, married Martha Pettibone. Their children (eleven) were, Sylvia, Julia, Harry, Editha, Laman, Philo, William, Martha Pettibone, Nancy, John Lawrence, Cyrus Curtis.

Children of Lawrence and Olive Benedict Mills were Laura, Myron, Persial Hiram, Francis Benedict, and Matilda.

Michael F. Mills, son of Capt. Michael Mills, was a lawyer, and for several years Judge of Probate, the Probate district then

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comprising the towns of Norfolk, Colebrook, and Winchester. He married Sarah Pettibone, granddaughter of Col. Giles Pettibone, one of the first settlers of the town of Norfolk. Their children were: Margaret Jane, married John A. Shepard; Frederick Ira, a graduate of Yale College, who died 1830; Michael Giles; Sarah Julia, married John K. Shepard. Frederic M. Shepard of Orange, N. J., is a grandson of Michael F. Mills.

Roger Mills, a lawyer in New Hartford, and Rev. Joseph Mills of Becket, Mass., were sons of Deacon Joseph Mills, born in Norfolk.

FROM PAPERS PRESERVED IN
THE TILL OF A CHEST MORE
THAN ONE HUNDRED YEARS
OLD, WHICH BELONGED TO
EDEN MILLS.

Copy of an "Ensign's Warrant" to Eden Mills, given in those days when "Trainbands" were popular and military titles were desired, as political honors now are.

This appointment was from Samuel Huntington, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, and in the year 1779 President of the Continental Congress.

SAMUEL HUNTINGTON, Esquire,
Captain-General and Commander-in-Chief in and
over the State of Connecticut, in America,
To EDEN MILLS, Gent, Greeting:

You being by the General Assembly of this State accepted to be Ensign of the Eleventh com-

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pany or Trainband in the Fourteenth Regiment of Militia in the State aforesaid, reposing special Trust and confidence in your Fidelity, Courage, and good Conduct, I Do, by Virtue of the Laws of this State, me thereunto enabling, appoint and impower you to take the said Company into your Care and Charge as their Ensign, carefully and diligently to discharge that office and Trust, exersizing your inferior Officers and soldiers in the use of their Arms according to the Rules and Discipline of War, ordained and established by the Laws of this State, keeping them in good Order and Government, and commanding them to obey you as their Ensign, and you are to Observe all such Orders and Directions as from Time to Time you shall receive, either from me, or from other your superior Officers, pursuant to the Trust hereby reposed in you.

Given under my hand, and the public Seal of this State, at New Haven the 17th Day of October A.D., 1788.

SAM^L. HUNTINGTON.

GEORGE WYLLYS, *Secretary*.

EDEN MILLS, SERJT. Warrant.

John Sedgwick, Col. Comd. of the 14th Regiment of Militia in the State of Connecticut.

To EDEN MILLS Gent Greeting I do by these Presents Reposing Especial Confidence in your

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Fidelity Courage and good Conduct Constitute and Apoint you the sd. Eden Mills to be Serjt. in the 11th Company in said Regiment of Militia and I do hereby Authorize and impower you to Exercise your sd. Office in A due Discharge of the Duties thereof which you are Carefully and Diligently to Attend unto as A Serjt. as afore-said to the trust Reposed in you for which this is your Suffishiant Warrant.

Given under my Hand at Cornwell

October 1st 1787.

JOHN SEDGWICK.

The foregoing warrants were copied to show to those of the present generation what were some of the military customs and requirements of those early days: the first from a printed document bearing the seal of the State and the signature of Samuel Huntington; the last, a copy of one written by Lieut.-Col. John Sedgwick, an officer during the Revolutionary War, and the grandfather of the late Gen. John Sedgwick of the Civil War.