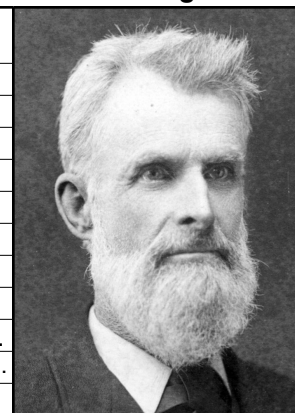


Name	Nelson MILLS	
Birth	15 Jan 1823	Halifax, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada ³ , 175, 179, 1102, date & NS only, 1147
Memo	age 63 in 1884; b NS	
Removal	abt 1846	Marine City, St. Clair, Michigan ³ , 180 Age: 22
Settlement	1850	St. Clair County, Michigan ¹¹⁰² Age: 26
Naturalization	2 May 1860	St. Clair County, Michigan ³⁴¹⁷ , p 16 Age: 37
Memo	Liber No 1, page 104	
Will	17 Apr 1903 ¹¹²⁸ , 1135, p 50 Age: 80	
Memo	Codicil, 7 Mar 1904	
Death	16 Mar 1904	Marysville, St. Clair, Michigan ³ , 175, 179, 1135, p 50, #173; date only, 8536 A...
Burial	18 Mar 1904	Lakeside Cemetery, Port Huron, St. Clair, Michigan ³ , place only, 340, p 1; pla...
Probate	12 Apr 1904	St. Clair County, Michigan ¹¹³⁵ , p 50 Age: 81
Occupation	Lumber; ships; See Notes.	
Occupation	Capitalist ⁸⁵³⁶	
Residence	Mosa Township, Ontario; Marysville, Michigan	
Religion	"in 1850 he became a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church", Marysville ¹¹⁴¹	
URL	https://host.reunionfamilycloud.com/davemillsaz/pioneers_st_clair_county_mi/mills_nelson_book.pdf	
Father	Barnabas MILLS (1801-1880)	
Mother	Margaret Ann NELSON (1803-1852)	



Individual Notes

- Born in Halifax, Nova Scotia, the first born in a family of 14 children. In 1844 he left his father's farm near Wardsville [Ontario] and migrated to Newport, now Marine City, Mich. where he went to work as a ship carpenter in the same shipyard where in later years he had several ships built and repaired. About 1850 he moved 14 miles north to Vicksburg, the name being changed to Marysville, to honor his wife, to go into the lumber business. He resided in Marysville until his death.¹
- March 1845: School in Mosa; from penmanship book: "went to school on 12th of March, 1845, Aldborough."¹¹¹⁸
- 10 Oct 1845: Living in Mosa Township.
"Nelson Mills, his Book. A living in the Township of Mosa, London District, October the 10th, 1845."¹⁸⁰
- ...who came from Canada in 1844, and had been a ship-carpenter in Marine City until he joined Miron Williams in lumbering on the Turnpike about 1850.⁵⁴⁴
- Nelson Mills, businessman and lumberman, was instrumental in growing the community of Vicksburg (renamed Marysville in 1859), which mainly encompassed the current City Park on the north side of Bartlett and the Chrysler Plant property on the south side.⁸⁶⁰⁷
- Married 1863. All children born in Marysville, Michigan.¹
- "Nelson Mills settled in Mosa with his father in 1826....."
The 1826 date of settlement in Mosa given in this source corresponds to that indicated in the query in Mills Ancestry [issue #10 26 Sept. 1988], which gives it as c. 1826. The wording "settled...with his father" seems a bit incongruous, since Nelson would have been only 3 years old in 1826. The fact that the author, writing about 60 years after Nelson moved from Mosa to Michigan, chose to describe the settlement in terms of Nelson rather than Barnabas, suggests that he may have had some kind of contact with Nelson over the years. (The author, Hugh McColl, who was b. 1837 in Ekfrid Twp., published the Strathroy Age from 1868 to 1876, and was postmaster at Strathroy from 1875 until his death in 1910.)
Source: Commentary by Robert A. Jones,⁵ in which this quotation is taken from Hugh McColl, Some Sketches of the Early Pioneers of the County of Middlesex (Toronto, 1902; facsimile edition Ottawa, Ont., Canadian Heritage Publications, 1979), page 23.
- At Marysville, or Vicksburg, as it was then generally called, E. P. Vickery, the first syllable of whose name had been used in giving the name to the settlement, had built a steam saw mill about 1843 which he later enlarged until it had a capacity of one million feet. A short distance below, Williams and Mills built, in 1855, a steam mill of two million feet capacity, and this together with the Vickery mill, were acquired by Williams and Mills, and later by Nelson and Barney Mills, who also purchased in 1878 the mill above their upper mill, which had been built in 1871 by William Sanborn and brother (James). This mill was a fine modern mill with a capacity of seven million feet, and was erected to saw timber brought from north of Saginaw bay.²⁹, p 372
- In 1845, William Sanborn and his brother, John P. Sanborn, came to the Port Huron area to work with their uncle James W. Sanborn. In Michigan, William Sanborn learned the art of timber scouting and surveying work under his uncle in the public land office. After the Civil War, William operated a sawmill on the St. Clair River in Marysville, Michigan, where he sawed the pine timber he cut from his properties in Iosco, Alcona and Oscoda Counties. He sold the property to Nelson and Barney Mills in 1871.

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<p>This mill was located on the old Morton Salt property north of Bunce Road in Marysville.^{8325, p 67}</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two brothers, J. L. and J. W. Kelsey, built a mill in 1844 in the forest three miles west of Vicksburg on the Fort Gratiot Turnpike. Their lumber was hauled by teams to their dock up the St. Clair river which was known as Kelsey's dock or wharf. Miron Williams and Nelson Mills organized a partnership March 21, 1850 and bought the mill and adjoining land of Kelseys. They operated the mill under the name of Williams and Mills, later to become a well known institution along the river and at Vicksburg, to which point the Kelsey mill was moved in 1858, after the timber available to the turnpike mill was exhausted. Miron Williams had been a mill operator for Ward & Gallagher at Belle River Mills. Nelson Mills had been since 1844 a ship-carpenter in Ward's Marine City Shipyard. Williams married the oldest Gallagher girl, Mary, in 1838 and they came in 1854 with their family of two boys and seven girls to Vicksburg, this being quite a substantial increase in the population of that time. The Williams farm home became the scene of much entertainment during the 30 years following. A school was maintained by Williams for his own children and those of the neighborhood, being the first school house in Vicksburg.^{1129, p 2} • [excerpts] Williams & Mills bought the turnpike saw-mill Mar. 21, 1850 from Joel W. & Jos. L. Kelsey, who had bought in 1844 from P. Laturno and Jos Beaushaw. Other land was included in the deed from Kelseys. Price was \$3500, with mortgage back for \$2500. See Vol U- pages 703-704. Miron Williams and Nelson Mills formed a co-partnership dated May 29, 1850, and operated this mill, store, boarding house on the turnpike. The location was in NW 1/4 Sec. 1, St. Clair township. Some date between 1850 and 1854, Nathan Reeve of Detroit (or Newburgh, N. Y.) was taken into partnership, becoming the firm named Reeve, Williams & Mills. Mar. 25, 1862. Nelson Mills and Barney Mills partnership agreement. Mar. 25, 1862. Agreement of Miron Williams to sell to Nelson & Barney Mills.⁷⁰⁶⁹ • Before the end of pastor Tuttle's first successful year here, the Methodists were planning for a building. They had organized a Board of five Trustees--Peter Brakeman, Nelson Mills, Ainsley Griffith, William Smith, and David Carlisle. These trustees purchased a strip of land 4 rods wide and 39 rods deep from Obadiah Gardner for the sum of \$100.^{1141, p 5} • The Methodist Episcopal Church of Vicksburg was organized November 9, 1859, with Peter F. Brakman, Nelson Mills, Ainsley M. Griffith, D. Carlisle and William Smith Trustees, and William Tuttle, pastor.^{29, p 425} • At the foot of River Road and what is now Huron Ave. stood the general store operated by Nelson and Barney Mills. They carried everything a lumberjack needed to get along in life. All kinds of merchandise and groceries. The men were paid \$1.50 per day and felt an obligation to trade with Mr. Mills. They were paid on Saturday at the office in rear of store on way home from work. Later in day on payday most of them went back to store and purchased their needs for next week which resulted in Mr. Mills getting the money back that he had paid the men earlier in the day.^{1156, p 1} The Mills family had a complete lumber empire -- a lumber camp but can't recall where it was located but my Father called it the Nelson Mills camp in his songs. They owned a fleet of boats, four sawmills and several farms and the store also leased and operated Stag Island, and inaugurated a ferry service between Marysville and the island.^{1156, p 2} Also would like to add that Nelson Mills was in his office a lot but he could put on boots and grab a pole and ride the logs in the river as good as any of the men.^{1156, p 3} • In the fall, when the first snow came, the Mills family's horses and oxen were shipped from Stag Island in the St. Clair River to Ogemaw County to work in the lumber camps. Around 1870 the Mills family owned hundreds of acres of Ogemaw County. They started a lumbering project which was carried for twenty years. After the trees were cut and trimmed into sizable logs, they were skidded into the Rifle River, during the spring freshets, and floated downstream. Upon reaching Lake Huron, they were rafted and pulled by tug boats to the St. Clair River, near Port Huron. Steam boats and tow barges transported them to Cleveland, Ohio, through Lake Erie.³⁴⁰² • Supervisor of St. Clair Township, 1860-61.^{29, p 637} • Justice of the Peace, 1856 & 1859.^{29, p 638} • Marysville Postmaster: 1864-1892.¹¹²⁹ • Timber to the amount of \$150 has been purchased here for the M. E. church of Port Huron. Seventy-five dollars of this is Mr. Nelson Mills' donation.⁸⁴¹⁸ • The Mills Transportation Company was formed February 4, 1878, with a capital stock of \$250,000, divided into 10,000 shares of \$25 each. Nelson Mills, of Marysville, held 2,812; Barney Mills, 938; August C. Gray, 1,250; Henry McMorran, Port Huron, 2,500; and Charles Neal, Bay City, 2,500 shares.^{29, p 547} • Nelson Mills, Marysville, of the firm of N & B Mills, Section 32, manufacturers of pine and other lumber, is a native of Nova Scotia, and was born January 15, 1823. When three years of age his parents moved to Upper Canada in the township of Mosa; there he lived until manhood. Then he came to Michigan and located in the County at Newport (now Marine City) and became a 	

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<p>citizen. He worked at ship-building. Then he and Myron Williams bought a tract of timber and sawmill on the Fort Gratiot turnpike in 1850, and engaged in lumbering. Their mill burned the next winter, and they rebuilt the mill and had it running in six weeks. They ran the business there twelve years. In 1853, they formed a partnership with N. Reeves, of Detroit, and bought a tract of pine land in Sanilac County, and the Brooks and St. Clair mill at Algonac. N. Mills took charge of the Williams and Mills' property, and M. Williams that of the Reeves, Williams and Mills'. In 1854, they bought the Vickery mill at Vicksburg and transferred their business to that place and built another mill. Soon after this the Vickery mill burned. The business was carried on in this way for three years, when Reeves failed; Williams and Mills took his interest and paid the debts. They carried on the business until 1862. Then N. Mills bought the Williams' interest, and took B. Mills in as partner and moved the mill from the turnpike to where the Vickery mill had been burned. They bought a tract of pine in Ogemaw County. They run the logs down the Rifle River, where they raft them and bring them to Vicksburg (now Marysville), where they operate two mills and a shingle and planing mill. They cut from eight to ten million feet of lumber yearly, and have the largest retail trade on the river. Mr. Mills is the largest stockholder in the Mills Transportation Company, which consists of the large steam barge Nelson Mills and four tow barges. They have also two other steam barges which are employed in freighting lumber to Cleveland, where [there is] the lumber yard for the sale of their lumber. They also carry on mercantile business. The interests of this firm comprise the business interests of Marysville. Mr. Mills has been actively identified with the interests of the town and county, and has held the office of Supervisor of the town of St. Clair, Justice of the Peace and School Inspector; and has held the office of Postmaster most of the time since he came here. He owns a large farm about two miles from Marysville. In 1863, Mr. Mills was united in marriage to Miss Mary Williams, a native of this county, and daughter of Myron Williams. Mr. and Mrs. Mills have six children, three sons and three daughters – John, Myron, Maggie, Hannah, Emeline and David.^{29, p 586}</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For many years the lumber and shipbuilding enterprises of Nelson and Barney Mills comprised the only industry in the village [Marysville, MI].⁵¹⁶⁵ 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We grieve to announce to former friends and business associates the death on March sixteenth of Nelson Mills, the senior member of the firm of N. & B. Mills. In fulfillment of the expressed wish of the late Mr. Mills and with the concurrence of his family, the several co-partnerships in which he was interested, in particular the firm of N. & B. Mills, will be continued as heretofore. N. & B. Mills March 19, 1904⁸⁶³⁴ 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My [Myron Mills] father, N. Mills, was one of the leaders of industry in this section from 1876 to 1904, taking an active part in most of the enterprises that developed St. Clair County, and was specially interested in lake freight transportation. After his death in 1904, I became one of the executors of his estate, and had charge of it until disposed of in 1912.¹¹³⁶ 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NELSON MILLS PASSES BEYOND Active Life Closed Interested In Many Industrial Corporations and Large Vessel Owner -- Reported Very Wealthy Nelson Mills, one of the oldest and best known residents of St. Clair county, died at his home in Marysville on Wednesday afternoon. He was taken sick on Sept. 9 last and has been confined to his room since Christmas day. Different specialists have been called and all have agreed that the stomach trouble was of such a serious nature that he could not recover and that the end would be only a matter of a few months. Notwithstanding his illness he has looked after many of the details of his business up to within a few days, and remained conscious up to the time of his death. Mr. Mills was considered the wealthiest man in St. Clair county, his property holdings being estimated at over \$1,000,000. ----- 	
<p>Nelson Mills was born January 15, 1823, in Nova Scotia, of English parentage. When three years of age his family moved to Wardsville, near Chatham, Ont., where his early boyhood was passed on a farm until he was twenty-one years old, except one winter which was spent getting out ship timber for the Quebec trade. In 1844 he came to Marine City, then known as Newport, and engaged in shipbuilding, at which occupation he had the name of doing more work in one day and doing it better than any other three men in the county. It was there that he first became known for that strength, endurance, and passion for labor that has marked his whole life, and this great capacity for work soon gained him more than local fame. He detested shams and believed that work was the mother of success, and that luck was only a very distant relative.</p>	
<p>Between 1844 and 1850 he made frequent trips into the pine forests of Michigan as a land looker for various people, and in 1850 engaged in lumbering on his own account in partnership with Myron Williams and Nathan Reeves, doing what was then a large business in lumber and rafting of logs on Black river, their capacity being 10,000,000 feet of lumber annually. In a few years Reeves went out of the business and Williams & Mills erected their first saw mill on the Fort Gratiot turnpike, three miles from the St. Clair River, for which their supply of logs was obtained from a 3,000 acre tract of thickly timbered land surrounding that point, the logs being brought to the mill on a wooden railroad.</p>	
<p>In 1862 Mr. Mills purchased his partner's interest in the business, and with his brother, Barney, formed the partnership of N. & B. Mills, which has until the present time continued with-out interruption, with headquarters at Marysville. This firm later</p>	

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<p>purchased 15,000 acres of pine land in Ogemaw and Arenac counties, which became their resource for a large timber supply for fifty years.</p>	
<p>In 1862 Mr. Mills, in connection with L. M. Skidmore, opened a wholesale lumber yard at Toledo, Ohio, which continued for six years.</p>	
<p>Nelson Mills has been interested in vessels all his life, and has owned and operated a large fleet of boats in the lumber, grain, and ore trades, and has always been closely connected with the development of shipbuilding, from the small vessels of the '60's to the present day. In 1863 his first venture was the building of the schooner Antelope, and placing her in the Chicago trade, where she not only cleared her first cost during the first season, but was sold at the end of the first year for more than her entire cost. This phenomenal success induced him to dip deeper into this branch of business, and for many years the Mills Transportation Co., the Pawnee Boat Co., and other lines have been important factors in the carrying trade of the Great Lakes. This firm in 1864 established a wholesale and retail lumber yard at Cleveland, Ohio, under the name of Mills, Jewett & Co., which some years later was changed to N. Mills & Co., and then to the Mills, Carleton Co. In 1897 the present corporation was formed by the consolidation of the Mills, Gray, Carleton Co., became one of the largest wholesale lumber companies doing business on Lake Erie, handling over 100,000,000 feet annually.</p>	
<p>In 1889 Mr. Mills, together with his son, John, in connection with Isaac Bearinger of Saginaw, and Hiram W. Sibley, of Rochester, N. Y., purchased 10,000 acre tract of land in West Virginia, timbered with black walnut and yellow poplar, and commenced manufacturing this valuable timber on an extensive scale.</p>	
<p>In 1900 John E. Mills, eldest son of Nelson Mills, secured the right of way and began the construction of an electric suburban road between Lansing, St. Johns, and St. Louis. Upon his death in August, 1903, the work was taken up and carried on by his father. During the summer of 1903, Mr. Mills with his son, Myron, his son-in-law J. R. Elliott, and Geo. G. Moore, of Port Huron, bought the Lansing street railway, which has been reconstructed, and both roads are being rapidly pushed to completion.</p>	
<p>The many business interests in which Mr. Mills was personally concerned are:</p>	
<p>President of the Mills, Gray, Carleton Lumber Co., Cleveland, Ohio</p>	
<p>President of the Lansing street railway</p>	
<p>President of the St. Louis & St. Johns Railway Co.</p>	
<p>President of the Mills Transportation Co.</p>	
<p>President of the Pawnee Boat Co.</p>	
<p>President of the Mills, Elliott Manufacturing Co.</p>	
<p>President of the Nelson Mills company</p>	
<p>President of the Port Huron & Sarnia Ferry Co.</p>	
<p>President of the Port Huron Navigation Co.</p>	
<p>Director of the Panther Lumber Co., West Virginia</p>	
<p>Director of the Port Huron Savings Bank</p>	
<p>Director of the Port Huron Engine & Thresher Co.</p>	
<p>Director of the Deepspring Mineral Bath Co.</p>	
<p>Director of the Northern Life Assurance Co., of Canada</p>	
<p>Mr. Mills was a large property holder in Port Huron, Detroit, Toledo, and Cleveland. He was the owner of Stag Island, a popular summer resort in St. Clair river, owned a planing mill and branch lumber yard in St. Clair, and large farms in St. Clair county. He was also an active stock-holder in numerous industries: Malleable Iron Works, Port Huron Saw Works, and the Anglo-American Fire Insurance Co., of Toronto.</p>	
<p>Mr. Mills always took a marked interest in politics, his first vote having been for Fremont in 1850, and while a devout adherent to the principles of the Republican Party, and often solicited to accept office, his business interests compelled refusal, except in the early days of the county, when he was supervisor and justice of the peace.</p>	
<p>In 1850 he became a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and for more than fifty years held the office of steward of the church. No matter what the business cares of the week had been, he was never found absent from his pew twice on Sunday, and during the early part of his life took an active part in Sunday school work. In his business, religious and every day life, he has shown the same strong characteristics. Determined in carrying out with success whatever he undertook, and always thoroughly just in his dealings with men in whatever station in life. He rarely discharged an employee, and during dull seasons in business his great anxiety was to be able to keep those depending on him employed.</p>	
<p>Mr. Mills, was married in 1862 [sic] to Miss Mary Williams, daughter of his former partner, and the union was blessed by three sons and four daughters: John E., Myron W., Margaret M., Hanna E., Emeline W., David W., and Hally B. Mrs. Mills died in 1891. Her death was followed by that of Hally in 1900, and John in 1903.^{3,1825, p 5; reprint}</p>	
<p>• NELSON MILLS PASSES AWAY.</p>	
<p>Pioneer Lumberman and Capitalist of Michigan Dead</p>	
<p>Port Huron Mich., March 17-Nelson Mills, a pioneer lumberman and capitalist, died at his home in Maryville [sic] during the day, aged eighty-one years.</p>	
<p>Mr. Mills built up one of the finest summer resorts on the lakes at Stag island, in the St. Clair river, which he leased from the Canadian government for 100 years. He controlled lumber yards at Cleveland, Toledo, Maryville and in West Virginia.</p>	
<p>Recently he promoted and completed the deal for the purchase of the Lansing street railway and the St. Louis-Johns interurban line in this state.⁸⁰¹⁶</p>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LATE NELSON MILLS An Interesting Story Told of His Early Life How the Village of Marysville Received Its Name A dispatch from Marine City says, of the late Nelson Mills: An interesting story is told of Nelson Mills, St. Clair County's millionaire, who died a few days ago. It would be needless to state for the benefit of those who were personally acquainted that Mr. Mills when a young man was very plain in his appearance and address, but possessed of a good stock of courage and perseverance. It was about 1848 that Mr. Mills arrived in what was then Newport, now Marine City, Capt. Sam Ward who was the founder of Newport, was then carrying on a shipyard and general store, the shipyard being known in later years as the Holland yard. Being in urgent need of more ship-carpenters, and happening to be on the dock as young Mills landed, and learning that he wished work, Capt. Ward went with him at once to the shipyard, where Jacob Wolverton was master builder, and Stephen Rose foreman. Capt. Ward suggested to his master builder that he thought he had found a man to work in the yard. Wolverton, giving a side glance over his shoulder at Mills and his tools (which were exposed in his open "coon box"), told him that if Ward had any barns to build he might hire him, but that he himself had no use for him in his shipyard. It happened that Ward was in need of having a barn built, and at the curt answer of Wolverton the captain turned to Mills and asked him if he would build it. The young man answered he was looking for work, and it mattered little where it was. He went to work at once on the barn (which for many years stood in the rear of the Ward residence). This has since been known as the Holland homestead. After completing the barn, Capt. Ward was so well pleased that a position was given Mills at once in the shipyard, where he remained as long as it was continued by Ward, and afterward for Solomon Gardner when the Steamer "Ocean" was built. When he settled up with Ward, Mills had the larger portion of his wages coming to him, which furnished the nucleus for his going into the lumber business at Marysville in company with Myron Williams. Mills afterwards married Mary, the daughter of his partner, and in her honor the village was named. Mills' experience in the Newport shipyard was of great importance to him, as, outside of his vast lumber and real estate interests, he had been known as one of the largest ship owners on the lakes. The old shipyard where he once worked has been kept busy for many years building new boats and repairing old ones for him.¹¹²⁷ • MILLS' ESTATE Will of Nelson Mills Was Filed Today The Five Children All Get Share and Share-Alike ----- The will of the late Nelson Mills was filed in the probate court today. The estate is divided, share and share alike, among his five children, namely: Myron W. Mills, Margaret Hopkins, Hannah Mills, Emeline Elliott and David Mills. The will was executed on the 17th of April, 1903, and occupies just twenty-three typewritten lines. Myron W. Mills was made executor and was empowered to sell or convey any or all of the estate without the necessity of applying to the probate court. Subsequently Mr. Mills made his son, David W. Mills, a joint executor with Myron W. Mills and expressed his desire that the estate should be kept intact and that all partnership and business interests in which he was engaged at the time of his death should be carried on until such time as the best interests of the estate would permit them to be closed up, and for this purpose Myron W. and David W. were also made trustees of all of the estate, real and personal, and were directed to distribute the estate among the heirs from time to time as the best interests of all seem to require. The trustees are given full power and authority to manage the business precisely as if it was their own. In the event of the death of either of the trustees, the other is given full power and authority under the will. John E. Mills was alive at the time this will was made but, owing to the fact that his father incurred large liability for him which the estate had to pay, no provision was made for him in the will. The other children were asked to deal fairly and justly by this son. The will was witnessed by Prudence Carroll and W. L. Jenks. Myron L. Mills said it was impossible to estimate the value of the estate. In the petition filed by Attorney George G. Moore in the probate court this morning, the value of the estate was placed at \$1,000 and upwards, but it is understood the real value comes nearer a million or a million and a half. It includes the Mills Gray Carleton Lumber Co., of Cleveland, and business and book property in Cleveland and Canton, Ohio, including also large summer resort property in Cleveland, great lumber tracts in Northern Michigan and coal and lumber lands in the south. The Lansing and Suburban Traction Company, vessel property, bank stock, ten or twelve farms in St. Clair county, Stag Island, stock in the Engine and Thresher Co. and many other industrial enterprises. By the provisions of the will it is estimated that the children will have two hundred to three hundred thousand dollars each.¹¹²⁸ • When Nelson Mills passed from life into death St. Clair county suffered one of the greatest losses in her history. He was a real captain of industry, but his success was never due to any crooked methods but to a tremendous capacity for hard work and unusual business ability. (cont.)⁵⁰, p 681-4 • OBITUARIES: 1) NELSON MILLS PASSES AWAY 	

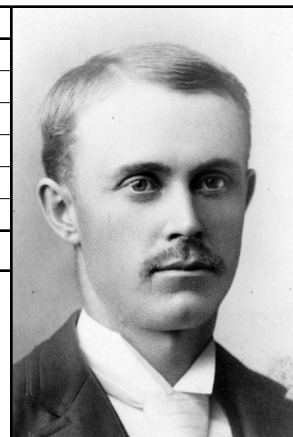
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<p>2) VIGOROUS TYPE OF BUSINESS MAN 3) NELSON MILLS' WILL 1132</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is much history, etc. about the Mills in this county, and I guess some other parts of Michigan. The Mills were prominent and rich at one time. 3275 • Well the updates to the Pioneer site...are a delight to see. I just love that 'David W. Mills Ship' photo. Nelson Mills' Great Lakes shipping interests were as important as the timber reserves and the mills that processed that material into dimensional timbers and dimensional lumber. This ship? It was steam powered (1st generation Great Lakes shipping vessels were sailing ships that specialized in cargo, 2nd generation were sailing and steam assisted combos, then finally fully steam-powered barge style ships which is what the David W. Mills was)...and carried 1,000,000 bf of lumber at a time. That's a large shipment today. But then? It was massive. It shows how serious the NORTHERN OHIO LUMBER wholesale operations of Nelson and David Mills were in Cleveland at that time. And the ship....named after his son David. Just wonderful. Right? It has to be terrific to you.....Great picture. 7496 • My name is Sharon Burkett and I presently live in Clinton Twp., MI. My family has been a part of the Stag Island community for over 100 years. They were part of the lottery which resulted in cottages (built by your ancestor) being parceled out by a group of fraternal organizations in Detroit in the 1920's. They procured a lot on the island in 1925 and the rest is history. After owning several cottages over the years, my husband and I purchased Cottage #2 South, just past the two hotels built by Mr. Mills. I am now 79 and have been involved in an effort to preserve the island's history via our Stag Island website. In recent years, especially during and after Covid, there are many more Canadian families buying cottages who do not necessarily know it's rich and amazing history as a resort from the 1880's when Mr. Mills began to create it with a Dance Pavilion, the Nelson and Griffon Hotels and 23 summer cottages. Let me get to the point! New (2022) Canadian neighbors have unearthed a portrait hidden in the attic walls of Cottage #1. I will send you a photo of it if you wish. It appears to be a man in his 40's to 50's and my research concludes it was taken between 1850-1880. I believe this is a portrait/photo of Mr. Mills intended to be left hidden but as a statement that he was the mastermind behind the island's birth as a resort. When they showed it to me, it immediately resembled some photos of Mr. Mills as an older man with a gray beard which are contained in a book an islander wrote on the island's history in 2004. I would like to authenticate this portrait, if it is him, because we would like to proudly hang it on the wall of our clubhouse for posterity. 8603 	
Census Data	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1842 Canada Census: Mosa Twp., London District, Ontario. 1615 • 1851 Mosa Twp. Census: labourer, born Nova Scotia, age 28, "in the States." 4, p 2, 1647, 2377, p 7 • 1860 Census: Vicksburg, St. Clair, Michigan. Age 35, b Nova Scotia. Lumber man. \$27,000; \$13,000. 1662 • 1870 Census: Port Huron Twp., Marysville P.O., St. Clair, Michigan. Age 47, lumberman, b Nova Scotia; \$58,000; \$85,000. 1689 • 1880 Census: Port Huron Twp., Marysville P.O., St. Clair, Michigan. Age 57, b NS. Father b NS: mother b Ireland. Mill Owner. 1707 • 1884 Michigan Census: Marysville, St. Clair, Michigan. Age 63, born Nova Scotia. Father born Nova Scotia; mother born Ireland. Lumber dealer. 1147 • 1894 Michigan Census: Port Huron Township, St. Clair, Michigan. Age 71, widowed, Lumber yard business, in U.S. 50 years. 1149 • 1900 Census: Port Huron Twp., Marysville P.O., St. Clair, Michigan. Age 77, b Jan 1823, Canada Eng. Lumber dealer. Immigrated 1843 [sic]. 1753 	
Directories	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Marysville Business Directory, 1863</u> Mills, N & B, (Nelson and Barney), general store. 3653 • <u>Port Huron Directory, 1902</u> Mills N, Pawnee Boat Co; pres Pt Huron & Sarnia Ferry Co; pres Mills Transportation Co; res Marysville, Mich 7067 	
General Notes	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Brief History of Marysville In 1817, Zephaniah W. Bunce sailed up the St. Clair River and settled at the mouth of Baby's Creek, serving as merchant, postmaster, lumberman, judge, and legislator for sixty five years. There was no habitation nearer that Fort Gratiot to the North and Palmer (St. Clair) to the south. The pine forest that stretched from Pine River to the Strait of Mackinac was barely touched by man. This was woodland. Eventually saw mills sprouted up on streams in Marysville known today as Carleton Creek (the Golf course), at Bunce Creek (Detroit Edison Plant), and at Mud Creek (in Marysville Park). Meldrum and Park erected a sawmill in 1792 at Carleton Creek and was later succeeded by Colonel Andrew Mack, a prominent Detroit man. The Colonel constructed a house there, which later became the home of George W. Carleton. A model of this house may still be seen on the lawn of Marysville Historical Museum in Marysville Park. The tombstone of Andrew Mack and his wife, Amelia, still remains standing on the north bank of Carleton Creek in the Riverview Golf Course. Another mill located at Bunce Creek was owned by Judge Bunce and his sons, Mumford and Lefferts, which was built on the site on an earlier mill started by Antoin Morass about 1786. It was water powered and in operation from 1818 until 1870. Initially it was called Bunceville, 	

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<p>serving as a port of call for passenger steamers running between Chicago and Detroit. It was the trading post for Indians and trappers, the post office for Fort Gratiot and Desmon, of which Judge Bunce was postmaster. The judge later became a member of the first Michigan Legislature.</p>	
<p>In 1843, Edward P. Vickery purchased land from Cummings Sanborn and erected a sawmill at the point where Mud Creek flowed into the St. Clair River, near the foot of the present Huron Boulevard. He named his operation Vickery's Landing. As the settlement grew, it was renamed Vicksburg. Then in 1859 the name was changed to Marysville, after Nelson Mills' wife Mary. Vickery sold his mill in 1852 to Lewis Brockway and Horace E. Bunce, who in turn sold it in 1854 to Nathan Reeves, Myron Williams and Nelson Mills. Mills became the sole owner in 1862. Nelson Mills operated three specialized mills on the St. Clair River near the mouth of Mud Creek. These continued to function until about 1900. The Williams-Mills operation was the largest enterprise in Marysville up until the arrival of C. H. Wills.</p>	
<p>Another establishment within the present boundaries of Marysville was Hubbard's Corners, where Isaac Hubbard built a tavern, blacksmith shop and a store on the corner of Bartlett Road (Huron Blvd.) and Gratiot Turnpike. Hubbard married Edward Vickery's daughter, Mary. From 1853 to 1883, Vicksburg was also a shipbuilding town. Myron Williams built the schooners: Mary-88 tons; Mary Williams-88 tons. These small schooners were built to transport lumber from Vicksburg to Detroit and other Lake Erie ports. In 1862 Williams built the schooner Emeline-121 tons; and in 1864 the tug Tawas, named after an Indian of that name. The tug blew up in 1874 killing some of its crew.</p>	
<p>In 1864, Williams also constructed the City of Tawas-572 tons and the scow D. G. Williams in 1874. N & B Mills rebuilt the Clifton in 1866, built the N. Mills in 1870, the Mary Mills in 1872 and the Steamer J. E. Mills in 1883.</p>	
<p>Following the lumber era - from 1900 to 1919 - Marysville was a quiet little village extending from the river west to what is now Michigan Avenue. There was no industry at that time, although there was a rapid transit system to Detroit and Port Huron via the electric interurban railway known as the D.U.R. (Detroit Urban Railway).</p>	
<p>In 1919, C. Harold Wills, a millionaire motor car engineer from Detroit, changed the face of the village. Within two years, his "Dream City" had become a reality. New streets were laid out and new homes built. C. H. Wills and Company built a factory to produce the Wills Ste., Clair automobile, whose design and engine were far ahead of its time. Unfortunately, due to the high cost of production and a severe economic depression, the operation failed. The building Wills had constructed was later purchased by Chrysler Corporation and houses the Mopar operation there today.</p>	
<p>Marysville was first incorporated as a village in the year 1919 and as a fifth class City in 1924 under the City Manager form of government. The population has grown steadily and is approximately 10,000 today. New businesses have sprung up in the area, attracted by our fine school system, efficient police and fire departments, and good municipal services.²³⁵⁷</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nelson Mills was instrumental in growing the community of Vicksburg (renamed Marysville in 1859).⁸⁶⁰⁷ 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Located on the St. Clair river, between five and six miles south of Port Huron. It is on the line between Port Huron and St. Clair townships, mostly in the former. The lumber mills of N. & B. Mills furnish the chief industry of the place. Population estimated at 300. The river lines of steamers touch on signal during the season of navigation. Telephone and telegraph offices are located in the store of N. & B. Mills. Nelson Mills, postmaster. List of residents under Port Huron and St. Clair townships.⁸⁵²⁶ 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STAG ISLAND 	
<p><u>Stag Island</u>, about seven miles south of Sarnia, came into prominence as a Summer Resort and Picnic Spot about the year 1900.</p>	
<p>The Island at that time, was the property of Mr. N. Mills of Marysville, Mich., and was leased to the Port Huron and Sarnia Ferry Company. It was serviced by their steamers Hiawatha and J.C.Clark, each ferry making seven trips daily to and from the Island, until 1905 when the J.C.Clark was burned at her dock in Port Huron, at that time the steamer Omar D.Conger took over in her place.</p>	
<p>Stag Island was a regular stop for the White Star line steamers running daily from Port Huron to Detroit. It was also served by a ferry from Corunna, operated by the Davis Family.</p>	
<p>Mr. Mills built the Pavilion in 1900 also a number of Cottages and two Hotels. The accommodations on the Island consisted of a Dance Pavilion, Dining Hall Cottages, Bath and Boat Houses, Swings, a Regulation half-mile bicycle track and a Baseball Diamond. The larger cottages contained four bedrooms, the smaller ones three, all with modern conveniences of that time.</p>	
<p>The Island had its own steam water works, electric light plant, and a sewerage system with which every building on the Island was connected. It was also connected to the mainland by a Telephone system.</p>	
<p>One of the features of the Island was its Dining Hall. The building was 262x74 feet over all. The main Dining Hall was 45x175 feet inside, the center ceiling forming a dome 22 feet in height. The offices were 49x45 feet, with a dome ceiling in the center. The building was equipped with Ladies and Gents Rest Rooms, with all modern conveniences. The main floor as five or six feet above the level of the ground, the base of the building being lapped by the waters of the river, on the east shore of the Island, immediately south of the steamboat landing. The building surrounded by a broad plaza, with a balcony on the east side thirty six feet square, overlooking the river, while opposite, on the west side of the building, was a kitchen, also thirty-six feet square. Meals were served for 25 cents.</p>	
<p>In connection with the Dining Hall was a spacious well lighted Ball-Room, where Dances could be held any evening. Tuesday and Friday evenings were the regular Dance nights when an Orchestra was in attendance. Tickets for dancing 25 cents & couple. Last boat left the Island on Dance nights at Eleven O'Clock.</p>	
<p>Capt. Symes was the first Manager of Stag Island, being succeeded by Mr. William Sutherland, a former steam-boat Steward. The Island House was in the hands of Mr. Robert Stockdale.</p>	
<p>The cottages situated on the eastern shore had a splendid driveway and bicycle path in front of them, which extended for a distance of two miles around the Island. A herd of imported cattle supplied the milk and butter used in the Dining Hall. There was also a lunch counter and ice cream parlor in connection with the Dining Hall.</p>	

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<p>Stag Island lost its popularity, as a resort with the coming of the motor car, although there were still running excursions and Moonlights in the twenties.</p> <p>In 1958 the Pavilion and Hotels are no longer there, the Pavilion being torn down between 1956 and 1958. It is still served by a Ferry service to Corunna and one to Marysville.⁸⁶⁰³</p>		
Military Notes		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Class II War Registration, 5th Congressional District, Michigan. Age 39, Lumberman, b Nova Scotia.⁸⁰¹⁷ 		
Business Notes		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DISCHARGED EMPLOYES. N. & B. Mills Have No Use for Men Who Vote Against Their Business Interests. Since the election [1896] Messrs. N. & B. Mills, of Marysville, have discharged O'Brien Radigan and Frank Sterling, old employees, for the reason that they voted for free silver. Before the election the firm told their employees that there was no sale for lumber, that free silver would further depress business, and that their interests would be served by supporting sound money. They made no threats of discharge. Now that the election is over, they have decided not to retain in the employ men who will not do what they can to promote their mutual interests, by their votes as well as otherwise. They say that Radigan and Sterling have been employed by them for a long series of years, and have always voted adversely to their interests; and they have decided to replace them with men who will act with them in the future.⁸⁶⁶⁴ 		
Marriage	22 Mar 1863	Armada, Macomb, Michigan ¹² , p 3; date only, 179, date only, 1401, year only; states place as Marysville, 6850, pla...
Marr Memo	Methodist Parsonage	
Spouse	Mary Jerralds WILLIAMS ¹¹³³ , p 3, 1135, p 40, #123	
Birth	4 Jun 1842	Algonac, St. Clair, Michigan ¹² , p 1; date only, 179, 1147, 1153, p 1; date only
Memo	age 42 in 1884; b MI	
Death	3 May 1891	Marysville, St. Clair, Michigan ¹⁷⁹ , 1153, p 1; date only, 8419 Age: 48
Burial	4 May 1891	Lakeside Cemetery, Port Huron, St. Clair, Michigan ³⁴⁰ , p 1; place only, 341,...
Ancestral File #	N439-RG2361	
Religion	Member, Marysville Methodist Church ¹¹³ , p 3	
Father	Miron Pease WILLIAMS (1813-1884)	
Mother	Mary Margaret GALLAGHER (1817-1883)	
Individual Notes		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Born in Algonac, Mich. The first born daughter in a family of ten children. Died in Marysville, Mich.¹ Their oldest girl was Mary, my mother, born 1842. She was married in 1862 to Nelson Mills, who came from Canada in 1844, and had been a ship-carpenter in Marine City until he joined Miron Williams in lumbering on the Turnpike about 1850.⁵⁴⁴ Mrs. Nelson Mills died at her home in Marysville on Saturday night, aged 45 years. Mrs. Mills was born in the township in which she died, and was a daughter of the late Myron Mills [sic], and a sister of Mrs. Henry McMorran and Mrs. Guy Kimball, of this city. She had been in poor health for sometime past, and her disease baffled the physicians. A postmortem examination revealed the fact that her blood had turned to water. The deceased left a husband and seven children, John, Myron, Margaret, Hannah, Emeline, Hattie and David. The funeral will be held from the family residence on Tuesday at 12 o'clock.⁸⁴¹⁹ 		
Census Data		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1850 Census: St. Clair, St. Clair, Michigan. Age 8, b MI. ¹⁶³⁷ 1860 Census: Vicksburg, St. Clair, Michigan. Age 18, b MI. ¹⁶⁶¹ 1870 Census: Marysville, St. Clair, Michigan. Age 28, b MI. ¹⁶⁸⁹ 1880 Census: Marysville, St. Clair, Michigan. Age 39, b MI. ¹⁷⁰⁷ 1884 Michigan Census: Port Huron Township, St. Clair, Michigan. Age 42, b MI. Father b VT; mother b Unknown. ¹¹⁴⁷ 		
General Notes		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MARYSVILLE - One name is as good as another.....or is it? In 1843 Edward Vickery bought land and erected a sawmill at the point where Mud Creek flowed into the St. Clair River, at the foot of what today is Huron Boulevard. The name given this location was Vickery's Landing. As the surrounding settlement grew it eventually became known as Vicksburg. Vickery sold his sawmill in 1852 to Lewis Brockway and Horace Bunce, who in turn sold it to Nathan Reeves, Myron Williams and Nelson Mills in 1854. In 1859 Nelson Mills ordered a piano for his daughter Mary. The delivery destination was given as Vicksburg, Michigan. Unknown to Nelson Mills, there was also another city in Michigan, a much older city, called Vicksburg, in the southern part of the state just southeast of present day Kalamazoo. The piano was mistakenly shipped to the other Vicksburg. The shipping agent told Mr. Mills that his piano had been shipped and had arrived in Vicksburg without a scratch. Mr. Mills, knowing that his daughter's piano had not arrived in the settlement, vehemently denied the piano arrived at its proper destination. Further checks made by the shipping agent discovered that there were in fact two settlements in Michigan called Vicksburg. The shipping agent was able to retrieve the piano and personally delivered it to Mr. Mills and his daughter Mary. 		



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Spouse	Mary Jerralds WILLIAMS ^{1133, p 3, 1135, p 40, #123}	
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In 1859, at the insistence of Nelson Mills, the name of the settlement, located on the western bank of the St. Clair River, was officially changed to Marysville, in honor of both his wife and daughter. ²⁵¹⁵		
Children		
1 M	John Edgar MILLS	
Birth	24 Sep 1864	Marysville, St. Clair, Michigan ^{1153, p 1; date only}
Death	3 Aug 1903	Marysville, St. Clair, Michigan ^{1. year & place only, 1140, p 1; year only, 1153, p 1,...}
Burial	6 Aug 1903	Lakeside Cemetery, Port Huron, St. Clair, Michigan ^{340, pp 1 & 5, 7078}
Residence	of Cleveland (1888) ⁴⁷⁰¹	
Death cause	vein bursting in his head ⁷¹¹¹	
Death cause	Locomotor ataxia (10 years) ⁷¹¹²	
Individual Notes		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lived in Cleveland, Panther, W. Va, and Port Huron and died in Marysville.¹ Having heretofore advanced considerable sums to my son John E. Mills and having incurred for him large additional liability which my estate may be called upon to pay, I make no provision for him in this will.^{1135, p 50} The other children were asked to deal fairly and justly by this son.¹¹²⁸ Witness to the marriage of Eugene M. Carleton of Cleveland & Alberta Bunce of Marysville; 28 Nov 1888, Marysville; John E. Mills, of Cleveland.⁴⁷⁰¹ 		
Census Data		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1870 Census: Marysville, St. Clair, Michigan. Age 5, b MI.¹⁶⁸⁹ 1880 Census: Marysville, St. Clair, Michigan. Age 14, b MI.¹⁷⁰⁷ 1884 Michigan Census: Port Huron Township, St. Clair, Michigan. Age 18, b MI.¹¹⁴⁷ 1900 Census: Port Huron, St. Clair, Michigan. Age 35, b Apr 1864, MI. General Business. Father b Canada; mother b MI. Married 9 years.¹⁷⁵⁴ 		
Directories		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>1896 Cleveland directory:</u> Mills, John E. vessel owner, r. The Ellington⁷⁰⁶⁶ [On the same page is: MILLS, CARLETON & CO., N. & B. Mills, Marysville, Mich. and C. H. and E. M. Carleton, Lumber, 714 Seneca; Telephone 618] <u>1902 Port Huron, Michigan directory:</u> Mills, John E. vessel owner, rms 608-9 Bush Bldg. res. 931 Pine⁷⁰⁶⁷ 		
Spouse	Cora May MCKAY (1871-1944)	
Marriage	20 Nov 1891	Cuyahoga County, Ohio ^{1, p 3; year only, 177, p 1; marriage only, 1754, married nine years, 7068}
No Children		
Marriage Notes		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Married nine years in 1900.¹⁷⁵⁴ I do have Edgar and Cora's marriage record, although it lists Cora as "Carrie."⁷¹¹¹ 		
2 M	Myron Williams MILLS	
Birth	8 Apr 1866	Marysville, St. Clair, Michigan ^{50, p 749}
Death	2 Jan 1947	Port Huron, St. Clair, Michigan ³⁴⁴ Age: 80
Burial	4 Jan 1947	Lakeside Cemetery, Port Huron, St. Clair, Michigan ^{340, p 5, 341, p 9; year only}
Education ¹	Univ. of Michigan, 1887 ^{50, p 750, 1136}	
Residence	Marysville, Michigan ¹	
Individual Notes		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lived in Marysville all his life and died in Port Huron.¹ When Nelson Mills and Mary Williams married in 1863 they bought and lived in the house vacated by the Hubbard family. In 1868 the house burned. Myron Mills, then one and one-half years old, miraculously escaped being trapped in the fire. N. Mills then began building the brick home that stood sixty-five years as a landmark on the St. Clair River.^{1131, p 2} 		



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Spouse	Mary Jerralds WILLIAMS ^{1133, p 3, 1135, p 40, #123}
Individual Notes (Continued)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My first work, beginning at about age 14, and during vacations until I finished school, was running logs in booms on river, operating small steam engine and firing boiler in cut-off mill, deck-wolloping, sealing lumber, clerking in general store, telegraph operator, blacksmith's helper, and other sundry jobs in my father's saw-mill operations at Marysville. 1888-1896, book-keeper in N. & B. Mills lumber office. 1896-1904, lumber inspector and salesman, same concern. 1904-1920, engaged in electric railway development and operation. 1916-1923, held office of Supervisor in Township of Port Huron. Marysville was detached from the township in 1923, and I became disqualified for the office then. 1929-1933, Postmaster at Marysville. 1904-1929, Director in Port Huron Bank (now 1st Nat. Trust & Savings Bank). Declined re-election when things went bad with me. ¹¹³⁶ • His schooling finished, Mr. Mills was in the employ of his father, who was extensively engaged in the lumber, mill and transportation business. With the death of his father, Mr. Mills became one of the executors of the estate left by Nelson Mills, which was both large and extensive. Mr. Mills has private interests of a considerable magnitude in St. Clair county, a farm of four hundred acres in Kimball and St. Clair townships being one of his possessions. He is identified prominently with a number of industrial and transportation corporations in the county. In 1903 he became interested in electric railway construction. He was one of the promoters in the development of the Lansing, St. Johns & St. Louis Railway and with his associates acquired ownership of the street railways in Lansing, Jackson, Battle Creek and Kalamazoo, which afterwards developed into the Michigan United Railways Company, of which company he is president. Mr. Mills is a director in the Commercial Bank of Port Huron, and has interests in various enterprises outside the confines of St. Clair county and of Michigan. He has never taken much active interest in politics, the only public office ever held by him being that of justice of the peace in his home township. He has resided continuously at his country home on the banks of the river St. Clair, to which he is greatly attached. Mr. Mills is a member of the Independent Order of Foresters, and is a Detroit clubman of considerable prominence. ^{50, p 750} • There you have my side of the family tree. I was born 1866, the second child of Mary and Nelson Mills. ⁵⁴⁴ • I am enclosing original of the agreement of Mills Heirs, assigning to your company, Great Western Petroleum Corporation, portion of royalties that may be obtained from wells you are drilling and propose to drill on our land in Richland township; viz, N 1/2 of SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 Section 31, Town 21 N - Range 4E ⁵¹ • Beth's dad was a millionaire at one time in his life -- owning oil wells, property, railroads, etc. But his brother John, who (I think) was an attorney, invested Myron's money in a railroad that either didn't exist or went defunct. He ended being the postmaster of the post office. ²⁰¹¹ • Myron Williams Mills, son of Nelson Mills, married Mabel Mann in 1893. That same year the couple built this home on property acquired from Harold Bunce. ⁸⁶⁰⁷ • DEATH TAKES MYRON MILLS Former Marysville Postmaster III More Than Year [excerpts] Myron W. Mills prominent Marysville resident and son of Nelson and Mary Mills, Marysville pioneers, died early today in Port Huron Hospital after an illness of more than a year. He was 80 years old. Mr. Mills was removed from his home, 1050 River Road, to the Hospital Monday. Weakened by ill health, he failed to rally and died shortly after 7 a. m. His death marked the passing of a member of one of Marysville's most prominent pioneer families. A factor in the City's industrial growth, Mr. Mills had widespread interests. For several years he was Postmaster of Marysville. Marysville, originally Vicksburg, was named in honor of his mother. He is survived by his widow, Mabel Mills, a daughter, Mrs. Thomas D. Currie, Marysville, a sister, Mrs. Emeline M. Elliott, Port Huron, a brother, David W. Mills, Pasadena, Cal., two nieces, Miss Margaret M. Elliott, Port Huron, and Mrs. Hally M. Elliott, Tucson, Ariz., and a nephew, Nelson Mills, San Marino, Cal. ⁷⁶⁹⁶ • David and Gretchen Mills visited his former home on River Road in Marysville in June, 1989. 	
Census Data	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1870 Census: Marysville, St. Clair, Michigan. Age 3, b MI. ¹⁶⁸⁹ • 1880 Census: Marysville, St. Clair, Michigan. Age 12, b MI. ¹⁷⁰⁷ • 1884 Michigan Census: Port Huron Township, St. Clair, Michigan. Age 16, b MI. ¹¹⁴⁷ • 1900 Census: Marysville, St. Clair, Michigan. Age 39, b Apr 1866, MI. Clerk in office. Father b Canada (Eng); mother b MI. ¹⁷⁵⁵ 	

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Spouse	Mary Jerralds WILLIAMS ^{1133, p 3, 1135, p 40, #123}	
Census Data (Continued)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1910 Census: Port Huron Township, St. Clair, Michigan. Age 44, b MI. President, Electric Rail. Father b Canada (Eng.); mother b MI.⁴⁷⁸³ • 1920 Census: Port Huron, St. Clair, Michigan. Age 53, b MI. Real Estate; Dealer. Father b Canada Eng; mother b MI.⁶⁰⁷³ • 1930 Census: Marysville, St. Clair, Michigan. Age 64, b MI. Post Master. Father b Canada Eng; mother b MI.³⁶²⁴ • 1940 Census: Marysville, St. Clair, Michigan. Age 74, b MI. Writing; for self.⁶⁷³⁰ 		
Spouse	Mabel MANN (1870-1952)	
Marriage	11 Oct 1893	Pinckney, Livingston, Michigan ^{50, p 750; year only, 344, date only, 1135, p 58, #200; marriage only, 8422}
Children	Mary Elizabeth (1894-1984)	
Marriage Notes		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Married six years in 1900.¹⁷⁵⁵ 		
3 F	Mary Margaret MILLS	
Birth	12 Nov 1869	Port Huron, St. Clair, Michigan ⁷⁶⁵¹
Removal	abt 1912	Cincinnati, Hamilton, Ohio ⁸⁴²⁸ Age: 42
Death	6 Jul 1932	Cincinnati, Hamilton, Ohio ³⁴¹ Age: 62
Burial	Lakeside Cemetery, Port Huron, St. Clair, Michigan ³⁴¹	
Nickname	Margaret ⁸⁴¹⁹	
Individual Notes		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lived in St. Clair, Joplin, Mo. and Cincinnati, Ohio where she died.¹ • DIVORCED MRS. HOPKINS IS MARRIED, LITTLE SON GIVING MOTHER AWAY Port Huron, Mich., Sept. 23 – Before an assemblage of select guests in the old Mills homestead in Marysville today, 11-year-old Mark Hopkins gave the hand of his mother, Mrs. Margaret M. Hopkins, in marriage to George K. Barnes, of St. Louis, Mo., formerly of Detroit. The bride is a sister of Myron Mills, the M. U. R. magnate, a daughter of the late Nelson Mills and divorced wife of Walter Hopkins, of St. Clair. Their divorce of about a year ago was a society sensation. Mrs. Hopkins was the one who obtained the decree, on the score of her husband's drinking habits.³⁴² • The interest of Margaret M. Barnes, deceased, is assigned by George K. Barnes, widower, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Mark Hopkins, son by former marriage. These are sole heirs. They are on the record in Ogemaw County as legatees and owners of the Margaret Mills Barnes 1/5 undivided interest in the Mills lands in Richland and Mills townships.⁵¹ • Death Date: DWM photo of grave marker, Lakeside Cemetery, Port Huron, Michigan.³⁴¹ • Mrs. George K. Barnes, 62 years old, 1406 East McMillan Street, died yesterday afternoon at Bethesda Hospital, following an illness of six months. Death was attributed to osteomyelitis, a bone inflammation. Mrs. Barnes was born in Marysville, Mich., in 1870 and passed the greater part of her life there. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Mills, her father being a pioneer lumberman of that vicinity. In 1907 she was married to George K. Barnes, salesman; approximately five years after their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Barnes came to Cincinnati, where they have lived ever since. No children were born to this union. Mrs. Barnes had one son, Mark Hopkins, Los Angeles, by a previous marriage. Mrs. Barnes was a member of the Needlework Group, Maternal Society and New Thought Temple, Grandview Avenue and McMillan Street. Besides her son and her husband, she is survived by two brothers, Myron W. Mills, Marysville, Mich., and David W. Mills, Los Angeles, and two sisters, Mrs. James R. Elliott, Glendale, Calif., and Mrs. William B. James, Port Huron, Michigan. Funeral services will be conducted Saturday morning at 10 o'clock at the W. Mack Johnson Funeral Home, East McMillan Street, with Dr Harry G. Hill, pastor, New Thought Temple, officiating. The body will be cremated at the Cincinnati Crematory.⁸⁴²⁸ 		
Census Data		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1870 Census: Marysville, St. Clair, Michigan. Age 7/12ths, b MI.¹⁶⁸⁹ • 1880 Census: Marysville, St. Clair, Michigan. Age 10, b MI.¹⁷⁰⁷ • 1884 Michigan Census: Port Huron Township, St. Clair, Michigan. Age 14, b MI.¹¹⁴⁷ • 1900 Census: Marysville, St. Clair, Michigan. Age 29, b Nov 1870, MI. Father b Canada Eng; mother b MI. Her name given as Margaret Mills, although husband Walter is present as Son-in-law in Nelson Mills household.¹⁷⁵³ • 1910 Census: St. Louis, Missouri. Age 38, b MI. Second marriage. Parents b Canada Eng. Mother of one living child.⁴⁸⁵⁶ • 1920 Census: Cincinnati, Hamilton, Ohio. Age 46, b MI. Father b [unreadable]; mother b MI.⁴⁰⁸⁴ • 1930 Census: Cincinnati, Hamilton, Ohio. Age 57, b MI.³⁶⁴² 		
Spouse	Walter Jasperson HOPKINS (1857-1924)	



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Spouse	Mary Jerralds WILLIAMS ^{1133, p 3, 1135, p 40, #123}	
Marriage	19 Oct 1893	Marysville, St. Clair, Michigan ^{1, p 3; year only, 177, p 1; marriage only, 4073, p 3; marriage only, 4701}
Divorce	1906 ³⁴²	
Children	Mark (1896-1968)	
Marriage Notes		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marriage witnessed by Mrs. M. W. Mills, of Marysville, and Sherwood Hopkins, of California.⁴⁷⁰¹ • Married seven years in 1900.¹⁷⁵³ 		
Spouse	George Knight BARNES (1881-1958)	
Marriage	23 Sep 1907	Marysville, St. Clair, Michigan ^{342, 8429}
No Children		
4 F	Hannah Elizabeth MILLS	
Birth	16 Mar 1871	Marysville, St. Clair, Michigan ^{1, gives 1872 only, 8472}
Death	1 Apr 1935	Glendale, Los Angeles, California ^{1, 51, 341, p 6; year only Age: 64}
Burial	9 May 1935	Lakeside Cemetery, Port Huron, St. Clair, Michigan ^{340, p 3; place only, 7078}
Residence	1013 Huron Avenue, Port Huron, Michigan ⁸⁴⁷²	
Individual Notes		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lived in Marysville and Port Huron and died in Glendale, Calif.¹ • In Aug., 1919, petitions were circulated to have the village incorporated. An election was held Oct. 28, 1919, and the vote was 53 to 1 to incorporate. Hannah H. James [among others] were chosen to prepare a charter.^{5165, p 2} • Hannah Mills James being duly sworn deposes and says that she is a resident of Marysville, Michigan and has resided there all her life. With respect to oil lease of Miron Williams to Levi Colborn dated January 2, 1865, Liber 19 of Deeds, page 102 this deponent says that said Miron Williams was her grandfather... Subscribed and sworn to April 17, 1920.¹¹³⁴ • Hanna Mills James died April 1, 1935. The executors of her will have not yet been confirmed by Probate Court. However, the residuary legatees under her will, viz, Emeline M. Elliott, David W. Mills, and myself, have executed the assignment. It is therefore fully covered.⁵¹ 		
Census Data		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1880 Census: Marysville, St. Clair, Michigan. Age 9, b MI.¹⁷⁰⁷ • 1884 Michigan Census: Port Huron Township, St. Clair, Michigan. Age 12, b MI.¹¹⁴⁷ • 1894 Michigan Census: Port Huron Township, St. Clair, Michigan. Age 23, b MI. Father b NS; mother b MI.¹¹⁴⁹ • 1900 Census: Marysville, St. Clair, Michigan. Age 28, b Mar 1872, MI. Father b Canada (Eng); mother b MI.¹⁷⁵³ • 1910 Census: Port Huron Township, St. Clair, Michigan. Age 39, b MI. Father b Canada (Eng); mother b MI.⁴⁷⁸³ • 1920 Census: Marysville, St. Clair, Michigan. Age 49, b MI. Father b Canada English; mother b MI.⁴⁷⁸⁴ • 1930 Census: Glendale, Los Angeles, California. Age 59, b MI. Father b Canada Eng; mother b MI. Sister-in-law in household of James R. Elliott.³⁶²⁸ 		
Spouse	Dr. William Brown JAMES (1870-1926)	
Marriage	3 Sep 1907	Marysville, St. Clair, Michigan ^{50, p 684, 143, record #9930, 8472, date only (handwritten note)}
No Children		
5 F	Emeline Williams MILLS	
Birth	1874	Marysville, St. Clair, Michigan ^{1, p 3, 341, year only, 1153, p 1; year only}
Death	17 Sep 1956	Port Huron, St. Clair, Michigan ^{341, p 7; year only, 8537, 1153, p 1; year only A...}
Burial	19 Sep 1956	Lakeside Cemetery, Port Huron, St. Clair, Michigan ^{341, p 7; place only, 7078}
Residence	Lansing, Michigan ¹⁷⁷	
Individual Notes		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lived in London, Ont., Lansing, Mich, Los Angeles and Glendale, Calif, and Port Huron.¹ • Gives her residence as 520 S. Washington Ave., Lansing, Michigan on the birth record of her daughter, Hally.⁷⁸⁰¹ • Funeral services for Mrs. Emeline M. Elliott, 82, widow of James R. Elliott, who died Monday in her home, 1013 Huron avenue, were conducted today in Grace Episcopal church. Rev. D. R. Lees, associate rector, officiated. Arthur C. Roberts, George Y. Duffy, H. Gordon McMorran, C. W. Schornstheimer, George W. Mosher and Mervin Tomlin, were 		



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active pallbearers. Hayden L. Wright, Kenneth Mackay, Andrew J. Murphy, Edmund Fitzgerald, Clifford O'Sullivan, Charles L. Kronner, Thomas E. Currie, W. Price Carson, Harold Petit, Charles Sumner, Aaron M. Rose and Byron Phillip were honorary pallbearers. Burial was in Lakeside Cemetery. ⁸⁵³⁷		
Census Data		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1880 Census: Marysville, St. Clair, Michigan. Age 6, b MI.¹⁷⁰⁷ • 1884 Michigan Census: Port Huron Township, St. Clair, Michigan. Age 9, b MI.¹¹⁴⁷ • 1894 Michigan Census: Port Huron Township, St. Clair, Michigan. Age 20, b MI.¹¹⁴⁹ • 1901 Canada Census: London City, Ontario, Canada. Age 27, b 22 Mar 1878, U.S.⁸¹⁹⁴ • 1910 Census: Portland, Multnomah, Oregon. Age 34, b MI. Father b Canada English; mother b MI.⁶⁶⁰² • 1920 Census: Lansing, Ingham, Michigan. Age 43, b MI. Father b Canada Eng; mother b MI.⁴⁸⁵⁸ • 1930 Census: Glendale, Los Angeles, California. Age 55, b MI. Parents b Canada Eng. Age 21 at 1st marriage.³⁶²⁸ • 1940 Census: Port Huron, St. Clair, Michigan. Age 66, b MI. Divorced. Head.⁶⁷⁹⁶ • 1950 Census: Tucson, Pima, Arizona. Age 76, b MI. Divorced. Head.⁷⁸⁰⁰ 		
Spouse	James Russell ELLIOTT (1871-1945)	
Marriage	1 Jan 1897	Marysville, St. Clair, Michigan ^{301, 7801}
Marr Memo	Jacob Harter, Minister	
Divorce	bef 23 Apr 1940 ⁶⁷⁹⁶	
Children	Margaret Mills (1898-1979) Hally Ballenger Mills (1901-1981)	
Marriage Notes		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Witnesses: Alex Ballentine of Sowdan, Ont. Hannah E. Mills of Marysville³⁰¹ 		
6 M	David Williams MILLS ^{8, p G32}	
Birth	22 Jul 1879	Marysville, St. Clair, Michigan ^{336, 5837, 6868, date only}
Removal	1925	Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, California ^{3702, resident of Cleveland, 4 Aug 1924, 7497...}
Death	27 Aug 1957	Pasadena, Los Angeles, California ^{2020, p 1; date only, 6930, Huntington Memor...}
Burial	30 Aug 1957	Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Glendale, Los Angeles, California ^{6930, 7501}
Residence	Marysville, MI; Cleveland, OH; Santa Cruz, Pasadena, CA ^{1159, p 1}	
Residence	1886 Carter Road ³⁷⁰²	
Residence	2218 Chatfield Dr, Cleveland Heights ⁶¹¹⁵	
Residence	2046 E. 96 St, Suite 6, Cleveland, Ohio ⁶⁸⁶⁸	
Residence	Santa Cruz; 1925-1929	
Residence	1550 Oakdale Street, Pasadena (1943)	
Residence	615 E California Blvd, Pasadena (1957)	
Death cause	Chronic pulmonary emphysema, 4 years; Myocardial infarction, 3 days ⁶⁹³⁰	
Occupation	Secretary-Treasurer, The Mills-Carleton Co. lumber business, 1886 Carter Road, Cleveland ⁶⁸⁶⁸	
Education1	University of Michigan (Zeta Psi)	
Individual Notes		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Codicil [to Nelson Mills Will] appoints son David W. Mills as joint executor with Myron W. Mills.^{1133, p 6, 1135, p 50, #172} • SUIT INVOLVING OVER \$1,500,000 [excerpts] A suit was begun in the circuit court on Monday afternoon which involves real and personal property amounting to a million and a half dollars. Myron W. Mills and David Mills, executors of the estate of the late Nelson Mills are the complainants, and Mary M. Mills and Hannah E. Mills, administratrixes of the estate of the late Barney Mills, are the defendants. The suit is a friendly one, and is begun for the purpose of winding up the co-partnership of N. & B. Mills. Judge Law ordered that Myron Mills and David Mills continue the business, sell the property, and close the estate as soon as possible.⁷⁰⁷⁰ • The marriage of Miss Maud Merrell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Merrell, to Mr. David Williams Mills, of Marysville, was quietly celebrated yesterday. The ceremony took place at the home of the bride's parents, Commonwealth Avenue, and Rev. William T. Jaquess officiated. Only the immediate families were present. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Mills left for a trip south, where they will pass the remainder of the winter.³³⁸ • David W. is vice president of the Mills, Gray, Carleton Lumber Company, and makes his home in Cleveland. He was married in 1909 to Miss Maud Merrell, of Detroit, and they have one son, Nelson.^{50, p 684} 		



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Individual Notes (Continued)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lived in Cleveland, Ohio, Santa Cruz, San Francisco, Los Angeles and Pasadena, Calif. ¹ • Resided at 14186 Euclid Avenue, East Cleveland. ³³⁶ • D. W. Mills, of Northern Ohio Lumber & Timber Co., Cleveland, Ohio, on his recent visit to California stated his company handled principally southern pine and Douglas fir, with small quantities of California sugar and white pine and red cedar siding. Mr. Mills says the general feeling is towards a better business than last year. ^{7526, p 2} • It is a good question why David W. Mills picked up and moved to California? I don't know for sure, but I think I know some reasons why that might be the lumber business was changing...lumber products were becoming more mechanically produced, and that likely meant it became even more of a commodity-priced product. (The high margin days...were likely behind him...in a significantly developed and mechanized market like Cleveland. Plus, going into the 1900s...steel was king.) But in California...it was still highly undeveloped. And the lure of going west where you can lead in an immature market likely had something to do with it as well. He probably had a good payday too...and like all business owners, perhaps seized upon "an exit strategy opportunity." ⁷⁴⁹³ • Informant on Edward George Merrell death certificate; 4 Aug 1924; his address given: 1886 Carter Road (address for Northern Ohio Lumber & Timber Co.) ³⁷⁰² • Resigned as President of Monterey Bay Lumber Company; about Nov 1928. ⁷⁵⁰⁰ • Mr. Mills, father of the injured young man, formerly was president of the Monterey Bay Lumber company, resigning several months ago. ⁷⁵⁰³ • Dear Beth We arrived here Tuesday afternoon, Bertha having decided she would like to have another look at St. Cloud, something we had decided not to do when we left home. However, we are leaving for Duluth this afternoon and hope to be in Mackinaw Friday night and Leland early Saturday. Expect to leave Leland early next Monday and should be passing through Ogemaw sometime around noon that day and in Port Huron late afternoon. A fine trip so far. Love, Dave ¹¹³⁷ • MILLS - Mr. David W. Mills, beloved husband of Mrs. Bertha Mills, father of Nelson M. Mills, grandfather of Nelson E., David W. and Donald C. Mills. Service Friday at 1:30 p.m. in the "Wee Kirk O' the Heather," directed by Forest Lawn Mortuary. Friends may send flowers to Stanford Convalescent Home, Palo Alto, Calif., or make contributions to the American Heart Assn. ³⁴⁷ • David W. Mills Funeral services for David W. Mills, 78, retired lumber executive and father of Nelson M. Mills, president of Pacific Outdoor Advertising Co., will be conducted at 1:30 p.m. today in Forest Lawn's Wee Kirk o' the Heather under the direction of Forest Lawn Mortuary. Mr. Mills lived at 615 E California Ave., Pasadena. He died Tuesday at Huntington Hospital, leaving his widow Bertha, his son Nelson, and three grandsons. ⁴³⁶⁰ 	
Census Data	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1880 Census: Marysville, St. Clair, Michigan. Age 11/12ths, b MI. ¹⁷⁰⁷ • 1884 Michigan Census: Port Huron Township, St. Clair, Michigan. Age 3, b MI. ¹¹⁴⁷ • 1894 Michigan Census: Port Huron Township, St. Clair, Michigan. Age 15, b MI. ¹¹⁴⁹ • 1900 Census: Marysville, St. Clair, Michigan. Age 20, b Jul 1879, MI. At school. Father b Canada (Eng); mother b MI. ¹⁷⁵³ • 1900 Census: Ann Arbor, Washtenaw, Michigan. Age 20, b Jul 1879, MI. Student. Father b Canada (Eng); mother b MI. [Note: counted twice in 1900.] ¹⁷⁵⁶ • 1910 Census: East Cleveland, Cuyahoga, Ohio. Age 30, b MI. President, lumber co. Father b Canada Eng; mother b MI. ¹⁷⁷² • 1920 Census: Cleveland Heights, Cuyahoga, Ohio. Age 40, b MI. Corporation official/retail lumber. Father b Nova Scotia; mother b MI. ¹⁷⁸¹ • 1930 Census: San Francisco, San Francisco, California. Age 50, b MI. Partner. Occupation Code 97 91: "Retail dealers: other specified dealers." Father b Nova Scotia; mother b MI. ³⁶¹⁹ • 1940 Census: Pasadena, Los Angeles, California. Age 60, b MI. Widower. 4 years of college. Has lived in same place 5 years. ⁶⁷⁹⁵ • 1950 Census: Pasadena, Los Angeles, California. Age 70, b MI. Married. Residing at 1550 Oakdale Street. ⁷⁷⁹¹ 	
General Notes	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Wreck of the David W. Mills [excerpts] The "David W. Mills" was a typical Great Lakes cargo vessel of the late 19th century. Measuring 202 feet by 34 feet by 13 feet, this wooden 	

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<p>“steam barge” could carry over one million board feet of lumber. Built by Thomas Quayle and Sons Shipyard, the vessel was originally named “Sparta” and was launched at Cleveland, Ohio on April 11, 1874. The vessel was renamed in 1910 after the manager of the Port Huron Navigation Company, the firm that owned the ship. Captain Frank J. Peterson bought the “Mills” in 1919.</p> <p>The “Mills” ran aground on Ford Shoals on August 11, 1919 in dense smog created by forest fires in Canada. Attempts to free the boat failed and it broke apart during a violent October storm. ^{7064, p 2}</p> <p>• I thought you might enjoy the knowledge that your family’s history is still actively operating in Cleveland. That’s just a great thing, I think. So I’m sending this note to share that.</p> <p>NORTHERN OHIO [Lumber & Timber] is the oldest lumber company and sawmill in the State of Ohio, founded in 1864, and has been operating for 156 continuous years in downtown Cleveland. The Company (around 12-15 employees) is a wholesale, commercial lumber and building materials supplier...for Professional Contractors, not a retail lumberyard with walk-in homeowner customers. We’re still a sawmill...and cut custom heavy timber stock on a Mershon Timber Saw and an AM Timber Moulder-Planer, bought new at the time in Saginaw, Michigan — we assume by Nelson Mills — and installed here at NORTHERN OHIO in 1893. (Yes, they still operate on our Millhouse deck...we cut heavy timbers on them for other retail lumberyards and mostly commercial projects. I have attached some pictures of those machines. They were originally steam powered, but were converted to electric power in 1910.) We do other things now too...make heritage wood tabletops, doors, flooring, things like that. I joke that 156-year old companies have clearly learned to adapt. But that is totally accurate. ...with a lot of foresight and smarts, he [Nelson Mills] began assembling collaborative and timber supply partnerships (and shareholders in NORTHERN OHIO LUMBER in 1864 with Caleb Jewett and George Carleton) with multiple, local lumberyards and mills in what was then known in Cleveland as “The Lumber District,” riverfront land on a bend in the Cuyahoga River just upstream from Lake Erie called Scranton Peninsula. NORTHERN OHIO strictly milled and supplied lumber for other Yards, not the public. That didn’t stop him from also opening a local yard too though, N&B Mills. His son, David W. Mills (always signed his name DW Mills), was also a principal of NORTHERN OHIO up until the mid-1920’s or 1930’s when the company would eventually buy out all of the other Yards in the Lumber District.</p> <p>We mention Nelson Mills in our history section. You can see it here: https://noltco.com/about/#history7492</p>	
Research Needed	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • find his will and probate in Los Angeles County. 	
Directories	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1914: Resided at 1839 Forest Hill Avenue, East Cleveland. Secretary-Treasurer of the Mills-Carelton Co. 1915: Resided at 13112 Forest Hill Avenue, East Cleveland. ^{1158, p 2} 1923: Resided at 2218 Chatfield Drive, Cleveland Heights. Secretary, The Northern Ohio Lumber and Timber Co. 1925: same business. Residence: Fenway Hall Hotel. 1926: no listing in Cleveland. ¹¹⁵⁸ • 1926: Residence: 406 E. Cliff Drive, Santa Cruz, Calif. 1936: Residence: 692 S. Grand Avenue, Pasadena, Calif. ^{1159, p 1} • 1942: Residence: 1340 N Harper Ave, Los Angeles, Calif. ⁷⁴⁹⁵ 	
Business Notes	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I haven't heard of David Williams Mills but a search on newspapers.com shows that he arrived in Santa Cruz ca 1925 and only stuck around for about five years. The article says he was president of the Monterey Bay Redwood Company and was succeeded in that role by J. A. Harris, with whom he still apparently had a relationship since Harris's wife attended Mills' wife's funeral in 1937. The Monterey Bay Redwood Company incorporated on January 24, 1925 to harvest the remaining old growth redwood trees in what would become the Soquel Demonstration State Forest. I suspect I'll read more about your grandfather when I'm editing the third book by Ronald Powell, which will include the history of that lumber company. I haven't gotten to it yet, unfortunately. I'm still struggling through volume 2! Still, there are lots of articles on the Monterey Bay Redwood Company on newspapers.com, so I'd check that out as a starting point if you haven't already. ^{7497, p 1} • [excerpts] In a deal indicated by revenue stamps used in the transaction of approximately \$500,000, the Monterey Bay Redwood company comes into ownership of the peak of Loma Prieta, the highest in the Santa Cruz mountains, and a forest of 5000 heavily wooded acres, mainly virgin redwood, with a considerable stand of pine. The Monterey Bay Lumber company is headed by D. W. Mills and a group of other capitalists of Cleveland, Ohio. Fred D. Hihn and Ruth Younger, heirs of the Hihn estate, are the largest stockholders in the Valencia-Hihn company... ⁷⁴⁹⁸ • “Thus it was that the big Hihn Sawmill which had been erected at Laurel at the beginning of the century was able to ship to San Francisco the lumber the city needed so desperately for rebuilding after the quake and fire. F. A. Hihn. who had made himself Santa Cruz first millionaire, announced the construction of the new mill at Laurel after his crews had logged off the country around Aptos and Valencia and delivered the timber to Hihn's mill on Soquel creek. Hihn's move to Laurel was to open a stand of timber virtually untouched. The bright new machinery, for a Stearns mill, was bought from the Eby Machinery company in San Francisco and transported to Laurel on the railroad. The mill, the pride of its owner, had a steam operated single band saw. Its capacity was rated at 50,000 feet a day. with a possibility of crowding 	

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<p>the run to 60,000 feet if the logs ran good. The installation of the mill at Laurel virtually marked the end of the days of logging with oxen in the Santa Cruz mountains. Hihn installed donkey engines which dragged the logs over skidways. The Hihn mill, which operated for 17 or 18 years, reached its peak of production during the years San Francisco was rebuilt. A few years after Hihn's death in 1913. the Laurel mill ceased operations, with most of the available timber cut. In 1917 the machinery was bought by the California Fruit Growers association and moved to Mather, in the Hetch Hetchy country of Tuolumne county. It operated there until 26 years ago when it was moved to Soquel creek by James A. Harris. Jr., and David Mills, and operated there until four or five years ago as the Monterey Bay Redwood company. Last month some of the machinery from the mill was sold to interests at Areata, in Humboldt county, and the remainder disposed of to dealers in used mill machinery."⁷⁴⁹⁹</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For the purpose of increasing production of redwood lumber for the coming year the Monterey Bay Redwood company has installed a band resaw at its mill on the Soquel creek, it was announced today by officials of the company. The installation work was completed last week. At the same time it was announced that at a recent meeting of the board of directors of the company J. A. Harris Jr. was elected president of the company to succeed D. W. Mills, resigned.⁷⁵⁰⁰ 		
Spouse	Maud Mitchell MERRELL (1881-1937)	
Marriage	14 Jan 1909	Detroit, Wayne, Michigan ^{339, 1135, p 62, #210; marriage only, 8451}
Children	Nelson Merrell (1910-1983)	
Marriage Notes		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mills - Merrell. The marriage of Miss Maud Merrell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Merrell, to Mr. David Williams Mills, of Marysville, was quietly celebrated yesterday. The ceremony took place at the home of the bride's parents, Commonwealth avenue, and Rev. William T. Jaquies officiated. Only the immediate families were present. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Mills left for a trip south, where they will pass the remainder of the winter.³³⁸ Rev. William T. Jaques is pastor of the Trumball Ave. Presbyterian Church, h. 90 Avery Ave. ^{141, p 3} Married one year in 1910 Census. ¹⁷⁷² Marriage witnessed by W. B. James. ⁸⁴⁵¹ 		
Spouse	Bertha Esterbrook GOODIER (1876-1966)	
Marriage	12 Apr 1941	Las Vegas, Clark, Nevada ^{1, p 4; year only, 8, p G34; year only, 7292, date only, 7416, 7417}
Children	No Children	
Marriage Notes		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mrs. Weber To Marry Former Local Resident Interesting in today's social news is the announcement from California of the approaching marriage of Mrs. Bertha Goodier Weber, St. Cloud, Minn., and David Williams Mills, Pasadena, Calif., former local resident. They will be married at a ceremony Saturday at Las Vegas, Nev. Mrs. Weber is well known in Port Huron. She has been a frequent visitor at the Stanley McFarland home. Mr. Mills is the brother of Mrs. Emeline Elliott, Huron avenue, and Myron Mills, Marysville. The news was announced at a buffet luncheon Sunday at the home of Mr. Mills' son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Mills, San Marino, Calif. The luncheon followed the christening of the Mills' infant son, David William. ⁷⁴¹⁶ On Sunday, April 6, following the christening of their infant son, David William, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Mills of San Marino, California, entertained at a buffet luncheon honoring Mrs. O. L. E. Weber of St. Cloud. Announcement was made at the luncheon of the approaching marriage of Mr. Mills' father, David Williams Mills and Mrs. Weber, which will take place in Las Vegas, Nevada, on Saturday, April 12. ⁷⁶⁷⁸ 		
7 F	Hally Ballenger MILLS (Died young)	
Birth	17 Apr 1884	Marysville?, St. Clair, Michigan ^{341, p 3}
Death	11 Mar 1900	Detroit, Wayne, Michigan ^{341, p 3} Age: 15
Burial	14 Mar 1900	Lakeside Cemetery, Port Huron, St. Clair, Michigan ^{340, p 1; place only, 7078}
Nickname	Hattie ⁸⁴¹⁹	
Individual Notes		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lived all her life in Marysville and died in Detroit when she was in school there. ¹ Hally B. Mills, youngest daughter of Nelson Mills, of Marysville, died in Harper's hospital, Detroit, at 8 o'clock Sunday evening after an illness of 10 days. While attending school at the Detroit seminary she was threatened with appendicitis and was removed to the hospital for the purpose of operation if necessary, under the care of Dr. H. O. Walker and Dr. Jennings. The appendicitis symptoms soon subsided, but a vague and more serious complication arose in the form of what was finally pronounced Graves' disease, affecting the heart and nervous system, rapidly undermining her strength. She rallied for a few days until 		



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<p>Saturday night, when she began to fail very fast. Dr. Treadgold was called from Port Huron several times in consultation, and was present with her father, sister and brothers at the end. Detroit specialists had also been in consultation, but were baffled in the effort to locate the trouble and its treatment until too late.</p> <p>Miss Mills had attended the Detroit seminary for three years devoting much of her time to the study of drawing, in which she showed marked natural ability, her ambition being to become an artist in that line. She was 15 years of age, of lovely character and disposition, and was much loved by her associates who in losing a friend also lost one who much loved them. The remains were brought home Monday afternoon, and the funeral will be held from the family residence at Marysville Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock.¹¹²⁵</p>	
Census Data	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1884 Michigan Census: Port Huron Township, St. Clair, Michigan. Age 5/12ths, b MI. Not named.¹¹⁴⁷ • 1894 Michigan Census: Port Huron Township, St. Clair, Michigan. Age 10.¹¹⁴⁹ 	
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