

THE MILLS FAMILIES OF BARTON STACEY, HAMPSHIRE, 1770s to 1866.

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RICHARD MILLS was born, according to his reported age when he died, in about 1756. The nearest baptism found locally was that of Richard, son of John and Mary Mills, at Longparish on 18 May 1754.

On 13 January 1778 at Barton Stacey he married Ann Gibs. She died in 1789 and was buried at Barton Stacey on 27 May. Richard Mills married secondly Lucy Holmes on 16 February 1790, again at Barton Stacey.

Lucy Mills died aged 80 and was buried at Barton Stacey on 13 December 1839. Richard was living at the time of the first full census in 1841 in the home of John and Leah (Griffin) Paice. He died at the age of 92 and was buried on 16 May 1846.

Children of Richard and Ann (Gibbs) Mills, baptised at Barton Stacey,

- i. Elizabeth, baptised 14 July 1779.
- ii. **WILLIAM**, baptised 14 May 1781. On 17 September 1818 at Barton Stacey he married Elizabeth Paice (born about 1788 in Barton Stacey). He was presumably the William Mills, aged 62 who was buried at Barton Stacey on 27 October 1840. Elizabeth Mills and her children were living in France Cottages in 1841. In the 1851 census she was recorded as a pauper widow (born about 1788) and was living with her daughter Sarah Mills (born about 1829), probably in the same cottage, which we think was perhaps at Folly Farm.

Children of William and Elizabeth (Paice) Mills, baptised at Barton Stacey,

- i. Mary, baptised 15 November 1818.
- ii. Hannah, baptised 31 December 1820.
- iii. Frances, baptised 31 October 1822.
- iv. Harriet, baptised 30 January 1825.
- v. John, baptised 11 April 1827.
- vi. Sarah, baptised 2 August 1829.
- vii. William, baptised 10 April 1831. He died at the age of 4 and was buried at Barton Stacey on 20 October 1835.

- iii. Henry, baptised 6 July 1783. He enlisted with the 66th or Berkshire Regiment of Foot, when he was said to be aged 18, at Barton Stacey on 3 March 1806. He served for 13 years 244 days and was 'in the Peninsula' from 1809 to 1814. As a result of reduction in the establishment of the regiment, he was discharged with a pension on 25 August 1819. He was then reported to be *34 years of age*, was 5 ft 4 ins tall with brown hair, grey eyes and a dark complexion.
He married Phoebe Martin at Barton Stacey on 6 August 1821. They were living in Barton Stacey village at the time of the 1841. Phoebe Mills died in 1849 aged 74 (buried 19 April), Henry in 1850, said to aged 70 (buried 22 September).
- iv. Sarah, baptised 22 February 1789.

Children of Richard and Ann (Gibs) Mills, baptised at Barton Stacey,

- v. Lucy, baptised 1 May 1791.
- vi. Sarah, baptised 31 May 1793.
- vii. Isaac, baptised 5 July 1795. He died later that month.
- viii. Jacob, baptised 5 July 1795.
- ix. George, baptised 16 April 1801.

THOMAS MILLS of Bransbury was born in Chute, Wiltshire around 1787. He was perhaps the son of John and Magdalen Mills, baptised at Chute on 6 August 1786. He married Elizabeth (?Prictoe, born 1788 or 1789 in Longparish, Hampshire). They were living in Barton Stacey parish by 1816. Despite their children being baptised over a similar period of time to those of William Mills (described above), they do not appear to have been related. By the time of the 1851 census, his was the only Mills family in Barton Stacey parish.

At the time of the 1841 census Thomas Mills was a farm worker in Bransbury, perhaps working for the Mill farm. Elizabeth Mills died aged 70 and was buried at Barton Stacey on 17 June 1858. Thomas Mills died in 1866 aged 83.

Children of Thomas and Elizabeth Mills, baptised at Barton Stacey,

- i. Charles, baptised 17 November 1816. He became a bricklayer's labourer.
- ii. Ann, baptised 21 March 1819.
- iii. Jane, baptised 7 January 1821.
- iv. **WILLIAM**, baptised 11 May 1823. By 1841 he was working in Bransbury for dairyman Joseph Vera and lived in the Vera family home. He became a bricklayer and married in 1848 Mary Ann Fennell of Longparish (born about 1830).
They moved from Longparish in the early 1870s to Guildford, Surrey, where Mary Ann Mills died in 1902 aged 71, her husband in 1907 aged 84.

Children of William and Mary Ann (Fennell) Mills,

- i. William Henry, born 1850 in Whitchurch.
- ii. Albert, born 1852 in Longparish.
- iii. Walter, 1854–1894
- iv. Rena Ann, born 1859.

- v. Fred, born 1863.
- vi. Mark, born 1866.
- vii. Alice Maud, born 1874 in Guildford.
- v. Maria, baptised 13 November 1825. By 1851 she was a servant to the Penton family at Bransbury Mill. She married Charles Stubbs of Bransbury (son of Charles and Caroline Stubbs) in 1861. Maria Stubbs died in 1896 aged 70 and the following year Charles married secondly Mrs Ellen Lockyer.
- vi. John, baptised 24 February 1828. He died just three days after his baptism.
- vii. Sarah, born about 1829. She was housekeeper for her father at the time of the 1861 census, but was not present in the household in 1841 or 1851.
- viii. Mary Martin, baptised 9 June 1833. In 1854 she married

NOTES

The following probate has yet to be checked. The code numbers are taken from the Hampshire Record Office catalogue:

1518B/30	Will of Stephen Mill (Myll) of Barton Stacey, Hampshire
1552B/064	Will and inventory of John Milne (Mylne) of Barton Stacey, Hampshire
1552U/45	Will of Robert Milne (Mylne) of Barton Stacey, Hampshire
1566A/39	Will and inventory of William Mill of Barton Stacey, Hampshire
1580B/52	Will and inventory of Gillian Mills (Milles) of Barton Stacey, Hampshire
1592AD/068	Probate inventory and court paper of Thomas Mills (Milles) of Barton Stacey, Hampshire
1606A/49	Will and inventory of Thomas Mills (Milles) of Barton Stacey, Hampshire
1613AD/060	Inventory of Gyles Mills (Mylles) of Barton Stacey, Hampshire, widow
1621A/45	Will of Alice Mill of Barton Stacey, Hampshire, widow
1693AD/050	Inventory of Thomas Mills of Bransbury, Barton Stacey, Hampshire
1716A/069	Will of John Mills of Barton Stacey, Hampshire, yeoman

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Baptisms:

1754 Feb 14 Joseph, son of Joseph MILLS Ann

WILLIAM MILLS, aged 10, was killed by a fall from a horse at Hill Farm, Barton Stacey in 1883.
Hampshire Chronicle & General Advertiser, 28 July 1883

BARTON STACEY.

AN INQUEST was held on Monday at Barton Stacey on the body of William Mills, aged ten years, who died from the effects of an accidental fall from a horse on the 16th inst. From the evidence of Jonathan Gardner and William Marsh, under-carters at the Hill Farm, it appears that deceased went with them to bring the horses home, and was lifted on the back of one of them. He then struck it with a stick, when it started and threw him. Dr. Shiels attended him and found him suffering from concussion of the brain, from which he died on the morning of yesterday week. A verdict of "Accidental death" was returned.
