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Miscellaneous
The Mills Family of Wayne Co.
Two Bridge Falls.
The Hites
1913 Newspaper Items.

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Addresses:

By name of the Mills,
Dunlow Rt. 1
C. Dec. 6, 1873.

John Mills, Crum, W. Va.
About 84. He lives on
Bull Creek, 2 miles this side
of Crum. Son of Carl & Nancy
Smith Mills - ^{settler} head of Beech Fork.

Andrew Marcum 82+ About

Lafe Marcum 84, "

Live on Bull Creek

Brothers: Sons of Jesse
Marcum who m. Fluty
of Kentucky. sister of Buck
and Frank Fluty of Martin
Co. Ky.

Old John Mills grandfather of
Randolph Mills was the oldest
settler I ever knew here. He
owned land on Beech Fork in
head of Beech Fork.

He m. Rutha Salmon of
Lawrence Co., Kentucky.

Their children: Martin
Mills, Carl Mills, James Mills,
Randolph Mills Sr., Polly Mills,
Emma Jane Mills.

I - 2 Martin Mills.
Lived on Dragg of Wayne Co.
m. Elizabeth Salmon of
Lawrence Co. Ky. Two
children:

1-3 Anna Mills
m. Tom Pinson of
head of Beech Fork

2-3 Nancy Mills
m. Wm. David Salmons
of Martin Co. Ky.

II - 2 Carl Mills
m. Nancy Smith, dau.
of John Henry Smith
of head of Beech Fork.
Carl Mills lived at
head of Beech Fork.
Large family - John,
Tom, Albert, Wade,
Billard, George,
Alice, Stella Mills.

III - 2 James Mills

m. Nancy Crum, dau.
of David Crum who
m.

Children: Laura, Anna,
Martin, John. Lizzie

*most
sisters* { Laura m. James Horn }
 { Anna m. Harry Horn }

Martin m. Rian Hukles

John m. Hessie^{SS} Endicott

Lizzie m. ^{Rev.} James Williams
a Methodist Preacher
son of Rev. John Henry
Williams, Meth.,
& school teacher.

IV - 2 Randolph Mills,

b. d.

Not m. { ~~m.~~ Eliza Smith,
dau. of John Henry
and _____ Smith
was mother of Randolph
Mills

Randolph Mills

m. Martha Jane Woole
of Napier Ridge, dau.
of Thos. Alfred Woole

Their children:

Bentha Mills

Thos. Alfred Mills

Elizabeth Mills

Rhoda Mills

James Mills

Henry Mills

Marion Mills

Emma Mills

V-2 Polly Mills

m. 1. Carl Salmous

Children: Lafayette

Mary Ellen, Kelly,

m. 2. Fred Salmous,

Children:

Harrison Salmous,

Rhoda Salmous

Jane Salmous

Effie Salmous

VI-2 Emma Jane Mills

m. Rev. Wm. Chapin

Methodist preacher, singing

school teacher, etc. They

lived on Elk Creek (Big Elk)

in Martin Co., Kentucky.

Children:

Thomas Chafin

Randolph Chafin

John Chafin

Bailey Chafin

"Old" John Mills came here from Virginia before he was married and ~~lived~~ went to Missouri, and then returned and married Rutha Salmon, and lived in the Gap between Dragg Creek and Moses Fork about 3 miles from the present home of Charles Bias, or about 5 miles from Missouri Branch.

I believe old John Mills came from the vicinity of Jamestown, Va. He died about 75 or more years ago. His wife died before he did.

My wife was Emma Jane Fitzpatrick, dau. of Arthur and Rutha Salmon Fitzpatrick. She was raised in Martin Co., Ky. Our children:

Dewey Mills

Flora Mills

Milton Mills

John Mills

Mont Mills

Martin Mills

Cynthia Mills

Homer Mills - Killed in
Holland, in World
War II.

Louisville, Ky. 3/29/10.

Dear Lois:

I fear you think I have forgotten you and my promise to write you. How time flies: It is over two months since I left California. I stopped a few days in Chicago, but wasn't feeling well, and so I hurried home; and then, two days later, was taken very ill--a nervous breakdown (the first nerve attack I ever had), always thought myself too strong to have nerves. It was, indeed, fortunate that I was at home, but I am feeling very well now, but expect to soon go away to a quiet, country place in the mountains and get away from noise of the City. I have thought of "you all", (Southern expression) so often, and pictured to myself everything as when I was there.

We had some real winter in February, first month after I was home, but March has been lovely: Even California could furnish nothing better. I have been looking over the Hite-Bowman records so far as I have them. They are very long, and typewritten. I will give you just a few of the main facts, with references, in case you wish to look them up at the Library. It is rather tedious to one not accustomed to looking up genealogy. I am now.

"Some prominent Virginia families", by Du Ballet, Pages 332-337, Vol. 4, including Coat of Arms. The Hite Family in America.

In 1710 Hans Jost Heydt, or Yost Hite, as his name is spelled in English documents, dated at the time of his emigration, a native of Alsace, Germany, came from Strasburg to N. Y. with his wife, Anna Maria nee Du Bois, and their little girl, Mary. He came in his own ships, brigantine "Swift" and schooner "Friendship", bringing with him sixteen (some say, more) Dutch and German families as tenants for lands he expected to settle. Hite remained

in Kingston, N. Y. until 1717, when he came south--to Germantown, Pa. In 1717, we find him on the Skuykill River, where he bought lands, and in 1720 built a mill at the mouth of Parkiomen Creek, and a dwelling house which is, at present, the home of Governor Samuel Pennypacker, and became a thrifty and enterprising farmer and manufacturer. The mills are now called "Pennypacker Mills".

At this time the Indians, maddened by the encroachment of the whites, took revenge by making raids on the Colonists in both Pennsylvania and Maryland, ruthlessly murdering settlers and destroying property. In 1728 a petition, signed by Yost Hite and many others, for protection against the Indians, was presented to Governor Gordon, of Pennsylvania, who ignored the petition; and the atrocities became more frequent and more cruel. Hite became disgusted at the culpable indifference of the Government, and inaugurated a scheme to re-emigrate to the wilds of the unknown Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, and in 1739 he sold his holdings on the Schuykill, and with his family and followers, once turned his ~~fe~~ foot-steps southwards.

In 1750 John Van Meter went to Williamsburg and obtained a tract from Governor Sir William Gooch, for 40,000 acres of land in Shenandoah Valley; and in 1751 sold the tract to Yost Hite which sale was afterwards confirmed by Gov. Gooch, , and the tract was known as "Hite's Grant". In the spring of 1731, with sixteen families, left York, Pa. and crossed the Potomac River at what was called "Parkhouse Ford, afterwards, Mechlenberg, now Shepherdstown, and entered the fertile and beautiful Valley of the Shenandoah River. He made his first settlement at New Mechlenberg, just one hundred and twenty-five years after the first settlement at the James River, in 1607," To Hans Yost Hite therefore, belongs the

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honor of having planted the first standard of civilization in the mountainous regions of Virginia".

Of Yost Hite's private life, there is little known. He was honest and taciturn, and his public career marks him as a leader among men, possessing good judgment, fine executive ability, and indomitable will obstacles only around his ardor; and he feared no man, and must have had large means at his command. His wife, Anna Marie Du Bois, was of Hugonot extraction. They were married in Germany, emigrated in 1710, bringing one little daughter with them.

This daughter, Mary Hite, married George Bowman in 1751, and accompanied her father when he ~~left~~^{entered} the Shenandoah Valley. Here, some years later, Bowman built a substantial brick home, which is still standing. Their eldest child was the first white child born in the Valley.

-FAMILY RECORD-

Yost Hite died in 1760. Anna Marie Du Bois died in 1756. Their issue:

1. Mary Hite, born in Germany. Married George Bowman.
Elizabeth Hite married Paul Froman, of New Jersey.
Magdalen Hite married Jacob Chrisman.
John Hite married Sara Eltynge, grand-father of Gabriel Jones Hite,
Jacob Hite married Catherine O'Bannan.
Annac Hite married Eleanor Eltynge.
Abraham Hite married Rebecca Van Meter,
Joseph Hite married Elizabeth Van Meter,
Four children, Jos. John, William and Ann.

The records do not state how many children the other Hites had, except Mary Hite, who married George Bowman, had thirteen

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children; and several sons were soldiers of rank and importance in the Revolution, some being in the George Rogers Clark expedition.

Now my dear Lois, I have told you enough to make you tired, only giving the main points.

You might compare this data with with your Grandmother's early recollections, and and be able to trace family connections. Some day, when you are older you may want to look up records in Library and this statement, with your grand mother's may help you. Sorry I did not have time to see her. I hope, some day, you and your mother may drift to this part of the country, and we may talk over the respective merits of California and Old Kentucky. In the meantime I hope we shall hear from you occasionally.

My kindest regards to your mother, the Misses Bustin, (or Bustrin, I can't tell which VCC.) and any friends who have not forgotten,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. W. P. Bowman.

A slip of paper contains the following memo:

The grave of Adam Grove, who departed this life Feb. 8, 1842, aged 56 years.

The grave of Anna S. Grove, wife of Adam Grove, who departed this life March 24, 1851, aged 23 years.

Anne Seawright Grove daughter of Isaac Rankin.

These graves have been located at Bethel Presbyterian church, Augusta Co., Va. Their son, James Rankin Grove, married Lucretia Hite, daughter of Gabriel and Mary Rankin Hite. Mary Rankin, a daughter of Richard Rankin, Jr.

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Wright Smith

Feb. 17, 1947

Two bridge Falls at Guyandoin

1 In 1889, Nov. 27, when
Valery Freeman & other
man was killed - C &
Q. bridge. They were
rebuilding it & it fell
again, and it fell
on Jan. 1, 1913. Seven
people killed. Henry
White, father of
killed. He was called
"Jay bird White." He had
a bro. Jim who lived
about Guyandotte, both
with their father.
(A Mr. Wheeler, also
Wheeler.) I was there
at the second one.
Valery dau. Mrs. J. A.
Pack, dau.

Joshua Butcher was my
gr. gr. m. Sally Clark had
a son Jim B., John Green
& Wm Floyd Butcher, dau
m. ... an. mother ...

Crawley Bill Smith,
Emily m. — Lawson,
mother of George Lawson
father of Sid Lawson.
He d. & she
m. 2 Smith &
has descendants at
Williamson W. Va.

See Elmer Medkiff ^{was} on above
Bridge when it fell, &
can tell the story. He
got caught in the timbers
below & had to have a
finger amputated.

Special (From Advertiser - not the Press)

Huntington Adv.

Nov. 27, 1889

Col. 1 - Guyandotte News

"Several push boats are ready to start up the Guyan loaded with corn and merchandise" -

I copied above because it is surprising because of the late date. I wonder whether they continued to run until the R.R. reached Logan?

H. D.

~~Adv.~~ Jan. 1, 1913 -

Barboursville Notes

"The C. & O. Railway is working all the hands available and have not stopped for Christmas or Sunday in an effort to get the new double track steel bridge completed over the Guyan River at Guyandotte. One span was completed finished some days ago and another is about built. Superintendent of Bridge J. W. King is pleased at the progress of the work.

C & O
R. R.
Bridge.

This will be one of the finest structures on the C. & O. system and is a costly affair. The Company has had trouble with bridges, at this point for years. Back in 1890, a span of a structure over Guyan, at that point, gave way while a train was passing over. The locomotive was precipitated into the water below and both engineer and fireman met a watery grave.

a dau
Mrs. W. F.
Kahler
807 Jefferson Ave.

Same p. 10 - Geo. S. Page's death
Wed Jan 1, 1913 paper says he died at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. $\frac{1}{3}$ hr. life history.

Jean & Prosecutor Smith Retires ^{dec}
Yesterday was Judge Doolittle's final day

Jan. 2, 1913 - Gives on 1st page of the full story of the C. & O. Bridge Disaster

Copy in full.

The dead:

F. E. Webber, Engineer, Russell, Ky

Henry White, Watchman

Charles Maddie, Bridge Worker

Talcott, W. Va.

James Crawford, Same, St. Albans

J. S. Wheeler, Same, Milton

Charles Coyner, " Jays, W. Va.

Fast C. & O. freight — "Came
with the dawn" (Not correct)
10⁴⁵ A. M.

"Strikingly similar to a
tragedy of 20 years ago.

C & O. R R
Bridge

Engine drawing a fast
freight as it reached the
middle span of the bridge
it listed heavily to one
side, and suddenly, the
structure gave way, the
engine, its tender, and
one box car dropping
into the water fifty feet
below."

(Copy in full) See "Coin"
on p. 3."

H.D.
p. 10 - Adm. Jan. 1

"Rise (Copy)

In Guyana River Causes
Alarm to be Felt for Safety
of new C. & O. Bridge", by
local C. & O. engineers.
on acct of the sudden rise
in the Guyana R. in the
last few days - Copy
Timber rafts from head
waters coming
6 ft rise at Logan

First Nat. Bank Bldg.
at 4th Ave. & 10th St. being
built.

News. Jan. 2, 1913 Adm. H. D.

p. 1 Col. 2, Top - Copy
paragraph enclosed

Jan 3 p. 1 - 7th (last) col.

Delivers arrival to Search
River for Victims of Wreck

(Get date Jan 1-3, when
first parcel post package
was mailed from City & by
whom)

~~Advs.~~ ^{H.D.} n. 10 - Jan 3 - Death of
Friday
Mrs. Rachel Ratcliff, mother
of John F. Ratcliff of R.
Nagan & Co. (?) of Pneumonia
at 8 o'clock Thurs. night.
niece, Jan 2, 1913.

82 yrs. Son Lafayette Bowe
to Mrs Rachel Vinson
Aunt to Z. F. Vinson, &
Mr. Lindsey Vinson of City.
and Mrs James A. Hughes.

b. Feb. 21, 1831, in Wayne Co.
in Lafe Bowe in late
60's. She ^{afterwards} previously m.
William Ratcliffe who d.
in 1885. Life long Baptist.
Funeral at late residence
near Camden Park by
Mr. M. L. Wood of 5th Ave.

Two sons - Lafe Bowe
& John F. Ratcliff & one
daughter, Mary Ellen R.
of Wayne Co.

Jan 4, 1913 - p. 6 col. 4 Top.
Daily Freight Car from
Hunt. to Williamson
1/3 col. Copy.

p. 10 Jan. 4 Adv.

Death of John J. Overby
at 90-2-0, at Harveytown
Pioneer. 6 children
survive him Funeral
by G. W. Kepler, Pastor
West Hunt. M. E. Ch.

Also funeral of Geo. S.
Page, and Mrs. Rachel
Ratcliff.

Hughes James (A) to ask
for more money to
build on P. O. &
for dams for Lewis
Fork, etc.

Adv. Sun. Jan 5, 1913 -

Col 4 - "Held by Debris,
Seven Bodies," etc
Copy.

News of Senate deadlock
in Charleston last
column.

Adv. p. 6 - Jan. 5, 1913

First Pictures of
Bridge Disaster.

This says this bridge
has come down. 17 times.

Adv. Jan. 5, 1913

Yesterday Jan 4, 1913

p. 12 - Death of Mrs. J. G. N. Biggs, wife of Geo. N. Biggs
Lived on 5th Ave.

63. b. March 22, 1850.

Elizabeth Bryson, m. 1877

Survivors - Husband and
one son - Samuel G. Biggs
1 Bro. Wm. Bryson,
Fresno, Cal.

Funeral by Mr. Newton
Donaldson - 1st Pres.

Blue Sulphur Springs,
former property
of Geo. A. Floding
now of Atlanta,
Georgia, once
popular, but aban-
doned years ago.
Col. L. A. Daniel
to be manager
Purchased by "Five
Springs Land &
Agency Co." of
which Daniel
is President.
Extensive repairs
to be made.

Rev. W. B. Hendershot, Pastor
of Central Chris. Ch. To
speak on "The Wrecking
of C. & O. Br. at Guy.

He spoke on the Titanic
and, I believe on
"The Dance of the Four Hun-
dred" Sun. Eve. 7³⁰ P. M.

Adv. Jan 7-1913 ^{revised}
Death of F. A. McDonald
at 39. Editor of this paper
the Hunt. Herald Dispatch
m. 1897, to Willie Beards-
ley, son of Dr. A. J. Beards-
ley - Two Sons - Donald
& Teddy. Bought Hunt.
Herald 1907. etc. Long
acct.

Same p. 3 -

Big Log tide coming
down Guyan. One of
heaviest log runs in several
months. Will retard work
at the Bridge

Tues Jan. 7 p. 4 - Editorials on
F. A. McDonald

p. 8 - River (Ohio) is rising
very rapidly
Many tons of coal
Jan. 7 coming down from
Pittsburg.

Adv
Wed Jan 8, 1913

col. 4. A Victory for Annexationists
Cabell taking over part
of Credo Hist. etc.

col 7 — "No More Bodies
Are Recovered — Copy
1/2 Column — Body of
Webber recovered

Same p. 8 — Storm Warnings.
Read only

Thurs. Jan. 9, 1913,

Ohio River will pass
Flood Stage today.

48 ft. expected this A.M.
~~Long~~ Story. Not so long.

col. 4 — Louger. Says
54 ft. expected.

More on p. 3 Jan. 9.

Jan 9 p. 2 — Editorial —
The Ohio Flood.

Jan 9 - Ad

p. 8 - Full page ad.
for Sale at 25¢ on the
dollar. A picture of
the Bridge Disaster at
the top.

"Woods To The Rescue
1015-17-19

Ad. Jan 10

p. 1 - cold wave checks
Rising Ohio.

p. 1 - Cessionists to
Invoke Record of
"Old-Time Survey" -
on cutting of Ceredo
Dist. Wayne Co.
Supposed to contain
440 sq. mi. has 600,
hence, this would
not reduce area
below the legal amt.

p. 3 - Death of W. L. Baum-
gardner of Biville

p. 3 - Also - Round House
Work (C. & O.) at Guy-

Ronald Dispatch - all previous same

Sat Jan. 11, 1913

Flood Crest Brings now
End of Menace 49.3
Expeded to reach
Crest by evening.
Will not go over 52 ft

Sat. Jan. 11, 1913 H. D.

"Favor Proposed Hard
Road to Capital City"
(R. 60)

Sun. Jan. 12 - n 3:

Col. 4 - Bottom

Warning issued
at Cucumali
May reach 60-61 ft.

n. 16 - Mayor Chapman
Stops Sunday Shows
Death of Mrs. Wallace
mother of Jeweller
C. M. Wallace
Probate will of Gen. S. Page

C&O. "Trains to Cross
Wrecked Bridge"

Jan. 14, 1913

n. ~~12~~⁸ - wait until River Falls
(Bridge not crossed
on 12th)

~~n. 12~~

n. 8 - Statistics Show
present flood highest
since 1807. Statistics
furnished by James
H. Marcum
Copy in full
1/2 col. +.

Jan. 15, 1913

n. 1 Col 4 River Recedes

Crest 54.7 ft

(Copy) cont. on p. 7

n. 10 - "B'ville 100 years Old"

Jan 16, 1913 -

"Swift Drop", etc
Flood ends.

Jan 17, 1913

n. 1 Will extend O.V.E. to
Russell this year
leave Gideon buys
H. 10.

H.D. Jan 16, 1913 - Dave Hudson
takes control of H.D.

we stepped many numbers
~~See them later~~ as I am
draining down the Floods
~~flows~~

March 27, 1913

"Ohio Valley Faces Danger
of a Tremendous Flood"

March 28, 1913 - "Ohio Will
Reach 60 Foot Mark
Here Today"

March 29, 1913 - "Hunt is
in Grip of Great
Flood" - Likely to
reach 64 ft.

April 2, 1913 - Crest 66.4 ft
nearly 2 ft. higher
than 1884

Mrs. James I Kuhn

d. Fri Feb. 7, 1913, after
stroke of paralysis.

Capt. Kuhn, 4 yrs. previous

See Adv. Feb. 20, 1913

" Feb. 6, 1913 for
Heundershot Sermon