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**INTERESTING
AND
OTHERWISE**
(CLARENCE GRIFFIN)

The Mills Family

Col. Ambrose Mills, one of Rutherford county's early settlers, was the founder of the Mills family in North Carolina. The influence of the Rutherford branch of the Mills family has been felt throughout the state, politically and socially.

Col. Ambrose Mills was born in England in 1722. He was taken while young to Maryland, where he married and settled on James River, but later moved to the frontiers of South Carolina where his wife was killed by the Indians during the Indian war of 1755-61, leaving an only son, William. He afterwards married Miss Annie Brown, of the Chester region, sister of the noted loyalist leader, Col. Fletchall. About 1765 he settled on Green River in Rutherford county and by his last marriage had three sons and three daughters. In 1776 he served in Rutherford's brigade against the Cherokee Indians. In 1778 he and the notorious David Fanning raised a corps of five hundred men with the design of joining the Royal Standard at St. Augustine, Fla., when one of the party betrayed their plans. Mills and sixteen others were apprehended and conveyed to the Salisbury jail. Fanning undertook to rescue them on his way, but his force proved too weak to effect the purpose. Mills was in the course of time liberated and joined Ferguson's corps with the loyal militia of Rutherford county and fought at Earle's Ford and at Kings Mountain where he was wounded. He was taken prisoner by the victorious Whigs and was taken to Biggestaff's old fields, near Gilberttown, three miles northwest of Rutherfordton, where he, along with eight other Tories were hanged on October 14, 1780. Lieut. Anthony Allaire, of Ferguson's corps, made the following entry in his diary in reference to the hanging: "Saturday, (October) 14th, (1780) Twelve field officers were chosen to try the militia prisoners—particularly those who had the most influence in the country. They condemned thirty. In the evening they began to execute Lieut. Col. Mills, Capt. Wilson, Capt. Chitwood, and six others who unfortunately fell a sacrifice to their infamous mock jury. Mills, Wilson and Chitwood died like Romans. The other were reprieved."

William Mills, like his father, Ambrose Mills, was devoted to the Loyalist cause. He was born November 10, 1746, and like his father, served in 1776 against the Indians. He acted as major under his father at Kings Mountain where he was badly wounded and left on the field for dead. He was taken prisoner by the Whigs and was tried at Biggestaff's fields and sentenced to be hanged. He was saved from this fate by leading Whigs and Tories, who interfered, knowing his true worth and goodness. In after years he settled in the mountain region of North Carolina. Mills River and the beautiful Mills Gap are named for him. Early in life he married Eleanor Morris, by whom he had two sons and five daughters. Among the early settlers who entertained the ministers they found few like William Mills and his family. While living in Rutherford Bishop Asbury stopped with him a number of times, and his house was the preachers home for a number of decades. Their two sons and five daughters gave an average of fifty years to the service of Methodism in this section. William Mills died on his birthday, 1834, as a consequence of a fall from a horse, being eighty-eight years of age.

One of William Mills' daughters married Rev. Samuel Edney, a Methodist minister, who first carried the banner of Methodism across the Blue Ridge. Samuel Edney was born in Pasquotank county, N. C., in 1768. He became a Methodist minister in 1790, and three years later was sent to the Swannanoa circuit. While on this circuit he married Eleanor Mills. He settled on Green River, in Rutherford county while serving his charge, but in 1796 he removed to Henderson county, at a point since called Edneyville, named in his honor. After moving to Edneyville he was a local preacher, and at the same time the postmaster and was for over forty years a justice of the peace. He died September 17, 1844, loved and respected by all who knew him. His influence was far reaching and he probably did more for good than any other single individual on the rough frontiers at that time. It is said that the first camp meeting

held west of the Blue Ridge was held on his lands.

Some of Rutherford, Henderson and Buncombe's most honored and highly respected citizens of today are connected with the Mills and Edney families.

**ELLENBORO YOUNG PEOPLE
ENJOY PICNIC PARTY**

Ellenboro, July 9.—A number of young people from here enjoyed a delightful picnic Thursday at Bridgewater. The party left Ellenboro early Thursday morning and motored to Bridgewater, where lunch was spread at noon and enjoyed by all. Shortly after lunch the party left for Morganton where a short stop was made to visit Misses Wilma and Sarah Byers. A stop was made at Glen Alpine to visit Prof. L. W. Cain, a former Ellenboro teacher. From there the party motored by the way of Marion and to Ellenboro. Those composing the picnic party were Messrs. Chivous, Sherman and William Padgett, Frank Hamrick, Misses Xantippa Padgett, May and Hermenia Hamrick, Lucy and Maude Wright and Kathleen Turner.

**RELIEF FROM CURSE
OF CONSTIPATION**

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Boll weevils and bean beetles are now causing much concern over eastern North Carolina. The bean beetles are reported as destroying beans in many gardens while the boll weevil is appearing in increasing numbers.

**MADE MOST WHEAT
AGENT EVER SAW**

Raleigh, N. C., July 9.—The effect of using a small amount of quick-acting nitrogen as a top-dressing for wheat is tersely but effectively told by County Agent E. S. Millsaps of Randolph County who last week attempted to help harvest a five-acre tract which he was using as a demonstration.

"Last Friday," says Mr. Millsaps, "I was in one of the worst mix-ups that I have ever seen. We applied 200 pounds per acre of nitrate of soda on a five-acre piece of wheat this spring. Friday, we tried to cut the wheat. There had been a heavy wind and it was blown in every direction. I believe that this land would have made the greatest yield of wheat that I have ever seen had it stood up. The wheat was so thick and so rank, that the knoter on the binder was almost in constant motion. We could not use the carrier and you could walk across the field on the bundles. I cannot say now what yield it will make, but certainly it is the most straw that I ever saw on a piece of land."

The average yield of wheat in Randolph County in 1927 was only 12 bushels per acre and the average money value per acre amounted to \$18.12. Apparently, if the wheat on this demonstration makes the yield that Mr. Millsaps' picturesque description indicates, interesting facts will be brought out as to how to increase wheat yield and values in the future. Randolph County is one of the leading wheat-growing sections of North Carolina. Last year, 30,743 acres were planted with only Davidson County planting a larger acreage. The total production was 368,916 bushels with Rowan making a slightly larger yield with an acreage less than Randolph by some 300 acres.

However, the results of this demonstration indicate that it will be wise in the future for farmers of the county to top-dress their wheat with such quick-acting nitrogen fertilizers as nitrate of soda and thus obtain the excellent yields which appear possible to obtain.

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