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Abbreviations:

b = born

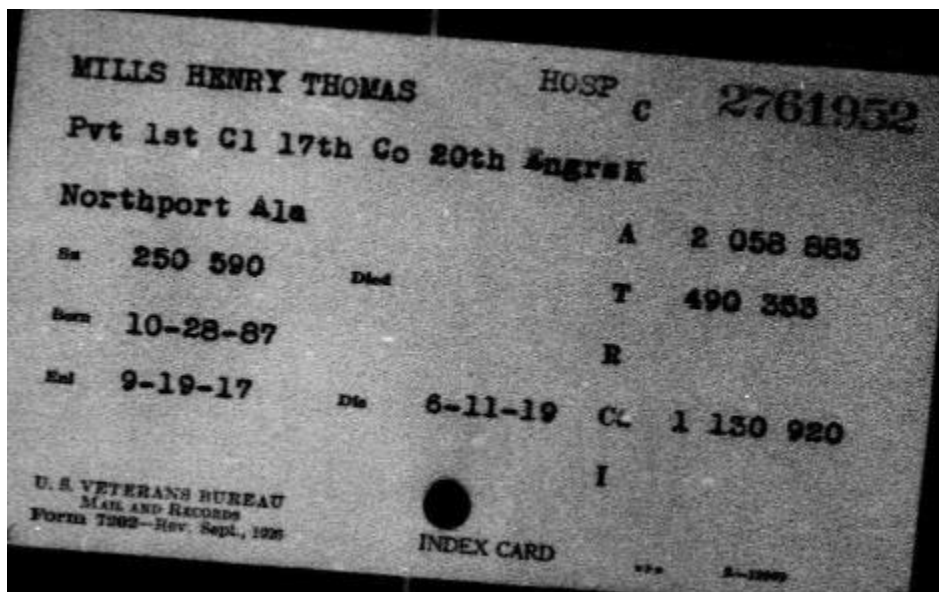
d = died

F: = Find A Grave (www.findagrave.org)

NOK = next-of-kin

TUSCANIA

Mills, Henry Thomas (Sr.)
1887 AL – 1979 AL



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TUSCANIAN WAS SURVIVOR FROM TUSCANIA

HENRY THOMAS MILLS WAS
ABOARD TRANSPORT.

Well Known Local Man, Who Was
Among First Increment of Selected
Men to Leave for Camp, Was
Among Those Saved.

Cable dispatches report the safe arrival at an Irish port of Henry Thomas Mills who was aboard the wrecked transport Tuscania. Mr. Mills was a member of company E, 6th Battalion 20th Engineers and was one of the party of first draft soldiers to leave Tuscaloosa on September 19th. He was assigned to Camp Pike, Ark., and later transferred to Camp Wheeler, Ga., and afterwards sent to Washington as a member of the 20th Engineers.

Mr. Mills was reared at Gordo, where he has a large family connection and at the time of his enlistment he was engaged in the lumber business with his brother, Mr. Fred A. Mills, with offices in the Alston building, in Tuscaloosa. Mr. Mills' relatives have received no direct communication from him since the sinking of the transport, the only information they received is the dispatches in daily press.

Mr. Mills' wife is now residing in Carrollton, where she is a member of the teaching staff of the public schools.

Until the official list of the rescued is given out it is impossible to give a correct list of the survivors. Mr. Mills is not the only representative of Tuscaloosa county who took passage on the illfated transport, as the name of J. W. Redd, of Buhl, also appears in the first list of survivors to reach this county.

TUSCANIA SURVIVOR WRITES HOMEFOLKS FROM ENGLAND

A letter has been received by his brother, Fred A. Mills, from Henry Thomas Mills, the Tuscaloosa county boy who was aboard the Tuscania when that transport was attacked and sunk by an enemy submarine.

The rescue of Mr. Mills was reported in The News a few days after the sinking of the Tuscania, and this letter is the first direct news received by his family since the incident.

As will be noted from extracts of the letter which his brother kindly permits printed, Mr. Mills landed in Ireland and was in England at the time of writing. His address is Co. E, 6th Bat., 20th Engineers, A. E. F., U. S., via N. Y.

Following are extracts from the letter with some personal references intended for the family only, omitted:

"On Active Service With American Expeditionary Force, February 13, 1918.

"My Dear Brother: Well, I am not in France, yet; no, I can't tell you how I like the atmosphere over there, but in Ireland and England it is all right.

"When our ship was sunk I was

carried to land pretty soon and was safe on land almost by the time the ship went to the bottom. I suffered no harm or injury whatever, and don't think I was very badly excited. Of course, I thought of you all and thought 'when would I go from here' as I stood on the deck of the sinking ship. I thought of the comfort kit and carrying it out with me I managed to save practically all of the things I possessed, except those issued by the government.

"While we were in Ireland the people were as nice to us as could be, showing us every possible favor, and they have not fallen a bit behind over here. I've seen quite a lot of the British Isles since we landed and some very beautiful scenery. The climate here is very much like that of our state—if any difference, a tiny bit warmer and a little more rain.

"I have not seen but one of my chums, if I may claim more than one, since I left the Tuscania, but I understand all of them were saved, but carried to a different point. We will all be back together pretty soon and I will be glad of it, for I'm anxious to see them."

"Tuscaloosa (AL) News" Wednesday 13 Mar 1918 p 1

Wife Georgia Shirley

Miss Georgia Shirley returned Thursday from an extended visit to South Carolina. She was accompanied home by Mr. and Mrs. Dunlap, of Belton, S. C. They will spend a couple of weeks as the guests of Mr. P. N. Greer and Mr. C. Shirley.

"Tuscaloosa (AL) News" Monday 14 Aug 1911 p 4

Miss Willie Free and her aunt, Miss Georgia Shirley of Gordo are attending school at University. We are glad to have Miss Shirley with us, and wish for them much success.

"Tuscaloosa (AL) News" Thursday 11 Jul 1912 p 3

The school board met last Thursday afternoon and elected Prof. Snoddy of Double Springs as principal of the Gordo High school and re-elected Misses Georgia Shirley and Ida Mae Lunceford as teachers. The names of the others that were elected is not known.

"Tuscaloosa (AL) News" Friday 20 Jun 1913 p 3

OPENING OF GORDO SCHOOL

The Gordo school opened Monday morning. There was a good attendance of patrons at the opening exercises. Talks were made by H. B. Durrett, trustee, W. F. Osburn, County Agent, Dr. E. B. Durrett, County Health Officer and others whose names were not reported.

The teachers who will guide the destinies of the children of Gordo are as follows: Prof. Rowe Watson, principal; Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Georgia Shirley Mills, Miss McMillan, Miss Carrie Daniels.

Georgia is teaching school & has married Henry Thomas Mills – “Pickens County Herald & West Alabamian” (Carrollton AL) Thursday 5 Sep 1918 p 1

Operetta

“The Brownie Band”

*Entertainment in Gordo High School Auditorium May 2, 1919,
Beginning 8:30 O’Clock P. M.*

*Given by the Children from the Third to the Sixth Grades
Instructors Mrs. Georgia Shirley Mills and Miss Fannie Lou
Crawford.*

“Pickens County Herald & West Alabamian” (Carrollton AL) Thursday 1 May 1919 p 1

LIST OF TEACHERS OF MARENGO COUNTY SCHOOLS

Putnam—Mr. Henry Thomas Mills,
Inez Kirkham, Mrs. Georgia Shirley
Mills.

“Linden (AL) Democrat-Reporter” Thursday 11 Sep 1930 p 1

Liberty Ridge School
High School—H. T. Mills, principal; Lovie Truett, Tera Byrd Averett.
Elementary—Clara Belle Dunaway, Ethel M. McSwean, Grace Baker, Lettie Payne, Georgia Shirley Mills.

Opening of school – “Southern Star” (Newton AL) Wednesday 4 Sep 1935 p 8

Mrs. Georgia Shirley Mills arrived Sunday from Maben, Miss., for a visit with her mother and sister for several weeks.

Gordo AL news – “Greene County Democrat” (Eulaw AL) Wednesday 29 Jul 1942 p 1

Mrs. Free Buried Saturday At Mt. Pleasant

Funeral services for Mrs. Lurie Shirley RFree, 77, were held Saturday at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church with the Rev. W. C. Willcutt officiating. Burial was made in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Free was a native of Gordo, but for the past several years had made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Marvin Walton, of Parrish, where she died.

She is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Cecil McAteer, Reform; Mrs. Will Stinson, Greenwood, Miss.; Mrs. Charles Bell, Lincoln and Mrs. Marvin Walton, of Parish; three sons, Gay Free, York; Behny Free and John Free, of Jasper; one brother, Edgar Shirley, Carrollton, and two sisters, Mrs. Marvin Price, Gordo and Mrs. Georgia Shirley Mills.

Obituary of Georgia Shirley Mills's sister Lurie Shirley Free – "Pickens County Herald & West Alabamian" (Carrollton AL) Thursday 5 Sep 1918 p 1

Mrs. G. S. Mills of Vero Beach, Fla., is the houseguest of her son, George Shirley Mills, and family.

"Blytheville (AL) Courier News" Tuesday 24 Jul 1951 p 2

Mills
MILLS, GEORGIA S. (nee Shirley), Tues., April 20, 1976, wife of Henry T. Mills, mother of George S. Mills, sister of Mrs. Kacy Price of Gordo, Ala., sister-in-law, mother-in-law, grandmother and aunt. Graveside services will be held Thurs., 1:30 p.m. in Gordo, Ala. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to the Multiple Sclerosis Society or to a charity of your choice. BOPP Chapel Service.

Obituary of wife Georgia Shirley Mills – “St. Louis (MO) Post-Dispatch” Wednesday 21 Apr 1976 p 28

Wife Marguerite Jacobs Byram – married 1944

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MARRIAGE LICENSE RECORD

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, JEFFERSON COUNTY. Application for Marriage License.

To HON. EUGENE B. HENRY, Commissioner of Licenses of said County:

The undersigned respectfully applies for Marriage License for following parties, and being duly sworn, on oath, states that he answers to the following questions concerning said parties are true to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief, to-wit:

GROOM		BRIDE	
Full name <u>H. J. Mills</u>	Full name <u>Marguerite Byram</u>	Full name <u>Marguerite Byram</u>	Full name <u>Marguerite Byram</u>
Place of Residence <u>606-12th St S. W</u>	Place of Residence <u>3120-11th Ave No</u>	Place of Residence <u>3120-11th Ave No</u>	Place of Residence <u>3120-11th Ave No</u>
<u>Beham</u>	<u>Beham</u>	<u>Beham</u>	<u>Beham</u>
(City or Town)	(City or Town)	(City or Town)	(City or Town)
Color: WHITE Age <u>37</u> Date of Birth <u>Oct 25-1887</u>	Color: WHITE Age <u>37</u> Date of Birth <u>April 21-1907</u>	Color: WHITE Age <u>37</u> Date of Birth <u>April 21-1907</u>	Color: WHITE Age <u>37</u> Date of Birth <u>April 21-1907</u>
Place of birth <u>Obied Ala</u>	Place of birth <u>Beham</u>	Place of birth <u>Beham</u>	Place of birth <u>Beham</u>
Occupation <u>Accountant</u>	Occupation <u>Accountant</u>	Occupation <u>Accountant</u>	Occupation <u>Accountant</u>
Full name of father <u>C. M. Mills</u>	Full name of father <u>Robert Cooper Jacobs</u>	Full name of father <u>Robert Cooper Jacobs</u>	Full name of father <u>Robert Cooper Jacobs</u>
Full maiden name of mother <u>Julia Raycraft</u>	Full maiden name of mother <u>Martina H. Henning</u>	Full maiden name of mother <u>Martina H. Henning</u>	Full maiden name of mother <u>Martina H. Henning</u>
Number of proposed marriage <u>2</u>	Number of proposed marriage <u>2</u>	Number of proposed marriage <u>2</u>	Number of proposed marriage <u>2</u>
Is applicant divorced? <u>yes</u>	Is applicant divorced? <u>yes</u>	Is applicant divorced? <u>yes</u>	Is applicant divorced? <u>yes</u>
Where? <u>Greensboro Ala</u>	Where? <u>Beham</u>	Where? <u>Beham</u>	Where? <u>Beham</u>
When <u>1941</u>	When <u>1924</u>	When <u>1924</u>	When <u>1924</u>
Widowed	Widowed	Widowed	Widowed
Is there any blood relationship between parties? <u>No</u>	Is there any blood relationship between parties? <u>No</u>	Is there any blood relationship between parties? <u>No</u>	Is there any blood relationship between parties? <u>No</u>
Sworn to and subscribed before me this the <u>12</u> day of <u>Dec</u> 19 <u>44</u>	Sworn to and subscribed before me this the <u>12</u> day of <u>Dec</u> 19 <u>44</u>	Sworn to and subscribed before me this the <u>12</u> day of <u>Dec</u> 19 <u>44</u>	Sworn to and subscribed before me this the <u>12</u> day of <u>Dec</u> 19 <u>44</u>
	<u>H. J. Mills</u>	<u>H. J. Mills</u>	<u>H. J. Mills</u>
	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Applicant</u>
	<u>Marie Autwine</u>	<u>Marie Autwine</u>	<u>Marie Autwine</u>
	Notary Public.	Notary Public.	Notary Public.

Physician's Certificate.

I, John H. Hays, being a legally licensed physician, do certify that I have this 12 day of Dec, 1944, made a thorough examination of H. T. Mills and believe him to be free from all venereal diseases. John H. Hays M.D., Physician.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, JEFFERSON COUNTY. Marriage Bond.

Know all Men by These Presents, That we, _____, are held and firmly bound unto the State of Alabama in the sum of Two Hundred Dollars, lawful money of the United States, to the payment of which sum, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents. The Condition of the above Obligation is such, That, whereas, the License to solemnize Marriage between: _____ and _____ has this day been issued by the Commissioner of Licenses of said County, at _____ request. Now, therefore, if there is no lawful cause why such Marriage should not be celebrated, then this obligation is to be void; otherwise it is to remain in full force.

Witness our hands and seals this the _____ day of _____, 194____.

Approved: _____ (L. S.)
 _____ (L. S.)
 _____ (L. S.)
 _____, Commissioner of Licenses.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, JEFFERSON COUNTY. Marriage License.

To any person lawfully authorized to solemnize marriage within the said State, Greetings:

You are hereby authorized to celebrate the rite of matrimony between: H. T. Mills and Marguerite Byram and required to return Marriage License, and Certificate, duly certified under your hand, to the Commissioner of Licenses of the aforesaid County. Witness, my name as Commissioner of Licenses, and the seal of said Court, at the Courthouse in Birmingham this the 12 day of Dec, A. D. 1944. EUGENE B. HENRY, Commissioner of Licenses.

I certify that the within named H. T. Mills (Name of Groom) and Marguerite Byram (Name of Bride) were by me, the undersigned, joined in marriage, by the authority of the within License. Done this 16 day of Dec, A. D. 1944 in the County of Jefferson, City or Town of B'ham, in the State of Alabama, Cecil S. Ward Minister (Signature of Minister or Legally Authorized Officer) Address 1418 - N. 26 St.

Returned this 20 day of Dec, A. D. 1944, and recorded in Marriage License Record Book No. 181, Page 81. EUGENE B. HENRY, Commissioner of Licenses.

Marriage of Henry Thomas Mills to Marguerite Jacobs Byram, both divorced, on 16 Dec 1944 in Birmingham, Jefferson AL -

<https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61365/images/TH-1-16432-1163-97?pld=900265120>

TURNER, Mrs. Mildred Jacobs, a resident of 8213 Wynlakes Blvd., died at her home Friday, November 10, 1989. Graveside services will be held in Elmwood Cemetery, Birmingham, Saturday, November 11, 1989 at 3 p.m. with Rev. Roy Elam officiating. Alabama Heritage announcing. Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Martha T. Ferguson and Mrs. Elaine T. Bell, both of Montgomery, AL; brother, Albert H. Jacobs, Penny Farm, FL; sister, Marguerite J. Byram, Morris, AL; sister-in-law, Beatrice Jacobs, Chalkville, AL; four granddaughters. The family requests donations be made to the American Cancer Society.

ALABAMA HERITAGE

Obituary of Marguerite Jacobs's sister Mildred shows Marguerite is not using the Mills surname – "Montgomery (AL) Advertiser" Saturday 11 Nov 1989 p 9

Wife Estelle C. Carroll Brown – married 1952

Henry Thomas Mills

Alabama County Marriages, 1809-1950

Name:	Henry Thomas Mills
Event Type:	Marriage
Event Date:	01 May 1952
Event Place:	Jefferson, Marengo, Alabama, United States
Event Place (Original):	Jefferson
Sex:	Male
Age:	65
Birth Year (Estimated):	1887
Father's Name:	O M Mills
Mother's Name:	Julia Roy Croft
Spouse's Name:	Estelle C Brown
Spouse's Sex:	Female
Spouse's Age:	48
Spouse's Birth Year (Estimated):	1904
Spouse's Father's Name:	J T Carroll
Spouse's Mother's Name:	Mary Rhodes

marriage on 1 May 1952 to Estelle C. Carroll Brown -
<https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/sources/LR9W-SKR>

Clyde W. Carroll Dies Suddenly

**Adjutant Of National
Guard Units Stricken
With Heart Attack**

Major Clyde W. Carroll, 48, 431 Cypress Mill road, Florence, who has served as adjutant of local National Guard units for the past several years, was the victim of a heart attack suffered at his home Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Major Carroll left his office at the National Guard Armory at noon, advising his aids that he was not feeling well. He did not return at his usual hour and shortly before 3 o'clock an ambulance was summoned to take him to the hospital, however, he died before the ambulance arrived. He was attended by a physician at the time.

A native and lifelong resident of Lauderdale county, Major Carroll served overseas in World War II and later in the Korean War. Following his discharge from service after World War II, he served as adjutant of the local American Legion post for two years but then returned to full-time duty with the National Guard.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Ardelle Thompson Carroll, a member of the faculty at Central High school; his mother, Mrs. J. T. Carroll, star route, Florence; seven sisters, Mrs. Floyd Broadfoot, Mrs. Ed Wright, Mrs. Edward Darby, Mrs. J. D. Lee, all of Florence; Mrs. Howell Sharp, Lawrenceburg; Mrs. Arella Jordan, Memphis, and Mrs. Estelle C. Mills, Birmingham; two brothers, Homer and J. T. Carroll of Indiana.

Funeral arrangements will be announced by Brown Service.

Obituary of Estelle's brother Clyde W. Carroll – "Florence (AL) Herald" Thursday 7 Feb 1957 p 1, with Mrs. Estelle C. Mills a resident of Birmingham AL

Mrs. Estelle Mills and Mrs. Ben Scoggins from Birmingham were here Saturday night and visited sick relatives at Mitchell-Hollinsworth. Mrs. Mills visited her mother, Mrs. Thomas Carroll, and Mrs. Scoggins her aunt, Mrs. Ella Haddock. Mrs. Scoggins spent the night with her mother, Mrs. T. W. Broadfoot, Sr., and Mrs. Mills with her sister, Mrs. Floyd Broadfoot of Central Heights.

“Florence (AL) Herald” Thursday 1 Nov 1962 p 12

Wife Dorothy Alden Radebaugh Gill – married 1968

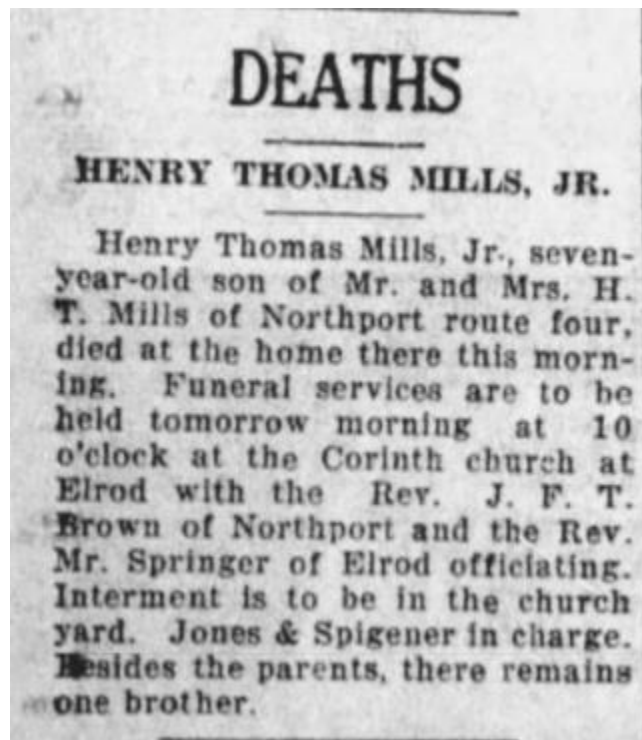
Henry Thomas Mills

Alabama County Marriages, 1809-1950

Name:	Henry Thomas Mills
Event Type:	Marriage
Event Date:	23 Nov 68
Event Place:	Montgomery, Alabama, United States
Event Place (Original):	Jefferson
Sex:	Male
Age:	81
Father's Name:	Absolum Mills
Mother's Name:	Julia Roy Croft
Spouse's Name:	Dorothy Rodebaugh Gill
Spouse's Sex:	Female
Spouse's Age:	59
Spouse's Birth Year (Estimated):	9
Spouse's Father's Name:	Ernest Merrell Rodebaugh
Spouse's Mother's Name:	Nora Alice Fetty

Marriage on 23 Nov 1968 in Montgomery Co. AL to Dorothy Radebaugh Gill –
<https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/sources/LR9W-SKR>

Children:



Death of son Henry Thomas Mills Jr. – "Tuscaloosa (AL) News" Tuesday 29 Mar 1927 p 8

George S. Mills 1921-2007



On Feb. 11 1957, test pilots George Mills and F.H. (Buck) Rogers took the McDonnell 220 on its first flight, which lasted 48 minutes.

<http://thetartanterror.blogspot.com/2007/08/george-smills-19xx-2007.html>

George
Shirley Mills

Mills, George Shirley Friday, May 25, 2007. Beloved husband of Margaret T. Mills, and the late Frances Ann Mills (nee Evens); loving father of Sherrill (Tim) Mulligan, Phillip (Etta) Mills, and David (Mary) Mills; loving step father of Bill (Candice) Tisdale, and Jack (Jacquelyn) Tisdale; dearest grandfather of Chris, Brian, Nicole, Susan, Joe, Mark, and Jackie. Great grandfather of Lauren. Services: Memorial service Thursday, 11:00 a.m. at the Kirkwood United Methodist Church, 201 West Adams. In lieu of flowers, Memorial Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. Mr. Mills was an Experimental Test Pilot and Engineer for McDonnell Douglas Corporation. Arrangements by BOPP Chapel.

Published by St. Louis Post-Dispatch on May 29, 2007.

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/stltoday/name/george-mills-obituary?id=2887041>



Marriage on 16 Oct 1943 in Miami FL to 1st wife Frances Ann Evens by George Shirley Mills –
‘Paducah (KY) Sun-Democrat’ Sunday 19 Sep 1943 p 12



“Birmingham (AL) News” Friday 15 Oct 1943 p 23

Memphians Visit Blytheville CAP

A cross-country fliers' breakfast for four Memphis fliers was held at 3:30 a.m. yesterday at the Fly Inn.

Fog preventing take-off from Memphis cut the early-morning flight down from a scheduled twenty to two planes—a Cessna 140 and a Cessna 170, with four passengers.

Following the breakfast, the Memphis fliers were taken for a tour of Blytheville by fliers from the airport.

Among the Blytheville fliers on hand to greet the Memphians were W. R. Crawford, Harry Wee--n, Gene Dickinson, L. C. Posey, Jr., Worth D. Holder, Paul Bradley, Paul Lloyd, Billy Mills, George Shirley Mills and John R. Johnston.

Mr. Crawford said today that the

Blytheville fliers were planning a week-end cross-country for the near future, but that a date had not been set definitely. A group from Blytheville will fly to Norfolk Lake on Saturday afternoon for a fishing trip and return to the Blytheville airport on Sunday afternoon.

"Blytheville (AL) Courier News" Monday 22 May 1950 p 4

MILLS, FRANCES ANN (nee Evens), Tues., Nov. 12, 1985, dear wife of George S. Mills, dear mother of Sherrill Lee Mulligan, Lt. Cmdr. Philip H. Mills and Pfc. David P. Mills, dear sister of Joseph and Robert Evens of Mayfield, KY, dear grandmother, mother-in-law and dear friend.

Private memorial service Sat., 2 p.m. at Kirkwood United Methodist Church, Trinity Chapel. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Multiple Sclerosis Society, 915 Olive, Suite 815, 63101. BOPP CHAPEL SERVICE.

Obituary of George Shirley Mills's 1st wife, Frances Ann Evens – "St. Louis (MO) Post-Dispatch" Wednesday 13 Nov 1985 p 16

Mills, Margaret T.

(nee Free). Monday, March 29, 2010.

Beloved wife of the late George Shirley Mills; loving mother of Bill (Candy) Tisdale, and Jack (Jacqueline) Tisdale; loving step mother of Sherrill (Tim) Mulligan, Phillip (Etta) Mills, and David (Mary) Mills; dearest grandmother of Chris, Brian, Nicole, Susan, Joe, Mark, and Jackie; great-grandmother of Lauren, Colin, and Luke.

Services: Services were Private. Arrangements by BOPP Chapel.



Obituary of George Shirley Mills's 2nd wife, Margaret T. Free Tisdale Mills – "St. Louis (MO) Post-Dispatch" Thursday 1 Apr 2010 p A16

Father:

TOBE MILLS DIES AT HOME IN ELROD

Widely Known Citizen Buried
This Afternoon; Survived
By Eight Children

Funeral services for A. M. (Tobe) Mills, widely known resident of Elrod, were held this afternoon at Corinth Baptist Church with interment in the church cemetery by Foster's Funeral Home. Mr. Mills, who is known throughout this section, died at his home Sunday morning.

He is survived by five sons, Fred A. Mills and Milus E. Mills of this city, J. Samuel Mills of the University, Vester Mills of Moundville and H. T. Mills of Enterprise, three daughters, Mrs. W. M. White of Echola, Mrs. E. O. Mayfield of Elrod and Mrs. Sam Berry of Elrod, and one brother, Milus E. Mills of Gordo Route 4. There are also 18 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Active pallbearers were the five sons and three other persons, Tilman Springer, Albert Holman and H. P. Rees. Honorary pallbearers included Dr. J. L. Booth, T. W. Smith, M. R. Springer, K. V. Berry, W. A. Berry, W. S. Barrett, John D. McQueen, Judge Fleetwood Rice, A. Parker Mize, Luther Davis, Clement Robertson, D. G. Bynum, Virgil Davis, Cullen Morgan, Tom Perry and R. B. Lewis.

Obituary of father Absalom Morgan (Tobe) Mills (1850-1937) – "Tuscaloosa (AL) News"
Monday 8 Feb 1937 p 3 – Find A Grave 52106783

Mother:



Back of photo "Aunt Julia Tobe Mills,
Grandma Evans sister"



T J Heath originally shared this on
23 Oct 2010

Presumably Julia is shown with her husband, Absalom Morgan Mills, but picture is uncaptioned - On Find A Grave of Julia Ann Roycroft Mills F: 201922457 and at <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/173772587/person/252326433024/media/b0beb1cb-b7ef-41ae-8da2-fdbd0e751786>

Woman Widely Known For Her Community Activities Is Buried Today

Mrs. Julia Ann Mills, 81-year-old resident of Elrod, died Sunday at Druid City Hospital after an illness lasting two weeks. She was widely known at Elrod, an active worker in all worth-while community activities. She was the oldest member of the Corinth Baptist church near Elrod and had resided in the community for the last 60 years.

She is survived by her husband, A. M. Mills, of Elrod, five sons, Vester Mills of Moundville, M. E. Mills, J. Samuel Mills, H. T. Mills and Fred A. Mills of Tuscaloosa; three daughters, Mrs. W. M. White of Echola, Mrs. E. O. Mayfield of Elrod and Mrs. S. L. Berry of Elrod; one brother, H. T. Roycroft, of Goliad, Tex.; five sisters, Mrs. Amelia Mitchell of Eastling, Tex., Mrs. Laura Evans of Luling, Tex., Mrs. Mattie Dye of Lockard, Tex., Mrs. H. T. Roycroft of Tuscaloosa, and Mrs. Lula Boswell of Coker; and one half-sister, Mrs. Hubert Stone of Jackson, Miss.

Funeral services were held at Corinth Baptist church this morning with the Rev. Mr. Sweedenburg, pastor, officiating, assisted by the Rev. H. T. Mills and the Rev. Morgan Mills. Foster's directed interment in the church cemetery.

Five of Mrs. Mills's sons and C. T. Springer served as active pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers were Albert Holman, J. H. Mayfield, A. P. Mize, T. O. Mills, Dr. J. L. Booth, Dr. J. E. Shirley, H. P. Rees, M. O. Clements, Charles T. Wood, R. O. Ellledge, J. M. Springer, M. R. Springer, T. W. Smith and J. O. Pearson.

Find A Grave 52106747

Siblings:

Vester Mills Dies Suddenly

Moundville Lumber Operator Expires Of Brief Illness

Vester Mills, prominent lumberman of Moundville, widely known in Hale and Tuscaloosa counties, died unexpectedly early today at Druid City Hospital. He became suddenly ill Tuesday morning, and pneumonia rapidly developed. He was brought to the hospital early today in an ambulance.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a. m. Thursday in the Corinth Baptist church near Elrod with interment in the church cemetery by Jones and Spigener. Dr. Horace G. Williams will officiate, assisted by the Rev. Foster Mills.

Mr. Mills is survived by three brothers, Fred, M. E., and J. S. Mills of Tuscaloosa, and H. J. Mills of Moundville and three sisters, Mrs. W. M. White of Echola, and Mrs. E. O. Mayfield and Mrs. J. L. Berry of Elrod.

He was 54 years old and a native of Elrod, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Mills. For the past 16 years he had operated a lumber mill in Moundville. He never married.

Active pallbearers for the services Thursday will be M. B. Massey, W. B. Massey, A. M. Massey, A. R. Massey, Grover Nevins and John Alexander.

Added by Glenn Halpern

Obituary of brother Vester Mills from Find A Grave 98557566 – published in “Tuscaloosa (AL) News” 28 Dec 1938 p 1



FRED ANSON MILLS

Fred A. Mills Dead At 76

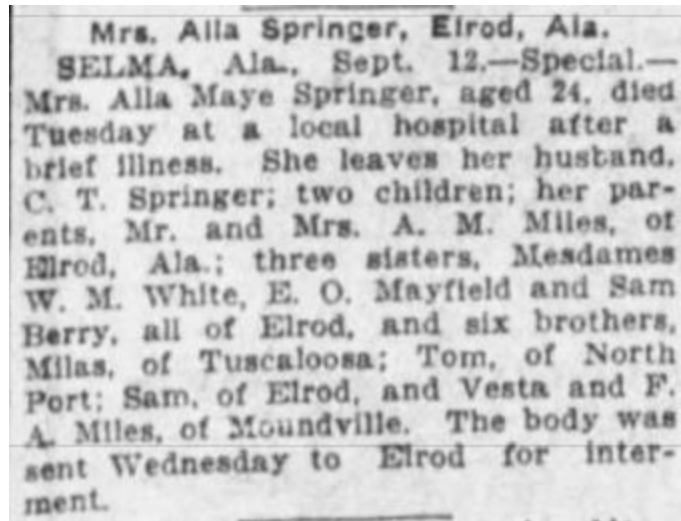
Funeral services for Fred Anson Mills, 76, of 1510 10th St., will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at the Spitzner - Brown Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Dr. C. C. Randall officiating, assisted by the Rev. Charles Thomas. Burial will be in the Northport Cemetery.

Mr. Mills died Wednesday night at DeWitt City Hospital following a long illness.

Mr. Mills had been engaged in lumber, mercantile and warehousing businesses in Moundville since 1921. He retired in 1955.

He was also active in civic affairs and aided in establishing Mound State Park. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Tuscaloosa, a World War I veteran, a Mason and a Shriner.

Obituary of brother Fred Anson Mills (1888-1965) – Find A Grave 129624039 – published in
 “Tuscaloosa (AL) News” Thursday 15 Jul 1965 p 15



Obituary of Alla Maye Mills Springer (1900-1924) – “Birmingham (AL) News” Friday 12 Sep 1924 p 33

Name: Henry Thomas Mills

Name variations: H. Thomas – Thomas - Tom

Military:

On Tuscania: 20th Eng. 17th/Co. E - private

Serial number: 250.590

Entered service from: Gordon, Houston AL

Sailed on “Tuscania” as: Henry T. Mills

Next-of-kin on “Tuscania”: wife Mrs. H.T. Mills, Gordo AL

Returned from war on: "Santa Paula" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Henry T. Mills

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: wife Mrs. Georgia Mills, Gordo AL (pvt, 17th Co., 20th Engrs, Forestry)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Henry Thomas Mills - b. 28 Oct 1887 Elrod AL; res:

Stewart, Tuscaloosa. Single. Manager of saw mill, Green Springs Lumber Co., Stewart AL.

Medium height, slender build.

World War II draft registration (1942):

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted: 19 Sep 1917

Discharged: 11 Jun 1919

Address: Northport AL

Rank/unit: private 1st class, 17th Co., 20th Engineers

Birth & death:

Born: 28 Oct 1887 Tuscaloosa Co. AL

Died: 8 Dec 1979 Birmingham, Jefferson AL

Find A Grave record: 52106814 – presence on Tuscania indicated in text

Burial location: Elrod, Tuscaloosa AL

Cemetery: Corinth

Tombstone: veteran flat: US Army WWI

Father: Absalom Morgan ("Tobe") Mills Jr., 12 Feb 1850 Tuscaloosa Co. AL – 7 Feb 1937 Elrod, Tuscaloosa AL. Son of Absalom Morgan Mills Sr. & Elizabeth Cotton. Buried in Corinth Cemetery, Elrod, Tuscaloosa AL.

Find A Grave: 52106783

Mother: Julia Ann Roycroft Mills, 17 Mar 1852 AL – 30 Apr 1933 Tuscaloosa, Tuscaloosa AL. Daughter of Anson Cameron (Columbus?) Roycroft (1821-1902, F: 11041186) & Catherine Sue Booth (1833-1888, F: 11122534). Buried in Corinth Cemetery, Elrod, Tuscaloosa AL.

Find A Grave: 52106747

Parents' marriage: 1 Dec 1874 Tuscaloosa Co. AL

Spouse: Georgia Shirley Mills, 18 Dec 1887 Pickens Co. AL – 20 Apr 1976 St. Louis, St. Louis Co. MO. Daughter of George Shirley (1850-1887) & Sidney Henrietta Jones (1861-1949). – "Birmingham (AL) News" Thursday 14 May 1908 p 7 – a degree was granted Tuesday to Tuscaloosa Female College graduate Georgia Shirley. - "Montgomery (AL) Advertiser" Thursday 8 Sep 1910 p 12 – the State Board of Examiners announces the results of the teacher examinations taken Jul 1910; one of those who passed is Georgia Shirley of Gordon AL - Buried in Hargrove Cemetery, Gordo, Pickens AL.

Spouse Find A Grave: 201922457

Marriage: was married while on Tuscania 24 Jan 1918 as Georgia is his next-of-kin; her Find A Grave says married in 1919. Henry says he is single on his 5 Jun 1917 WWI draft registration.

Spouse: Marguerite Violet Jacobs Byram Mills, reverted to Byram, 21 Apr 1907 Birmingham, Jefferson AL – 16 Jun 2003 Harvest, Madison AL. SSN 418-03-4133. Daughter of Albert Collins Jacobs & Martha Henning. Married to Aubrey Paul Byram (1901-1995, F: 229654013) on 24 Apr 1926 in Leeds, Jefferson AL.

Buried in Elmwood Cemetery, Birmingham, Jefferson AL with surname Byram.

Spouse Find A Grave: 176302812

Marriage: 16 Dec 1944 Birmingham, Jefferson Co. AL. On their marriage license of 12 Dec 1944, Marguerite Byram, b. 21 Apr 1907 in Birmingham AL, was divorced in Birmingham AL in 1934. She was age 37, an accountant, residing at 3120 – 11th Ave. N, Birmingham AL, daughter of Albert Cooper Jacobs & Martha H. Henning. H.T. Mills, b. 28 Oct 1887 Elrod AL, was divorced in Greensboro AL in 1941. He was age 57, an accountant, residing at 606 – 12th St. SW, Birmingham AL, son of A.M. Mills & Julia Roycroft. It was the 2nd marriage for both & both were divorced. They were married 16 Dec 1944 by minister Cecil S. Ward.

Spouse: Estelle C. Carroll Brown. Daughter of J.T. (or Thomas) Carroll & Mary Rhodes. In the 1953 Birmingham AL city directory, Henry T. Mills (wife Estelle C.), a public high school teacher, resides at 1701 Princeton Ave. SW. Mrs. Estelle C. Mills has a separate entry as a seamstress at Porter Clothing, with the same residence. Is she the Estelle Mills whose obituary (unseen) appeared in the "Huntsville (AL) Times" 20 Jun 2006?

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage: 1 May 1952 Jefferson, Marengo AL. Divorced Nov 1956 in Winston Co. AL – Henry T. Mills & Estelle Mills.

Spouse: Dorothy Alden Radebaugh Gill Mills Hutto, 1 Mar 1909 Meigs Co. OH – 13 Dec 1998. Married on 17 Nov 1928 in Harrison Co. WV to Carl Curry Gill (1907-1967, F: 210282665). Married in 1968 to Henry Thomas Mills. Buried with surname Hutto in Jefferson Memorial Gardens East, Trussville, Jefferson AL.

Spouse Find A Grave: 176487456

Marriage: 1968

Children:

- Henry Thomas Mills Jr., 25 Mar 1920 Elrod, Tuscaloosa AL – 29 Mar 1927 Northport, Tuscaloosa AL. Buried in Corinth Cemetery, Elrod, Tuscaloosa AL. F: 52106823
- George Shirley Mills, 4 Dec 1921 Gordo, Pickens AL – 25 May 2007 Kirkwood, St. Louis MO. SSN 181-16-6640. Experimental test pilot & engineer for McDonnell Douglas Corp. Husband of Frances Ann Evens (1923-1985), daughter of Roy Courtland & Fanny H. Evens. They married on 15 or 16 Oct 1943 in Miami FL. - Husband of Margaret T. Free Tisdale. – “Montgomery (AL) Advertiser” Sunday 21 May 1939 p 6 – graduation of Coffee County High Schools, Enterprise AL, on 29 May 1939 includes George Shirley Mills. – “Clarksville (TN) Leaf-Chronicle” Saturday 21 Mar 1942 p 1 – George Shirley Mills of Gordo AL enrolled in the Austin Peay Normal School’s 1942 spring class in civilian pilot training. – “Paducah (KY) Sun-Democrat” Sunday 27 Jun 1943 p 1 – George Shirley Mills, former Murray State College student, won his Navy wings as a flier. – “Pickens County Herald & West Alabamian” (Carrollton AL) Thursday 17 Jul 1947 p 8 – one of the Pickens County AL students at the University summer school is George Shirley Mills of Gordo AL.

Siblings:

- Milus Edgar Mills (Sr.), 4 Nov 1875 Tuscaloosa Co. AL – 19 Nov 1947 Tuscaloosa, Tuscaloosa AL. Husband of Annie Laura Mayfield (1877-1955, F: 52106642). She was the daughter of Ezekiel Mayfield & Matilda Elizabeth Mills. Matilda Mills Mayfield was the daughter of Absalom Morgan Mills Sr. & the sister of Milus’s father Absalom Morgan Mills Jr., so Milus & Annie were 1st cousins. Buried in Corinth Cemetery, Elrod, Tuscaloosa AL. F: 52106630
- Catherine E. (Kitty) Mills White, 26 Feb 1877 Tuscaloosa Co. AL – 18 Jul 1981 Northport, Tuscaloosa AL. Married in 1898 to William Matthew (“Willie”) White (1865-1955, F: 106884839). Buried in Dunns Creek Baptist Church Cemetery, Echola, Tuscaloosa AL. F: 153031997
- Velma Mills Mayfield, 5 Mar 1879 Tuscaloosa Co. AL – 18 Mar 1957 Delray Beach, Palm Beach FL. Wife of Elias Obediah Mayfield (1871-1942, F: 81550609) whom she married in 1910. Elias was the son of Robert Joseph Mayfield & Sarah Elizabeth Englebert. Buried in Corinth Cemetery, Elrod, Tuscaloosa AL. F: 81550744
- Ada Mills Berry, 21 Jun 1881 Elrod, Tuscaloosa AL – 9 Mar 1977 Northport, Tuscaloosa AL. Wife of Samuel L. Berry (1881-1968, F: 52106673). Buried in Corinth Cemetery, Elrod, Tuscaloosa AL. B: 52106652
- James Samuel (“Sam”) Mills, 30 Oct 1882 Tuscaloosa Co. AL – 18 Apr 1974 Tuscaloosa, Tuscaloosa AL. Husband of Margaret Ann Fort (1888-1953, F: 134352454). Buried in Tuscaloosa Memorial Park, Tuscaloosa, Tuscaloosa AL. F: 134352423
- Vester Mills, 23 Dec 1884 Echola, Tuscaloosa AL – 28 Dec 1938 Tuscaloosa, Tuscaloosa AL. Buried in Corinth Cemetery, Elrod, Tuscaloosa AL, sharing his tombstone with his twin Veler Mills, born the day before him & died 18 Jun 1892. F:98557566

- Veler Mills, 22 Dec 1884 Echola, Tuscaloosa AL – 18 Jun 1892 Echola, Tuscaloosa AL. Shares tombstone with twin Vester Mills, born the day after. Uncertain if male or female. Buried in Corinth Cemetery, Elrod, Tuscaloosa AL. F: 52106699
- Fred Anson Mills, 29 Dec 1888 – 14 Jul 1965. WWI veteran. Husband of Katie B. Clements (1890-1983, F: 129624064). Buried in Williamson Cemetery, Northport, Tuscaloosa AL. F: 129624039
- Alla Maye Mills Springer, 6 Feb 1900 Tuscaloosa Co. AL – 9 Sep 1924 Selma, Douglas AL. Wife of Charles Tillman (C.T.) Springer (1898-1977, F: 81272619). They had 2 children: Margaret Springer (Varner) (1921-2015) & Jack Griffin Springer (1924-2001). Following Alla's death, Charles married in 1925 to Rebecca Eugenia Campbell (1901-1965). Alla is buried in Corinth Cemetery, Elrod, Tuscaloosa AL. F: 52106685

Notes:

Pre-war:

Wartime:

"Tuscaloosa (AL) News" 11 Feb 1918 p 1 - well-known by locals, Henry Thomas Mills, left with the 1st draftees from Tuscaloosa 19 Sep 1917. Went to Camp Pike AR, then Camp Wheeler GA, then Washington D.C. Was reared at Gordo AL & has a large family there. Engaged in the lumber business with his brother Fred A. Mills, with offices in Alston Bldg., Tuscaloosa. A cable came saying he was safe in Ireland, but no other communication besides newspaper reports. His wife is living in Carrollton where she is a public school teacher.

"Tuscaloosa News" 13 Mar 1918 p 1 - letter from Henry to brother Fred, the 1st news since the "NY Times" article, landed in Ireland, now in England where letter was written 13 Feb 1918. He says he was safe on land almost by the time ship hit the bottom [not accurate, as it took several hours for any rescue ship to reach northern Ireland]. Received, no harm or injury. Thought of his family & "where do I go from here?" but had taken his comfort kit with him so he saved practically all he owned except what the government had issued. The Irish are very nice. Beautiful scenery, with similar weather to AL except warmer & rainier. Has not seen his chums.

Post-war:

Obituary:

Social Security number:

Censuses:

1900 Mitchells, Tuscaloosa AL

Head of household: A. Mills, 60 AL, Feb 1850, parents b. AL, married 26 years, farmer

Julia, 48 AL, Mar 1862, father b. NC, mother b. AL, gave birth to 10 children, 9 are living
 Milus, 24 AL, Nov 1875, at school
 Velma, 21 AL, Mar 1879, at school
 Ada, 18 AL, Jun 1881, at school
 Samuel, 16 AL, Oct 1883, at school
 Vesta, 15 AL, Dec 1885, at school [son – i.e. Vester]
 Thomas, 12 AL, Oct 1887, at school [Henry Thomas]
 Frederick, 11 AL, Dec 1888, at school
 Allie May, 9 AL, Feb 1900
 [the 9th child, Catherine/Kitty, was married in 1898 & Veler died in 1892]

1910 Mitchell, Tuscaloosa AL – Elrod Rd.
 Absalom M. Mills, 60 AL, parents b. GA, married 35 years, farmer, general farm
 Julia A., 58 AL, father b. NC, mother b. AL, gave birth to 10 children, 9 are living
 J. Samuel, 27 AL, farm laborer, home farm
 H. Thomas, 22 AL, farm laborer, home farm
 Velma, 21 AL, farm laborer, home farm
 Frederick A., 21 AL
 Allamae, 10 AL

1920 Crossland, Tuscaloosa AL
 Thomas Mills, 32 AL, parents b. AL, salesman, commissary
 Georgia Mills, 32 AL, father b. AL, mother b. TN [wife]
 Morgan E. White, 20 AL, parents b. AL, laborer, lumber mill [lodger]
 Morgan Mayfield, 23 AL, parents b. AL, laborer, lumber mill [lodger]

1930 Horse Creek, Marengo AL
 Henry T. Mills, 42 AL, father b. AL, mother b. TN, age 29 at 1st marriage, teacher, public school. “No”
 is written to question if he is a veteran. All men on this page answer “no” – which is unlikely.
 Georgia S., 42 AL, parents b. AL, age 24 (blurry) at 1st marriage, teacher, public school
 George S., 8 AL