

JOHN MILLS was a Scotchman residing in Staten Island previous to and during the American Revolution (1776). He was strongly attached to the British crown, a staunch supporter of the loyal cause, an United Empire Loyalist, on account of which he suffered the pillory and loss of property.

1774 **JAMES MILLS**, son of above, born at Newark, N. J., March 10th, 1774; died 2nd July, 1852, at Hamilton, Upper Canada.

1787 **CHRISTINA HESSE** was of German extraction. her ancestors having for centuries resided in the vicinity of the Rhine. Her immediate parents emigrated to America and settled in Northampton County, Upper Mount Bethel Township, Pennsylvania. where, October 17th, 1786, she was born. The following extract from the church book of that place has reference to herself, her brothers and sisters:

“ All these specified children are born of one bosom, pure marriage bed, from Michael Hesse and his married wife Gertrudt. under the hearty congratulations that God the Almighty might bless them. soul and body, here temporal, and there everlasting.”

1793 **JAMES MILLS**, retaining the loyal convictions of his ancestors, emigrated to Canada in 1793, being then 19 years of age. As the son of a Loyalist he was entitled to a grant of 200 acres of land; this land he, however, never got. On his arrival in the country he commenced trading with the Indians for furs, which he carried back to his native town and exchanged for goods suitable to the requirements of the Indians. He at once became very friendly and popular with several tribes located to the south and west of Lake Ontario, so much so that they conferred upon him a pet Indian name