

Baron, or Lord of the Manor—many men were employed in and around the "myln," and "mylns" were numerous. There were wind mills and water power mills. This makes it plain that the name "Mill," and eventually "Mills," should be found in many localities and in large numbers, and this is the case.

In early English church registers the name Mills is frequently found, as also Mill, Mille, Myll, Millman (meaning mill-man), Millward (meaning mill-ward), Millard (which is logical shortening of the previous name), Milne, Milner (meaning "mylner" or "miller," as already explained), also Millson (meaning Milly's son), all of which have their origin in the word "myln" or "Mille."

The earliest record of the name is found in the Hundred Rolls, Cambridgeshire, year 1273, where the name "Margery Mylys" appears.

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