The Miles, Lush and Haskoll Family Millers in Dorset

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Preliminary Note

This list was compiled by Anne Newman and Elaina Rothman descendants of Thomas Miles and Mary Lush. This is an ongoing project and as new records are available changes will need to be made. People who were millers and members of the Miles/Lush/Haskoll dynasty of millers are shown in red. This includes the men and women who married into the families.

Alternative spellings for Haskoll are Haskell/ Hascoll/ Hascol; and for Miles, Myles. This is not a definitive list of all the millers in Melbury Abbas, Cann or surrounding areas. The intention has been to identify only those millers related to our family. However where other millers not related to the Miles/Lush/Haskoll family have been discovered they have been included and shown in blue.

Every attempt has been made to place each miller in the mill where he/she was working. However in many of the records the specific name of the mill isn't given. It is also apparent that the millers moved from mill to mill over the course of their working lives and possibly worked at more than one mill at any one time.

The Cann/Melbury Abbas Mills

The people listed below are millers living in Cann/Melbury Abbas but there is no specific information as to which mill they owned/leased or worked at.

Early 1600s

John Haskoll (1586-1654). Son of Thomas Haskell Senior (1555-1630).

Ref: The Will of John Haskell gives his occupation as miller.

Lived in Cann, Dorset so it can be assumed he was the Proprietor/Occupier of one of the mills in Cann though at this stage it is not known which one. This John Haskell was the great uncle of Hannah Haskoll (1635-1703) mother of James Miles (1657-1724) who was a miller in Cann and/or Melbury Abbas. Hannah's husband John Miles (1635-1703) was also a miller in Cann, Dorset.

Mid 1600s

John Haskoll (1602-1652). Son of Richard Haskell of Hargrove Hill, Dorset and Dorothy Foyle. Married to Amy Tapper (1605-1671). Lived in Cann, Dorset so it can be assumed he was the Proprietor/Occupier of one of the mills in Cann though at this stage it is not known which one. Ref: Marriage record (to Any Tapper 1624) gives his occupation as miller.

John Miles (1635-1703). Son of William Miles (Myles) & Alice Sudden (not confirmed as his mother). Married to Hannah Haskoll (1635-1703). As John lived in Cann it can be assumed he was a miller at or a Proprietor/Occupier of one of the Cann mills. John and Hannah's son James Miles (1657-1724) was also a miller.

Ref: John's Will states his occupation as miller.

1702

James Miles (1657-1724). Son of John Miles (1635-1703) & Hannah Haskoll (1635-1703). Lived in Melbury Abbas and Cann. Name of the mill where was he was the Proprietor/Occupier is not known

Ref: Marriage record to Mary Horder (1660-bef 1718) gives his occupation as miller.

Samuel Neave. Recorded on the Quaker record for the birth of his daughter Elizabeth in 1779 as a miller living in Cann. The name of the mill is not known. There is a connection between the Neave family and the Miles family. An Emma Neave married Henry Broadway Miles. Her father was Edward Neave but his relationship to Samuel Neave is not known.

1846, 1851, 1861

George Miles (1789-1869) living in Cann, Dorset was a millwright (1851) and miller (1861). He was a grandson of Thomas Miles (1734-1815). George Miles' sons Alfred Miles (1830-) and Charles Miles (1845-1884) were both millers; Alfred recorded on the 1861 Census and Charles 1881 and 1871. George Miles was living in French Mill Lane but the mill where he worked is not recorded. It is possible as a millwright he worked at more than one mill. His wife was Martha Barrett (1808-). The baptism record for his son Charles Alexander (23 Aug 1846) records his occupation as miller. Ref: Baptism Records; 1851& 1861 Census states occupation as "millerright".

1851

Jeremiah Sharp is recorded as a Miller on the baptism records for his sons John and George (6 Feb 1851). Living in Cann with his wife Ann Maria. It is not know which mill he worked at.

1851

Samuel Lush Bishop (1805-1872) is recorded as a miller on the 1851 Census, living in Cann with his wife Sarah (née Miles, 1803-1866). Sarah was a grand-daughter of the miller Thomas Miles (1734-1815). It is not know which mill Samuel worked at. Samuel's mother was Mary Bishop (née Lush, 1780-1858) a Proprietor of Cann Mill.

Ref: Census 1851

1856, 1858

William Bishop (1803-) Miller. Living in Cann. The baptism records for Susan Ann (9 Mar 1856) daughter of William and Rose Bishop and for Henry (5 Aug 1858) give his occupation as miller. William Bishop was most likely the grandson of Joseph Lush (1744-1829) Proprietor of Cann Mill and Melbury Abbas Mill and the son of Joseph's daughter Mary Bishop (née Lush) Proprietor of Cann Mill. His father William Bishop (1780-) was also a miller but the mill where he worked is not known.

Ref: Baptism Records

1871

Nemiah Blandford (1840-) married to Ellen Miles (1835-1875) who was the daughter of the miller and millerwright George Miles (1789-1869). His wife's uncle Samuel Miles (1796-1880) was working Spragg's Mill at this time so it is possible Nemiah Blandford was working for him. Nemiah Blandford was also distantly related to Ruth Miles (née Blandford, 1834-1914) who was the Proprietor of Spraggs Mill (1881), French Mills (1889-1899) and Cann Mill (1899-1911). Ref: 1871 Census records him as a Miller, living in Cann, Dorset.

1871

George Sharp. Living in Melbury Abbas. Occupation given as Miller/Carter Ref: Census 1871

1874

Rice Andrews. Living in Cann. Baptism record for Elizabeth Mary (3 May 1874) daughter of Rice and Sarah Andrews gives his occupation as miller.

George Brockway. Living in Cann. Baptism record for Charles (12 Nov 1875) son of George and Ann Brockway gives his occupation as miller.

The Cann Mill On the River Sturkel

1790 to 1807

Proprietor: Joseph Lush (1744-1829). Married to Ann Gillingham (1760-1800).

The evidence that is available suggests that a Joseph Lush was the Proprietor of Cann Mill at this time. The name of the mill is not given in the records only that a Joseph Lush was paying tax "for his Mills". As the records show that a Joseph Lush was the Proprietor of Cann Mill from 1822 to 1829 it seems reasonable to assume that Cann Mill was one of his Mills from 1790 to 1807. The other Mill being Melbury Abbas Mill as explained below. In 1790 a John Miles was the Proprietor of French Mill and Mary Gillingham the Proprietor of Spraggs Mill with Thomas Miles (1734-1815) the Occupier.

There were at least two Joseph Lush who could have been a miller at this time in Melbury Abbas or Cann. Joseph Lush (1744-1829) was chosen because he inherited the lease for the Grist Mill at Melbury Abbas which was passed to him on the death of his father-in-law Robert Gillingham in 1791 and therefore it seems reasonable to assume he was a miller at this time even though he was recorded as a Yeoman when he wrote his Will in 1813. This Joseph Lush was married to Ann Gillingham and a member of her family Mary Gillingham was the Proprietor of Spraggs Mill from about 1790 to 1797. Furthermore in 1830 the Proprietor of Cann Mills was a Mary Bishop, the same name as the daughter of this Joseph Lush and his other daughter Catherine was married to Joseph Scammell who became the Proprietor (with others) of the Cann Mill in 1831.

Ref: The Dorset Land Tax Returns 1780-1832. Dorset Record Office

Note:

The other Joseph Lush living in Melbury Abbas/Cann at this time who might have been a miller was Joseph Lush (1729-1810). This Joseph Lush was married to Hannah Miles, sister of the miller Thomas Miles (1734-1815). His Will, if located, could clarify the situation.

1814-18

Proprietor: Mary Bishop (née Lush, 1780-1858) This Mary Bishop was most likely the daughter of Joseph Lush (1744-1829) though this has not been confirmed.

Cann Mill named.

Ref: Dorset, England, Poor Law and Church of England Parish Records 1511-1997.

1819

Proprietor: George Coombs. Miller

Baptism record of his son George King Coombs states his occupation as miller and abode as Cann

Mills.

Ref: Baptism Record. Dorset, England, Poor Law and Church of England Parish Records 1511-1997.

1820-1821

Proprietor: John Gear Cann Mill named

Ref: Dorset, England, Poor Law and Church of England Parish Records 1511-1997.

1821

Proprietor: John Gear Cann Mill named.

Ref: Dorset, England, Poor Law and Church of England Parish Records 1511-1997.

1822 - 1824

The Dorset Land Tax Returns record Joseph Lush (1744-1829) as the Proprietor and Occupier of Cann Mill for this period. However the Dorset Poor Law and Parish Records show John Hooper paying the Poor Tax on Cann Mill 1822 to Aug 1823 and Mary Bishop (née Lush, 1780-1858) paying the Poor Tax Sept 1823-1824.

Ref: Dorset Land Tax Returns 1780-1832. Dorset, England, Poor Law and Church of England Parish Records 1511-1997.

1825

Proprietor: Mary Bishop (née Lush, 1780-1858). Mary Bishop paid the Poor Tax in Cann until Sept 1825 and Robert Sharp paid the tax from Oct 1825.

Ref: Dorset, England, Poor Law and Church of England Parish Records 1511-1997.

1826-1828

Proprietor: Joseph Lush (1744-1829). Occupier: W R (Robert) Sharp.

Baptism records for Joseph (9 Apr 1826) son of Robert and Jemima Sharp gives Robert's occupation as farmer living at Cann Mill. Baptism record for Henry (25 Dec 1827) son of Robert and Jemima Sharp gives his occupation as farmer and mealman living at Cann Mill.

Ref: Dorset Land Tax Returns 1780-1832, Cann Baptism Records. Dorset, England, Poor Law and Church of England Parish Records 1511-1997.

1829

Proprietor: Joseph Lush (1744-1829). Occupier: Robert Sharp.

Cann Mill named.

Ref: Dorset Land Tax Returns 1780-1832. Dorset, England, Poor Law and Church of England Parish Records 1511-1997.

1830

Proprietor: Mary Bishop (née Lush, 1780-1858). Occupier: Robert Sharp.

Cann Mill named.

Ref: Dorset Land Tax Returns 1780-1832. Dorset, England, Poor Law and Church of England Parish Records 1511-1997.

Proprietors: Mary Bishop (née Lush, 1780-1858). Occupiers: Robert Sharp, Joseph Scammell (1795-1856), Ann Drew (née Lush, 1780-).

The Mills Archive Records also shows William Bishop, miller, at Cann Mill. Joseph Scammell was married to Catherine Lush (1781-1835) daughter of Joseph Lush (1744-1829). Ann Drew (1780-) was a daughter of Joseph Lush. She was married to William Drew. William Bishop was either a son-in-law or grandson of Joseph Lush as Mary Lush married William Bishop and also had a son William. Robert Sharp is shown as a farmer and mealman on the baptism record of his son Robert (13 Feb 1831).

Cann Mill named.

Ref: The Mills Archive Record, Baptism Record. Dorset, England, Poor Law and Church of England Parish Records 1511-1997.

1832

Proprietors: Joseph Scammell (1795-1856) & Others. Occupier: Robert Sharp.

Cann Mill named.

Ref: Dorset Land Tax Returns 1780-1832. Dorset, England, Poor Law and Church of England Parish Records 1511-1997.

1832-1835

Occupier: Robert Sharp

Baptism record for Cornelius (27 May 1833) son of Robert and Jemima Sharp gives his occupation as farmer and mealman living at Cann Mill. Baptism record for their daughter Sarah Baker Sharp (30 May 1835) gives Robert's occupation as miller at Cann Mill.

Ref: Baptism Records

1838

Robert Sharp. Miller. Baptism record for Caroline Mary (5 Jun 1838) daughter of Robert and Jemima Sharp gives his occupation as miller living at Cann Mill.

William Bishop (1803-) Miller.

Baptism Record for Elizabeth and Sarah (26 Nov 1838) daughters of William and Maria Bishop gives William's occupation as miller, living in Cann. As he was at the Cann Mill in 1831 it seems reasonable to believe he was still working at this mill in 1838. William Bishop was the son of Mary Bishop (nee Lush) and grandson of Joseph Lush (1744-1829).

Ref: Baptism Records

1840

Occupier: Robert Sharp.

Baptism record for Thomas (7 Dec 1841) son of Robert and Jemima Sharp gives Robert's occupation

as miller.

Ref: Baptism Record

1841

Occupier: John Stone. Miller. The census has a John Stone, occupation miller, living at Cann Mill with his wife Jane and children. As the Mills Archive Record has Robert Sharp still working at the mill in 1842, it is likely he was at Cann Mill in 1841.

Ref: Census 1841

Robert Sharp.Miller.

Ref: The Mills Archive Record

1851

Occupier: William Scammell. Miller and farmer. Living at Cann Mill with his wife Louisa and children. The relationship between this William Scammell and Joseph Scammell has not been established though both came from Wiltshire.

Ref: The Mills Archive Record, Census 1851

1855

William Scammell. Miller and farmer.

Ref: The Mills Archive Record

1859

William Scammell. Miller and farmer.

Ref: The Mills Archive Record

1861

Occupier: William Scammell. Miller and farmer. Living at Cann Mill with his wife Louisa and chil-

dren.

Ref: Census 1861

1867

Occupier: William Scammell. (Miller and farmer) and his son Samuel Scammell, miller.

Ref: The Mills Archive Record

1871

Occupier: William Scammell. Miller and Farmer living at Cann Mill with his wife Louise and one

daughter.

Ref: 1871 Census

1875

Samuel Scammell. Miller. The relationship between Samuel Scammell, William Scammell and Joseph Scammell is not known.

Ref. The Mills Archive Record

1881

Samuel Scammell. Miller. Living at Cann Mill with his wife Sarah.

Ref: Census 1881

1889

David Hunt. Miller.

Ref: The Mills Archive Record

1895

David Hunt. Miller.

Ref: The Mills Archive Record

Proprietor and Occupier: Ruth Miles (née Blandford, 1833-1914). Also at the French Mill, Cann at

this time.

Ref: The Mills Archive Record

1901

Proprietor and Occupier: Ruth Miles (née Blandford, 1833-1914). Living at the mill and working it as miller with her sons Joseph Septimus Miles (1869-1963) and Hubert William Miles (1871-1928) who are listed as millers and managers. Also living at the mill is her daughter Huldah Miles (1864-1932) and her husband Herbert Austin Hacker (1871-1932) recorded as a wheelwright.

Ref: 1901 Census

1903

Proprietor and Occupier: Ruth Miles (née Blandford, 1833-1914).

Ref: The Mills Archive Record

1907

Proprietor and Occupier: Ruth Miles (née Blandford, 1833-1914). Miller

Ref: The Mills Archive Record

1911

Proprietor and Occupier: Ruth Miles (née Blandford, 1833-1914). Living at the mill and listed as the mill owner. Her sons Joseph Septimus Miles (1869-1963) and Hubert William Miles (1871-1928) are working at the mill as manager and assistant in miller's business respectively. Her son-in-law Herbert Austin Hacker (1871-1932) and grandson Ernest Austin Hacker (1894-1968) are millwrights also living at the mill.

Ref: 1911 Census. The Mills Archive Record

1915, 1920, 1931, 1939

Proprietor: R. Miles and Son. It is likely the R. Miles refers to Richard Frederick Miles (1889-1976). The name of his son is not known at this stage.

Ref: The Mills Archive Record

1916 - 1923

Proprietor and Occupier: Hubert William Miles (1871-1928. Son of Ruth Miles (née Blandford, 1834-1914) and Richard Thomas Miles (1832-1872) living at Cann Mill. Hubert's nephew Richard Frederick Miles (1889-1976) is listed as a miller living at Cann Common on the Dorset Jury List (1916-1921) so it seems reasonable to assume he was working at the Cann Mill. Ref: Electoral Register, Dorset Jury List (1916-1921). The Mills Archive Record.

1927-1928

Proprietor and Occupier: Hubert William Miles (1871-1928). Living at Cann Mill when he died. Ref: The Mills Archive Record. Probate Record on his death in 1928.

Up to 1947

Proprietor: V M Miles and Son. The relationship of V.M. Miles to the rest of the family is not known at this stage.

Ref: The Dorset Magazine, Oct 2009

1947 to the present

Proprietor: NR Stoate. (Trading under the name R Miles & Sons) Purchased the Cann Mill.

Ref: The Mills Archive Record

1963

R. Sturkell. Miller.

Ref: The Mills Archive Record

French Mill, Cann, Dorset On the River Sturkel

1744

Hunt. Miller. Leasing the French Mill, Cann from Elizabeth Sanger (Widow) and Christian Hammond (Widow). Mill owned by John of Antill mills and John of Romney.

Ref: Source of this information has been lost. Needs confirming.

1790-1793

Proprietor and Occupier: John Miles (1769-1828). The identity of this John Miles has not been confirmed but it is believed he is the same person who appears as John Miles Senior in later records. French Mill named

The miller Thomas Miles (1734-1815) had a brother John (1732-1817) who was living in Bratton Somerset when he wrote his Will in 1815 and died in Compton Abbas, Dorset in 1817. His Will states he was a yeoman farmer. He did however have a son John (1769-1828) who lived in Cann and was married to his first cousin Mary Miles, daughter of Thomas Miles. This information supports the assumption that he was the miller named in this record.

Ref: Dorset Land Tax Returns 1780-1832

1797

Proprietor and Occupier: John Miles (1769-1828). The identity of this John Miles has not been confirmed. See note for 1790-1793. The mill is not named.

Ref: Dorset Land Tax Returns 1780-1832

1800, 1804-1806

Proprietor and Occupier: John Miles (1769-1828). The identity of this John Miles has not been confirmed. The record shows a John Miles paying tax "For his Mills". For the years 1790-1793 French Mill was named as the mill John Miles was paying tax on therefore it seems reasonable to assume that he was still the Proprietor/Occupier in 1800, 1804-1806.

Ref: Dorset Land Tax Returns 1780-1832

1801, 1802

Proprietor and Occupier: James Miles (1779-1865). The identity of this James Miles has not been confirmed but it seems reasonable to believe it was Thomas Miles' son James. At this stage no other James Miles who was a miller has been found. The name of the mill is not given only that James Miles is paying tax "For his Mills". James Miles is the Proprietor and Occupier of French Mill from 1821-1832 so it is possible he was working French Mill at this time also.

Ref: Dorset Land Tax Returns 1780-1832

1802-1813

No records have been found for this period. In 1814 and 1816 a John Miles Snr Proprietor of "Mills" with a George Miles (1789-1869)the Occupier was recorded. It is possible they were working the French Mill during this period as John Miles was the Proprietor earlier and George Miles was from 1814 to 1816.

Ref: Dorset Land Tax Returns 1780-1832

1814-1816

Proprietor: George Miles (1789-1869)

Ref: Dorset, England, Poor Law and Church of England Parish Records 1511-1997.

1816

Proprietor: Robert Miles (1762-1829). Occupier: James Miles (1779-1865).

The identity of this Robert Miles hasn't been established but it seems reasonable to believe it was Robert, son of Thomas Miles.

French Mill named.

Ref: Dorset Land Tax Returns 1780-1832

1817-1818

Proprietor: James Miles (1779-1865) Occupier: George Miles (1789-1869). George was the son of Robert Miles (1762-1829) and grandson of Thomas Miles.

French Mill named.

Baptism record for Charlotte (12 Feb 1817) daughter of George and Catharine Miles gives George's occupation as miller, living at French Mill.

Ref: Dorset, England, Poor Law and Church of England Parish Records 1511-1997. Baptism Record

1819

Proprietor: Robert Miles (1762-1829).

French Mill named.

Ref: Dorset, England, Poor Law and Church of England Parish Records 1511-1997.

1821-1825

Proprietor and Occupier: James Miles (1779-1865). Living at the mill with his wife Mary Bullen. French Mill named.

Ref: Dorset Land Tax Returns 1780-1832. Dorset, England, Poor Law and Church of England Parish Records 1511-1997.

1826

Proprietor and Occupier: James Miles (1779-1865). Baptism records (17 May 1826) for Henry, Lois Anne and Jane give James' occupation as miller and abode as French Mills, Cann. French Mills named.

Ref: The Mills Archive Record. Dorset Land Tax Returns 1780-1832. Baptism Record.

Dorset, England, Poor Law and Church of England Parish Records 1511-1997.

Proprietor & Occupier: James Miles (1779-1865)

French Mill named.

Ref: Dorset Land Tax Returns 1780-1832. Dorset, England, Poor Law and Church of England Parish Records 1511-1997.

1828

Proprietor & Occupier: James Miles (1779-1865)

French Mill named.

Ref: Dorset Land Tax Returns 1780-1832. Dorset, England, Poor Law and Church of England Parish Records 1511-1997.

1829-1831

Proprietor: James Miles (1779-1865). Occupier: John White

French Mill named.

Ref: Dorset Land Tax Returns 1780-1832. Dorset, England, Poor Law and Church of England Parish Records 1511-1997.

1832

Proprietor & Occupier: James Miles (1779-1865)

French Mill named

Ref: Dorset Land Tax Returns 1780-1832. Dorset, England, Poor Law and Church of England Parish Records 1511-1997.

1835-1850

Occupier: William Parsons (-1850) Miller. Married Charlotte (surname unknown but born in Milborne Port, Somerset).

Proprietor is not known.

Baptism records for children of William and Charlotte: William and Cordelia (7 Sep 1835, French Mill), John (4 Jun 1837, French Mill), George (2 Feb 1840, French Mill), Eliza (17 Jul 1842, Cann), Henry George (12 May 1844, Cann), Albert James (28 Mar 1847, Cann).

Note: The Mills Archive Record has a John Parsons as the miller at French Mill in 1842. No confirmation of this entry has been found. Lois Ann Miles (1821-) daughter of James Miles (1779-1865) married a Henry Charles Parsons (1822-) but the relationship of Henry Charles Parsons to William and Charlotte Parsons is not known.

Ref: Baptism Records, Census 1841

1851

Occupier/miller: Charlotte Parsons(widow of William Parsons). William Parsons, miller (son of Charlotte Parsons), Cordelia Parsons, miller (daughter of Charlotte Parsons). Proprietor not known. French Mill named

Ref: The Mills Archive Record, Census 1851

1855

Mrs W. Parsons. Miller. This record would refer to Charlotte Parsons, widow of William Parsons. Ref. The Mills Archive record

Mrs C. Parsons. Miller.

Ref: The Mills Archive record

1861

Occupier: Charlotte Parsons, miller. William Parsons, miller (son of Charlotte Parsons).

Proprietor not known. French Mill named

Ref: Census 1861

Note: Charlotte Parsons and her son William go on to run the Lyde Mill in Newnham, Hampshire

(Census 1871)

1871

Occupier: David Hunt. Miller. Living at the mill with his wife Mary. Employing one man.

French Mill named Ref: 1871 Census

1875

David Hunt. Miller

Ref: The Mills Archive Record

1881

Occupier: David Hunt. Miller. Living at the mill with his wife Mary. Employing three men.

French Mill named Ref: 1871 Census

1889

Proprietor and Occupier: Ruth Miles (née Blandford, 1833-1914) Widow of Richard Thomas Miles (1832-1872) who was a miller at Spraggs Mill.

Ref: The Mills Archive Record

1891

Proprietor and Occupier: Ruth Miles (née Blandford, 1833-1914). Her sons, Richard Thomas Miles (1868-1899) miller, Samuel Everard Miles (1865-1949) wheelwright, Joseph Septimus Miles (1869-1963) groom and miller's apprentice are living with her at French Mill. Another son Walter John Miles (1866-1943) also a miller was absent in the day of the census but reasonable to assume he was working at French Mill with his mother.

Ref: 1891 Census.

1895

Proprietor and Occupier: Ruth Miles (née Blandford, 1833-1914).

Ref: The Mills Archive Record

1899

Proprietor and Occupier: Ruth Miles (née Blandford, 1833-1914). Also at the Cann Mill at this time. Ref: The Mills Archive Record

1901

Proprietor and Occupier: Charles Leopold Miles (1855-1933)Living at French Mill with his family and working as the miller, recorded as on his "own account". His son Hugh Miles (1884-1950) is recorded as the miller's son and "working".

Ref: 1901 Census

Charles Leopold Miles (1845-1884) Miller.

Ref: The Mills Archive Record

Spraggs/Spraags/Spragues Mill Lower Blandford Road, Cann, Dorset On the River Sturkel

Pre 1745

Webb

Ref: The Mills Archive Record

c1745

Robert Gillingham (-1791)

This was most likely the Robert Gillingham who held the lease for Melbury Abbas Mill. See notes under Cann Mill.

Ref: The Mills Archive Record

1787, 1788, 1789

Thomas Miles (1734-1815) The record is illegible but it is possible that Thomas was working the Mill during these years.

Ref: Dorset Land Tax Returns 1780-1832

1790, 1791, 1792, 1793, 1795, 1797

Proprietor: Mary Gillingham. Occupier: Thomas Miles (1734-1815).

It would appear that Mary Gillingham took over the mill on the death of her husband Robert Gillingham who died in 1791.

Spraggs Mill named

Ref: Dorset Land Tax Returns 1780-1832

1800 - 1801

Proprietor: Thomas Miles (1734-1815)Occupier: Thomas Miles (1734-1815).

Spraggs Mill named.

Ref: Dorset Land Tax Returns 1780-1832

1802 - 1814

Proprietor: Thomas Miles (1734-1815). Occupier: John Miles (1781-1848) who was the son of Thomas Miles. For some years (1804, 1810, 1814) the record only states Thomas Miles (Proprietor) and John Miles (Occupier) with Thomas paying tax "for his Mills". Although the name of the mill is not always given (or is illegible) the records indicate that Thomas Miles and his son worked Spraggs Mill during this period. It is possible that Thomas Miles also worked another mill at this time as the record states paying tax "for his mills" not "mill'. The Dorset Poor Law and Church of England Parish Records show John Miles paying the tax in 1814.

Ref: Dorset Land Tax Returns 1780-1832. Dorset Poor Law and Church of England Parish Records 1511-1997.

Proprietor: Thomas Miles (1734-1815). Thomas Miles wrote his Will is 1814 leaving the "dwelling house or Tenement Mill and premises situate in Cann held by lease for lives" to his son John Miles. Although the specific mill in Cann is not named, the Dorset Land Tax Returns for the previous years would indicate Thomas Miles' mill as Spraggs.

Ref: The Will of Thomas Miles 1814

1815

Proprietor & Occupier: John Miles (1781-1848) inherited the "dwelling house or Tenement Mill and premises situate in Cann held by lease" from his father Thomas Miles (1734-1815). Although the Will doesn't name the mill, records indicate it was Spraggs Mill.

Ref: The will of Thomas Miles 1814

1816-1818

Proprietor & Occupier: John Miles (1781-1848). Also George Miles (1789 -1869).

Spraggs Mill named.

Ref: Dorset Land Tax Returns 1780-1832. Dorset, England, Poor Law and Church of England Parish Records 1511-1997.

1819-1824

Proprietor & Occupier: John Miles (1781-1848).

Spraggs Mill named.

Ref: Dorset Land Tax Returns 1780-1832. Dorset, England, Poor Law and Church of England Parish Records 1511-1997.

1824

Proprietor: Robert Miles (1762-1829). Proprietor and Occupier: John Miles (1781-1848)

It needs to be confirmed that this is the correct Robert Miles. Robert Miles, brother of John Miles and another son of Thomas Miles seems the most likely person.

Spraggs Mill named.

Ref: Dorset Land Tax Returns 1780-1832. Dorset, England, Poor Law and Church of England Parish Records 1511-1997.

1825

Proprietor and Occupier: John Miles (1781-1848)

Spraggs Mill named.

Ref: Dorset, England, Poor Law and Church of England Parish Records 1511-1997.

1826, 1827

Proprietor: Widow West. Occupier: John Miles (1781-1848)

Spraggs Mill named

Ref: Dorset Land Tax Returns 1780-1832. Dorset, England, Poor Law and Church of England Parish Records 1511-1997.

1828-1831

Proprietor: David Gillingham

Ref: Dorset Poor Law and Church of England Parish Records 1511-1997.

Occupier: Saben White Spraggs Mill named

Ref: Dorset, England, Poor Law and Church of England Parish Records 1511-1997.

1841

Proprietor & Occupier: John Miles (1781-1848).

Ref: 1841 Census. Name of the mill not stated but John was living in Cann at the time.

1842

John Sharp. Miller

Ref: The Mills Archive Record

1851

William Sharp. Miller and millwright.

Ref: The Mills Archive Record

1855

William Sharp. Miller and millwright.

Ref: The Mills Archive Record

1855

Samuel Miles (1796-1880) and his son Richard Thomas Miles (1832-1872). Millers. Samuel was a grandson of Thomas Miles. Baptism record for Charles Leopold (14 Oct 1855) son of Richard and Ruth Miles, gives Richard's occupation as miller, living in Melbury Abbas. The name of the mill is not given.

Ref: The Mills Archive Record. Baptism Record.

1858

Richard Thomas Miles (1832-1872). Miller. The baptism record for Kezia Ann (2 Apr 1858) daughter of Richard Thomas and Ruth Miles gives his occupation as miller, living in Cann. The name of the mill is not given but as The Mills Archive Record has him at Spraggs in 1855 it seems reasonable to assume he was still at this mill.

Ref: Baptism Record

1859

William Sharp. Miller and millwright.

Samuel Miles (1796-1880) and his son Richard Thomas Miles (1832-1872). Millers.

Ref: The Mills Archive Record

1860

Richard Thomas Miles (1832-1872). Miller. The baptism record for Ernest Edward (5 Aug 1860) son of Richard Thomas and Ruth Miles gives his occupation as miller, living in Cann. The name of the mill is not given but as The Mills Archive Record has him at Spraggs in 1859 it seems reasonable to assume he was still at this mill.

Ref: Baptism Record

Samuel Miles (1796-1880) and his son Richard Thomas Miles (1832-1872). Millers The Census of 1861 has Samuel Miles living at Spraggs Mill as miller. His son Richard Thomas Miles is living nearby and listed as a miller so it is assumed he was working with his father at Spraggs Mill.

Ref: Census 1861

1862, 1864, 1865, 1866

Richard Thomas Miles (1832-1872). Miller. The baptism records for Anna Maria (19 Jan 1862), Huldah (17 Jan 1864), Samuel Everard (19 Mar 1865) and Walter John (22 Jul 1866), children of Richard Thomas and Ruth Miles gives his occupation as miller, living in Cann. The name of the mill is not given but it seems reasonable to assume he was still at Spraggs.

Ref: Baptism Record

1867

Samuel Miles (1796-1880) and his son Richard Thomas Miles (1832-1872). Millers

Ref: The Mills Archive Record

1868, 1869

Richard Thomas Miles (1832-1872). Miller. The baptism records for Richard Thomas (5 Jul 1868) and Joseph Septimus (12 Sep 1869) sons of Richard Thomas and Ruth Miles gives his occupation as miller, living in Cann. The name of the mill is not given but it seems reasonable to assume he was still at Spraggs.

Ref: Baptism Record

1871

Samuel Miles (1796-1880) Miller and malster. His son Richard Thomas Miles (1832-1872) and nephew Charles Miles (1845-1884) who was a son of George Miles (1789-1869) were most probably working at Spraggs Mill at this time. The census states that he was employing three men. The 1871 Census has Samuel Miles living at Spraggs Mill as miller. Richard is living at FootsHill, Cann, and the baptism record for his son Hubert William (5 Mar 1871) confirms he was working as a Miller in Cann. Charles was also living in Cann. It is assumed the two young men were probably working for Samuel at his mill.

Ref: Census 1871, Baptism Record

1875

Samuel Miles (1796-1880) Miller and malster.

Ref: The Mills Archive Record

1881

Proprietor and Occupier: Ruth Miles (née Blandford, 1833-1914) widow of Richard Thomas Miles (1832-1872). Living at Spraggs Mill and running it with her sons Charles Leopold Miles (1855-1933)corn miller, Ernest Edward Miles (1860-1900)corn miller, and Walter John Miles (1866-1943).

Ref: 1881 Census.

Melbury Abbas Mill (Barfoots Farm Mill)

It has been difficult to find records that identify the millers associated with the Melbury Abbas Mill which is not specifically named in the Dorset Land Tax Returns 1780-1832 or the Dorset, England, Poor Law and Church of England Parish Records 1511-1997.

1629

Grove

Ref: The Mills Archive Record

Pre 1776 - 1776

Robert Gillingham (-1791) Yeoman. Leased the Grist Mill at Melbury Abbas from Shaftesbury Corporation. Robert Gillingham passed the copyhold of a Water Grist Mill (later a fulling mill) to his daughters Ann and Christian Gillingham.

Ref: Melbury Abbas Manorial Records, Dorset Record Office Records

1791

Joseph Lush (1744-1829) The lease for the Grist Mill at Melbury Abbas passed to Joseph Lush on the death of his father-in-law Robert Gillingham in 1791 for a fee of £240 and an annual rent of £20. See the note for Joseph Lush under Cann Mill. Joseph's wife was Ann Gillingham (1760-1800). It would seem that at this time Joseph Lush was the Proprietor of both Cann and Melbury Abbas Mills. Ref: The Mills Archive Record. Dorset Record Office Records

The Mills Archive Record shows a "Lush" leasing Melbury Abbas Mill in 1791 which corresponds with Joseph Lush (1744-1829) who was a Yeoman as recorded in his Will (1813) but the lease for the Grist Mill at Melbury Abbas was passed to him on the death of his father-in-law Robert Gillingham in 1791.

1800-1814

The Dorset Land Tax Returns show Thomas Miles (1734-1815), John Miles Snr (1769-1828) and Joseph Lush (1744-1829) were all paying tax for their "Mills". The records indicate that Thomas was involved with Spraggs Mill, John with French Mill and Joseph with Cann Mill. It is likely that one (or more) was also the Proprietor of Melbury Abbas Mill at this time. Further research is required. Ref: Dorset Land Tax Returns 1780-1832

1814

James Miles (1779-1865) Son of Thomas Miles (1734-1815). Baptism record of son Josiah (13 Feb 1814) gives James' occupation as miller, living in Melbury Abbas.

Ref: The Mills Archive Record. Baptism Record.

1815

John Miles (1781-1848) Son of Thomas Miles (1734-1815)

Baptism record of son John Josiah (8 Jul 1815) gives John's occupation as miller living in Melbury Abbas.

Ref: The Mills Archive Record. Baptism Record.

1817

James Miles (1779-1865)

Baptism records of son Albert (4 May 1817) and son and daughter Edwin and Emma Miles, (20 Jul 1817) give James' occupation as miller, living in Melbury Abbas.

Ref: The Mills Archive Record. Baptism Records.

1818/1819

James Miles (1779-1865)

Baptism records of daughter Maria (1 Aug 1819) gives James' occupation as miller living in Melbury Abbas.

Ref: The Mills Archive Record. Baptism Record.

1820

John Miles (1781-1848)

Baptism record for daughter Ellen (31 Dec 1820) gives John's occupation as miller living in Melbury Abbas. However as he had inherited the lease of Spraggs Mill from his father Thomas Miles (1734-1815) it is more likely he was working in Cann not Melbury Abbas. John is shown on the Dorset Land Tax Returns as Proprietor and Occupier of Spraggs Mill 1821-1823.

Ref: The Mills Archive Record. Baptism Record.

1823

John Miles (1781-1848)

Baptism record for son Julias (25 Oct 1823) gives John's occupation as miller living in Melbury Abbas. A John Miles was living at Spraggs Mill, Cann at this time as shown on the Dorset Land Tax Returns.

Ref: The Mills Archive Record.

1825

Thomas Chitty. Water grist mill. Ref: The Mills Archive Record.

1826

John Miles (1781-1848)

Baptism record for daughter Peninnah(3 Sep 1826) gives John's occupation as miller living in Melbury Abbas. The Dorset Land Tax Records shows a John Miles occupying Spraggs Mill in 1926. Ref: The Mills Archive Record. Baptism Record.

1832

Samuel Miles (1796-1880). Grandson of Thomas Miles (1734-1815), brother of George Miles (1789-1869). Baptism record of his son Richard Thomas Miles (24 Jun 1832) gives Samuel's occupation as miller, living in Melbury Abbas. Samuel married Anna Mariah Miles who was his second cousin.

Ref: The Mills Archive Record. Baptism Record.

1834

Samuel Miles (1796-1880)

Baptism record of son George Burt Miles (12 Mar 1834) gives Samuel's occupation as miller, living in Melbury Abbas.

Ref: The Mills Archive Record. Baptism Record.

1835

Samuel Bishop (1805-1872). Baptism record for George (2 Aug 1835) son of Samuel and Sarah Bishop gives his occupation as miller, living in Melbury Abbas. It is possible that Samuel was a son of Mary Bishop (née Lush) but this needs to be confirmed.

Ref: The Mills Archive Record. Baptism Record.

Samuel Miles (1796-1880)

The Mills Archive Record has someone by the name of Champion as owner. Baptism record of son Absalom (21 Feb 1836) gives Samuel Miles' occupation as miller, living in Melbury Abbas. Ref: The Mills Archive Record. Baptism Record.

1837

Samuel Miles (1796-1880). Baptism Record for his son William Henry (30 Jul 1837) gives Samuel's occupation as miller, living in Melbury Abbas.

Ref: Baptism Record, Cann.

1838

Samuel Miles (1796-1880). Baptism Record for his daughter Kezia (9 Dec 1838) gives Samuel's occupation as miller, living in Melbury Abbas.

Ref: Baptism Record.

1841 and 1842, 1845

Occupier: Samuel Miles (1796-1880) Miller and malster. Samuel Miles (1801-1871) Miller.

The Census for 1841 has Samuel Miles (1796-1880) living at the Melbury Abbas Mill with his family. His cousin Samuel Miles (1801-1871) is listed on the census as a miller but living with his mother and brother at Toomers Farm, Melbury Abbas.

Note: The 1841 & 1842 Jury list for Sixpenny Handley, Melbury Abbas, Dorset has two Samuel Miles listed as eligible to serve on juries and the place name is "Higher Mill" which refers I think to Springhead Mill, Fontmell Magna. Were they working in both mills or is it an error? Their qualification to serve on juries was stated as "Poor Rate". In 1845 the mill is recorded on the Jury List as Barfoots Mill.

These two Samuel Miles, both millers and malsters were grandsons of Thomas Miles (1734-1815). Ref: Census 1841, Jury List for Sixpenny Handley.

1846

Proprietor: Samuel Miles (1796-1880) Miller. No Mill is named needs to be confirmed it was Melbury Abbas.

Samuel Miles (1801-1871) Miller and Yeoman. A Samuel Foot was listed as malster.

Ref: The Dorset Jury List for Sixpenny Handley, Melbury Abbas.

Dorset Jury List 1847

1848

Samuel Miles (1796-1880)andSamuel Miles (1801-1871).

The Sixpenny Handley, Melbury Abbas, Dorset Jury List has both Samuels listed and as millers but the name of the mill isn't given. One Samuel is shown as "Samuel Junior" and I believe it refers to the Samuel born in 1796 as the other Samuel Miles' (1801) name occurs next to his brother Eli Miles who was a yeoman farmer. The dates given are baptism records and it would seem that Samuel Miles (1801) was born before his cousin but baptised later.

The Mill Archive Record has "Samuel Senior" as being at the Melbury Abbas Mill but I don't know which Samuel Miles this refers to.

Ref: The Mills Archive Record. The Dorset Jury List for Sixpenny Handley, Melbury Abbas.

Samuel Miles (1796-1880) and Samuel Miles (1801-1871). The Sixpenny Handley, Melbury Abbas, Dorset Jury List has both Samuels listed and as millers but the name of the mill isn't given. One Samuel is shown as "Samuel Junior". See note for 1848.

Ref: The Dorset Jury List for Sixpenny Handley, Melbury Abbas.

1851

Samuel Miles (1796-1880) Miller and malster. His son Richard Thomas Miles (1832-1872) can be assumed to have been working with him at the Melbury Abbas Mill. Samuel Miles (1801-1871) who never married is by 1850 recorded on the Jury List as a yeoman and in 1851 listed on the Census as a farmer of 50 acres employing 3 men.

Ref: The Mills Archive Record. Census for 1851 lists Samuel Miles (1796-1880) and his son Richard Thomas Miles as millers but not the name of the Mill. The Melbury Abbas Mill isn't specifically listed on the census for this year.

1852

Samuel Miles Junior (1796-1880) and Samuel Miles Senior (1801-1871).

The name of the mill is not given. The assumption has been made that they were at the Melbury Abbas Mill.

Ref: The Mills Archive Record. Dorset Jury List.

1855

George Oxford. Baptism record for Fred (15 Jul 1855) son of George and Maunseth (?) Oxford gives George's occupation as miller, living in Melbury Abbas. The name of the mill is not given.

Ref: Baptism Record

1857

George Oxford. Baptism record for Annie Kate (1 Jul 1857) daughter of George and Maunseth (?) Oxford gives George's occupation as miller, living in Melbury Abbas. The name of the mill is not given.

Ref: Baptism Record

1859

George Oxford. Baptism record for George Edwin (28 Aug 1859) son of George and Maunseth (?) Oxford gives George's occupation as miller, living in Melbury Abbas. The name of the mill is not given.

Ref: Baptism Record

1880

Frederick Oxford. Miller.

Ref: The Mills Archive Record

1891

Samuel Scammell. The 1891 Census records Samuel as miller, farmer, and employer, living at Barfoots Mill with his wife Sarah and children.

Ref: Census 1891

Proprietor and Occupier: Samuel Everard Miles (1865-1949)

Son of Richard Thomas Miles (1832-1872) and Ruth Miles (née Blandford, 1833-1914) Recorded as miller and farmer. Living at the mill with his wife Caroline and son Richard. Ref: 1901 Census

1903-1916

Proprietor and Occupier: Samuel Everard Miles (1865-1949) recorded as farmer and miller (employer). Living at the mill with his wife and son Richard Frederick Miles (1889-1976) who is also working at the mill. The Jury List for 1918-1921 has Samuel listed as a farmer. Ref: Dorset Jury List and 1911 Census

1921

Joseph Septimus Miles (1869-1963) and his brother Samuel Everard Miles (1865-1949) are recorded on the Melbury Abbas Dorset Jury List as farmers and millers. The name of the mill they owned or were working at is not given though Samuel Everard Miles (1865-1949) is recorded as owning and living at Higher Mill Farm. Samuel was working the Melbury Abbas Mill from 1901 to 1916 therefore the assumption has been made that he was still at Melbury Abbas in 1921 and that his brother was working this mill with him.

Ref: Melbury Abbas Jury List

1939

Samuel Everard Miles (1865-1949) and Richard Frederick Miles (1889-1976 are listed on the Mill Archive Record as Miles S. E & Son, millers at Melbury Abbas Mill. Confirmation of this has not been found. Samuel's Probate Record however states that his son Richard was a miller but the identify of the mill where he worked was not given.

Bef 1987

J. Giles

Ref: The Mills Archive Record

1987

J. Giles

Ref: The Mills Archive Record

1991

Richard Bradley-Watson

Ref: The Mills Archive Record

Blandford Forum Mill, Dorset 1884

Charles Leopold Miles (1855-1933) Miller.

Ref: Baptism record for his son Hugh Miles gives Charles' occupation as miller. There is no information about which mill he was working at but it can be assumed it was the one where he was living at the time which was Blandford Forum.

Tarrant Keynston Mill, Dorset 1889

Charles Leopold Miles (1855-1933). Miller

Ref: Baptism record for his daughter Nora Ruth Miles gives Charles' occupation as miller. There is no information about which mill he was working at but it can be assumed it was the one where he was living at the time.

Springhead Mill (Higher Mill) Fontmell Magna, Shaftesbury, Dorset 1841

Robert Hussey living at Higher Mill and recorded as Yeoman and Miller. It is possible that Robert Hussey took possession of this mill in 1832 but this needs confirming.

Ref: 1841 Census.

Note: The 1841 & 1842 Jury list for Sixpenny Handley, Melbury Abbas, Dorset has two Samuel Miles listed (Samuel Miles 1796-1880 and Samuel Miles 1801-1871) as eligible to serve on juries and the place name is "Higher Mill" which possibly refers to Springhead Mill, Fontmell Magna. It is not known if they were working both mills or it is a mistake. Their qualification to serve on juries was stated as "Poor Rate".

1851

Charles Godwin living at Higher Mill and recorded as miller, malster and brewer.

Ref: 1851 Census.

Standlynch Mill, Standlynch, Wiltshire

1851

James Miles (1806-) Journeyman and miller. Son of John Miles (1781-1848)

Ref: 1851 Census

Monxton Mill, Hampshire

1861

James Miles (1806-) Miller. Son of John Miles (1781-1848)

Ref: 1861 Census

Wilton Mill, Wilton, Wiltshire

1871

James Miles (1806-) Miller's Grinder

Ref: 1871 Census

Other millers located during research but not related to the Miles, Lush and Haskoll family 1780

John Munday, Munday Mills (Flour Mill), Stower Provost, Dorset

Ref: Dorset Land Tax Returns 1780

1787

Richard Clark in Sutton Waldron

Ref: Military List

John Jones (c1811-1854) Recorded as journeyman and miller living in Battersea, Surrey. Ref: Census 184. John Jones was not part of the Miles/Lush/Haskoll dynasty but is one of Anne Newman's ancestors.

1851

John Jones (c1811-1854) Recorded as miller living in the Mill House, Aldingbourne, Sussex Ref: Census 1851

1851

Joseph Lawrence. Miller, living in Pipers Mill, Fontmell Magna

1871

Samuel Brown (Miller and carter) living in Cann.

1871

Charlotte Parsons and her son William running the Lyde Mill in Newnham, Hampshire Ref: Census 1871

Names of the millers in the Miles/Lush/Haskoll families

Bishop, Samuel Lush (1805-1872)

Bishop, Mary (née Lush, 1780-1858)

Bishop, William (c1775-)

Bishop, William (1803-)

Blandford, Nemiah (1840-)

Drew, Ann (née Lush, 1780-)

Hacker, Ernest Austin (1894-1968)

Hacker, Herbert Austin (1871-1932)

Haskoll, John (1586-1654)

Haskoll, John (1602-1652)

Lush, Joseph (1744-1829)

Miles, Alfred (1830-)

Miles, Charles (1845-1884)

Miles, Charles Leopold (1855-1933)

Miles, Ernest Edward (1860-1900)

Miles, George (1789-1869)

Miles, Hubert William (1871-1928)

Miles, Hugh (1884-1950)

Miles, James (1657-1724)

Miles, James (1779-1865)

Miles, James (1806-)

Miles, John (1635-1703)

Miles Senior, John (1769-1828)

Miles, John (1781-1848)

Miles, Joseph Septimus (1869-1963)

Miles, Richard Thomas (1832-1872)

Miles, Richard Thomas (1868-1899)

Miles, Richard Frederick (1889-1976)

Miles, Robert (1762-1829)

Miles, Ruth (née Blandford, 1833-1914)

Miles, Samuel (1796-1880)

Miles, Samuel (1801-1871)

Miles, Samuel Everard(1865-1949)

Miles, Thomas (1734-1815)

Miles, Walter John (1866-1943)

Miles, V M and son

Scammell, Joseph (1795-1856)

Millers named in this account but not members the Miles/Lush/Haskoll families

Andrews, Rice

Bradley-Watson, Richard

Brockway, George

Brown, Samuel

Chitty, Thomas

Clark, Richard

Coombs, George

Gear, John

Giles, J

Gillingham, Ann

Gillingham, Christian

Gillingham, David

Gillingham, Mary

Gillingham, Robert (-1791)

Godwin, Charles

Grove,?

Hooper, John

Hunt,?

Hunt, David

Hussey, Robert

Jones, John

Lawrence, Joseph

Munday, John

Neave, Samuel

Oxford, Frederick

Oxford, George

Parsons, Charlotte

Parsons, Cordelia

Parsons, William

Parsons, William - Son of William and Charlotte x

Scammell, Samuel

Scammell, William

Sharp, George

Sharp, Jeremiah

Sharp, John

Sharp, Robert

Sharp, William

Stoate, NR

Stone, John Sturkell, R Webb, ? West, Widow (No first name given in records) White, John White, Sabin

This list is not definitive.

Reference

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