

31. TREAT⁴ MILLS (*Jedidiah³ Peter²⁻¹*), son of Jedidiah and Abigail (Treat) Mills, was probably born in Ripton Parish, then in Stratford but now Shelton, Conn., about 1734. He died in January 1771, probably in New York City, although his will was proved in both New York 25 January 1771 and Stratford 14 June. He married, surely by 1756, **ABIGAIL CURTIS** who was born in Stratford 10 October 1731, daughter of William and Prudence (Judson) Curtis (StV).^[1] She was living at least as late as 1781 if not 1795 (see below). William Curtis' will dated 12 June 1767 mentions his daughter "Abigal, the wif [*sic*] of Treat Mills of Stratford."^[2]

Treat bought land in Stratford in 1756 and 1757, received gifts of land from his parents in 1761 and 1762 and sold some in 1763 and 1768. In the last of these deeds, on 11 January 1768, he was still "of Stratford" (StD 15:145). Perhaps he lived some time in New York City or possibly only owned property and did business there. He also owned land in Derby and Woodbury, Conn. He was appointed ensign of the Ripton Co. in the 4th Regiment in October 1760. In October 1763 he became lieutenant and in October 1766 captain of the same company.^[3]

His will, dated 4 January 1771, was proved in New York City 25 January 1771^[4] and in Stratford 14 June 1771. The latter copy reads:

I Treat Mills of Stratford . . . my beloved wife Abigail Mills and my children to wit my Daughter Abigail, my Son William Curtis, my Daughter Mary Ann, my Daughter Sarah, my Son Jonathan Treat, my Daughter Triphinia and the child or children wherewith my wife now is or at the time of my departure from her was pregnant . . . I appt my said beloved wife Abigail Mills and my brother Elisha Mills . . . [executors] . . . nominate and appt my friend Benjamin Stout of the city of New York [executor in N.Y.] . . .^[5]

A notice in the *New York Gazette-Mercury* of 22 March 1773 said the estate of Capt. Treat Mills, late of Stratford, was insolvent and creditors were to meet at the inn of Elisha Mills at Stratford, by order of commissioners Samuel Adams and Agur Judson.^[6]

The family evidently continued to live in Stratford. 17 April 1781 "Abigail Mills widow and relict of Capt Treat Mills" sold land, and on the same date Elisha Mills also sold land bordering on the heirs of Capt. Treat Mills for £150

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“received to the satisfaction of William Curtiss Mills,” both to Moses Platt (StD 16:500, 502; 20:49). The son William C. married the following 11 July, and the rest of his family moved with him to Fredericksburg, Dutchess Co., N.Y., where he had bought land on 28 April 1781 (DutD 10:59). In other deeds, when Abigail (Treat) Mills’ heirs sold their rights to a certain four acres in Ripton, the following acted:

- 13 Feb. 1778 “Abigail Mills, daughter of Treat Mills” of Stratford (ShtnD 1:496, recorded 15 Feb. 1791).
- 18 May 1781 Triphena Mills of Fredrickstown, Dutchess Co. (witness: Sally Mills) (1:204).
- 15 Aug. 1782 “William Curtiss Mills son of Treat Mills of Fredericksburg, Dutches Co., and Eben Leavenworth and Mary Ann Leavenworth of Stratford . . .” (1:498).
- 28 Mar. 1783 “Job Hicoock and Abigail Hicoock of Fredricksburg, Dutchess Co., N.Y.” (1:185).
- 10 Oct. 1785 “Noah Hicoock and Sarah Hicoock of Fredricksburg” (1:186).
- 8 May 1794 “Allen Case & Jane Case of Johnstown, Montgomery Co.,” the right descended to sd Jane Case by death of her grandmother Abigail Mills (2:511).