

**Mills**  
**Hutt Valley - Upper Hutt**  
Family History – Genealogy – Miscellaneous Information  
(Weblink HVF Mills)

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**Edward William MILLS and WRIGHT**  
**Family History**

**Edward William MILLS**

B 19 August 1829 Kensington London England

D 12 March 1900 Wellington New Zealand

M 28 December 1854 St Pauls Church Wellington New Zealand

**Louisa Felicite Prideaux Evelyn WRIGHT**

B 21 August 1822 Kensington London England

D 03 November 1907 Wellington New Zealand

Children:

1. Edward Charles Evelyn MILLS born 1857 Wellington New Zealand
2. Louisa Sylvia Alva MILLS born 1858 Wellington New Zealand
3. Alice Jane Evelyn MILLS born 1860 Wellington New Zealand
4. Laura Frances Evelyn MILLS born 1861 Wellington New Zealand
5. Francis John Liardet MILLS born 1863 Wellington New Zealand
6. George Cutfield Liardet MILLS born 03 September 1865 Wellington New Zealand
7. Ada Susannah Evelyn MILLS born 1866 Wellington New Zealand
8. John Fortescue Wright MILLS born 1867 Wellington New Zealand
9. Henrietta Cornelia Evelyn MILLS born 31 May 1869 Wellington New Zealand

*[Edward William MILLS - Section No 7 & 10 Pakuratahi Upper Hutt]*

Edward William MILLS was born 19 August 1829 Kensington London and baptised 13 September 1829 Saint Mary Newington Surrey England. Edwards parents were Elizabeth Sophia nee SHORTER (1798 – 13 March 1856 Wellington New Zealand) & Charles MILLS (1803-29 July 1862 Wellington New Zealand)

*(Reference Ancestry website parish records)*

Louisa Felicite Prideaux Evelyn WRIGHT was born 21 August 1822 Kensington London England. Louisa's parents were Louisa Marie Felicite nee Liardet (1799-1875 New Zealand) & Captain John Faithful Fortescue Wright (1796-1853 England)

Edward William MILLS married 28 December 1854 St Pauls Church Wellington Louisa Felicite Prideaux Evelyn WRIGHT

*(Reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1854 folio 0261 website 1854/1286)*

1853-1864 Wellington Electoral Roll

- Edward William MILLS Sydney Street Ironmonger Sydney Street and Lambton Quay
- Thomas MILLS Lambton Quay Ironmonger Lambton Quay
- Charles MILLS Pipitea Street Shipwright Household Lambton Quay
- Charles Mills Lambton Quay Builder Household Lambton Quay

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)*

Edward and Louisa had a child Edward Charles Evelyn MILLS born 1857 Wellington New Zealand

*(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1857 folio website 1857/4442 parents Louisa Felicite Prideaux Evelyn and Edward William Mills)*

Edward and Louisa had a child Louisa Sylvia Alva MILLS born 1858 Wellington New Zealand  
(Child not named born 1858 Wellington New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1858 folio website 1858/5690  
parents Louisa Felicite Prideaux Evelyn and Edward William Mills)

Edward and Louisa had a child Alice Jane Evelyn MILLS born January 1860 Wellington New Zealand  
(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1860 folio website 1860/6645 parents Louisa Felicite Prideaux Evelyn and Edward William Mills)

Edward and Louisa had a child Laura Frances Evelyn MILLS born 1861 Wellington New Zealand  
(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1861 folio website 1861/7966 parents Louisa Felicite Prideaux Evelyn and Edward William Mills)

Edward and Louisa had a child Francis John Liardet MILLS born January 1863 Wellington New Zealand  
(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1863 folio website 1863/10873 parents Louisa Felicite Prideaux Evelyn and Edward William Mills)

Edward and Louisa had a child George Cutfield Liardet MILLS born 03 September 1865 Wellington New Zealand  
(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1865 folio website 1865/12094 parents Louisa Felicite Prideaux Evelyn and Edward William Mills)

1865 Wellington Electoral Roll – Edward William MILLS

Edward and Louisa had a child Ada Susannah Evelyn MILLS born September 1866 Wellington New Zealand  
(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1866 folio website 1866/14804 parents Louisa Felicite Prideaux Evelyn and Edward William Mills)

Edward and Louisa had a child John Fortescue Wright MILLS born 1867 Wellington New Zealand  
(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1867 folio website 1867/9898 parents Louisa Felicite Prideaux Evelyn and Edward William Mills)

Edward and Louisa had a child Henrietta Cornelia Evelyn MILLS born 31 May 1869 Wellington New Zealand  
(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1869 folio website 1869/17286 parents Louisa Felicite Prideaux Evelyn and Edward William Mills)

1870

Memorandum of Agreement made the thirteenth day of January One thousand eight hundred and seventy Between Edward William MILLS of the City of Wellington in the Province of Wellington Ironmonger and Iron-founder of the one part and Abraham HARRIS of the Hutt district in the same Province carter of the other part Do hereby the said Edward Williams MILLS agrees to sell to the said Abraham HARRIS and the said Abraham HARRIS agrees to purchase for Five hundred pounds all that the agreement for the lease of a piece of Land at Pakuratahi in the said Province of Wellington containing three and half acres or thereabouts being part of Section Number ten on the Plan of the said District formerly made with Terry [sic] and cave [sic] afterward wish and now held by him the said Edward William MILLS by and under Walter HODDER all that the Mill machinery engine coiler saws breaking down frame furniture and tools now being in and about said premises Together wish the right of cutting timber on the land of the said Walter HODDER as under agreement with the said to Walter Hodder and also all the right title and interest of him the said Edward William MILLS in and to an agreement for a lease of part of Section Number Seven on the plan of the same District made and agreement to be granted to one E MORGAN and to afterwards with him the said Edward Williams MILLS by certain Aboriginal Natives and other persons entitled in that behalf and the said Abraham HARRIS agrees to pay for the premises the said sum of Five hundred Pounds in manner following that is to say One Hundred and Sixty six Pounds thirteen shillings and four pence on the seventh day of

March next One hundred and sixty six Pounds thirteen shillings and four pence on the seventh day of April and the balance or sum of lone hundred and Sixty six pounds thirteen shillings and four pence on the Seventh day of June now next and the said Edward William MILLS agrees that on payment of the last of such amounts he the said Edward William MILLS his executors or administrators will and shall execute an assignment of all such his interest aforesaid It being understood that the said Abraham HARRIS purchases and takes the said Edward William MILLS sells only and agrees to assign only such interest in the said land as he the said Edward William MILLS now possesses but that the said Edward William MILLS will assist the said Abraham HARRIS so far as in him lay but at the costs of the said Abraham HARRIS to procure valid leases from the said Walter Hodder and the Natives That in the meantime the said Edward William MILLS will grant and the said Abraham HARRIS shall accept a lease of the said Land Mill, Mill Machine tools and premises hereby agree to be sold and continue a tenant under the same until payment of the full sum of Five hundred Pounds that if default shall be made in payment of any of the said sums or any part thereof the unpaid portion shall bear interest after the rate of Ten Pounds per centum per annum and the said Edward William MILLS shall have the option of cancelling this agreement at any time after default and reselling the premises

*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R11836213 AAMK W3074 869 box 179 b 6/47/1892 1 Maori Reserved Land Pakuratahi Sections 4 and 7 Pakuratahi District Block XV Akatarawa District (This file also contains correspondence about Section 3) now 31/1893 years 1862 to 1884)*

Dated 13 January 1870 Mr E W Mills and Mr A Harris Agreement – Brandon & Quick

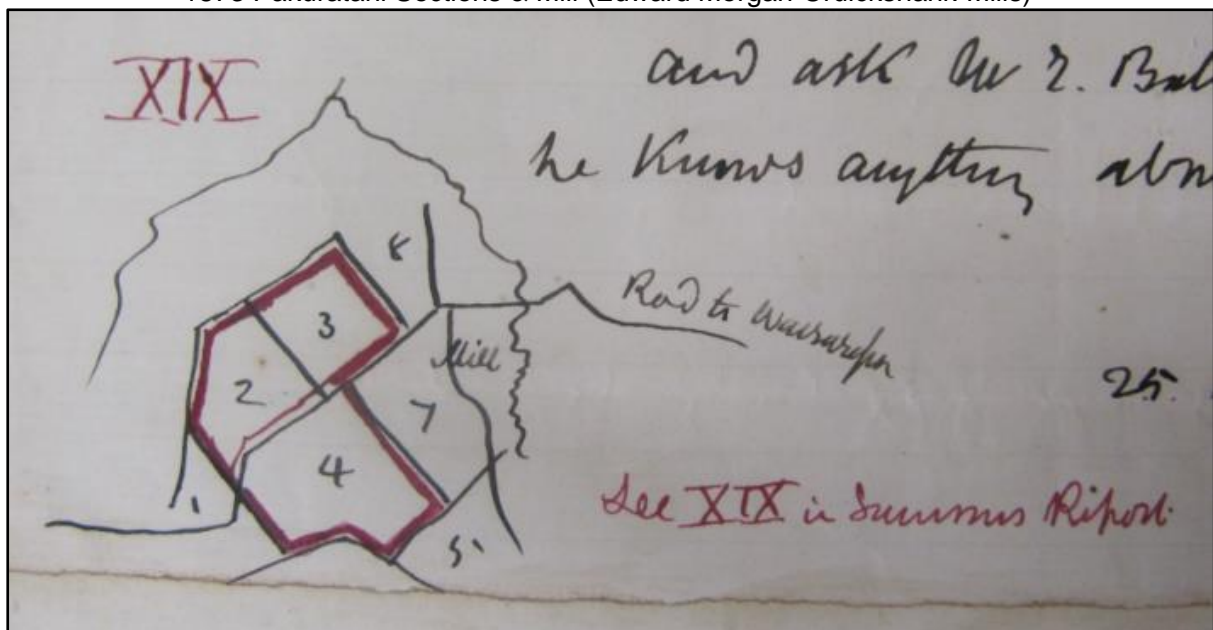
Memorandum that whatever is paid by the within the named Abraham Harris on a certain deed of lease dated fifteenth day of December One thousand eight hundred and seventy shall be taken in part payment of the purchase money within mentioned (signed E W Mills)

And the said Abraham Harris shall on demand pay any deficiency on such resale – As witness – Signed by the before mentioned Edward William Mills and Abraham Harris in the presence of (signed E W Mills & A Harris)

C (?) Accountant Wellington

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1873 Pakuratahi Sections & Mill (Edward Morgan-Cruickshank-Mills)



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Additional Information about Edward Williams MILLS at Pakuratahi is located in the Natives Reserves 3-4-7 documents on the same website ([www.lynly.gen.nz](http://www.lynly.gen.nz)).

#### 1870-1871 Wellington Electoral Roll

- Edward William MILLS Aurora Terrace Freehold(1) Wellington terrace part of town acre 468 Leasehold (2) Lambton quay house

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)*

#### 1870-1871 Rangitikei & Manawatu Electoral Roll

- Edward William MILLS Wellington Freehold Foxton Manawatu Town Section No 99

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)*

#### 1875-1876 Wellington Electoral Roll

- Edward William MILLS Aurora Terrace Freehold(1) Wellington terrace part of town acre 468 Leasehold (2) Lambton quay house

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)*

#### 1880-1881 Wellington & Thorndon Electoral Roll

- Edward William MILLS Freehold Aurora Terrace ironmonger part of town acre 468 The Terrace

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)*

#### 1890 Wellington Electoral Roll

- Edward William MILLS residential Aurora Terrace ironmonger
- Edward Charles Adelaide MILLS residential Aurora Terrace merchant
- John Fortescue Wright MILLS residential Aurora Terrace ironmonger

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)*

#### 1896 Wellington Electoral Roll

- Edward William MILLS Aurora Terrace iron merchant residential
- Louisa Felicite Prideaux Evelyn MILLS Aurora Terrace settler residential
- John Fortescue Wright Aurora Terrace ironmonger residential
- Frank MILLS Aurora Terrace ironmonger residential

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)*

Edward and Louisa's son George Cutfield Liardet MILLS died 20 August 1899 New Zealand

*(Reference RGO NZ death registration 1899 folio website 1899/4391 age 33 born about 1866)*

#### 1900 Wellington Electoral Roll

- Edward William MILLS Aurora Terrace Iron Merchant residential
- Louisa Felicite Prideaux Evelyn MILLS Saye's court Aurora Terrace gentlewomen residential
- Frank John Liardet MILLS Aurora Terrace ironmonger residential
- John Forescue Wright MILLS Aurora Terrace ironmonger residential

*(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)*

Edward William MILLS died 19 August 1900 Wellington New Zealand

*(Reference RGO NZ death registration 1900 folio website 1900/1142 age 70 born about 1830)*

#### Evening Post newspaper 12 March 1900

Death of Mr E W Mills - Every circle of city life will be touched with grief at the death of Mr Edward William Mills, the well-known iron merchant, who passed away at Sayes Court, The Terrace, shortly before 1 o'clock this afternoon. Mr Mills was a familiar figure in city life, and his friends throughout the colony were legion. His illness came upon him with that suddenness attached to strokes of apoplexy, and from Friday no hopes were entertained of his recovery, although an unexpected rally took place on Saturday, when for a short time he recovered consciousness. Serious haemorrhage and paralysis had followed the stroke. The ancestors of the deceased gentleman settled in Winchester, Hants, during the reign of Queen Elizabeth, and resided on their estate there until 1838. Dr Edward Shorter, an inventor of note including among other things the screw propeller was a grand uncle of the deceased. Mr Mills was born in August

of 1829, at Kensington, London, and twelve years later was brought out to New Zealand with the family immigration on the ship Birman, which arrived in Port Nicholson on the 1st of March 1842. Shortly after his arrival the lad was put to work under a brother of Dr Norman McLeod, leaving this position only to assist his father (Mr Chas. Mills who died in 1862) in carrying out Building contracts for the Imperial Government. This was succeeded by experiences on the goldfields in Australia, Ballarat and Forest Creek rushes being among those attended. In his 24th year he was back in Wellington, and then set to work upon the foundation of the business house with which his name has since been connected. There was scarcely a phase of Wellington's business life with which Mr Mills was not connected, and in the promoting and directing of public enterprises he played a prominent and active part. The City Tramways Company and the Patent Slip Company were two prominent works with the promotion of which he was identified, and for ten years he was a director of the Colonial Insurance Company (merged into the Commercial Union Insurance Co.). The well-known Lion Foundry, which is now in the hands of Mr Cable, was founded by Mr Mills so long as 1856. The original site of the foundry was that upon which the late residence of the deceased was built. As in business life, so in social circles, Mr Mills was a conspicuous figure. He was one of the first members of the choir of St. Paul's Pro-Cathedral, and a life-long member of the Church. He was a member of the Wellington Club, and took a great interest in the Chamber of Commerce, of which he was President in 1889, and he was a P.M. in the Masonic Order, being a member of the Pacific Lodge. Though often requested to allow himself to be nominated for political honours, and also for the Mayoralty, he steadfastly declined, but he sat on the old Town Board, and from 1870 till 1877 on the City Council. It was in 1876 that he was appointed a J.P., and was a member of the Licensing Committee. As a volunteer he did his duty on sentry-go in the days when the city was threatened by a descent of the Maoris, then joined the No. 1 Company Royal Rifle Volunteers, rising to its captaincy, which he held till disbandment. Afterwards he was given the captaincy of No. 1 Company of the Militia, and his name was placed on the Retired List. But in no portion of our life did Mr Mills show more interest than in his connection with yachting affairs. From the days when whaleboats were the only vehicles for aquatic competitions right down to these later days, he displayed the utmost liberality in his encouragement of the sport. It was at his suggestion and by personal canvass that the Port Nicholson Yacht Club was formed, and the post of Commodore has been rendered vacant by his death. Mr Mills was in 1854 married to the eldest daughter of Captain Wright, and he is survived by Mrs Mills and three sons and five daughters, the latter being all married. They were married respectively to Messrs B Holmwood (of Lee Kent), G C Russell, A Anderson (Christchurch), Captain W G Grey and Mr W J Napier, M.H.R. (Auckland). The eldest son, Mr E C E Mills, who has taken a prominent part in assisting in the management of the business of E W Mills and Co., is at present in New York, and has cabled over that he will leave for New Zealand in a few days. Messrs Frank and John Mills, with Mrs Anderson, and Captain and Mrs Grey, were present when the deceased passed away. Mr and Mrs Napier will arrive in town tonight. The funeral will take place on Wednesday morning.

*(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 12 March 1900)*

Edward William MILLS Merchant Wellington died 12 March 1900 probate Wellington Court filed date 06 April 1900 Will

*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington AAOM 6029 W3265 box 124 6897)*

Louisa Felicitie Pridreaux Evelyn MILLS died 03 November 1907 Karori Wellington New Zealand

*(Reference RGO NZ death registration 1907 folio website 1907/8262 age 86 born about 1821)*

Karori cemetery Wellington area 01 block A row 11 plot 032

In Memorium Edward William MILLS  
born 19 August 1829 died 12 March 1900  
Also of Louisa Felicite Prideaux Evelyn MILLS beloved wife of above  
died 03 November 1907 in her 86<sup>th</sup> year  
In Memorium George Cutfield Liardet MILLS  
born 03 September 1865 died 20 August 1899

## Edward & Louisa MILLS their children and descendants

- 1- **Edward Charles Evelyn MILLS** born 1857 Wellington New Zealand died 1916 place unknown  
#Edward Charles Evelyn MILLS born 1857 Wellington New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1857 folio website 1857/4442 parents Louisa Felicite Prideaux Evelyn and Edward William Mills
  - 2- **Louisa Sylvia Alva MILLS** born 1858 Wellington New Zealand died 1941  
#Child not named MILLS born 1858 Wellington New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1858 folio website 1858/5690 parents Louisa Felicite Prideaux Evelyn and Edward William Mills
  - 3- **Alice Jane Evelyn MILLS** born January 1860 Wellington New Zealand died 1949  
#Alice Jane Evelyn MILLS born January 1860 Wellington New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1860 folio website 1860/6645 parents Louisa Felicite Prideaux Evelyn and Edward William Mills
  - 4- **Laura Frances Evelyn MILLS** born 1861 Wellington New Zealand died 1944  
#Laura Frances Evelyn MILLS born 1861 Wellington New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1861 folio website 1861/7966 parents Louisa Felicite Prideaux Evelyn and Edward William Mills
  - 5- **Francis John Liardet MILLS** born January 1863 Wellington New Zealand died 1910 Wellington New Zealand  
#Francis John Liardet MILLS born January 1863 Wellington New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1863 folio website 1863/10873 parents Louisa Felicite Prideaux Evelyn and Edward William Mills  
#Francis John Liardet MILLS died 1910 Wellington New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1910 folio website 1910/3115 age 46 born about 1864
  - 6- **George Cutfield Liardet MILLS** born 03 September 1865 Wellington New Zealand died 20 August 1899 Wellington New Zealand  
#George Cutfield Liardet MILLS born 03 September 1865 Wellington New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1865 folio website 1865/12094 parents Louisa Felicite Prideaux Evelyn and Edward William Mills  
#George Cutfield Liardet MILLS died 20 August 1899 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1899 folio website 1899/4391 age 33 born about 1866
  - 7- **Ada Susannah Evelyn MILLS** born September 1866 Wellington New Zealand died 1950  
#Ada Susannah Evelyn MILLS born September 1866 Wellington New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1866 folio website 1866/14804 parents Louisa Felicite Prideaux Evelyn and Edward William Mills
  - 8- **John Fortescue Wright MILLS** born 1867 Wellington New Zealand died 1944 New Zealand  
#John Fortescue Wright MILLS born 1867 Wellington New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1867 folio website 1867/9898 parents Louisa Felicite Prideaux Evelyn and Edward William Mills  
#John Fortescue Wright MILLS died 1944 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1944 folio website 1944/19099 age 76 born about 1868
  - 9- **Henrietta Cornelia Evelyn MILLS** born 31 May 1869 Wellington New Zealand  
#Henrietta Cornelia Evelyn MILLS born 31 May 1869 Wellington New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1869 folio website 1869/17286 parents Louisa Felicite Prideaux Evelyn and Edward William Mills
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