

**William Hayne Mills Collection**  
**A Register – 1917-1942, No Date**

- Creator:** William Hayne Mills
- Collection Number:** Mss 88
- Title:** William Hayne Mills Collection
- Abstract:** This material was collected by William Hayne Mills, ordained minister of the Presbyterian Church and faculty member with the Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology Department at Clemson College.
- Quantity:** 1.2 cubic feet consisting of correspondence, essays, photographs, and miscellaneous material in four boxes and one oversized folder.

**Scope and Content Note**

This collection contains correspondence, essays, photographs, and miscellaneous material gathered and prepared by William Hayne Mills, ordained minister of the Presbyterian Church and faculty member with the Agriculture Economics and Rural Sociology Department at Clemson College.

Among the correspondence are items sent and received during the period 1917-1941 documenting donations to the Clemson College Library, ecclesiastical matters within the South Carolina Presbyterian Church, and general items related to Mills' time as professor at Clemson. Essays within this collection primarily focus on agriculture in South Carolina, but several focus on issues concerning the Presbyterian Church along with studies concerning both John C. Calhoun and Andrew Pickens. Two undated photographs depict Mills and his family. Eleven undated photographs depict Beaune, France, where Mills was briefly an instructor with the A.E.F (American Expeditionary Forces) after World War I. The bulk of the miscellaneous items in this collection include book reviews, articles/editorials from print media, and sermons/speeches prepared by W. H. Mills. The remainder of the miscellaneous items largely consists of various agricultural brochures and typed transcripts, including several which document life in Pendleton, South Carolina circa 1819-1860.

**Additional Collection Information**

Cite as: [description of item such as "Donation Records – Items Given to Clemson College Library, 1929-1936"] box number, folder number, Mss 88, William Hayne Mills Collection, Special Collections, Clemson University Libraries, Clemson, SC

### **Biographical Note**

William Hayne Mills was born on September 12, 1872 in Winnsboro, South Carolina, the son of Reverend William Wilson Mills and Sarah Edith (Smith) Mills. Mills received his A.B. from Davidson College (Davidson, North Carolina) in 1892 and his B.D. at Columbia Theological Seminary (Decatur, Georgia) in 1897.

Mills was Principal at Bethesda High School from 1892-1894 and was a teacher of Hebrew at Columbia Theological Seminary from 1896-1898. He later served as minister to a number of congregations, including appointments in Clarendon and Williamsburg Counties in South Carolina. From 1903-1906 he served as a home missionary under the Synod of South Carolina. In 1907 he accepted the pastorate of Fort Hill Presbyterian Church in Clemson, South Carolina, a charge in which he remained until 1918 when he joined the faculty at Clemson College with the Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology Department. Mills was, in addition, a trustee at the Penn Normal Industrial and Agricultural School at St. Helena Island, South Carolina and President of the Pendleton (SC) Farmer's Society. As a writer and editor, Mills focused mainly on South Carolina agriculture and Presbyterian ecclesiastical history.

William Hayne Mills married Emma Louise Pressley in 1889 and together they had six children, though only three survived: Edith Louise, William H. Jr., and Mary Leighton. Mills died at age 69 on March 29, 1942.

### **Related Items**

*History of the Presbyterian Church in South Carolina Since 1850, edited by F.D. Jones and W.H. Mills; Published by the Synod of South Carolina: Jones, Frank Dudley; BX8947 .J6*

*The Life of General Andrew Pickens: Mills, W.H.; E207.P5 M6*

*The Thoroughbred in South Carolina: Mills, W.H.; SF293. T5 M5*

*Twelve Great South Carolina Farmers: Mills, W. H.; F268 .M65*

### **Collection Item Indexed Terms**

Agriculture—History—South Carolina

Clemson Agricultural College of South Carolina—History

Clemson Agricultural College of South Carolina. Library

Farmers—South Carolina

Calhoun, John C. (John Caldwell), 1782-1850

Pendleton (S.C.)—History

Pickens, Andrew, 1739-1817

Presbyterian Church—South Carolina

### **Added Names**

Mills, W.H. (William Hayne), 1872-1942

**Administrative Information:**

Acquired from:

Mary Stevenson (1968) and William H. Mills III (May 7, 1999)

Originally accessioned as 68-18 and 99-38

**Processing Information:**

The finding aid and collection were originally processed by graduate student Dave Redekop in 1987. Carl Redd, Project Archivist, edited the finding aid and reprocessed the collection, adding material from accession number 99-38 in May 2006.

**Separation List**

**Oversized**

Folder 1

- 1 Certificate of Incorporation—Presbyterian Synod of South Carolina, 1937
- 2 Document—concerning cotton storage in Columbia, South Carolina, 1838
- 3 Map—land in the procession of John C. Calhoun, 1836
- 4 Map—land sold by Mrs. John C. Calhoun to Andrew Pickens Calhoun in 1854 (later given to the state of South Carolina by Thomas Green Clemson except for 288 acres)
- 5 Photostat Copies—City of Philadelphia Carpenter’s Hall Minutes, 1785 (mentions South Carolina Society of Agriculture)

**Detailed Description**

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>
1		
	1	Biography—W.H. Mills
		<b>Correspondence</b>
	2	Donation of Books and Records to Clemson College, 1926-1935
	3	Donation of Books and Records to Clemson College, 1936-1940
	4	Ecclesiastical, 1917-1941, no date
	5	General/Agriculture/Clemson College, 1921-1941
	6	Philadelphia Agricultural Society (copies of letters from Dr. Edward Fisher, Richard Peters, and W.B. Seabrook), 1818-1823
	7	Philadelphia Society for Promoting Agriculture
		<b>Donation Records</b>
	8	Items Given to Clemson College Library, 1929-1936
	9	Items Given to Clemson College Library, no date

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>
2		<b>Essays</b>
	1	<i>A History of Consumer and Producer Cooperative Business Effort in South Carolina</i> by W.H. Mills, no date
	2	<i>A Land Use Program for South Carolina</i> by W.H. Mills, no date
	3	<i>Agricultural Journalism in the South Before 1860</i> by W.H. Mills, no date
	4	<i>Agriculture and Land Tenure in the Bible</i> by W.H. Mills, no date
	5	<i>Berries in the Home Garden</i> by W.H. Mills, no date
	6	<i>Can Agriculture in South Carolina Be Made Generally and Permanently Profitable?</i> by W.H. Mills, 1939
	7	<i>Changes in Pastorates</i> by W.H. Mills, no date
	8	<i>Does Big Business Tend To Adopt the Cooperative Method?</i> , no date
	9	<i>Early Religious Effort in the Old Pendleton District</i> by W.H. Mills, 1935
	10	<i>Establishment of Churches and Settlement of Williamsburg County, South Carolina</i> by W.H. Mills, 1936
	11	<i>Fort Hill, the Home and the Plantation</i> by W.H. Mills, 1942
	12	<i>Fourteen Agricultural Experiments to Ascertain the Best Rotation of Crops</i> by George Logan M.D., 1797 (copy)
	13	<i>History and Reminiscences of the Farmers Alliance in South Carolina</i> by W.A. James, 1929
	14	<i>In Praise of Sweet Potatoes, Peas and Peanuts, Pumpkins, Persimmons and Pecans</i> by W.H. Mills, no date
	15	<i>John Caldwell Calhoun and his Farm</i> by W.H. Mills, no date
	16	<i>Kalmia Garden-Hartsville, South Carolina</i> by W.H. Mills, no date
	17	<i>Livestock in the Santee Cooper Area</i> by W.H. Mills, no date
	18	<i>Military Training in Public Schools and Colleges Historically Reviewed</i> by W.H. Mills, 1931
	19	<i>My Penny and the County Government</i> by W.H. Mills, 1936
	20	<i>Natural Resources of South Carolina</i> by W.H. Mills, no date
	21	<i>Negro Education</i> , no date
	22	<i>On Deep Plowing-Oyster Shell Lime-The Management and Application of Vegetable and Animal Manures</i> by John H. Powel, no date
	23	<i>One Crop Agriculture in the Cotton Belt: A Myth</i> by W.H. Mills, no date
	24	<i>Pendleton, South Carolina</i> , no date
	25	<i>Permanent Financing for Agriculture</i> by W.H. Mills, no date
	26	<i>Presbyterian Church (1)</i>
	27	<i>Presbyterian Church (2)</i>

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>
2	28	<i>Presbyterian Settlers Above the Ancient Boundary Line 1783-1838</i> by W.H. Mills
	29	<i>Public Health in South Carolina</i> by W.H. Mills, no date
	30	<i>Race Horse Breeding in South Carolina</i> by W.H. Mills, no date
	31	<i>Report on the Condition of Rammed Earth Buildings-Built 1820 to 1854</i> by Thomas A.H. Miller, 1926
	32	<i>Resources of the Southeastern Appalachian Slopes</i> by J.K. Marquis and S.B. Earle, c. 1828 (copy)
3	1	<i>Schools in South Carolina before the Civil War: Private Education in the Anti-Bellum Period</i> by J.P. Anderson (?), 1933
	2	<i>Slavery in Retrospect</i> , no date
	3	<i>Some Glimpses of Mutual Fire Insurance</i> by W.H. Mills, 1929
	4	<i>Some Poisonous Plants of South Carolina</i> , no date
	5	<i>South Carolina Greenhouses</i> by W.H. Mills, no date
	6	<i>South Carolina Sweet Potato Plant Growers</i> by W.H. Mills, no date
	7	<i>South Carolina's Contribution to our Presbyterian Heritage</i> by W.H. Mills, no date
	8	<i>The Berry Schools</i> , no date
	9	<i>The Charleston and Hamburg Railroad</i> by W.H. Mills, no date
	10	<i>The Cherokee Indian War of 1776</i> by W.H. Mills, no date
	11	<i>The Cooperative System of Education</i> by W.H. Mills, no date
	12	<i>The Cotton Situation and the Tenant Farmer</i> , no date
	13	<i>The Depression in the South Following the War Between the States</i> by W.H. Mills, 1933
	14	<i>The Extension Service and Rural Community Organization</i> by W.H. Mills, no date
	15	<i>The History of the Agriculture of South Carolina 1660-1940</i> by W.H. Mills, (section I)
	16	<i>The History of the Agriculture of South Carolina 1660-1940</i> by W.H. Mills, (section II)
	17	<i>The History of the Agriculture of South Carolina 1660-1940</i> by W.H. Mills, (section III)
4	1	<i>The History of the Santee Canal</i> , no date
	2	<i>The Life of General Andrew Pickens</i> by W.H. Mills, no date
	3	<i>The Life of General Andrew Pickens</i> (outline/research notes)
	4	<i>The Old Stone Church</i> , no date
	5	<i>The Privet (<i>Ligustrum Vulgare</i>) Berry as Chicken Feed</i> by W.H. Mills, no date

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4	6	<i>The Resettlement Administration Area at Clemson College</i> , no date
	7	<i>The Settlement of That Part of Williamsburg County, South of the Black River, and the Establishment of Churches Therein</i> by W.H. Mills, 1936
	8	<i>The Southern Farmer's Credit Problems and How to Meet Them</i> by W.H. Mills, no date
	9	<i>The Thoroughbred in South Carolina</i> by W.H. Mills, no date
	10	<i>Transportation in South Carolina 1781-1830</i> by W.H. Mills, no date
	11	<i>Treasures in Attics</i> by W. H. Mills, 1935
	12	<i>Twelve Great South Carolina Farmers</i> by W. H. Mills, no date
	13	<i>Why Am I A Trustee At Penn School?</i> by W. H. Mills, no date

### **Miscellaneous**

14	Book Reviews by W. H. Mills, 1933-1936
15	<i>Fruitland Nurseries</i> (Augusta, Georgia), 1886-1887 (brochure)
16	History of Fort Hill Presbyterian Church-Clemson, South Carolina, 1931
17	News Clippings, 1938, (no date)
18	Print Media (editorials and articles by W.H. Mills), 1941, (no date)
19	Records of Books, 1936, (no date)
20	Sermons/Speeches by W.H. Mills, no date
21	South Carolina Agricultural Society, 1936
22	South Carolina Presbyterian Synod (articles and presentations by W.H. Mills), 1936-1937
23	<i>Tabulated Pedigree of Jersey Bull, Royal Cicero, Elmwood Stock Farm, Columbia, South Carolina, 1885</i> (brochure)
24	Transcripts (copied research notes), 1756-1892
25	Transcripts (concerning Pendleton, South Carolina), 1819-1860, no date
26	<i>Works Progress Administration</i> (brochure), 1940

### **Photographs**

27	Beaune, France, no date
28	Family of W.H. Mills, no date