

State of Maryland } Bond was received on the 23<sup>d</sup> day of  
from V. 60. }  
Jm. H. Mills & others } April 1851, to wit:

Know all men by these pre-  
sents that we William H. Mills, Washington A. Smith  
and Sumner L. Patterson, of Dorchester County, are held and  
firmly bound unto the State of Maryland in the full & just  
sum of Three hundred dollars current money of the United  
States, to be paid to the said State or its certain Attorney,  
to the whole payment well and truly to be made & done we  
and ourselves, our heirs, Executors and Administrators  
in the whole and for the whole, jointly and severally,  
firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals and  
dated the twenty first day of April 1851.  
Whereas the Commissioners for Dorchester County, by virtue  
of a supplement to the Act entitled an additional sup-  
plement to the Act entitled an Act to regulate Ferries,  
contracted with the said William H. Mills to keep the  
Ferry over Fishing Creek from Murrins' neck to Hooper's  
Islands, and agree to allow the said William H. Mills  
the sum of one hundred & fifty dollars, current money,  
for the same. Now the condition of the above obli-  
gation is such that if the above bounden William H. Mills  
shall faithfully and diligently keep the said Ferry over  
Fishing Creek from Murrins' neck to Hooper's Island from  
day light to day light from the first of November to the  
first of March and from one hour before to an hour before  
to an hour after day light for the residue of the year,  
commencing the tenth day of May 1851 and ending within  
months thereafter, and shall keep constantly and in good  
order a boat that will safely carry three passengers and  
two horses at one time, with one able bodied helpful  
hand to attend the said Ferry, and shall not charge or  
receive any greater price for ferries than what is allowed  
him by law, then the above obligation to be void, otherwise  
of full force and virtue in law.

Signed, sealed & delivered  
in the presence of  
James Higgins  
John Meier

William H. Mills  
Washington A. Smith  
Sumner L. Patterson

Approved by the Board of Commissioners for Dorchester County,  
April 21 1851. By order Jm. Pea Clerk C. & C.