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THROUGH THE
YEARS AND
OUR PREVIOUS
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In Honor of the 100 Year Anniversary of the Incorporation of Gates Mills

Thanks to S. Prentiss Baldwin and Mayor Higbee, we are still known as Gates Mills.

Not Gates Mill. Below is from *The Pictorial History of Gates Mills, 1826-1976*.

And that's how they did it back in the day.

Gates Mills "S" Is Given O.K.

Successful One-Man Drive Ends Three Long Years of Battling in Cleveland Suburb.

Maybe the county commissioners counted in the "S" curve. Maybe they ran out of paint or signboard material. Or perhaps they had forgotten that a century ago Mr. Gates had three grist mills—not one—that gave the suburb to the southeast the name, "Gates Mills."

The final "s" on the village designation has been the subject of agitation for three years past. It all began when S. Prentiss Baldwin, president of the Williamson Co., and the first Clevelander to settle in Gates Mills 25 years ago, resented the absence of the final letter on roadside signs on the village outskirts.

Baldwin's indignation took various forms. Heatedly he discussed the matter with the villagers. Finally he went to the county commissioners. Still nothing was done to supply the missing "s."

The already aggravated situation was becoming unbearable. Even



the state highway department installed signs that affronted the tradition of Gates Mills, and newspapers sometimes used the erroneous title. Baldwin was desperate. He took the matter into his own hands. A truck from the Baldwin estate

in Mayfield rd. was dispatched to gather in the offending signs—15 of them. A painter was employed by Baldwin to add the final and essential "s," space enough or no.

Plaints, meanwhile, reached the ears of Edwin C. Higbee, mayor of Gates Mills. The signs which helped to advertise the village had disappeared. Higbee's investigation led to the portals of the Baldwin estate.

Explanations by Baldwin. Congratulations by Higbee. Cheers on the part of residents and thanks from the tourist—the signs, now rectified, were being returned to their former positions.

Baldwin's single-handed campaign to correct the title of his home town had succeeded. And Mayor Higbee has the promise of the county commissioners that painters hereafter will be properly instructed and the name will be plural—"Gates Mills."