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Dear Dr. Peeples:

I am in receipt of your letter asking about the MILAM family. I will be more than happy to assist you and Miss Cora in any way that I can. I have a fair amount of Milam family history and will be glad to share it with you.

Unfortunately I failed to make a copy of my letter to Mrs Leavell of Dallas, Texas and for the life of me, I cannot recall if I sent her anything along with my letter.

I guess the first thing I need from you is to tell me if you are in possession of the same items I have in mine. There would be no reason then for me to duplicate the copying and consequent mailing of duplicate records.

My best source of information has come to me through the Milam family given to me personally by Riley Milam of Cartersville, Ga. Riley is a cousin of mine and a good friend. My mother was a "TINSLEY" from Bartow Co (Cartersville), Ga. They came from Laurens Co., S.C. in the 1850's to Bartow Co. The Milam family did likewise. My family lines with the Milams started with my great grandfathers marriage (his name was James Watt Tinsley) to the 1st daughter of Dr. Thomas Milam. After her death he married her sister. I have just this month been accepted into the Son's of the American Revolution through the Milam family line into Captain Robert Pasley, who was an officer in the American Revolution from S.C. Many of the Milams were also involved as "Patriots" in the Revolution.

I am afraid that my records are limited in offering you any proof. The most important record that I have is a copy of the Milam family letters. These are letters written in the 1920's by mostly H. M. or C. M. Milam. These involve quite a bit of research on the Milam family. I have sent a copy to the D.A.R. along with many other family records seeking membership into the D.A.R. for my daughter Laura Lee Williams. It is my understanding that they will vote on her membership in Sept. or October. Ive not received a reply as of this date. With what Ive sent I do not see how they could turn her down. I just hope for the best in her case. Im exceedingly proud that the S.A.R. has accepted my application.

My Milam family letters should show adequate proof for you to use in proving that Thomas Milam was indeed the son of John Milam Sr. (Patriot in the American Revolution). I have nothing to show that he was a soldier, do you?). These particular records were gathered from old records sent to H.M. Milam of Atlanta under the date of December 15, 1927. They were gathered many years ago from old Bibles, talks with Riley Milam (son of William, and grandson of Bartlett Milam, Sr.) and others. It states that John Milam, Sr. had six sons Bartlett, Samuel, Benjamin, John, Thomas, and James. It states Three of the brothers, Thomas, Benjamin, and John had moved from Halifax co, Va. to Laurens District, S.C. preceding the arrival of my Bartlett Milam, Sr.