

May 22, 1985

Dear Peoples,

I have picked up your letters and decided I'd comment on them last I had forgotten to do so. I am happy that Cora has achieved her wish of admission to the National Society of the D.B.K. My high school friend is president of the chapter of Franklin-Johnson Counties and really enjoys it and keeps wanting me to join as I have so many lines traced back to my original immigrants. But I am not much of a social miser. Now to comment.

I agree we may never find any info. on Coleman that gives his lineage. But he did serve in 2 wars - that of 1812 Laurens Co. under Col. Sandermilk & Fla. Ind. Terr 1837 under Cherry, with Thomas F. and Ashford B. with him. I do not believe that Ashford B. was son of Coleman for he does not fit into the age bracket of the children 1830 or 40. I think he was one of the 2 males living with Elizabeth who was 60-70 and a woman 30-40 living with her, who was possibly a dau. or dau-in-law & also widowed, with a son 5-10 and one 15-20. Of course we can't say this definitely because his grandmother may have needed him and if Coleman's son

P.S. My melan trial is still pending. Haven't been able to attend - on chemotherapy.

his father sent him to live with and help his grandmother. The reason I said Thomas Milam, Sr. had 6 sons & 6 daughters is that starting with the census 1790 - 1800 - 1810 I counted the children as they were added each 10 year census. Golly! I wish I did have their names! All I am sure of are John and Thomas, Jr. the latter b. ca. 1800, were told d. in 1830's & had wife & 5 chn. 2 of whom were twins Riley & Hilary. This is Mrs. Nancy's family, dau. of Talley Glen Milam d. 1-1-1950 who worked with Rose Pope, of Houston, Tx, and Marcus Milam of Ala. on Milams for many years. They are the ones who resurrected the Bible records of Bartlett though Bartlett's old maid dau. Nancy and Ferril who both lived to be near 90. They are buried at Baston, Ga, I'm told. And there is where Thos. Milam, Jr. stopped. Mrs. Nancy let her records out to Kinfolk & forgot them until I wrote her in 62 & she began trying to search & collect them. But I got no proof of anything when her son & wife collected & sent them to me. So, I feel sure that Hilary Glen would not have stopped without proving his Thomas, Jr. son of Thos. Sr. and does not mention Eliz. Talbert or her marr. date which is in Halifax Co. records

and "History of Halifax Co. Va" by Curington.
 So, I concluded that some person or persons
 kept Haley Glen's records. I sent Mrs. Dance \$25.00
 to photostat them for me, but she graciously
 sent the check back un-cashed.

I suggest you write Judge J. S. Coleman of Miss.
 again. There was a Coleman living in Laurens Co., S.C.
 might be the Milams who could have migrated to
 S.C. with them from Va. I forget his name - seems
 like Larkin or some such. I know there were Cole-
 mans in Halifax & Bedford Cos. Va. and there was a
 Coleman family with old Ben Milam and his nephew
 Jefferson, son of Moses Scott Milam of Alamo fame.

Definitely on the Tax list of 1782 Thos. is listed
 having 3 in family, dwelling, 1 other Eldg. I found once
 where counting Coleman's age back when he gave it would
 put him b ca. 1781-82, but I absolutely do not know
 for he never gave his age the same twice. He must
 have been a spry old blade. In 1860 he gave his value
 of real estate at \$4,000.00 and Per. Prop \$400.00 - 1840 census
 Coffee Co. gives John - 1 son 20-30 - could be Ashford,
 and Coleman & his sons Thos. Jr. & Th. W. are all in that Co.
 John's son completely disappears from identification.
 I have from Byron Suttler all Milam families in Tenn.
 1850 - all spellings - some are initials and cannot be

identified. (Damn initials) - I hate them! John, son
of Thos. Sr. went to Giles, Co. Va., 1850-55, wif. Susan 48,
~~Louisa 14, & Sarah "Sally" 18, Malinda 13, Mary 13,~~
Saminda 12, Margaret S. 10, b. Va., (1795) wif. T. S. C.
We know Pa. is wrong for they were in S. C. 1789 as you
proved by old John's will & the census of 1790 proves it.
In 1850 they were no longer in Franklin Co. Va. Trying to
identify Ashford's chn. with Coleman's & John's. Ashford's
were - Martha, Mary Elizabeth, Jesse C., Ellen,
and Doudon, which proves nothing except that 1850 John's
son would be age 30-40 (age 1850-30). I have a copy
of James Morrow's Bible records. He moved from
Hardin Co. Va. 1890 to Snowball, W. Va.; then to Pope Co. dying
at Atkins, Ark. 1901. He m. 1st Dorcas Rebecca Harvis
Full blood Cherokee Indian, & had 13 chn. then after her death
in Hardin Co. Va. he m. Julia A. White & had 3 more chn.
His son Cornelius Coleman Milan had 20 chn. 10 by ^{one} ~~real~~
of 2 wives & 9 by 2nd.

Now about that 1790 census: The Benj. Milan York Co. S. C.
1-0-4 would be Benj. & Judith his mother, Hannah Bassill,
Mary Ireland, and Benj. sister Nancy. They were probably
enumerated in York Co. before moving on to Laurens, where
later they were enumerated again where probably
Judith moved on with him. I do not believe Benj.
possibly more, until after he left S. C. which is said

he did not like, left and went down into Pittsylvania
 Co Va - just west of Halifax when he married into the
Peter Milan family. I have a doublet of their records,
 but goodness knows don't ask one into they are full I
 don't know. Mrs. Maud Lawson in her records said
 Judith lived with Bartlett in her later years, but gave no
 proof of stone inscription in Laurens Co. It was 94 or 96
 before Bartlett moved from Halifax, Va to Laurens, S.C., so
 I doubt Judith traveled all the way north across N.C.
 back to Halifax. Hannah Bassill witnessed John
 Milan's will. Isn't this unethical if she was related?
 Of course she could be related to Judith.

Yes, I have Thos Milan 1810 Laurens, S.C. It is spelled Thomas
William. It is 1-2-1-11; 2-0-0-0-1. - at this
 time over 4 down. all gone from the household,
 seemingly. But I never located this family anywhere 1820.
 It has been said Thos Milan died at Stockbridge, Ga.

Did you ever ask your cousin about the micro-
 film reel that has in the Index "Coleman"? Was it
 Coleman Milan? Keep pursuing this.

Sorry about Laura Pully's death. She was so good
 to try to help. It was she who found Coleman Milan's
 deed in the Index of Laurens Co. for me
 and when I tried to pay her, she refused. Saying she
 never charged for research on her own family.
 So I sent her records of my family.

I have a record on a Ferrill that I saw will you
 may want to check - if I can find it now, as I do believe
 that Samuel Milam (whom were Martha Gardner) either
 had a sister who married a Ferrill, or had a daughter
 that did - probably the former - And Isaac Coles
 was possibly son of Judith Bartlett, and John Milam's
 step-son which is something that needs proving, but
 it seems Bartlett's children did not mention it
 in their written records of the family.

I have looked for these Ferrill wills that went back to
 early 1700's in Va. They were right time slot and place to be
 connected to Milam family. But some day I'll come across
 them & send them. I have this from Hardin Co. Monday,
 Oct. 4, 1852 - Thos. F. Milam came into open court - He and
 moved the Court to issue letters of Adminis. to him upon the
 estate of A. G. Milam decd. whose decd. having made no
 will or testament & no objection being made to having entered
 into bond with security as the law described - Record Bk F.
 page 203. This was Albert G. Milam who was living with
 Martha Harris in 1850. I believe he had married ^{Martha Harris} Nancy James,
 dau. of James James & wife Nanagrath died by 1850
 and the pedia baby girl being raised by the James
 family Nancy Milam 1 year old. Albert was b. 1828-29.
 Later she was called Lucy Milam on census.

At the same writing I get the marr. of James Franklin Milam

to Nancy I (Isabella) Long Nov. 21, 1866 & M.K. Milam
to Elizabeth — Jan 12, 1867 this should be Refusik.

Martha
F. E. Peindexter Lewis (widow —

I doubt that Thomas Milam was born 1757 for his father John was not born until 1725 which would give just 32 years between the two, and it seems for certain that Samuel II, Bartlett, and John II were older than Thomas. No, my arithmetic is wrong: $57 - 25 = 32$, instead of 32 which could be right. The Levi started in '75 and continue til '83. So I wonder why he had one was record. I wonder if he had a disability. I wrote the National Archives for a search of their records for Thomas Milam and they said none was found. But I still wonder.

You might like these tomb inscriptions I jotted down at Lewis Creek Cemetery - Lula Bell Shaw - born Nov 13, 1856 died Feb. 21, 1910 -

Bell Shaw 1866 - 1958 - This is Martha's dau.
S. W. " 1854 - 1918 - Bell's husband (Sam, I believe) —
Geo. R. Shaw 1901 - 1954 - Mollie 1897 - 1950 -
(third dau.)

W. C. Harris - born Oct. 18, 1818, died May 19, 1881
John H. White - 1855 - 1923
Allie White 1864 - 1942 (sister to Bell Harris Shaw —
~~Sam~~ Bell Shaw & her children buried Martha Harris).

At that time she was blind & spent much time smoking her
 Bob pipe. She has 2 grandsons still living - Lester and Austin
 Shaw of Cecil, Ark. But they knew nothing of the Milam
 family except that "Grandma" was daughter of Coleman
 Milam. A mentally defective girl who died last year
 Etta Shaw told me that she remembered Grandma
 talking about brothers Thomas, and William,
 and Deas, and sister Sarah. I asked if she
 remembered a sister Elizabeth, Lizzie, or Bess,
 being mentioned & she said "no." I'm sure sister
 Sarah was the last child born ca 1833 in Franklin
 Co, her mother dead by 1840 who I believe to have
 married Stuart Gammill and who was quite
 well to do tho much older than she and had
 children of the same names as Margaret Salina
 Milam b. 1832 Franklin Co. Va, oldest child of Thomas F.
 & Margaret Amanda (Bell) Milam. Also some Milam's
 were living with Stuart Gammill. Margaret Salina
 called "Jan" married Chesley Mack Gammill who
 was b. Bedford Co. Va. 28 Mar. 1832, son of Samuel & Eliza
 (Butler) Gammill, His Pa. was James was born on Va - N.C. line
 1772. His father was a Rev. soldier, James md. Hester Bedwell,
 d. 1850 Hardin Co. Va. - War 2nd Lt. War of 1812 - well educated man -
 had 18 chn. Samuel was a teacher & Chesley Mack Gammill &
 Margaret Salina Milam married Dec 23, 1853 - Hardin Co. Va.

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Chil: 11 children - 6 living - Lorenzo Columbus, Sterling
Price (M.D.), Martha Ellen, Frank, William C. and
James Beville; dead - Alice, Abner, Lillie B., Salina C.,
and an unnamed infant. Chas. M. was a tax
collector in Hardin Co. Mo. Jan. 1, 1857 he + family moved to Little Rock,
In March 1862, he moved with his family to 280 acres in Seb
Losa, Franklin Co. Ark. Jan. 1, 1864 when the 18th Iowa Union
army came south through Mo. + Ark. it took Kammill +
the 4 Milam ones - Thos. Jr. was in Conf. army captured at
Helena, Ark. imprisoned in Ill., exchanged + started on
Confed. side again + fought there to the end and bragged
he "was never a damned yankee". Rufus called "Buck",
Jack, and Frank pitch in with the Sparks as bush-
workers during the war. Lucas Coleman, my gr. fa. was
Conf. and captured at Corinth, Miss., imprisoned, +
and exchanged on oath not to take up arms against
the U.S., came home + was impressed into service Jan. 6,
1864 with all men near them big enough to carry
a gun. My gr. fa. Burdham + 3 of his brothers taken.

You say that Martha Harris and family moved to
Franklin Co. Ark. 1876. I really think this is wrong as
Minnie Milam Hill and her husband Hill told me when
talking with them that her parents and Uncle Bucke
family and Aunt Martha Harris family moved 1880
to Franklin Co. and moved up the Ark. River and

took their teams and wagons with them up the river and that Frank Milam had a little team of black mules he just thought the world of and had pictures of and they took all belonging possible with them, but went off and left their smokehouses full of meat, because no one had money to buy it and they could not take it with them. Frank and his wife had an album full of tin-type pictures of the families and their grand-children. Eulus (Hall) Andrews has the album now. I borrowed the picture of Mack + Salina Gamsnill and Margaret Amanda Milam (3 in group) and had one made from it. In ~~that~~ ^{the} year ~~1880~~ ¹⁸⁷¹ is when James Morrow + his family moved to Snowball, Ark. - or Donzola -

I read the research you sent on Thomas Ferrell. Since Bartlett Ferrell Milam carried this name, it had to be in the Milam family prior to his birth, probably in 1740's. Jordan, possibly son of Thomas I and Mary Adams was b. 1750. The name Ferrell is carried by many early Milams - especially Bartlett's son + grandch.

You have Coleman Milam on a Leake, dau of James Leake. I believe he married a White for Thomas Milam, named his 2nd dau. Melinda White, and she was called White all her life which I believe was the name of his mother. I don't have proof, but believe she was of the family as was Julia A. White the 2nd wife of James Morrow Milam.

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Since there is a space of 5 years between Thomas Ferrell Milam and William A. (Allen I think) Milam, Coleman may have lost his 1st wife and marr. a 2nd wife before Jane. That date family married into Bartlett Milam's family. Do you have proof that Coleman Milam's land was given him by James Leake? I guess you too have a plot of this square wedge-shaped land bounded on N. by ~~Edwards~~ Oswell Beavers land, west by Charley Little, south and east by James Leake. New Jordan Milam left Abbeville Dist. He + Mary Leake moved to Laurens Co. S.C., then west to Hickman Co. Ga. He marr. into the Beavers family + they came on to N. Ark. with Jordan's family, same John's widow, Livia Harby Milam + others. Coleman Milam signed his sale Coal Mills Milam Oct. 1, 1816 - recorded Nov. 12, 1819. - Price \$72⁰⁰ to Oswald Beavers. Witnessed by M. Smith & Tom Fullton Mar. 9, 1819

Luther White helped me with this record on Martha Harris his gr. mo.

1. Elizabeth A. Harris b. ca. 1842
2. Martha Jane Harris b. 1844 m. 1st ^{Francis Shaw, fr. of Sam Shaw} ~~for getting her in.~~ Geo. Morgan - ⁷⁰Presne
3. Charley C. Harris b. 1847 m. 1st Elizabeth McClain, 2nd Aminda Miller, Smith, Bowen, Burcham, widow of Lafayette Burcham) 3rd - + became father when about 90.
4. John M. Harris marr. 1. ⁵ 2. Daugh White sister of John M. White, Luther's father.
5. Alice Harris marr. John M. White
6. There are several more chn. I have, but can't locate. Two girls marr. Shelbys - Bill + Robert, and one marr. Phillips

and Belle md. a Shaw. But I guess you have all Martha's chn.

You have Ashford B. born 1812 - What proof? The 1850 census gives his age as 38. He d. before 1840, - I think I have a record of his estate prob. by Thos. F. also. I have already discussed him:

Did Thos. A. Milam marry Rosa, Ashford's widow? I have census of Hardin Co. 1860 and it gives Rosa as a widow and I did not find Thos. A. listed. You have him d. ca 1865 - How? Did you find an estate settlement?

I am sure you have from the Milam in N. Ark. the Bible record of the 16 children of James Morrow Milam & James M. J. who gave his chn. away in Tenn. when his wife died & ~~he~~ came back to Ark. ^{High and Bent} married & reared another family: The chn of David Ferrell Milam, son of James Morrow, and do you have the 11 chn of Cornelius Coleman Milam b. July 12, 1857, by 1st wife Derusha Ann McDaniel and 9 chn. by Martha Susan Gilliam? Isaac Milam b. 13 Dec. 1893 had this Bible in Calif. the last time I wrote anyone there. One of Neal's sons drowned on a picnic in Hardin N. Ark.

I am re-reading your Dec. letter & the John Milam Jr. family, pension application etc. and I surely do thank you for sending me same. I did not properly study it for I was on chemotherapy and felt so terrible. John's son Wiley was the one that was reputed to be such a fighter. Also Thos. Jr. son of Thos. Sr. who b. ca 1800 had 5 chn before d. in early 1930 - left will in Ge. had twin sons Riley & Wiley - I had pension application of John Jr. & his will - Madison Co. Ala.

In the Milam Cemetery - 2 1/2 mi. ENE of Taft 7 of Audmore.
 Tom. Wiley C. Milam b. Jan. 25, 1825 d. Aug. 19, 1894 -

Martha E. Milam - May 1, 1831 - Jan 23, 1900

James Hessler Milam July 16, 1862 Aug 24, 1921

Mary E. Thacker Milam Mar. 8, 1872 - Sept. 13, 1952.

This could be Wiley one of the twins. I have found Wiley Glen's record to a cousin in Kans. Must get them + check this birthdate to see if son of Thos. Milam Jr.

I have just written to Mrs. Jeanne Legger again. I have all her research stuffed into 3 letters - not very much I think for the \$80.00 + d.

I must review my material. I write from memory + I find I am mixing up. Lauderdale was not in L.C. but 1837 Tenn. (from reviewing your letter):

Jesse Saxton was son of Charles + James - another son was John, I believe - in Bedford Co. Tenn. ¹⁸³⁸ + his daughter Rachel married Harrison Bell sister to Margaret Amanda Bell who married

Thos. F. Milam. I did not find a Bell on this muster, except just H. T. Bell + can't place him or relationship to James Bell.

Forgot this Mahala J. (or I) Milam 17 died April of consumption sick 2 years - I believe this was wife of Albert G. Milam + baby Nancy - Albert d. 1852 - Milams were consumptive as were my Hyles. Papa's mother + 4 sisters died of TB - This is Emef. Did you stop several Milam back?

Best wishes always -
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