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Dear Mr. & Mrs. Peeples,

Glad to receive your letter and info in S.O. Genealogist. This has to be info on John Milam, Sr. for the names are too certain to be coincidental. I am surprised that he was in York Co. S.C. But using this data and my Virginia books of tax records used to replace the burned census records, I would not be surprised to know John Milam left Va. before some of his chn. In Halifax Co. Va. 1782, p. 23 were Dudley 2 whites 0 blacks; John Milam 4 whites, 0 blacks; Benjamin 1 wh. 0 blk.; John Milam sen 4 whites, 0 blacks. No other Milams listed 1782. Then 1785, p. 87 are Bartlett 10 whts. 1 dwlng; Benjamin Milam next door, 1 white, 1 dwelling, and door from Benj. is Thomas Milam 3 whites, 0 dwelling, 1 other bldg.; this in James Bates list. Then on p. 88, Nathaniel Hunt's list are John Clardy & Thomas Clardy possibly related to a wife of John Milam Jr, who m 3 times, one wife a Clardy. Grace Chumley 5 whts, 1 dwelling, next door is James Milame 1 white, 1 dwelling. Grace Milam marr. in Manakin Town, Rockland Co. Va. — ? — Chumley (a friend has a bunch of my books borrowed & I never get them back until I go get them!). Wm Douglas Register. Grace is thought to be a sister to James, Bartlett, etc, & dau. of John, Sr. I feel the records preserved and secured in Mrs. Maud Lawson's records from her sister Mrs. Pope, descendants of Bartlett and Elizabeth (Jinn) Jinn Milam, handed down by Bartlett's 2 chn. Nancy and Ferrell

who never married and after their parents deaths and the family began moving, went to Ga. where one was in 80's and other 90's. I believe they were at Barstow, Ga. They had their grand-  
parents man, date, and the 3 sons of Samuel and Martha Gardner Milan and I feel the 6 sons of John and Judith must be correct as given by these two chn. of Bartlett.

The Samuel in Abbeville Dist. S.C. must be a son of John, Sr. and Jordan Milan should be the Rev. soldier b. 1849-50 Va.; died 1851 in or near Harrison, Ark. He later moved to Laurens <sup>from</sup> Abbeville.

I can't understand why Benjamin is listed in both York Co. and Laurens Co. 1790 unless census taken at different times in the counties. According to the census Thomas & Elizabeth (Albert) Milan had in 1800 2 boys & 2 girls under 10; 2 boys and 1 girl 10-16; and Thomas and Elizabeth age 26-45, being born 1755-1774. It is said Thomas died 1823 in Ga., but just hear-say - no proof. Capt. John Milan who served 8 yrs. in Rev., crossed the Delaware to Trent's Town when Gen. Washington attacked the town, left a will Madison Co. Ala. naming legatees, and drew

a Rev. pension) giving birthdate and where born & where lived & when he moved & where. Very interesting. But Washington Archives said Thomas had no military record. The Milams have the name of being tubercular.

I will write S.C. Archives at Columbia for all records on Milam, especially John, Thomas, and Coleman. I have Coleman's military and land records.

I have been having Mrs. Thomas Ogden Bigger, genealogist of Tullahoma, Tenn. searching Milam, Smith, Bell. She asked 50<sup>00</sup> minimum. Have had 3 letters - mostly just info from index of each item given & gave just enough to egg me on & did not pursue the leads to give definite info. to help me. Give a good lead, then say "Please remit." I wrote & told her she has given me nothing of value yet and has not given a financial report of time spent. So, she has not written again. She'd write like I was a d--- fool & say I did not give enough info for her to pursue research. I realized she was trying to build up a file enough for her to advertise for sale and profit from it. I had sent her pages and pages back into John and Humphrey

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Mylow of Boston, Mass. <sup>Then</sup> and I gave her  
my educ. background, Phi Kappa Phi,  
Work on M.A. at Okla. Cit. M.; U. of Ark, and  
U. of Calif., L.A., so nothing sent or mentioned  
since July 8.

Franklin Co. Ind.  
Direct Index deeds 1807-99 F.T.C. (what-  
ever that means); Walter Milham D.C. to  
Wm. Richardson Q. 94, same man to Dennis  
Barnes P. 27 234, same man U. 42.

April Term 1854

Present the before named Justice a  
legal number of whom voted for the  
allowance. Ordered that Elizabeth Milam  
a pauper be allowed Twenty-five dollars  
for her support for the ensuing year; that  
Carney Partin draw and appropriate the  
same to the use of said pauper and  
that a certificate issue quarterly to  
the County Trustee to pay the same.

Do. 1st q., 2d q., 3rd q., 4th q.

This was photocopied; but nothing further.  
This should have been researched for whose  
widow was she. Was this Elizabeth Milam,  
widow of Thomas? And who was Carney Partin?  
Was he a son-in-law, ge. son or what?

I told her my Milams were found in Halifax Co. Va, then to Laurens Co. S.C., then Coleman, John, & Eliz. to Franklin Co. TN, to Coffee Co. TN, to Hardin Co. TN, then my gr. gr. <sup>father</sup> to Franklin Co. Ark. and tried to give her dates of removal as best I knew.

Then she gives records of Stewart, Bedford, Court minutes. This Bedford & Stewart Co. Lench are Adam Milam's sons of N.C. Her mother will naming chn. & they later moved to TN.

1850 Mortality Schedule - Hardin Co.

Polly Ann Milam 1 mo. 5. m. Apr. Croup 3 days.  
(This is one of twin daus. of James Morrow Milam & Dorcas Rebecca Harris, full blood Cherokee Indian?)

I have their Bible record - all 13 or 16 chn. forget which - but do not know if Coleman's son or nephew. He moved to Snowball, Ark 1830 and then to Atkins, Ark. where he d. 1901.)

James son  
Cornelius  
Coleman  
had 20 chn. &  
2 wives

Mahala I (or J) Milam 17 1/2 April Consumption  
2 years - I believe this was Albert B's wife & left a baby 1 yr. old in James James family.

John Milam 6 days 7(?) TN, March. unknown days.  
this death in Stewart Co.

Milam Cemetery 2 1/2 Mi ENE of Telf. north of Ardmore at end of a long lane -

Wiley C. Milam  
Jan. 25, 1825  
Aug. 19, 1894

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

James Wesley Milam

Mary E. Thrasher Milam

July 16, 1862

Mar. 8, 1872

Aug. 24, 1921

Sept. 13, 1952

Then a lot of pages of material that are like a mother Hubbard -

"Covers everything; but tells nothing"

Her next letter; Manchester -

Deeds. W. A. Milam 1840-43

Shalter Mileham

Jefferson Milam - John Armstrong  
Sam + Caroline Milam

Coffee Co. Thomas Mileham on jury duty Jan 1832.

Shalter Mileham PR 38, 168, 378

Milam Bible in Manuscript section -  
earliest born 1847. Goodlettsville, TN

Last letter July 9 -

Lincoln Co. John B. Milam guardian of Thomas Milam

28 Dec. 1846. - Dec 4, 1846 recd of Miles N.

Milam, ~~deed~~ Adminr. of Bartlett Milam, deed.

I think this is Bartlett, gr. son of Bartlett of Lawrence Co. S.C. with wife Lucinda, but don't know <sup>son of John</sup> they had 6 boys

Deeds C. 132-133 Coffee Co. TN. Thomas F. and Margaret A. Milam of Hardin Co. TN.

for \$500<sup>00</sup> relinquished to Harrison Bell of Coffee Co. TN. our interest in the land

willed to Margaret Bell by Jeremiah Smith

20 Oct. 1843. Wits. Robert Adams and

H. A. Milam.

Now this should have been pursued to get the other names of the Bell children (12) who heired the land of Margaret (Smith) Bell wife of James, by her father Jeremiah Smith 1823 in (129 acres) Franklin Co. Tn. — but nothing further. I like the siblings of an ancestor or ancestress when I research.

This given Thomas F. Coleman, and John Milham were in Dist. 13 paying tax in Coffee Co. Tn. 1841 (So. Thomas F. Milam moved between 1841 & Oct. 20, 1843 to Hardin from Coffee Co. Tn.).

In 1837 Joseph T., John, and Coleman signed a petition to be attached to Coffee Co. — from Franklin Co. Joseph T. just has to be John's son, I think. John only had one son. Coleman had Thomas Ferrell, William A. (Allen?), and 3 more boys. Ettie Shaw said grandma talked of Brother Thomas, Brother William, Brother Pleasant and Sister Sarah most as she remembered. This would be Pleasant Coleman Milam of Union Co. Ark. who d young leaving a family.

I have a letter here I wrote requesting info. of Thomas Earl Wade, Sr. of Enville, Tn. 38332.

requesting rates. They were same as others \$10<sup>00</sup> per hour & \$10<sup>00</sup> per trip to C.H. with 50<sup>00</sup> minimum fee. Gosh! That means one gets only 4 hrs. of work, and I have been at this long enough to know 4 hrs. of research goes fast. I wanted Hardin Co. researched for records of Coleman to see if an obituary or tomb given. I doubt it as he had too many kids - Eliq. Sansum, Martha Harris, Sarah Gemmill (?). Marr. records go only to ~~1843~~ 1863. Hardin Co. Hist. Soc., P.O. Box 630, Savannah 38372 has a census of all known cemeteries in Hardin Co. Book is \$15<sup>00</sup>.

I haven't sent a check yet for so many of their records are missing in their C.H. fire in 1949 and most records in Civil War lost. Looks like in 1949 they would have had fire proof vaults.

Must get to bed as after midnight. I have had 2 strokes & 1 light heart attack & been sick much this spring & summer.

Sincerely,  
Vera Milam Ryker.



I started to address you an envelope to send my letter to you. Then I noted I'd started at the left hand corner where your return address was on your letter to me — so I just finished writing and addressed one to myself, hoping I'd get an answer. Some times, I think I'm losing my marbles; and other times I know I am.

I wonder who Hannah Basdill mentioned in John's will was? I did not find this name listed in any Virginia records. but in 1782 I did find in Pittsylvania Co., Va. ~~Beaver~~ Beaverley Basdale with 3 whites + 3 blacks. So that would be it. The way a name was spelled in those days depended on who was doing the spelling. Now Benjamin Milam left Laurens Co. S. C. and went to Pittsylvania Co. Va. where some of his chn. marr. into the Peter Milam family. Someone sent me some of their records as decendants of Benj. & Peter's families. There were 6 or 7 Ireland families, but in other counties. Hannah could be a sister to John or possible a dau., anyway he says Mary Ireland is a gr. dau. Hannah could not read. That was typical Milam.

Benj Milam, son of John & wife in 1790 did not have any children. This distinguishes him from the Benjamin, husband of Eliz Jackson Milam, who was killed by British at Guilford Ct. June 19 when Colonials were pressing them hard & they took all prisoners out & shot them. This Ben thought to be son of Thomas, son of Samuel & Martha Gardner Whiteham. Eliz Jackson was dau of Jarvis & Mary Jackson.

John Milam at one time had 640a. land in Halifax Co. Va. but said to be sandy & poor fertility where located. I have Halifax Co. history & wrote to people there in researching. Did you investigate Page 3 in Book A, and also Milam estate records in Book B?