

The MILUM Apple, a native of Madison County and very highly prized by the citizens, had it's origin near Milum's Gap (sometimes called Fisher's Gap). It originated from a seedling that came up in the yard of one JOSEPH MILUM. The apple proved to be so good that people came from far and near to graft trees from this one. The apple was named for the man who owned the seedlings, Joseph Milum, and afterwards the gap in the Blue Ridge near his home was also named after him.

The following sent by ANNABELLE KILGORE of Tenn.

Nov. 16, 1782--WILLIAM MILAM, together with BENJAMIN MILAM and John Kennedy, "being soldiers from the county of Bedford were made prisoners at the Battle of Guilford; that the two latter died in captivity;--"

Dec. 4, 1782--"That the petition of WILLIAM MILAM, setting forth, that the petitioner, together with BENJAMIN MILAM and JOHN KENNEDY, served in the militia which were ordered into Carolina from the County of Bedford, in the year 1781; the petitioner as an ensign, and the said Benjamin Milam and John Kennedy as soldiers; that at the battle of Guilford Courthouse they were severally taken prisoners, in which state the said Benjamin Milam on the 19th and the said John Kennedy on the 26th of June, in the same year, died; and that the petitioner did not return to said county of Bedford from his captivity, till the 2nd day of August following;..."

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