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Dear Reverend Peeples:

I am contacting you on a suggestion from Ed Milam of Macon, GA, in hopes that you may possess a bit of information on the Milam clan that would provide me a breakthrough to my ancestors from the point where I seem to be stuck. It is a bit of irony that I should come across your name now in that my wife and I just returned home to AR during 1988 after spending the first 13 years of retirement from the Army in Columbia, SC. I made several trips to Hilton Head while working for the SC Department of Youth Services in the first 7 1/2 years of retirement from the military.

Enclosed is a pedigree chart showing where I presently stand in my search to trace my ancestors. It is a far cry from where I started when I returned to AR in 1988 as all I knew for certain was that I had a living uncle, Charlie Edward Milam, living in retirement in Rogers, AR. I visited Uncle Charlie ( now 84 ) and he gave me what information he knew of about the family. The best he could do was confirm that his father, John William (Will) , was born in Tallahatchie Co., MS, and that his grandfather, Daniel Theophilus (Tobe) Milam had brought the family to Nevada Co., AR, about 1880. I have since found out that my Great-grandfather Tobe had five offspring that lived within forty miles of me in Prescott, AR all the time I was growing up in Camden, AR. I never knew this until I returned home after leaving for WWII in 1944 and staying away for 44 years. I visited Prescott the day after Thanksgiving 1990 and met Huey Theophilus Milam ( a nephew of my grandfather Will Milam). There is presently six Milam families in Prescott that are descendents of Tobe. Since that visit I received a copy of a Tishomingo Co., MS census report of 4 August 1860, Carolina Post Office, pages 137-38, that list the 904th family as that of Jefferson Milam and Mary, both age 40, and nine children, including Daniel Theophilus, age 10, and Sarah Milam age 70 who was listed as having been born in NC. Jefferson's place of birth was TN. His two oldest were William 16 and Charlie Ferrel 14 and both were born in AL. The next six were born in TN and the last was born in MS and was less than a year old.

I have reason to believe that Jefferson lived in, or near, Winchester, Franklin Co., TN. Actually I have a picture of a young couple made in the "Richards Extra Finish" studio in Winchester that I was given by the son of Tobe Milam's daughter, Octavia. He only knew that it had been his mother's, but did not know for sure who it was. I believe it to be Jefferson and his wife Mary. The nearest I have come to placing Jefferson in Franklin Co., TN, is the listing of Milam families in a mid-TN census report for 1830. I found two families, Coleman Milam and John Milam in Franklin county that had a boy in the 10 year old group as of the census. So far I

have not been able to come up with names of each of the family members. So I am stuck here, can you help?

Sincerely,

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