

Our Boyd Family

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MILAM

Samuel Mileham (Milam) married Martha Gardner Sept. 8, 1724 in Christ Church Parish, Lancaster County, Virginia. This marriage is recorded in THE WILLIAM AND MARY QUARTERLY. They had three sons:

- 1 John, b. 1725, who married Judith Bartlett Cole
- 2 Thomas, b. 1727, d. 1775, who married Mary Rush Adams (1728-1778)
- 3 Archibald, b. 1729

* John Milam, son of Samuel, was a Revolutionary War soldier and is listed in the DAR PATRIOT INDEX as follows: John Milam, Sr., b. 1725, d. 1788, m. Judith ---, soldier Virginia.

John Milam lived at one time in Halifax County, Virginia. His home was on Bradley Creek, Medville District. He bought 700 acres of land on Bradley Creek from John Stewart Oct. 1, 1764.

John Milam married Judith Bartlett Cole and they were the parents of at least four sons:

- A John Milam, Jr.
- B Benjamin Milam
- * C Thomas Milam
- D Bartlett Milam

These four sons came to Laurens County, South Carolina, but only Bartlett remained there until he died.

John Milam, Jr., was a Revolutionary War soldier. He applied for and received a war pension Oct. 29, 1832. In this application he gave some pertinent facts about his life. He was born in Brunswick County, Virginia, June 12, 1753. His father moved to Halifax County, Virginia, before he could remember and he, himself, moved to Laurens County, South Carolina, after the war, lived there thirty or more years then moved to Alabama. He enlisted in the Army in the spring of 1776 and served in the Seventh Regiment of Virginia for two years.

PENSION FILE OF JOHN MILAM
National Archives, Washington, D.C.

STATE OF ALABAMA
MADISON COUNTY

On this day 29 day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable William I. Adair, Judge of the Circuit Court for said County of Madison now sitting, John Milam, a resident of the said County of Madison, aged seventy nine, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832, that he enlisted in the army of the United States in the spring of the year 1776 with Tapley White Lieutenant, and served in the seventh Regiment of Virginia of the line under the following named officers. That he enlisted for the term of two years. His Captain Nathaniel Cock, Joseph Hopkins an other Lieutenants. With this Regiment officers was marched to Petersburg and after stoping there a short time was marched to Williamsburgh in the State of Virginia where they were stationed for some months and while there the declaration of independence was promulgated. From thence they were marched to Little York where a considerable battle took place a little below the town near an island which affiant and many others crossed where the battle was fought, the enemy was plundered of about \$10,000 worth of goods and many negroes were taken in the action and it was said that that property would be divided out among the troops but it was never done. Affiant does not distinctly remember the name of the Commander in Chief of the British troops there but believes it was Dunmore. From thence affiant was marched with the said Regiment through Alexandria and Georgetown, thence to Baltimore, at Dumphrieze where all were inoculated for the smallpox. Rather thinks there was a change of officers at Baltimore, Mosely was Capt., Richardson Major, Nelson and McClanahan Cols., William Woodford Gen. From thence he was marched with said army to Philadelphia there they remained some time, from thence they marched into the Jerseys to Morristown. There affiant was appointed orderly sergants, was stationed there with the sick for several months. Affiant was marched from [can't read] to the Valley Forge where he took sick and was sent to Lancaster where he remained sick until his time of service expired, after having thus served out his term of service two years he returned home. He was

during this said campaign in several little skirmishes, one on the Schoolkill, but they were too small to be mentioned here.

After affiant had returned from this campaign about two years was drafted for four months to go to the siege of ninety six or Cambridge as it was called, Edmond King, Capt. Alen Roser, Major, Gen. Green commander in chief. Gen. Green made an attack on the forts of the enemy commanded by one Crooger as well as remembered, who [can't read] reenforced by the division commanded by Gen. Roddin. Green was forced to a precipitate flight and returned across the Saluda and beyond the Broad River. The army returned to or near Chamblin [Camden] and there affiant's time having expired, returned home. Affiant states had had discharges but they are all lost. He further states he has the record of his age in a family Bible now in his possession. He states he was born in Brunswick County in the State of Virginia 12 June 1753. His Father moved from Brunswick to Halifax before he can remember, from Halifax affiant moved to Laurence [Laurens] County in the state of South Carolina where he lived 30 or 40 years, from thence to this County of Madison where he has lived ever since and where he now lives.

Said affiant hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.
/s/ L. Mead, Clerk C.C. /s/ John Milam

And the said Court do hereby declare its opinion that the above named John Milam, the applicant, was a revolutionary soldier and served as he stated and that the said Kelly and the said Garner assemble to credit.

/s/ W. I. Adair, Clerk

I, Lemuel Mead, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Madison County and the State of Alabama, do hereby certify that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of the said Court in the matter of the application of John Milam for a pension. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office this 3rd day of November 1832.

/s/ L. Mead, Clk. C.C.

We George A. Kelley, a clergyman residing in the county of Madison and state of Alabama, and S. Garner, residing in the same, hereby certify that we are well acquainted with John Milam, have subscribed and sworn to the above declaration, that we believe him to be seventy nine years of age, that he is reputed and believed in the right [can't read] to have been a soldier of the revolution and that we concur on that opinion.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this 29 October 1832.

/s/ L. Mead Clerk C.C.

/s/ Geo. A. Kelley

/s/ Sherdey Garner

On April 20, 1858, Polly Milam wife of John Milam, Jr., applied for and received a widow's pension. She stated that she married John Milam, Jr. in Laurens County, South Carolina in 1813. This application was sent in from Monroe County, Mississippi, where she was living at the time. One of her step-sons had moved to Mississippi and she probably lived with him.

John Milam, Jr., was married at least twice. First to Nancy Clardy and second to Polly Allison who was the daughter of Robert Allison of Laurens County, South Carolina.

John Milam, Jr., died in Madison County, Alabama, Oct. 26, 1838. His will was recorded there Nov. 1st, 1838. The children of John Milam, Jr., were:

- A John Milam, b. about 1785, married 1st Elizabeth Nancy Madden, 2nd Milly Pitts. He lived in Laurens County, South Carolina until after his second marriage, then moved to Pontotoc, Mississippi.
- B William Bartlett Milam m. Lucy Atkins
- C Wiley Milam, b. about 1796 m. 1st Martha Walker, 2nd Mourning Touchstone
- D Mary (Polly) Milam m. William Atkins
- E Jane Milam m. Sam or Garlington Leake (Leek)
- F Dicey Milam m. Jeremiah Conant
- G Cinderella Milam m. William Murphey
- H Nancy Milam m. 1st Mr. Arnold, 2nd Samuel Sutherland
- I Loucinda Milam m. William B. Gary
- J Another daughter is said to have married Mr. Fuller
- K Another daughter married Mr. Magahee
- L Ferrall Milam

Wiley Milam, third child of John Milam, Jr., married 1st Martha (Patsy) Walker, daughter of John and Keturah Walker of Laurens County, South Carolina. Martha died before 1845. Her children are named in her mother's will there in 1845. They were:

- 1 William Milam, b. July 29, 1818, d. Dec. 25, 1901
- 2 John (Jack) Milam
- 3 Elizabeth Milam
- 4 Deborah Ann Milam
- 5 Jane Milam m. Mr. Lassiter

Wiley Milam married 2nd Mourning Touchstone and had the following children:

- 6 Susan Milam
- 7 America Milam
- 8 Louise Frances Milam
- 9 Wiley Milam
- 10 Katherine Marie (Kate) Milam m. John Aldridge
- 11 Bethania Milam m. Mr. Kaiser
- 12 James Nolen Milam
- 13 Dennis Milam m. Alla Fanny Strickland Dec. 1877
- 14 Mary Milam
- 15 Queen Victoria Milam m. Ben Bomar
- 16 Robert Jefferson Milam, died while studying medicine.

Wiley Milam died in Old Campbell County (now Fulton County), Georgia in 1858. He is said to have been buried at "Ono" near his home. On Dec. 27, 1858 application was made for 12 months support for the widow, Mourning, and the minor children. The settlement of this estate can be found in records of Campbell County in the Georgia Archives in Atlanta, Ga.

William Milam, the first child of Wiley Milam and Martha Walker, was born July 29, 1818, and died Dec. 25, 1901. He married Emily J. Patton, a daughter of James Patton and Elizabeth Hunt. More complete information on this family is found in the Patton family records in this book.

PATTON

Among the earliest settlers of Wilkes County, Georgia, were the following Pattons:

Jacob Patton
Matthew Patton
James Patton
Thomas Patton
William Patton
John Patton

These Pattons were no doubt related, probably some of them were brothers, although I have not followed the records for proof.

From the records of Court of Land Commissioners appointed by Gov. Wright to issue "Ceded Lands, Wilkes County, Georgia 1773-1775" *Jacob Patton settled by his brother, a wife and seven daughters 100 acres on Pistol Creek on Trading Path 5 miles from ye river Nov. 9, 1773.*

From page 9, Broad River Nov. 16, 1773 *Matthew Patton from North Carolina, a wife, two sons and one daughter from 19 to 12 years old, got 200 acres on south side of Long Creek joining Clarke wagon road on upper side of Ceded lands. Matthew Patton also got 450 acres on Long Creek in 1784. This land joined Thomas Patton's land.*

Solomon Patton got 200 acres on Long Creek in 1785. This Solomon was no doubt the son of Matthew Patton, who Matthew mentioned in his will which was probated Mar. 3, 1806.

To son Solomon all land where on I live and all my plantation tools - likewise my blacksmith tools to him and his heirs forever. I give to son Samuel negro boy Lott after which my will is that the Executors, who I shall name, shall divide the balance in four equal parts, which may be evened or equalled by adding some stock which shall be at the discretion of the Executors. My desire that they be equal value. My son Thomas and daughter Rebecca Wimpee [Winsfrey in other records] son Samuel and son Solomon shall draw lots. At Rebecca's death her part goes to her children. This will was signed April 20, 1798. The executor of this was Christopher Orr who was probably the father of Solomon's second wife Lydia Orr.

In the Tax Digest of 1807, Wilkes County, Ga., Solomon Patton paid tax in Capt. Augustin Edwards District on 4 slaves, 225 acres of second grade land, 235 acres of third grade land on

Dated : January 3, 1835

Wife, Polly

Filed : November 1, 1838

Daughters Dicey Cannant, Jane Leek, Polly Atkins
Cinderella Murphy, Nancy Sutherland

Sons Bartlett, John, Wiley

Grand daughter Nancy Arnold

Malinda Garey

Grand Son Wm Bluefered Garey

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