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Dear Mr. Peeples,

It was good to get your letter concerning our common MILAM ancestor, Samuel MILEHAM who married 8 Sep 1724 a Martha GARDNER.

Our records show they married in Lancaster Co, Va. This would be a very important point since Augusta Co, Va. is far from Lancaster Co. Va. Possibly you have some additional information that would help in this search since we have never been able to locate any other facts about Samuel and Martha.

Our next information is that Thomas MILAM(our ancestor) and the second son of Samuel and Martha is in Bedford Co., Va. where he dies in 1775. The majority of my MILAM searching has been on my Joseph MILAM who was born 1779 and died 1849 in Preble Co, Oh. We have found this Joseph's brothers and their families but have been unable to learn about his sisters in Bedford Co, Va.

We have tried to gather more information about the children(sons) of Thomas MILAM and his wife Mary Rush ADAMS. It is slow in coming except for the Jordan MILAM line who has been written about from one of his descendants Jim L. Milum, 607 Skyline Lane, Harrison, Ark, 72601. You might find it helpful to contact him and see what he knows about your own Thomas MILAM and Elizabeth TALBERT of Halifax Co, Va.

We have happily gathered any MILAM information as it has come about Samuel MILEHAM and his family. It is very sparse and unproven. Before I feel I've built a solid foundation for my own Benjamin MILAM 1749-1781 and his father Thomas MILAM, I hesitate doing much on my searching in those very early day and area's of MILAM's.

Am enclosing a simple diagram showing how my line connects with our common Samuel MILEHAM. Would be willing to share any thing you would like about my own MILAM's in Indiana, Ohio and Bedford Co, Va. which we know. This chart shows all we are working with for the early MILAM's.

We would like to know where you got the Coles for Marth GARDNER's maiden name. We have never heard of that. We have found the John MILAM b. 1725 married a Judith Bartlett COLE....could you have mixed up these two? Maybe you have come across some vital clue that would help us identify more about our Marthaa and Samuel. Please let us know.

Sorry we don't have more information about your Thomas and Eliz.(Talbert)MILAM. If we learn anything more, please share it with us....especially if it pertains to our common ancestor Samuel MILEHAM. It might interest you to know I found a tiny village named MILEHAM in Norfolk area of England...we visited there and found just a church remaining now with all the church records sent to a central area. In an old library record I found a George de Mileham with land in the area about 1377. He had a brother William. It will be interesting to see if any of our MILAM connects to this area or to England. Still don't know what country my Joseph is descended from...probably England or Wales but his wife Catherine KINSER is of German ancestry. Good luck in your searching. Sincerely,

Leona