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Dear Mr Peoples & Miss Coe:

Please forgive me for not writing you before now - But I make all kinds of crafts & do craft shows - Keeps me pretty busy from Sept till June & I have done two shows this spring - But now I can get back to genealogy till fall again.

When I went to Okla City for June, I only got to the library one day. I did run the film of 1820 Twinett Co, Ok for the Thomas Mulvain you asked me to look for - The film was so old it was very hard to read & 1/2 of a page was just blocked out & I could not read it, perhaps he was on it. But I did not find him - I will try again when I go back to the city -

I can not help but believe that Miss Coe & I had the same ancestor perhaps Coleman.

I do not have documented proof of Indian blood in my line - But I am sure of it.

When I visited Johnny Milam in Harrison, Ark he told me Darcas was a full blood Cherokee & James M. Sr. was more than a quarter but not as much as a half -

Now my mother died when I was 2 yrs old & my grandparents raised me - my grandmother was Eliza Jane Milam (Welch) Born Dec 25
over

1876 at Snowball, Searey co Ark - Died Feb 21, 1963
Ponca City, Kay co Okla. She was the first child
of James M Jr + Huc Ann Berry + James M Jr
was the son of James M Sr - who I believe
was the son of Coleman -

I will refer to my grandmother as mama from
here on as she was the only mother I ever
knew -

I have heard mama say many times if
her father had listed himself + his family
on the government rolls, she would have
had a headright which is 160 acres of land
+ you had to be at least $\frac{1}{4}$ indian to be
eligible, this is Okla law - mama also said
her father would not sign the rolls because
he said "if he ever got anything he didn't want
the government coming along + take it away from
him"

mama was 5'2 weighed 200 lb coal black
hair, dark brown eyes, dark skin, high cheekbones
+ that indian nose we all seem to have
inherited.

There is a story in the family that when
Zadie one of mama's younger sisters was
about 4 or 5 yrs old there was a band of
group of indians came thru where they lived
in ark + wanted to buy zadie because she

was an indian "they said";

Kue Ann Bury Milan born & raised in Ala, mama's mother - I remember her talking about when she was a girl in Ala how her folks hated the indians & she said "there I wound up married to one of them"; who was James M Jr.

My G. Grandmother Kue Ann Bury - was full blood irish woman - small in size had green eyes red hair & very fair skin. So the indian had to come from the Milan side.

I talked to Laura Bully in Laurens S. C. 2 or 3 yrs ago & she said lots of Milan's married indians, I don't know what time period she was talking about. I sent her a check to do some research for me about two yrs ago - my check has never been cashed or returned & I have never heard from her - she she the one you mentioned in one of your letters who had died?

I have a couple of articles but I hesitate to send because you no doubt have them, as you have so much ~~more~~ more than I do.

I will be in Mo this next week working on my husband's line - Then about the middle of June I am going to Marshal, Ark

to see what I can find on James M. Sr
as he lived there about 30 yrs after he came
from Tenn - Surely I should find something -
If I could just find out for sure who his
parents were, I would be so happy - I have
been stuck at this point for years now -

I will be in Joplin, Mo + will go to Neosho, Mo
the county seat of Newton Co, Mo + see if I can
find anything on Thomas Ferrill Milan
who died there in 1841 - If I can find anything
it may lead us to something else -

Is there anything I can check for you from
here? I have access to the Oklahoma
Historical Library at Okla City, when I
go down there. Most all DAR material

Please forgive me for not writing before
now. Don't forget me + my line as you
continue to search.

I will write you what ever findings I come
up with.

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Dear Mr & Mrs Peoples:

Please forgive me for being so slow and your most welcomed & interesting info & letter.

I am not sure I have anything that will help you as seems you have much more on Coleman Milam than I do - I have no proof - all I have is thru my search of 8 yrs of the library & that consists of trying to find the parents of my G. G. Grandfather James M. Milam Sr

Do you know if William C. Harris was Indian? If he was then my Darcas could very well have been his sister - also his sister Jane who married Coleman named one of her daughters Darcas C. and Darcas named her first child Tabetha Jane -

I can not find Coleman in Tenn in 1820 census - But there is a Thomas Milam in Lincoln Co Tenn in 1820 - But not on 1830 census - This could be our Thomas as only the state line separates Lincoln Co Tenn & Madison Co Ala - If Thomas & Capt John B 12-6-1753 were brothers they could have left Laurens district with families together & settled close together one in Ala & one in Tenn -

I have quite a bit of info on Capt John as when I first started my search I thought he might be Coleman's father -

In my notes I have (officers of Tenn militia 1815)

p. 73 Clardy, James 20101
John 10100
James 100400
near Benj. Milam 10101
Wm Lick 31200

p. 74 Clardy, Alexander 10300
(2) P. 8 Greenalls - James Lick 12300

pg 257 Lincoln co Tenn -

Thomas Milam Capt of 7th rifle co attached to 39th reg. Aug 14-1815 - I have not written for this record as I still have not been able to connect my James as Coleman's son -

now Capt John was a ^{Madison co} Counselman in Ala from 1818-1820 also William Bartlett - Capt John son entered land in Madison co Ala in 1814 & pd tax on land in 1815, same place also Capt John's 1st wife name was Nancy Clardy (Clary) misspelled thru recordings I am sure - She died in 1812 & could have been the daughter of Ashford Clary you mentioned in your record of Thomas Milam -

I have Capt John's will in which he names his children & Coleman is not mentioned - So Capt John is not Coleman's father, but I believe his uncle - The Willey Milam on the muster roll you sent is not Coleman's son William A - He is the son of Capt John according to Mrs Milam Ryker -

Capt John also had a son named Knull, who lived unmarried & was not mentioned in Capt John's will so he must have died before the will was made.

In 1979 there was a Walter Milam Jr & Sr living in Savannah Tenn - Since I heard from you last I wrote to Walter Milam thru go of Postmaster & I received my letter back (address unknown) I called the operator there & they only have one Milam listed & the phone # is unlisted & of course they can not give

it out -

I can not find Coleman on the 1820 census of Tenn
on 1830 census of Franklin Co Tenn

Coleman Milam age between 40-50

^{Alberty H. - B. 1824}
^{William A. - B. 1815} ^{Thomas F. - B. 1810 - S.C.}
 1 son 5-10 - 1 son 10-15 - 1 son 20-30
^{Martha L. - B. 1824} ^{Elizabeth - B. 1818} ^{wife}
 1 dau 5-10 - 1 dau 10-15 - 1 FEMALE 30-40

Next House Elizabeth Milam

1 MALE 5-10 1 MALE 15-20
 1 FEMALE 40-50 + 1 FEMALE 70-80

NEXT HOUSE John Milam

1 M - 5-10 - 1 M - 30-40
 3 F - 0-5 - 1 F - 10-15 - 1 F - 20-30

This Elizabeth could not have been Coleman's mother
as she was not old enough - make a sister in law
or an aunt -

1840 census of Coffee Co Tenn

Coleman Milam 50-60

2 males 10-15 - 1 M - 15-20
 1 F - 0-5 - 1 FEMALE 15-20 - 1 F - 20-30
 John Milam 50-60 (Coleman's brother?)
 1 M - 20-30
 2 F - 0-5 - 2 F - 5-10 - 1 F - 10-15 - 1 F - 30-40

Thomas F - 30-40 - (Coleman's son)

3 M - 0-5 -
 1 F - 5-10 - 1 F - 20-30
 William A - 20-30 (Coleman's son)
 1 M - 0-5 -
 1 F - 0-5 - 1 F - 15-20

I have a letter from the Rev L L Milam of
Ariz, saying he heard his father say his people
were from Laurens District S.C & of English
extraction. He being a grandson of James M
Milam Sr.

I have tried to find the 1850 mortality schedule
as Coleman Milam would be listed in it, but
I have been told it has been lost.

If the will you sent is that of John Milam B.C. 1725
why was it recorded in S.C. when he lived & died
in Va. Also he does not mention the relation
to Hannah Bassill - who was she?

I will be in Okla City for June & plan to
work at the Okla Historical Library there - it is
quite large & the material is furnished by the
D.A.R. If you have any suggestions of what & how
to look for material please let me know - we
have not taken a course in Gen & have just
stumbled on to what at hand - I have lots of
material on Milams & several lineages but
none of them seem to tie my James M. Milam Sr.

I want to thank you so very much for sharing
the material you have sent - if we work together &
can find a will for Thomas then that would solve
your problem for Coleman.

Thank you again
Sincerely Dorothy P. White

9-4-84

Dear Mr & Mrs Peoples:

Margaret Leavelle sent me a copy of the ancestor chart you had sent her. I do hope you don't mind. Seems to me we all three are working on very close lines.

I have been working on the Milam family for about 8 yrs & am no further back now than when I started on my particular ancestor James M (marrow?) Milam B. 24 June 1821 TENN? I am sending you a family group sheet in hopes you may be able to help me.

Until I see your chart I was sure Coleman was my James M father - But you do not list him as such. So now I am back to square one again - I also believed James M was a bro to Martha L. Milam & Venus was a sister to William H. Harris - Any way they have to be closely related as they all line up close to each other in Hardin Co, Tenn on 1850 & 1860 census -

I did not know Jane - Coleman's 3rd wife was a Harris - my Venus was a full blood cheeoke my James M Sr, (family story is he was more than $\frac{1}{4}$ but not as much as a half) He was tall & thin One of his sons Cornelius Coleman called Neal was 6ft 6 weighed little over 250 lbs, no fat & around 1900 was known as the strongest man in Sealey Co. I have a lot of info on Milams & several

lines - if I have anything to help you I would be most pleased to do so. But most likely you have the same materials I do.

On your chart I can not read Thomas 1757 - c 1818 first wife name as part of it is not grouped - would you mind sending it too me?

I have an ¹⁷⁵⁷ indenture where Thomas F Milam appeared in open court & was made Guardian for Lucy C Sanson an orphan till she became of age as she had no means of support -

Dated Monday Apr 5 - 1852 - Hardin Co Tenn
* Also on 4 Nov 1852 Thomas F Milam Administrator
of A. G. Milam dec - appeared in open court & returned Inventories of said estate - now a G Milam was Thomas F younger bro.

Coleman's son William W. was Born July 1815 & Ashford initial was B. These are not on your chart but perhaps you know anyway.

I have records on Capt John Milam whose son William Bartlett entered land in Madison Co also in Feb 1814 so he was there about 5 yrs before Capt John moved there -

I have records of Jordan buying land in Hickman Co, Tenn for 1 penny an acre in 1814 - also I have William line who according to your chart was a bro to Jordan.

My James M Sr moved from Tenn to Ark
in 1871 - Died 1901 Atkins, Pope Co Ark
& is buried there - I could not find a stone
or even his name on the map of the cemetery.

Several of his sons came to Ark with
him the rest I have not been able to find
in Ark or Tenn.

James M Sr parents both came from
Laurens District S. C. & his father of English
extraction -

Thank you very much for sharing
your chart -

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