

12-1-86

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Peeples,

Thanks for your letter and I am going to answer while my mind is active and I will try to help you as I did have literally thousands of records, but my son & his wife who live in Bossier City La. & doesn't give a tinber's dam for genealogy or history, have at 3 different times burned a bunch of my precious & costly records when they come in usually unexpected; until the last I am just crushed. 1880 census & 1900 census of every Durham in Ark that cost me nearly 100⁰⁰. So today I just could not write up any more - have 38 Milan pages and am on Coleman & his family - all my Milan census in one manilla envelope destroyed - so I blew my top & gave orders they do not burn anything else at my place! What today.

You asked me twice about Diatrophus (or Diataphus) called "Dodge" Milan b. 1820 Laurens Co. S. C. He was the oldest son of John Milan, Jr. & Elizabeth ^{Nancy} ~~Maddek~~ (gosh now who was she? His 2nd wife was ^{Milled} ~~at~~ ^{ette} other Chm. Willis m. Martha Washington; Wm m. Polly Nixon; Pattenia m Joseph Garner; Madison m. Besky -
2nd set. Larkin Cole m. Jeffie Scurrogins
Leake J. m. Sallie Pounds; Wylie m. Eley. Fugua.
Tom of John Milan's who marr. Ann Jackson oldest sister of Eliz. Jackson Milan had a son Moses who 1790 marr. Ely. Fugua. I have 3 dau. of Ann's detos of marr. & husbands. She & Eliz. were d's Jarvis Jackson I said an uncle of Andrew, but I don't know as I haven't seen it proved made will Dec. 10, 1796 - 7;
Bartley m. Elizabeth - ?; Jane m. Joe Reeder
John Wesley m. Pamela Andrews. Mary C. "Polly" m. John Vaughn; Henry Pickens m. Martha Nixon

let's from
Grandma

I have this from the gr. gr. dau. of John Milam III who did not go to the west after his when his father went 1819 to Madison Co. Ala., but went to Pontotoc Co. Miss where he 1860 is listed as 70 years old and is said to be the oldest son of John II. He had daus, before then as he 1790 was over 16 & had one son under 16; 6 females & 5 slaves; but in 1800 John II had 4 sons, 3 born 1790-1800. Millie Pitts Milam 1850 was 57 years;

Now to your info: It may be that Coleman Milam marr. a Leak or Lake as some of John Milam II.'s chn. did. The Leake family came from Va. I believe I saw that name in Borden's grant in Augusta Co. or Orange one which was formed from Spottsylvania & Augusta from Orange. Borden's grant had thousands & thousands of acres granted by the King for drawing ~~settlers~~ settlers for almost aittance. I think Coleman did not have a wife in 1816 as he signed "Coal Mala" with required 3 witnesses, but no dower signed. There was a 5 year span between ~~John~~ Thomas Feb. 1810 and Apr. A. B. 1815.

I am sure that before Coleman's last marr. there were 3 chn 1800-20; 2 chn 1820-25; 2 sons 1825-30 & 1 dau 1830-35. making 8 chn.

What proof do you have for saying Dorcas Rebecca Harris was sister of Wm C. Harris? That Milam family when Isaac was still living in Calif and many of Cornelius Coleman's chn were still living said Dorcas was full blood Cherokee Indian. I had a picture of Cornelius Coleman along with several other of his chn. before my son & wife burned them, along with 2 pictures of my dad & mother made Easter Sun when I was 5 or 6 years old. Neakie sure looked Indian; but the descendants of

Martha Harris sure ^{don't} ~~descent~~ blond or red
headed most & blue eyed
John and Alice Harris's son Luther I have
known since a child before he died in the 90's.
After I came back from Calif & raised cattle, I
would see Luther at the feed mill & while waiting
for our turn to have our hay & corn ground, would
get into one or the other truck together & talk family.
He told me his Grandmat & Grandpa Harris had
9 children and gave from his head? They came to
Ark. 1880 and was so dry they nearly died for
want of water. Went up on Mill Creek & hauled water
in barrels from water holes where cattle were standing
& polluting with body wastes. & then had to boil it & strain.
Chr. he gave.

1. Jane Harris - old maid when marr. 1st Francis Shaw Jr.
of Samuel; 2nd Geo. Morgan; 3rd a Shelby at Charleston, Ark.
2. Charles Harris marr. Elizabeth McClain 2nd
Amanda Miller who had marr. 1. John Smith 2nd. ? Bowen; 3. Lufe
Burcham & 4th Charley Harris; he marr. a 3rd time & had a
child in 1924, or 25. (I was last year in high school)
3. John Harris m. Dought White, sister to John.
4. Sally Harris (must be Sarah W.) m. Jim Shelby.
5. Ellen Harris m. Billy Shelby.
6. Alice Harris m. Molly Harris m. Charley Phillips
7. Alice Harris m. John White
8. Could not remember as said died young -
9. Belle Harris (Belzona) m. Sam Shaw of
Crosser Twp. Franklin Co. Ark.

now I have 1900 census on some -

John White b. Dec. 1852 - 47 - marr. 1942 - Ark. N.C. N.C.
Alice " b. Jan. 1861 - 39 " " " 8th ch. living m-m-m.
Luther " Dec. 1884 - 15
Dasha " Apr 1889 - 13
Albert W " May 1889 - 11
Lutha H. " Sept. 1891 - 8
Ulla " Oct. 1893 - 6 (boy)
Alease V. " Feb. 1899 - 1

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in family of Sarah (Dreig) widow
 Samuel Shaw - son-in-law - Mar. 1856 ^{mar.} 12 yrs. Tu Tu Tu
 Martha Harris - head - June 1832 - 67 - widow ^{Tu Tu Tu}
 (doesn't say how long mar. I think she was b. 1833 or later.)
 Belzona Shaw dau. Jan. 1868 - 32 mar. 12 yrs. 6 ch. all living
 Bertha " Apr. 1889 - 11
 Sarah Ette. " Aug. 1890 - 9
 Phillie ^{H.} " Nov. 1891 - 8 (son)
 Austin H. " Aug. 1894 - 5 - Still living Cecil, Ark.
 Lula Belzona " Nov. 1896 - 3. died at 13 (pneumonia)
 Mary J. " Dec. 1898
 George ^{Shaw} born cap. ^{1901 or 2}
 Lester " born after 1900 - Still living 79th 16 Nov. 1907
 (There was another boy, seems like ^{George} Alfred, but I
 do not have his name & have forgotten it now. Will
 call Fannie tomorrow.

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Charley Phillips Mar. 1861 - 39 ^{mar.} 19 yrs.
 Mary " Jan 1859 - 41 19 yrs. yet, 2 living
 Ida " Jan 1891 - 9
 Leonard " Jan 1894 - 6.

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George Morgan April 1841 - 59 D
 Ophelia " (dau.) Jan. 1882 - 18
 Phillie H. " dau. Mar. 1887 - 13
 (I don't think George divorced, but wife died & this was before Jan he m.

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73/73

J. F. Shelby Jan 1852 - 48 ^{mar.} 19 yrs. Tu Tu Tu
 Sally " Oct. 1852 - 47 - 4 yrs. 3 ch. 2 living Tu Tu Tu
 Frank " Aug. 1883 - 16
 (over)

13/73 J. W. Shelby ^{marr.} Mar. 1855-45 23 yrs. Tm Tm Tm
 M. E. " Feb. 1855-45 " " 8 chn. - living
 Elbert " Feb. 1887-13.
 Ida " Oct. 1889-10
 Idus " July 1892-7
 Olla " Oct. 1894-5

You probably have all this (Thy m. in Tenn.)

You know I learned very early not to write anything unless there is proof of it and I do not want my records messed up with others taking things for granted. In my opinion I do not yet have proof of Coleman being son of Thomas. He could have been one of the 7 of 19 chn. of John T., not proved or of Samuel over in Ninety Six Dist. Samuel is a name in ^{to} ~~to~~ (Uncle Buck's) family

And I do not think the Thomas Milam in Milam Gap who had Milam's Apple Fairfax Co. Va. was the Thomas who marr. Mary Ruth Adams. For I have copy of a letter written by Judge Buchannon, gov. Va. or gov. of Thomas who said he lived & died at Milam Gap & had all girls & no sons. Info. like that from one who knows, can be accepted as accurate.

Write the Masonic Lodge in Hardin Co. Va. & find out what Wm Harris's middle name was. The stone says G very plainly.

Coleman Milam was not on the 1870 census - anywhere

Should have been on the mortality schedule, but 1870 of Tenn. just disappeared.

Research is so hard in S.C. as no licenses or bonds of marr. required from 1788(?) to 1911. and census or Bible records (few) & estate records all that are left.

Thomas F. (Tom) Milam b. 1797 Laurens Co. S.C. was the one who m. Priscilla & went to Wilkes Co. Ga; then before or by 1840 was in Stockbridge, Henry Co. Ga. where Thomas Milam son of John Milam I., is said to have died 1823 - No proof - just hearsay. So I have written a professional in Atlanta to research it. The census 1850 gives Thos. F. in Henry Co. Ga. & probated estate of Thos. F. Jr. Oct. 2, 1854 who was in Fayette Co. Ga. ^{formed from Henry Co.} 1850 with Ann E. Tucker family who was probably a sister of Tom.

I feel like a Tendergrass in Atlanta, Ga. who wrote an artist's ^{Tendergrass} compelling a book in Sedona, Ariz. & who told Allen not to speculate on his line ~~by~~ as he said if a thing fit he put it in & let someone ^(Allen) prove it right or wrong; for he did not want someone latching onto a statement & taking it as fact & spreading it all over - Confusing and he wanted proof.

Another thing: In 1840 Coffee Co. TN. this Coleman Milam family with Walter used Milham as family name.

Enough for now.

Vera

P.S. Thanks for the group sheets, but whoever did them has errors. Wm Harris 1850 was 31 - had not yet had his birthday as census taker was instructed not to count birthdate unless already passed that year. This census was taken Oct. 9, 1850 (always get the date on the page heading of censuses as this is very important) William Harris was born October 18, ~~1818~~ 1818; died May 19, 1881 - I went to cemetery day before yest. and checked his rock. It is badly coated with fungus growth. When I checked our Milams before the Low's Creek Cemetery book was ever published, I took detergent and a light steel brush & cleaned all rocks & got correct reading off them; but they are terrible again now.

I would like proof that Thos. Milam son of John I was b. 1757 as the 1810 census gave age 25 - 45, but wife was over 45;

I wrote to census bureau & got copies of original censuses.

I don't believe Ashford was son of Coleman but could be was b. ~~1820~~ 1819 or 1820 d. 1850-60 & widow

Sarah m. W. C. Kincannon 1-21-1866. Her son Rev. Jesse C. Milam b. 1850 or ~~18~~ d. 7-11-1927 (74 yrs.) tombstone Hardin Co. Error here.

My grandpa's young at brother; Laranz Montgomery Milam b. 1857 d. 8-12-1856 - tombstone Bethel Cemetery. Nancy E. Milam 1853 - 1929 - Milams were tubercular; Coleman probably here & no marker.