

Milam

273 Belvedere Drive  
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Macon, Georgia

Dear Rev. Dr. Robert E. H. Peeples,

Thank you for your letter of Aug. 23. I found it to be very interesting and helpful. I do appreciate the zeroxed copies you enclosed.

I bought a book published by Beatrice Bayley, "The Milam Family Heritage Book". It contains 3,397 Milam families listed with an address. In it, my wife Eva found, a Coleman Milam listed in Oklahoma. I got a letter in the mail to him. I have hopes of having something for you to go on in your search for "a tie in" with Coleman Milam.

When I started out in Research, I had nothing to go on. I have 3 living Milam relatives (really they are ex-Milams). They are getting up in age. 88, 83, and 75 years old. None of them were sure of the names of their Grandparents. My Father was never one to volunteer information. My Mother had her family tree researched in "Fielder-Kitchen" line. She and an Aunt gathered enough verified information to belong to DAR, Huguenots, and maybe UDC. (All of this happened after I was transferred to Macon.) But, the Milams were never mentioned. So, not knowing as much as a "tumblebug knows about making Honey", I started out. I bought a book by George Hugh & Rosalie Brown Boyd "Our Boyd Family Allied Families de Graffenried, Tidwell, Milam, and Patton". (Pages 48-52 covers Samuel Mileham (Milam)-Martha Gardner, Pension of John Milam (filed Madison County, Alabama 29 Oct. 1832), Widow's pension filed from Laurens County, S.C. 20 April 1858 for John Milem's (Jr.) wife, Children of John Milam, Jr. (the branch Mr. & Mrs. Boyd were involved with) and the 16 children of Wiley Milam. Then they come back to the milams. (Pages 59-63) more Patton-Milam unions.

I have reached the conclusion that researching the Milams could snowball into a full time job. What one really needs is a computer, space, and plenty of money. I am not giving up on this as long as I keep my health and eyesight. My computer is a Royal portable typewriter 25 years old, (I bought it when I was transferred to Macon.) My space is a room in the house 9' x(9'. and I let the money take care of itself.

Your information on the Caters "ties in with what I have." So far I have researched one census on them. I found Emma Irving on the census of Monroe County 1870. She showed to be 3 years old. I have some information from a Jerry R. Teague, passed on to me by a 1st. cousin, showing my maternal Greatgrandmother to have been a Rosa Rebecca Pressly Hutchinson Cater (1845-1915). John Richard Cater was a member of Co. K 40th Miss. Reg. (Subject to finding it necessary to go A.W.O.L. when it suited him) ((Not a likely candidate for a UDC sire.)). So far I have devoted my time to Milams and have not had time to do both.

Sincerely,

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