

"From These Hills"

The Milam Home pg. 642

"John (Jack) Milam and his wife Millie Pitte, sister of Robert Pitte, came to Pontotoc County from Laurens County, SC in 1842 and settled on the Tusculumbia Road (now Hwy. 9) about seven miles northeast of Pontotoc. The Oak Hill Baptist church was built across the road from their dwelling in 1849. The Milams are of sturdy Scotch-Irish stock. Their son, John Wesley Milam, was 12 years old when they came to this county. His daughter, Lula Milam, married Wm. Nathaniel "Nile" McCoy, son of the pioneer William McCoy and his wife Emily Spruill who also came from Laurens County, S. C.

Mr. John Pitte (Ruth McCoy) is the daughter of William Nathaniel and Lula Milam McCoy who purchased the house in 1895. After living there for a number of years they sold it to Younger Pitte, who still lives there.

When John & Millie Pitte Milam came to Pontotoc they were accompanied by the children of Mr. Milam's first wife as well as the older children of the present marriage. His brother, Isaac Milam, also came with them. The family traveled in a covered wagon & came straight through from Laurens Co., SC. As soon as they arrived they began clearing land and built a two-room log house, "chinked and daubed."

\* Their neighbors included other families from Laurens County S. C. — the NIXONS, Roggins, Pitte, and FAULKNERs, all of whom helped give the logs and build the house. As the years passed, more children were born into the

Continued - 2

the family of John & Millie Pitta Milam:

First wife:

Partheny; Elizabeth (Betsey); Mary (Polly); Willie; Madison and William.

Second wife (Millie Pitta):

John Wesley; Leak; Wiley; Larkin; Henry Pickens; and Jane.

Leak, Pickens and John Wesley Milam lived in the Oak Hill Community for around 30 years but moved to Texas ca 1900. Leak and Wiley Milam moved to Ark before 1900.

A great granddaughter, Mrs. John Pitts, lives in Pontotoc and another great granddaughter, Kate Ferring, lives in E. Cr.

Descendants of Jane Milam who married, or Reeder, live at Cherry Creek."

David, I just copied the Milam House, one that was featured in the book. There was no picture. Should you ever go to Pontotoc, visit some of the descendants mentioned here.

I have been searching for my grandmother's Branam and York families the past year, because Mother is 91, and have let the Milam's remain gone. Since reading this book, I have wanted to search for the Milam in Laurens County SC and believe all my search in Greenville Co. was wasted. What do you think?