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Dear Milam Family Kin,

This is an idea I've had and have been wanting to do for a long time. I have never had--and still don't have--the time or the money to do it, but I decided to try and do it anyway.

The idea is to have a Milam Newsletter or Journal to circulate among Milam researchers. This way we can share and compare notes, keep in touch, and overall just help ourselves and others in researching our Milam family lineage.

I have much information that I am willing to share and will include in this journal. I would hope that you are willing to do the same, by sending me: letters, sharing information, correcting or adding to what I had put in previous issues, telling what you are interested in, or looking for; biographies, lineages, records, etc., even queries--which will be free. I would appreciate any data; I would also appreciate it to be typed, if possible--it would be easier for me.

Now it may appear small--somewhere between 15 and 20 pages--but it will be packed with information. This first issue will be free, but if it works out, I will--of course--have to find a way to cover my costs. I hope that, say \$5.00 an issue, would not be to unreasonable.

I hope that you are as excited about this idea as I am. I would really like to see it work out.

Always hoping to hear from kin.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Wilbanks IV

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I would like to start off with a Forword by Leroy Milam that he wrote in 1943 for a book he was working on. I don't know if he completed his book, but I feel this Forword would be quite appropriate for this journal. It speaks for itself.

The Milam Family and Kin

By

Leroy Milam, Windsor, Mo.

1943

Forword

Some 10 years ago I was possessed with the desire to know more about my family, therefore, I started gathering a little data here and there, not realizing how difficult it was going to be to find others as interested as myself, or even get them to answer my letters, and I always enclosed stamp for reply. Neither did I realize how difficult it was going to be to piece together and connect one family with the other, but I am still working at it as time will permit. The cost was another item that I did not take into account. I have a store of knowledge today that is most interesting. I know where the famous MILAM APPLE originated and by whom. I know who some of the MILAMS were who spilled their life's blood on the battlefields of the War of the Revolution, and every other war since then, down to this World War number two.

I shall try to point out some of the characteristics and in so doing it may seem to some that I am boastful, but I assure that boasting is far removed from my thinking and yet I could justly boast of the sterling qualities of this family and they are deserving of all the praise I might be able to give them.

One of the first things the student of human psychology will notice in this clan is that they are a sturdy, rugged people. They are virile in their life currents, and for that reason they have produced large and honorable families. They are industrious people, and have ever been the pioneer. My great grandfather came to Missouri before there were any railroads, and settled in what is now Macon County, and there did the work of the pioneer in building churches, schools, clearing timber and building of homes. My great great grandfather was a Methodist preacher. Just how many of his nine children he brought with him, I do not know, but most of them. My grandfather was one, and I well remember his old home where my father was born, with ten others. I also remember the old log house nearby in which his slaves lived, the old log ice house, the flower garden and fine orchard. Both of my Milam grandparent passed on before I was born. The only grandparent I ever saw and knew was Grandmother McGinnis, whose maiden name was Ellen Stewart, born in Lee County, Virginia, and moved to Kentucky, then to Missouri. She was one of the most remarkable women I ever knew.

All were God-fearing folks. Many of them them stood high in business and professional circles, Preachers, Doctors, Lawyers, Farmers and all walks of life, but whatever their line of endeavor they were good christian people.

Another outstanding characteristic is their friendliness. Give one of them a chance to be your friend and he will stick to you until the last ditch is crossed. He is always willing to go the third mile when asked to go but the one. He will face death with you and for you. He has never been known to betray a friend. Furthermore, he makes friends readily. He greets the stranger with a warm hand and a friendly smile, he is the stranger but once, provided he is sincere and honest and he better be just that, because the average of our clan is quick to detect the false from the true.

Their religion is protestant by nature and disposition. They do not go in so much for religious forms and ceremonies but give more concern to the deeper spiritual values of religion. You will find them in many denominations, but most of them are found in the Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian Churches. Most men are Masons. Politically they are Democrats, however they insist upon the freedom of the ballot and rebel against anything that smells of autocracy or dictatorship. They have seldom sought public office and then not always successful, due, I think to their independence of spirit and their refusal to bow to the dictates of a political machine.

They are a patriotic people, soundly so. As has been stated they have fought in every war in which this country of ours has been involved. Their blood has enriched the soil of Valley Forge, Beuna Vista, Gettysburg, San Juan, Flanders Field and right this moment it is flowing in many foreign countries. They have a keen sense for justice and right; they love their country, its flag and all for which it stands.

They are an intelligent people, studious, quick to grasp the thing sought after. I might refer to some of the positions held by some of my direct line, Ava Milam (a double cousin) dean in the University

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of Oregon. She was food administrator for that state during World War number one. She has toured the Orient and spent much time teaching in China. Carl Milam of Evanston, Ill., who is Secretary of the American Library in Chicago, he too, has traveled the Orient and many foreign countries on lecture tours. Rev. Solomon Harmon Milam was preacher, Presiding Elder and President of a Methodist College in Missouri for more than fifty years (my uncle). Ralph E. Milam (my brother) established a college in Arkansas and operated it for several years. Solomon C. Milam, one of the first Judges of Maccn County, Missouri, was instrumental in establishing one of the the first Methodist colleges in Missouri. It was located in Old Bloomington, then the county seat. I helped to raze that building when a young man. Gen. Ben R. Milam of Texas, fought and fell in the Battle of the Alamo, in December, 1835—age 47. There were many others, in fact, all were deeply interested in higher education. If ever a case of insanity existed among them I never heard of it.

Home and family ties meant much to the Milams, you will find the "fireside" with father, mother and children gathered around it when the day's work is done. Let us hope that the newer, and younger generations hold to and cherish the ideals and customs of their sires.

The women are given more to home life. Flapperism hasn't disturbed them much, they have maintained the quiet, modest poise that goes with refinement and culture. Friendly? Yes, both men and women, but, knowing them as I do, I would not want one for an enemy, do one a wrong and he will not forget it very soon. Nevertheless, he is not given to holding of malice and will forgive quickly and freely when it is sincerely sought. They have convictions they hold to tenaciously. You can overpower them, beat them and do all manner of evil against them, but never will a Milam surrender his true convictions. They have a keen sense of humor and as a rule are very witty.

It is the desire of the author that this book may be the means of bringing them all closer together, as well as perpetuating their ideals and characteristics.

Our actions leave a trace behind
Which tells the tale to human kind;
And dirt upon the bottom of the sheet,
Shows who slept with dirty feet.

THE AUTHOR.

THREE GENERATIONS

[This shall be a regular column consisting of a basic outline with general facts--as known by me--of three generations of Milams. The third generation will merely be a list of the issue of the second generation and will be the first generation in another issue of this magazine.]

Samuel Mileham was born about 1700 in either England or Wales. The only record found about Samuel is his marriage record. THE WILLIAM AND MARY QUARTERLY listed the early marriages of Lancaster County, Virginia in Volumes 6 and 12 of its first series. It shows that Samuel Mileham married Martha Gardner on September 8, 1724 in Christ Church Parish. Although no records prove as such, it is considered general knowledge among Milam researchers that this couple had the following issue:

- I. John Milam
- II. Thomas Milam
- III. Archibald Milam

However another couple has been introduced as the possible parents of the afore mentioned issue. The theory goes something like this. All records of John, Thomas, and Archibald show them using the name Milam and not Mileham. It would seem odd that the sons of a Mileham would never use that name. Thomas was found living in what is now Madison Co., VA by 1747, sold his land in 1760 and in 1761 was in Bedford Co. This is interesting, as a John and Joseph Milam were in this same region by 1725 and died there in the 1740's. Also there is a record of John, of the afore mentioned issue, in 1757 in Louisa Co. which is much closer to Madison than it is to Lancaster. Joseph and John are sons of Joseph Milam of Boston, MA. Joseph Jr had five girls and is the founder of the Milam Apple and Milam's Gap in Madison Co., VA. John, Joseph's brother, married Ann DeHane and had nine children, of which several are unknown. John and Ann, therefore, are the new possible parents of John, Thomas and Archibald.

John Milam, was born 1725 in Virginia. There is a record of John Milam who sold his interest in land to John Dixon, in Louisa County, Virginia dated April 28, 1757. John Milam married Judith Bartlett Cole, believed to be a widow, and settled in Brunswick County, Virginia. On October 1, 1764 John bought 700 acres of land on Bradley Creek, in Halifax County, Virginia, from John Stuart/Stewart. Bradley Creek is a stream with headwaters near Republican Grove emptying into the Bannister River, in the Meadville District of Halifax County.

It is believed that John served in the Revolutionary War along with his sons. Afterwards he moved to York County, South Carolina. There he died and left a will which is dated June 3, 1789 and was recorded August 28, 1789.

Issue of John and Judith Milam:

- I. Samuel Milam
- II. Bartlett Milam

- III. James Milam
- IV. Benjamin Milam
- V. John Milam (Jr.)
- VI. Thomas Milam
- VII. Madison Milam
- VIII. Nancy Milam

John's will names his wife Judith, Hanah Basdill--a witness, after whose death the items willed to her would go to his granddaughter Mary Ireland--and his children John, Bartlett, Benjamin, Thomas and Nancy. Thomas Milam, his son, was executor of the will. The other issue not mentioned in the will are apparently from a family bible or considered general knowledge among some, not all, Milam researchers.

Thomas Milam was born 1727 Virginia. He married about 1748 in Virginia to Mary Rush Adams, possibly a relative of John Adams. She was born in 1728. Thomas died in 1775 in Bedford County, Virginia. His will was recorded March 27, 1775 in Bedford County; will book A, pg. 227. He names his wife Mary and two youngest sons Solomon and Rush. Mary died 1778 in Bedford County, Virginia.

Issue of Thomas and Mary Rush Adams Milam:

- I. Benjamin Milam
- II. Jordan Milam
- III. William Milam
- IV. John Milam
- V. Solomon Milam
- VI. Rush Milam

Archibald Milam was born 1729 Virginia. He married Mary Wilson about 1750 in Virginia.

Issue of Archibald and Mary (Wilson) Milam:

- I. Moses Scott Milam
- II. William Milam
- III. John Milam
- IV. Zachariah Milam

CENSUS RECORDS

[This will be a regular column consisting of census records appearing in a variety of ways.]

1870 Census Pontotoc County, Mississippi

Township 7 , Pontotoc Co., MS , 18 August 1870 , Post Office
 Rocky Ford , Dwelling # 217 , Family # 217
 Joseph Milam 34 M W RE \$600 FE \$500 AL
 Susan 36 F W SC
 Asberry 12 M W MS
 Catherine 10 F W MS
 Benjamin 10 M W MS
 Thomas 6 M W MS
 William 4 M W MS
 Rebecca 8/12 F W MS b in Oct

Township 8 , Pontotoc Co., MS , 17 August 1870 , Post Office
 Lafayette Springs , Dwelling # 523 , Family # 523
 Wiley Milam 54 M W RE - FE \$500 GA
 Eliza 45 F W AL
 William 22 M W MS
 Martha 15 F W MS
 Riley 11 M W MS
 Wiley 11 M W MS
 George 9 M W MS
 John 7 M W MS
 Cora 4 F W MS

Township 9 , Pontotoc Co., MS , 4 August 1870 , Post Office
 Pontotoc , Dwelling # 368 , Family # 368
 Wiley Milom 33 M W Farmer RE - PE \$600 SC
 Mary 29 F W VA
 Anne 2 F W MS

Township 9 , Pontotoc Co., MS , 20 July 1870 , Post Office
 Pontotoc , Dwelling # 223 , Family # 223
 John Milom 40 M W Farmer RE \$800 FE \$525 SC
 Panolee 38 F W SC
 Willis 12 M W MS
 Carry 11 F W MS
 Ammer 8 F W MS
 Ider 4 F W MS
 Lula 2 F W MS

Township 9 , Pontotoc Co., MS , 20 July 1870 , Post Office
 Pontotoc , Dwelling # 226 , Family # 226

Henry Milam	28	M W	Farmer	RE \$700 PE \$570	SC
Martha	24	F W			SC
William	3	M W			MS
Mary	2	F W			MS
Ebby	6/12	M W			MS b Jan

Township 9 , Pontotoc Co., MS , 20 July 1870 , Post Office
 Pontotoc , Dwelling # 227 , Family # 227

William Milam	50	M W	Farmer	RE - PE \$380	SC
Mary	42	F W			SC
Willie	15	F W			MS
Sallie	12	F W			MS
Martha	9	F W			MS
Frances	6	F W			MS
John	3	M W			MS
Abner	1	M W			MS

MILITARY MILAM

[This will be a regular column. A biography of a Milam who served in the Military.]

RICHARD GRIFFIN MILAM

RICHARD GRIFFIN MILAM, the son of John Milam and the widow Susan Ligon Kirkpatrick, was born June 9, 1840 in Laurens District, South Carolina. His father, the son of Riley and Rachael [Sims] Milam, married Susan on October 30, 1834 and reared four children on his farm near Waterloo in Laurens District. Susan, the daughter of William and Patsy [Wright] Ligon, was the widow of the Reverend Alexander Kirkpatrick and bore six children by this previous marriage.

When Richard was 21 he was enlisted in the Confederate States Army on July 20, 1861--the day before First Manassas--at Camp Pickens in Sandy Springs, Anderson District, South Carolina by Lt. B. Sloan for three years or the war. He became a private in Capt. James M. Ferrin's Company, Orr's Regiment, South Carolina Rifles. This company subsequently became Company B, 1st (Orr's) Regiment South Carolina Rifles.

This regiment was organized with ten companies--A to H and K and L--July 20, 1861 for three years or the war. It was designated the 1st Regiment South Carolina Rifles by the Adjutant and Inspector General's Office, but was known in the field as Orr's Regiment South Carolina Rifles.

On the November/December 1861 muster roll Richard is shown as being present and had been paid for the time of his enlistment up to October 31, 1861 by Hutson Lee. On the January/February 1862 muster roll he was present and was paid up to January 1, 1862 by Thomas B. Lee. On the March/April muster roll he was present and paid up to February 28, 1862 by Capt. Thomas B. Lee.

The next record that Richard appears in is a Register of Claims of Deceased Officers and Soldiers from South Carolina which was filed for settlement in the Office of the Confederate States Auditor for the War Department. It shows Richard died at Dills Spring, near Richmond, Virginia. This claim was filed by William Bolt, attorney, on December 9, 1862. It was found that Richard G. Milam was still owed--@ \$11.00 per month--for service from March 1, 1862 to the date of his death June 25, 1862 for a total of \$42.16 plus \$50.00 Bounty--as yet, unpaid--coming to a final total of \$92.16, payable to William Bolt, attorney for John Milam the father of the deceased.

Next, Richard appears on a Register of Officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Confederate States who were killed in battle, or who died of wounds or disease. This register appears to have been compiled in the Adjutant and Inspector General's Office from returns--received by January 19, 1864--furnished by Hospitals and Regimental and Company Officers. The record shows Richard born in Laurens District, South Carolina and died June 25, 1862 from Disease at Dill's Hospital, Richmond, Virginia.

On November 24, 1862 John Milam, father of Richard G. Milam, named William Bolt his attorney, and wrote a petition stating that his son, a private of Capt. Ferrin's Company--B--of Orr's Regiment South Carolina Volunteers, died 22 June 1862 at the Hospital at Dill's Springs near Richmond in Virginia of Typhoid Fever and that the Confederate States of America is indebted to him for an unknown amount as Richard left no wife or children. Two other statements are sworn to the clerk of Laurens Court House made by Bartlett Milam and S.J. Finley about John Milam on this same date.

Richard Griffin Milam is buried at Liberty Springs Presbyterian Church Cemetery in Cross Hill, Laurens County, South Carolina. The stone reads:

Richard Griffin Milam
Only son of John and Susan,
who died in the service of his country,
near Richmond, Virginia on the 22nd
June 1862 aged 22 years and 13 days

In all these records two different dates are indicated as the date of Richard's death: June 22 and 25, 1862. When John Milam buried his son he placed on the tombstone June 22, 1862 as the date of his death. Then when he petitions the Confederate States of America for the amount still owed for service and otherwise, he also indicates June 22, 1862 as the date of death although the Military pays for service up to the 25--the date their records show as the date of his death. Then a year later in a separate unrelated record that was compiled by the Adjutant and Inspector General's Office June 25, 1862 is shown as the date of Richard's death. It is my opinion that June 25, 1862 is the actual date of death.

CEMETERY RECORDS

LISBON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CEMETERY
LAURENS COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

5 miles south of Laurens Court House. Heading south on State Highway 42 until you get to 309. 1 mile on 309 then turn left going south about 1 mile and a half.

Charles L. Milam	September 17, 1879	March 27, 1973
son of L.W. and M.S.		
Mary H. Eleazer	February 28, 1881	October 26, 1971
wife of C.L.		
Robert Eleazer Milam	December 19, 1924	January 25, 1926
son of C.L. and M.E.		
Henry Wade Milam	February 19, 1914	July 21, 1958
son of C.L. and M.E.		
Andrew Blum Milam	October 1, 1877	June 20, 1962
son of L.W. and M.S.		
Nancy Alms Garrett	January 7, 1887	December 20, 1962
wife of A.B.		
Mary Ruth Milam	November 7, 1921	June 10, 1922
daughter of A.B. and N.A.		
Marion Milam Kay	March 24, 1923	
wife of C.E. Kay		
Claude Eargle Kay	July 18, 1918	April 30, 1980
son of R.R. and L.E. Kay		
Sybilla M. Kay	November 29, 1916	March 27, 1967
wife of C.E. Kay		
Llewellyn Wade Milam Jr.	December 29, 1888	January 13, 1912
son of L.W. and M.S.		
Alfred Bartlett Milam	May 21, 1875	June 8, 1891
son of L.W. and M.S.		
William Henry Milam	August 20, 1884	December 15, 1963
son of L.W. and M.S.		
Rubie Bearden Milam	August 3, 1901	March 25, 1977
wife of W.H.		
Rubie Sybilla Milam	March 15, 1938	March 31, 1940
daughter of W.H. and R.B. Milam		
Infant son's of W.H. and R.B. Milam . Born-Died March 20, 1940		
Llewellyn Wade Milam	October 12, 1850	May 7, 1889
Mary Sybilla Paslay	November 3, 1846	April 24, 1937
wife of L.W. Milam		
Charles E. Milam	October 6, 1908	January 2, 1966
Frances R. Milam	June 11, 1915	
wife of C.E. Milam		
Charles Eugene Milam	January 14, 1937	December 21, 1953
son of C.E. and F.R. Milam		

MY FAVORITE MILAM

[This will be a regular column in which you, the reader, can send in a biography of your favorite or most interesting Milam.]

JAMES CALVIN MILAM

James Calvin Milam, the son of William Alexander Milam and his wife Martha A. Winfrey, was born on July 17, 1872 in Sheffield, Colbert County, in northern Alabama. His father, a Confederate Veteran, was the son of Turner R. Milam of Georgia. After the war William married Martha A. Winfrey and settled in Colbert County, Alabama. Their nearest neighbor was the Keller family about a mile away; this was Helen Keller and her parents. The Milam children were playmates of Helen Keller. Cal attended schools in Sheffield and Miss Mary Bibb's private school at Corinth, Mississippi.

At the age of 16 Cal acquired his first job. Working for Helen Keller's father, Cal first learned of his love and talent with horses. In 1891, at the age of 19, Cal discarded his plan to study medicine and visited a cousin who bred and raised horses in Lexington, Kentucky.

It took him a long time before he could get a job, and one winter he worked without pay just for the experience. Soon he had a paying job, and then a better one as his talent for training horses began to be noticed. Finally he was training for an Eastern owner, J. S. Wadsworth.

In 1897 Cal found another love and married Mamie Elrod on September 13. However, just as success came he lost his love as Mamie died sometime before 1904.

In the season of 1898 Cal scored a series of smashing successes with the Wadsworth horses, and made enough money to buy horses and go into business for himself. He never had intended to spend his life working for anybody, and had accepted employment only long enough to gain capital to finance his beginning as an owner-trainer.

Cal operated what is called a "sales-stable." He was always ready to buy and/or sell a horse. He would buy a yearling, break and train him, then race him as a two-year-old until he had shown enough to interest someone who was willing to pay good money for a winning horse.

Cal grew and became very important and highly respected. A brother, Turner R. Milam, helped him out. And again Cal found another love. On October 12, 1904 Cal married Bell Scott Simpson.

How many horses he owned and trained even Cal didn't know. But it is known that he owned several of the most amazing horses in American turf history. Merrick, Exterminator and Anna M. Humphrey are the most famous.

Merrick, a most successful and world famous horse, for a time was the oldest thoroughbred in history. Cal named a bridge and his estate after him. The Merrick Place on the Tates Creek

Pike is still recognized although most of the estate is developed.

Exterminator, was bought and trained by Cal and then raced successfully as a two year old. Willis Sharp Kilmer bought him in 1918 to train another horse for that Kentucky Derby. Kilmer was eventually forced to race Exterminator instead and amazingly won. Exterminator became a very famous horse afterwards.

As well as horses, Cal was also responsible for the development of Jackie Westrope, a leading jockey.

Although Cal retired in 1940, he retained his keen interest in horses, racing a small stable principally for recreation.

On April 9, 1948 The Keeneland Association honored Cal at the Keeneland spring races by naming the feature race of that day for him. He was a member of the Thoroughbred Club of America and was a former member of the Kentucky State Racing Commission, the Lexington Club and the old Kentucky Jockey Club.

After a long illness and being hospitalized since January 20, Cal died on Friday February 11, 1949 at 4:50 a.m. at Good Samaritan hospital in Lexington, Kentucky. His obituary appeared across the country including in the New York Times. Cal was buried Monday February 14 in Lexington Cemetery.

I've heard many fascinating and humorous stories about Cal from family members. One story goes that Cal was asked of his continuous buying of land and if he was planning to buy all the land in the world, to which Cal replied that he didn't want all the land in the world only the land that touches his.

One day Cal's brother, Turner, entered a tailors shop in Lexington to get a new suit. Some men were sitting about chatting and soon the subject of Cal came up. After Turner entered the conversation, one gentlemen asked if he--Turner--was related to Cal to which Turner said that he was distantly. The other gentlemen asked how so to which Turner answered that Cal was the eldest of thirteen and that he--Turner--was the youngest of thirteen.

Cal's ability and eye for horses became so respected that it began to bring him trouble. Everytime he would bid for a horse at an auction he would get outbid until the bid became to high even for Cal. This is when Turner became handy, as Turner was unknown he could bid for the horses that Cal wanted and get them at low prices. Meanwhile the opposition would be looking around for Cal wondering where he was or why he wasn't bidding on some obviously good horses.

LETTERS

[I have always found letters written from one Milam researcher to another to be very fascinating. Therefore I thought this would make an interesting regular column. The following are two such letters.]

C. ERSKINE DANIEL
DONALD RUSSELL

DANIEL AND RUSSELL
ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELORS AT LAW
CLEVELAND LAW BUILDING
SPARTANBURG, SOUTH CAROLINA
August 22, 1946

Mr. C. L. Milam
Laurens, S. C.

Dear Mr. Milam:

Last March I was associated with Mr. Robert R. Milam, of Jacksonville, in a tax matter, and liked him very much from the time I met him.

I am from Laurens County and in going from my home on Saluda River to the Court House, we went through Ekom where Mr. "Press" Milam ran a country store, and was postmaster. Stopping there is one of my earliest recollections.

I have been away from Laurens a long time, and have lost track of most of those I used to know. I was only a child when I heard of "Press" Milam and I never knew whether the name "Press" was a shortening of Preston or Pressley. When I said that I once knew some Milams in Laurens, Mr. Robert R. Milam said that his great-grandfather was Thomas Milam, and was born in Laurens County. I told him the only one of the names that I knew was a representative from Laurens County, named C. L. Milam, and that I had never met you.

Mr. Robert R. Milam has sent me a letter, of which a copy is enclosed, and quite an extensive family tree which I am also sending to you.

As you will see ^{he} would like to have whatever information you can give, and I would esteem it a favor if you will write to him.

Thanking you and with best wishes.

Yours very truly,



CED/bl

Copy to Mr. Robt. R. Milam
% Milam, McIlvaine & Milam
Jacksonville, Fla.

MILAM, McILVAINE & MILAM
GREENLEAF BUILDING

JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA
POSTAL ZONE 1

August 19, 1946

C. Erskine Daniel, Esq.
Attorney at Law
Spartanburg, S. C.

Dear Mr. Daniel:-

I attach hereto some data that a cousin of mine worked up some years ago about the Milam family in South Carolina and elsewhere.

Evidently John Milam died in Halifax County, Virginia just prior to 1800 and his sons, Benjamin, Thomas and Bartlett, moved to Laurens, South Carolina in 1796. My great-grandfather was Thomas Milam, son of Bartlett Milam, Sr. Thomas Milam had 15 children. His seventh child, Thomas Richerson Milam, was my grandfather whom I remember well, together with several of his brothers, my great-uncles including Irvin Milam, James Berry Milam and "Fayette" Milam. My grandfather served and fought with the Cavalry which I believe became a part of Forrest's Command. Marcus Milam was killed at Missionary Ridge and James Berry Milam went in as private and came out as a captain in the Paris, Tennessee Company and for many years preceding his death was county judge in Lake County, Florida.

I suspect that there are those in Laurens County who are descended from John Milam and his sons as noted on the attached list.

Any information that they can give me I would be very happy to have and will post it on my own family record. I have considerable information as to descendants of the various children of Bartlett Milam, Sr. which I will be glad to pass on to them if they desire it.

Hope to see you down this way some time.

Best wishes,

Faithfully,

Robt. R. Milam

RRM/nb
Encl.

MILAM GENEALOGISTS

[I would like to know all about you. Send me a short biography of yourself--or other Milam researchers that you have known and have since died--and of the research you are doing; what line or lines are you tracing; what is your line of descent; etc. This could be a kind of a querie. I'll start with myself.]

My full name is Robert Martin Wilbanks IV. I was born November 11, 1963 in Frankfurt am Main in West Germany. My father, Robert Martin Wilbanks III, was a Lieutenant in the Army stationed in Germany. He met and married my mom, Heidrun Maria Hawlik in Darmstadt.

We came to the United States when I was almost two and my brother, Roger Michael Wilbanks, was born shortly thereafter. We lived in New Jersey for awhile and then moved to Birmingham, Alabama where my father's family lived. 1966 and 1967 my father went to Vietnam and when he came back we moved back to New Jersey. My father left the military in 1968 but we stayed in New Jersey until 1971 when we moved here to Scottsdale, Arizona. I've been here ever since.

I became interested in genealogy when ROOTS came out; I was about 12 then. My father's mother's mother was Sudie Kirkpatrick Milam Clem who died when I was about 5--I have some memory of her. For a long while all I knew was that Sudie's father was William Alexander Milam and he was born in South Carolina on December 4, 1842. My grandmother's brother has the Milam family bible which lists names, births, and deaths of the William Alexander Milam family. Included in that bible was a name unknown to anyone. It was Turner R. Milam, died May 27, 1872. It wasn't William's son Turner Richard Milam as he was born September 4, 1893. Finally, I think it was about the spring of 1982 I discovered some information that showed me that Turner R. Milam was William's father and it took me about four more generations back. I became hooked on the Milam family when in the summer of 1982 I visited my grandmother's sister in Greenwood, South Carolina and the two of us covered alot of territory, particularly Laurens County a few miles away where my branch of the Milam's had come from.

It was in the summer of 1983 I organized my records and notes from the summer trip into my book THE HISTORY OF A SOUTHERN FAMILY which covers the descent of Bartlett Milam the son of John.

My line of descent starts with John Milam possibly the son of Samuel Mileham (see page 4). He had a son, Bartlett, who settled in Laurens County, South Carolina about 1796 from Virginia. A son William had a son Turner R. who moved his family in 1851 to Cass County, Georgia. Turner's oldest son was William Alexander Milam who served in the Confederate Army from Georgia. After the war he settled in Colbert County, Alabama where Sudie was born. Sudie married Addison White Clem, also of Colbert County, in Lexington, Kentucky at her brother's place--James Calvin Milam. They had five children, one being Rexie Anna Clem who married Robert Martin Wilbanks Jr.--my grandparents.

SAMUEL MILEHAM m. MARTHA GARDNER
September 8, 1724
Christ Church Parish, Lancaster County, Virginia

* JOHN MILAM
b. 1725 VA
Rev. War Sold. VA
d. 1789 SC

THOMAS MILAM
b. 1727 VA

ARCHIBALD MILAM
b. 1729 VA

BARTLETT MILAM m. ELIZABETH GUINN/GWINN
b. 1749 VA
Rev. War Sold. VA
d. 1822 SC

WILLIAM MILAM m. MARY PASLAY
b. 1777 VA
d. 1844 SC

REV. ALEXANDER KIRKPATRICK
m. SUSAN LIGON

TURNER R. MILAM m. 1st BARBARA HANNA KIRKPATRICK
b. 1820 SC b. 1823
Civil War Soldier GA k. (murdered) 1850 SC
d. 1872 GA

WILLIAM ALEXANDER MILAM m. MARTHA A. WINFREY
b. 1842 SC
Civil War Soldier GA
d. 1896 AL

SUDIE KIRKPATRICK MILAM m. ADDISON WHITE CLEM
b. 1882 AL
d. 1969 AL

REXIE ANNA CLEM m. ROBERT MARTIN WILBANKS JR.

ROBERT MARTIN WILBANKS III m. HEIDRUN MARIA HAWLIK

ROBERT MARTIN WILBANKS IV

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THE WILL SHELTON FAMILY

Will Shelton was born September 18, 1870, son of Andrew Jackson Shelton and Lucinda Milam Shelton. Lucinda Milam born in 1838, was the daughter of Almond Gwyn Milam, born July 16, 1810 and Martha Vaughn, born January 31, 1808. She was first married to John Windham, who was killed during the War Between the States, and she latter married Andrew Jackson Shelton, from the Five Points community. Children by her second marriage were Evie, first married to a Mr. Lockwood, and after his death, married John Will Sherrill; Willie married Maggie McBride, who d. 1954; Tennie married James H. Aldridge; and Hattie. Will and Maggie Shelton were the parents of nine children, Lucy, Nadine, Ernest, Jack, Lee, Jane, Karns and Sara, twins; and Gwyn.

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THE REASON YOUNG FAMILY

Settled in his new home at the present Youngtown, Reason Young, 22, a pioneer from South Carolina soon married Miss Julia Milam, also from South Carolina, who had preceded her husband to Lawrence County. The couple married October 31, 1833 and four children were born of this Union, Jane, Bob, Joe and Laura. Reason Young was a farmer, blacksmith and made coffins from the local yellow poplar. He also had an Inn for stage coaches.

Joe Young, the second child born December 6, 1851, was ten years of age when the War Between the States commenced and that year, the youth began his first plowing as his older brother went off to War and he shouldered a man's burden by helping with the work on the growing farm. He remembered a few skirmishes between Confederates and Union soldiers in the Moulton vicinity and recalled a Yankee raiding party in the Youngtown section. He said when word reached them the Yankees were coming, he drove the stock from the Young farm into nearby hills and hid it. Thus the stock was overlooked but some of the neighbors were not so fortunate and lost cattle. Mr. Young recalled the raiding party was headed by Major Streight and that the soldiers went to his father's home and obtained a quantity of food.

On January 16, 1877, Joe Young married Miss Leota Wasson, daughter of Calvin and Nancy Reno Wasson, and the couple settled at Landersville where they first bought 138 acres, formerly owned by Gabe Ryland. They later purchased the Semons place containing 520 acres for \$8000 in the spring just before World War I and it was paid for in one year.

The Youngs have long operated gins in connection with their mercantile business. The first one, at Young town, was operated by horse power literally with horses furnishing the power to turn the wheels. Later the gin was operated by steam. Back in the old days, the farmers in this section not only grew cotton but their own wheat and most all other foods.

Joe Young lived to be 96 years of age. He died in 1947 at his home at Landersville. Their two sons, Arthur and Byron, have continued to operate the business firms in Landersville and approximately 2880 acres of land. Their daughter, Mrs. Arrie Jackson, widow of former Probate Judge Will Jackson, resides in Moulton.