

M I L A M R O O T S

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I would like to thank you all for your wonderful letters. You all seem to be as excited as I am about this Milam newsletter idea and as a result I have gotten more excited. I will make it a bimonthly issue so there will be six issues during the year, I don't think I would have the time to make it monthly.

Now as for costs, I don't want you to get the impression that I am doing this for profit. From personal experience, I learned long time ago--whether true or not--that you can't profit from genealogy; except for learning more about your ancestors. This is strictly a hobby for me; a costly hobby which I greatly love. I will make the newsletter a little larger than the first issue so that you will feel comfortable at \$5.00 an issue. I consider this reasonable and more of a donation to cover my costs. I thought it might be a good idea to pay the \$5.00 after each issue arrives to be an advancement on the next issue; this will let me know that you are still interested in the newsletter. This way I don't have to handle large sums of money or attempt to keep track of who paid how far in advance for how many issues, etc., which would be totally confusing. I want to try to keep it simple, and safe. So \$10.00 now will pay for this issue and the next; except for those of you who already sent me \$5.00 for this issue, (the first issue was a free sample issue), you need only send me \$5.00 for the next issue.

An idea you might like; I'm putting my issues in a three ring binder.

MILITARY MILAM

BENJAMIN MILAM

Benjamin Milam, believed to be the son of Thomas and Mary Rush (Adams) Milam, was born about 1748 in Culpepper County, Virginia. He married Elizabeth Jackson about 1770 in Bedford County, Virginia. She was born about 1753 in Virginia to Jarvis and Helena (Lee) Jackson,

Benjamin served in the Revolutionary War as a private along with William Milam, an ensign, in the militia from Bedford County, Virginia. They were ordered into the Carolina's in 1781 and were at the battle of Guilford Court House, North Carolina where they were subsequently taken as prisoners. As a prisoner Benjamin died on June 19, 1781.

Benjamin wrote his will on October 13, 1780 before he went off into the service. His will was probated on October 22, 1781 in Bedford County, Virginia and an inventory and appraisement of his estate was filed on December 23, 1782.

Elizabeth married second to James Williamson on December 13, 1791 in Bedford County, Virginia. She had 8 or 10 children by this marriage and died after 1830 in Logan County, Kentucky.

The children of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Jackson) Milam are Ruth, married John Murphy; Deborah, married James Williamson, Jr., son of James Williamson who married second to Benjamin's widow; Solomon, settled in Missouri; Benjamin, settled in Kentucky; Joseph, settled in Ohio; and Jarvis Jackson, settled in Alabama then Mississippi.

Will of Benjamin Milam, Bedford County, Virginia
Will Book 1, pg. 404

In the name of God amen 13th of October one Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty I Benjamin Millam of Bedford County being in perfect health and of good and sound memory thanks be to all mighty god calling to mind the mortality or a firmity of body and knowing it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament That is to say Principally and First of all I give and Reccommend my Sole in to the hands of all mighty God that gave it and my body I Reccommend to the Earth to be buried in a accepted form to his almighty Willing and Where with the allmighty god has been pleased to bless me With in this life I give dismise and dispose of in the following manner and form first I give and Bequeath to Elisabeth Millam my Loving Wife whome I appoint make and ordain the Sole Excecatur of this my Last Will and Testament all my Stocks of all kinds Together with all my Household goods debts and movable affects Enduring her continuing her life unaltered but if or when She Sees cause to mary again to be Sole and Equily Divided amongth My children and I do hearby utterly Dissolve Revoke and Disannul all and Every other former Testaments wills Legacies and bequests and Excecutors by me in anywise before named willed or bequeathed Ratifying and Confirming this and no other to be my Last Will and Testament. Witness whereof I have Leave and Set my hand and Seal this Thirteenth day of October the year above mentioned Signed Sealed and Delivered in Presants of us

William Millam
Moses Milam

Benjamin Millam Seal

Benjamin Milams Will Recorded and Examined 1781 October 22nd

At a Court held for Bedford County the 22nd day of October 1781 Last Will and Testament of Benjamin Milam deceased was proved by the Oath's of William Milam and Moses Milam his Witnesses thereto subscribed and ? to his health and on the metion of Elizabeth Milam as Executor therein named who made Oath thereto. Certificate is granted her claiming probate in due form giving Security whereupon the ? ? with Jarvis Jackson and Rush Milam her securities. ? ? and ? ? this Bond in the Presence of Jospeh ? , James ?????????????????????????????????

Inventory of Benjamin Milam's Estate December 1782 Recorded
and Examined Page 432

At a Court held for Bedford County December 23, 1782 This
Inventory and Appraisement of the Estate of Benja. Milam
Deceased was Returned to Court and Ordered to be Recorded.
Teste James Steptoe C. C.

Inventory and appraisment of the Estate of Benjamin Milam,
Deceased

Viz.,	L	?	Do
1 Bay Mare	12	-	-
1 Young Mare	7	-	-
1 Sorrell horse	5	-	-
5 Head of Cattle	8	-	-
1 Sheep	-	6	-
3 Beds & Furniture	10	-	-
2 Trunks	1	2	6
1 Table and 1 Chest	-	5	-
Cuter	1	10	-
Earthen Ware	-	?	-
Wooden Vessels	-	12	6
1 Linen Wheel	-	10	-
2 Cots and 1 Can	-	17	-
3 Chairs	-	?	-
1 Womans Saddle	1	5	-
1 Mans Saddle	-	13	-
Books	1	-	-
1 Loom and 1 stay	1	6	-
1 Candle stick	-	1	3
1 Pair of Shares	-	1	3
? Bells	-	12	6
1 Pair of Cumpressuns?	-	1	3
1 Auger	-	2	-
Old Toon	-	19	6
18 Head of Hogs	3	-	-
Cash	2	8	-
2 Sides of Leather	-	12	-
1 Hogshead	-	2	-
Old Iron Tools	-	5	6
Knives and forks	-	2	6
1 Flat Toon	-	2	-

By Us -----
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Thomas L??ood
Isaac Banister?
Henry Ge???

CEMETERY RECORDS

[This was sent in by Mrs. Margaret F. Leavell.]

DAK HILL CEMETERY Pontotoc County, Mississippi
page 293 & 294

Milam, M. - 22 June 18-- - 23 May 1873
Milam, John (married Milly Pitts) - 19 Dec 1789 - 3 June 1880
Milam, J. W. - 24 April 1830 - 23 Feb 1924
Milam, M. J. P. - 12 July 1866 - 13 June 1867
Milam, Milly Pitts - 2 Sept 1802 - 29 Sept 1889
Milam, Nancy G. - 30 Aug 1852 - 21 Feb 1856
Milam, Parthena - 1 July 1851 - 10 Oct 1853
Milam, Permelia (wife of J. W.) - 28 Feb 1832 - 25 Nov 1907
Milam, Infant daughter of J.W. & Permelia - Born & Died 11 Nov
1864
Milam, Infant of W.F. & M.E. - 7 Oct 1868 - 8 Oct 1868
Milam, Infant of W.F. & M.E. - 23 Sept 1879 - 22 Oct 1879

[This is from my own files.]

CEMETERIES OF MADISON COUNTY, ALABAMA Vol. 1

Charity Cemetery - Section 15 - 15 - 1W, SW SW SE; two and one-
half miles northwest of Hazel Green on Charity Lane.

Milam, Wiley A. 1861-1936

Mary Ann May 30, 1860 - January 1, 1918

J. T. July 30, 1902 - August 25, 1909

Irma B. June 19, 1888 - ?
Robert A. April 24, 1885 - January 4, 1931

J. W. 1888 - 1945

Alice V. 1867 - 1952
W. J. 1858 - 1923

Eva Leona 1897 - 1965

Floyd V. 1897 - 1953

Thomas George September 18, 1945
son of James and Beulah Milam

George C. September 2, 1888 - May 23, 1955
Margaret J. November 12, 1888 - March 27, 1970

Ruth H. 1927 -
Vernon E. 1927 - 1966

THREE GENERATIONS

[I was going to continue this column with Bartlett Milam and his children and grandchildren. But from your letters, and some new data I acquired, I thought perhaps I should explain the theory I introduced and its significance.]

Sources for the following:

- THE MILUM FAMILY & ITS DESCENDANTS by Jimmy L. Milum
c. 1980 (2nd ed. 1987)
- NEW ENGLAND HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL REGISTER Vol. 1-50
see Index of Persons Vol. 1-50
- BOSTON BIRTHS, BAPTISMS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS 1630-1699
and BOSTON BIRTHS 1700-1800 [both books are 1 Vol.]
- BOSTON MARRIAGES FROM 1700 TO 1809
- GENEALOGICAL DICTIONARY OF NEW ENGLAND by James Savage
Vol. III page 259

John and Humphrey Milam were brothers who landed in America (Boston, Mass.) probably in 1623. They were part of the first settlers on the New England Coast. Early records list them as being from Berkshire, England (Warfield Parish). Both men were by trade "Coopers", builder of barrels. Boston records show them spelling their name Maylam, Maylem, Maylim, Maylum, Milam, Milem, Milom, Milum, Millam, Mylam, Mylem, Mylom, and Mylum. For consistency I will use the familiar form of Milam.

John Milam is thought to be the oldest, for on May 25, 1636 he was listed as a free man. John married a girl named Christian about 1635. He had received fourteen acres of land on Muddy River from the town. He was indeed a poor man. They lived in Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts. They had nine children. John and wife Christian joined the First Church of Boston. By 1640 he had gained financially in wealth as a Cooper, Mill Creek Proprietor, and a speculator on town plots. On September 9, 1643, John was granted liberty to the Wharf (Boston Harbor) in front of his property. He had also made an agreement with William Franklin to pay certain tolls for vessels coming up the harbor for his use at the mill. In 1648 and 1650 John Milam sold several parcels of property to various individuals. By 1650 he owned six servants and 1/8 share in the ships Zebulon, John, and Supply. His trading activities abroad were sufficient to warrant his investing with merchants William Tyng, Robert Keayne, and Thomas Fowle in an independent navel expedition against the "Turkish" pirates plaguing the shipping lanes around the Canaries. Other records show John buying a house on October 14, 1651. John was active in the Coopers trade, for he joined Thomas Venner and other Coopers of Boston and Charlestowne in forming a "Meete Together", an incorporation guild for mutual protection against trade abuses.

Issue of John Milam:

- I. Benjamin Milam
Baptised 10th day 11th month 1635 in the First Church
Boston, Massachusetts
Died 15th day 12th month 1639 Boston, Massachusetts
- II. Constance Milam
Born 25th day 10th month 1638 Boston, Massachusetts
Baptism date is 16th day 7th month 1638 in the First
Church Boston, Massachusetts
[inconsistent with birth date]
- III. John Milam
Born 18th day 7th month 1640 Boston, Massachusetts
Baptism date is 13th day 7th month 1640 in the First
Church Boston, Massachusetts
[inconsistent with birth date]
- IV. Eleasaph Milam [son of John & Christian Milom]
Born 30th day 7th month 1642 Boston, Massachusetts
Baptism record says Eleazer of John Mylam, aged about 4
days baptised 2nd day 8th month 1642 in the First
Church Boston, Massachusetts
- V. Samuel Milam
Born 15th day 6th month 1644 Boston, Massachusetts
Baptised 18th day 6th month 1644 First Church Boston,
Massachusetts
- VI. Ebenezer (Eben) Milam
Born 6th day 3rd month 1646 Boston, Massachusetts
Baptised 10th day 3rd month 1646 First Church Boston,
Massachusetts
Eben witnessed a will in Maryland on February 16, 1675
- VII. Elizabeth Milam
Born 21st day 11th month 1647 Boston, Massachusetts
Baptised 30th day 11th month 1647 First Church Boston,
Massachusetts
- VIII. Samson Milam
Born 10th day 6th month 1649 Boston, Massachusetts
Baptised 12th day 6th month 1649 First Church Boston,
Massachusetts
- IX. Joseph Milam [twin]
- IX. Mary Milam [twin]
Born 26th day 12th month 1652 Boston, Massachusetts
Baptised 7th day 1st month 1652 First Church Boston,
Massachusetts

Humphrey Milam

Born England

Died April 1667 Boston, Mass. will dated Feb. 14, 1666 or 1667

Married Mary Gore in 1648

daughter of John Gore of Roxbury, Mass. in 1648

Died ca. 1666

was living in Boston, Suffolk County, Mass. in 1648

Issue:

- I. Mary Milam
Born 23rd day 3rd month 1652 Boston, Massachusetts
- II. Constancy Milam

- Born December 15, 1653 Boston, Massachusetts
Married John Alcock
- III. Sarah Milam
Born April 6, 1656 Boston, Massachusetts
Married John Alger
- IV. Abigail Milam
Died May 7, 1659 Boston, Massachusetts
- V. Abigail Milam
Born October 10, 1660 Boston, Massachusetts
- VI. Hannah Milam
Born June 27, 1663 Boston, Massachusetts
- VII. Ruth Milam
Born April 26, 1666 Boston, Massachusetts

Joseph Milam, son of John and Christian
Born 26th day 12th month 1652 Boston, Massachusetts
Baptised 7th day 1st month 1652 First Church Boston,
Massachusetts

Died January 29, 1732

will dated August 13, 1730 named wife and three sons, Mark and
John executors

Married Hannah King on 8th month 31st day 1688

daughter of the widow King of Charlestown

Died March 6, 1732

Members of Old South Church, Boston, Mass.

Married 2nd Keziah Brackett of Rye, New Hampshire

Issue by first wife:

- I. Joseph Milam, Jr.
Born June 22, 1689 Boston, Massachusetts
in Madison County, Virginia ca. 1725 using Milam
- II. Mark Milam
Born March 23, 1691 Boston, Massachusetts
Died March 29, 1734
Married Elizabeth Milam
- III. Mary Milam
Born January 22, 1692 Boston, Massachusetts
?Married Benjamin Starr on October 15, 1713 in Boston,
Massachusetts by Rev. Mr. Benj. Colman
- IV. John Milam
Born January 14, 1695 Boston, Massachusetts
Died 1742
graduated from Harvard College in 1715
Married Ann Dehane
Issue:
9 children, not all known
 - A. Frances Milam
Born March 13, 1726 Boston, Massachusetts
 - B. Rachel Milam
Born January 1, 1733 Boston, Massachusetts
 - C. Mary Milam
Born August 12, 1737 Boston, Massachusetts
 - D. John Milam, Jr.
youngest

a poet and soldier who fought in French and Indian War. His works, poems, and etc. are available at Harvard University.

- V. Samuel Milam
Born June 8, 1700 Boston, Massachusetts
- VI. Hannah Milam
Born July 8, 1703 Boston, Massachusetts

Joseph Milam, the son of Joseph and Hannah (King) Milam, settled in what is either now Page or Madison Counties, Virginia, but what I believe was then Culpepper County. He is the founder of Milam's Gap, alternately known as Fisher's Gap, and the Milam Apple.

[The following was sent to me by W. G. Hobbs of Florida on January 12, 1988]

Memorandum from THE HISTORY OF MADISON COUNTY, VIRGINIA by Claude Lindsay Yowell c. 1926

pg. 117 Before the Civil War there was no sale for fruit of any kind, and improved fruit trees were unknown. A few apple trees were grafted by the farmers themselves, such as the Milum Apple ---- Today thousands of barrels are exported. The leading varieties are Milum, Winesaps, Bonams, Yorks, Ben Davis, Pippins and Black Twigs.

pg. 153 The Milum Apple, a native of Madison County and very highly prized by the citizens of the county, had its origin near Milum's Gap (sometimes called Fisher's Gap). It originated from a seedling that came up in the yard of one Joseph Milum. The apple proved to be so good that people from far and near came to graft trees from this one. The apples were named for the man who owned the seedling, Joseph Milum, and afterwards the gap in the Blue Ridge near his home was also named for him.

Judge W. E. Bohannon of Criglersville, Virginia in his letter of October 16, 1927 in reply to a letter from H. M. Milam of Atlanta, Georgia dated October 11, 1927.

"Thomas Milum received a grant of 203 acres of land from Lord Fairfax, dated January 31, 1749 and upon which Thomas Milum lived and died about 1785 ----- . This grant of land from Fairfax to Thomas Milum is located in Madison County, Virginia, at the eastern foot of the Blue Ridge range and situated 10 miles N.W. of Madison the county seat ----- . ----- The "Milum" apple known all over the country originated on this farm and got its name from Thomas Milum. Also the first pass over the Blue Ridge mountain from this county to the valley was opened by Thomas and bears his name to this day "Milum's Gap". No Milum has lived in this section since the death of Thomas. He with all the old families came up from the eastern shore as the country was being settled. ----- Thomas Milum had no sons. ----- Madison

County was cut off from Culpepper in 1792, Culpepper from Orange in 1748, Orange from Spottsylvania in 1734, Spottsylvania was formed in 1720."

Note: Judge W. E. Bohannon was a descendant of this Thomas Milum, and the Judge was at time of writing the above referred to letter past 80.

I submitted the above to Mr. A. H. Cave, Clark Circuit Court, Madison County, Virginia, and in his reply dated May 26, 1930 says; "--- I wish to state that the name Milam does not appear among the records of this office. Judge W. E. Bohannon, whom you mention, is the only person in this County who knows anything about the Milam family."

[This letter of Judge Bohannon is a bit confusing, but I believe his Thomas is Joseph. There is a land grant to Thomas Milam from Lord Fairfax which could be Joseph by an alternate name or Thomas who was born about 1727 and married Mary Rush Adams and would have been of age at the time of the grant; I would tend to believe it is this Thomas.

You might have noticed that John Milam and Ann Dehane had three daughters whose births were recorded in Boston as late as 1736, and a John. This was newly found information which I didn't have before and tends to debunk my theory, and also means John wasn't in Virginia in 1725. He also had a John that we know about but wasn't the John of the "trio" brothers.

But I still believe that John, Thomas and Archibald are from the Boston Milams. I'm interested in Mary Adams who married Thomas. More research on her might help the Milams out. If she is of the Boston Adamses then Thomas would be of the Boston Milams. I found the following records: Mary, daughter of John and Mary Adams was born August 16, 1722 Boston; Mary, daughter of Nathanael and Elizabeth Adams was born April 15, 1732 Boston. These two were the only Mary Adamses in Boston that would be of age to marry Thomas.

The only Milams I have that would be of age to have John, Thomas and Archibald would be the brothers of Joseph and John, Mark born 1691 and Samuel born 1700. As nephews, John, Thomas and Archibald would have followed Joseph to Virginia or as orphans of Mark who died in 1734 Joseph may have had to care for them. Is Samuel the one who married Martha Gardner? He would be of perfect age, which would bring us right back where we started from. (Now that I have gone full circle).

The reason I pulled away from Samuel Mileham and Martha Gardner in the first place is for two reasons: 1. the records we have never show John, Thomas and Archibald using the Mileham form; 2. The earliest records of them show John Milam selling land in Louisa County and Thomas receiving land in Culpepper County which are both in closer proximity to Joseph Milam than to Samuel Mileham in Lancaster County; not to mention that the migrations of the Milams heads in a south westerly direction to Bedford, Henry, and Halifax counties which are still much closer to the region now know as Madison and Page counties in Virginia, rather than to Lancaster County. I think we are closer to knowing the answer than ever before. I hope we find it soon.

VIRGINIA MARRIAGE RECORDS

SOME VIRGINIA MARRIAGES 1700-1825 by Cecil McDonalds

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Milam, John and Ditsey Reynolds 7 November 1797 Bedford County
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Chumley, Richard and Grace Milam 9 May 1756 Manikintown

Milam, Micajah and Margaret Neale 8 September 1788 Bedford County

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Milam, Moses and Elizabeth Boyd 19 October 1774 Bedford County
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Bruce, William and Nancy Milam 1 October 1795 Bedford County

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Milam, Thomas and Lucy Langsdon 1 August 1791 Bedford County

* Mileham, Samuel and Martha Gardner 8 September 1724 Lancaster
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[The following is a well known letter written at the turn of the century by William B. Davis of Tennessee to William M. Milam which discusses the family and descendants of William Milam the son of Archibald. The letter is not perfect and does not include information that we now know or believe to be true, but it has been of much help in research of this family. This copy was sent to me by Mrs. Eunice C. Hockey.]

Blackwater, Tenn.
February 28, 1902

an uncle of
Mrs. Thomas

W. M.

W. M. Milam Esq.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 17th Inst. was recd. several days ago and I have delayed reply in order to think of the facts that I wanted to write. I am a great grandson of William Milam son of Archibald. He had two sons that I know of and perhaps three. I know of Wm and Lewis but know nothing of Wm's family if he ever had any. I have always been told he went to Texas. Lewis married in Va and finally moved to Tennessee about 1816. He had four sons by a first marriage to wit: Wm, Lewis, Allen and Andrew and one son by a second wife. He did not have any girls. Old Lewis died in this county and is buried about two miles from where I live. Wm I know nothing of. Allen married a Miss Breeding and lived in Lee County Va. and his descendants live there yet. His grandson Wm is now sheriff of Lee County and lives at Jonesville, Va. which is only 15 miles from me. Allen had but one son viz: Russel who was an M. D. Russel had several sons, one Allen is an M. D. and lives in Mo. Lewis Jr. moved to Ky., Andrew went to Davidson County, Tenn. north of the Cumberland River near Edgefield now East Nashville and R. A. of Nashville is one of his sons.

My great grandfather Wm Milam had four daughters. The oldest Mary married Wm Fletcher and from that union had seven sons to wit: James, Polen (?), Miles, Danic (?), Joseph, Wm, and Aaron. James married a Cridmore and moved to Indiana. Miles married a McKinney and moved to Kentucky. Danic (?) and Joseph I know little about more than Joseph was a sporting man attending the races and loving fast horses. Wm married a Miss Clurch and went to Indiana where he died about 1847. Aaron married a Miss Jarvis and finally went to Alabama. One of Old Wm Milam's daughters married a Mr. Lugh and another married a Mr. Praet. I know little of their families. I have met one of the boys Wm who moved from Va. to this county and died here. My grandmother Elizabeth (Milam) married John Davis who came to this country from Wales about 1775 and was married to Elizabeth Milam in Botetourt County, Va., 1778 from this union there were seven children. Four daughters and three sons to wit: Wm, Abigail, Mary, Nancy, John, Catharine and Milam. Milam was born April 2nd 1794 and his father died in July 1794. I am a son of Milam. My grandfather Davis was a soldier in the war for American Independence - served under Genl Marion and was at the Battle of Kings Mountain and on the day of the battle his oldest son Wm was born. At the close of the war he was granted 640 acres of land in Washington County now Tenn. for his military service. On this he lived at the time of his death and here my father was born after my grandfather's death grandmother moved back to Va. and her family was brought up there. Wm married a Miss Davis but of no kin to Wm and always lived in Ciles County, Va. Abigail married James Stafford and lived at Paintville, Ky. Mary married John Stafford and lived in Ky. 9 miles from Paintville and their descendants live there yet. Nancy married Francis Grant of Mo: Port, Ky. John married a Miss Baldwin in Va. and moved to this county where he died leaving only one child a daughter who married Dr. Richard Mitchell and always lived in this county. Catharine married Leonard Alkire (?) at Covin, Ky. and they moved about 1830 to Sangamon County, Ill. now McHenry County. They had four sons Milam, David, Leonard and John B. Milam and Leonard are dead and David lives in Mo. and John B. at Denver, Colorado. The Alkire (?) were all well off. Some of them you might say rich none less than \$100,000.00. My mother was a Miss Baldwin. Our family consisted of four boys and four girls viz: John, Elizabeth, Wm, Mary, Catharine, Julia, George and Leonard. A. / John

married a Miss Kinner raised a large family that are scattered from here to Texas. Elizabeth married a Mr. Livesay and raised several children who are also well distributed. I married a Miss Mitchell Jan 18 1850 and have always made my home here. We have raised 8 children 4 boys and 4 girls viz: Filan H. Thos L., Haldah, John R, Mary Ann, Pattie K., Agnes B., and Robert Lee. My boys are all farmers and lawyers except Thomas and all live here except Thomas who lives at Leadville, Col. and is engaged in mining in which he had been over 25 years. I was born in Hawkins now Hancock County, Tenn. March 6 1827 - went to my Uncle Aldires (?) in Ill. in 1845 came back to Tenn. in 1847 on the 4th of March 1848 was elected clerk of the circuit court of my county. Served three terms 4 years each read law and qualified to practice went in the U. S. Army as 1st Leut and was promoted to Major in 1864 and mustered out in 1865 - was then appointed U. S. Indian agent and went on the frontier came back in 1869 practiced law until 1890 was elected to the state senate from Andrew Johnsons old district served the term again practiced law up to 1900 and was then elected to the state senate from the 3rd district which office I now hold. All these offices I have held yet I have never been an applicant for any position. Of my four daughters Haldah married the Seal. They raised 4 children, three boys and one girl. The boys are all merchants and the girl married a Mr. Edcn, he is a farmer and merchant. Mary Ann married E. K. Baldwin who owns a farm and is a merchant. My two girls Pattie K. and Agnes B. never married and live with their mother and myself where we have resided for over fifty years. My sister Mary married a Mr Livesay raised a large family who are all married and live in this county. Four of them married Lesternans. They own large property and do a large retail mercantile business under the firm name of Lesterman Bros. Catharine married a Mr. Linton. She died last January They lived in Blount County, Tenn. Her children are all married. One of them married a Mr. Parkam owner of the Knoxville Woolen Mills another married a Mr. Mackney owner of the Strawberry plains (?) mill. The others of her family live some in Knoxville and some in Mountaineville and some in Maryville. My brother George married a Miss Lesterman and raised a large family. Some are in Kansas but most of them here. He has been dead some 6 years.

Start of

Leonard A. died in the U. S. Army Feby 29th 1864 at Nashville, Tenn. Julia married a Mr. Flexor(?) from Va. her husband died several years ago. She owns a good farm on Clinch River that once belonged to Lewis Milan Sr. son of Ma, My great grandfather Ma Milan married either a Miss Randolph of Miss Winger - and I think a Miss Randolph as my father always claimed him with the Randolphs, the Floyds and the Taylors. I could have known about this as I have seen my grandmother Davis often. She told me a good many things and among others this. Soon after her father was married and then living on the frontiers of Settlement in Va. the Indians became hostile to the white settlers one evening on his way home he met seven Indians. He was riding a fine horse and had a new finely finished rifle gun. The leader of the Indians signaled to see his gun. He handed it to him they all examined it and handed it back, nodded him goodbye and he rode on home. One other white man and two of his daughters stayed with Ma Milan that night. Next morning at dawn of day five of these same Indians broke into the house let slip their arrows one taking effect in grandmother's breast (his wife of Ma Milan.) Grandfather Milan, the other man and the two young women rose at once, The largest Indian attacked with his hatchet. Grandfather took a hammer that lay on the floor caught the Indian by his wrist and in this way warded off the blows of the hatchet and though his head was cut slightly in several places, and with the aid of the other man and two women they killed the whole five Indians. The other two of the seven he had met the evening before had followed

and killed two young men taken their horses and returned to Grandfather about sun up. They had thrown the five dead Indians in the yard, loaded their guns and watching for the others who rode up and seeing the dead Indians jumper from their horses and ran. They fired at them killed one dead and broke the others back. They still kept watch for other Indians until evening and then went to see the effect of their two shots. They found one dead and the others back broken as above stated and immediately dispatched the survivor.

I have simply stated this incident as a tradition that I have from my grandmother as an occurrence that happened with her father, supposing that such a remarkable circumstance might lead to some identification. One other thing Russel Milan, son of Allen, son of Lewis, son of Wm, son of Archibald had two well developed thumbs on his right hand. A very notable mark of identification.

I will be 75 years old now within a few days, can get about very well but am a little shaky and for that reason generally write with pencil and give that as my excuse for using pencil in this as well as many inaccuracies and mistakes you may find.

I should be glad to hear the result of your investigation.
I am Sir very respectfully

W. B. Davis

W. R. (as the Secretary of State and A. R. Milan have it.)

*All parentheses in mine as none of
the writing, especially name, were
questionable.*

MILAM MAILING LIST

[The following is a list of all the persons who I mailed the first issue of the newsletter to. If you see that I missed anyone please let me know. Three newsletters came back to me. Does anyone have the current addresses for the three persons noted last in this list.]

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MILAM BIO

BENJAMIN C. MILAM

Benjamin C. Milam was the youngest of five born to John and Lucy (Bradley) Milam. He was born in Franklin County, Kentucky on July 1, 1821. Ben remained on his fathers farm until he was fourteen when he became an apprentice in the watchmaking business under Beverly Noel and served as such for eight years.

On June 9, 1846, Ben volunteered in the Mexican War as a Captain of Company C of the First Regiment Kentucky Cavalry, commanded by Col. Humphrey Marshall, and participated in the battle of Buena Vista. Ben mustered out in June 1847.

In 1847 he began the manufacture of the B.C. Milam, Frankfort, Kentucky fishing reel, a very famous fishing reel, and continued that business until his death, at which time his son continued the tradition until 1927.

Ben married Martha Jane Shockley on November 20, 1848 in Frankfort, Franklin County, Kentucky. She was born in 1828 in Kentucky to Thomas and Ann (Stephen) Shockley.

Ben, a watchmaker, and Martha were listed with Benjamin F. Meek, another Watchmaker, in Frankfurt, Kentucky in 1850. In 1860, he was listed as a Silversmith, and in 1870 as a Jeweler, but he was really well known for his famous fishing reel in which he won the International First Prize at the 1893 World's Fair in Chicago, the 1898 Fisheries Exposition in Bergen, Norway, and the 1904 World's Exposition in Paris.

In February of 1880 there was a reunion of Mexican War Veterans in Frankfort, Kentucky. Ben was one of 11 veterans from his company still alive at that time, from 72 soldiers that had made up the company during the war.

Ben and Martha had two children: Anna, born in 1852, married Uberto Keenan; John W., born 1859.

[The following is a poem about the "Kentucky Fishing Reel" sent to me from the Department for Libraries and Archives in Frankfort, Kentucky.]

Frankfort fishing reel

B.C. Milam of Frankfort manufactured a famous fishing reel. Copy!

"The little shop is still standing in this city where the famous fishing reel was made by its ingenious originator, B.C. Milam. Its fame is now world wide, and it was not the least of his good fortune that Captain Milam lived to enjoy its fame, and the splendid awards given it, at Bergen, Norway, 1898; at Paris, France, 1900; and the World's Fair at Chicago, 1894."

The following beautiful tribute is descriptive of the MILAM REEL:

MY BEST KENTUCKY REEL by James Buckham

Dear friend, I nevermore shall hear
Your shout above the rushing stream,
Nor see your struggling captive leap
Where rainbows o'er the rapids gleam,
But, ah! for sake of old lang syne,
For sake of friendship long and leal,
Take, with a comrade's lasting love,
My best Kentucky reel.

How oft your ardent eyes have said,
"Ah! me! how beautiful and rare,
With music in its silken click,
And graven with such loving care!"
You never said, "I'd like it, Joe;
I envy you from head to heel;"
But, Grover, well I knew you craved
My best Kentucky reel.

And now it's yours, fond friend and best,
Your undisputed own for aye,
To sing to you beside the stream
Through many bloom-white April day-
So sing, I fain would think, of me,
When soft thoughts o'erly your spirit steal,
And you can hear me prating of
My best Kentucky reel.

I pray you treat it well, old chum,
And keep it oiled and polished bright,
And never lay it damp away,
Though you come weary home at night.
I've held in trust, I give in trust,
A very masterpiece of steel.
So cherish lovingly, dear friend,
My best Kentucky reel.

MY BEST KENTUCKY REEL (continued)

God speed you , fellow fisherman,
Beside the roaring brook,
And many a crimson-spotted trout
Send surging up to try your hook.
Oh! would that I could still stand by,
Or with the net in triumph kneel,
While o'er the brawling turmoil sings
My best Kentucky reel.

But I have said my last farewell
To all the streams I used to know,
Content, if you will sometimes stop
And think a while of angler Joe,
Lie on some bank we used to love,
And let old memories o'er you steal,
Meanwhile a tear, that shall not rust,
Dries on my best Kentucky reel.

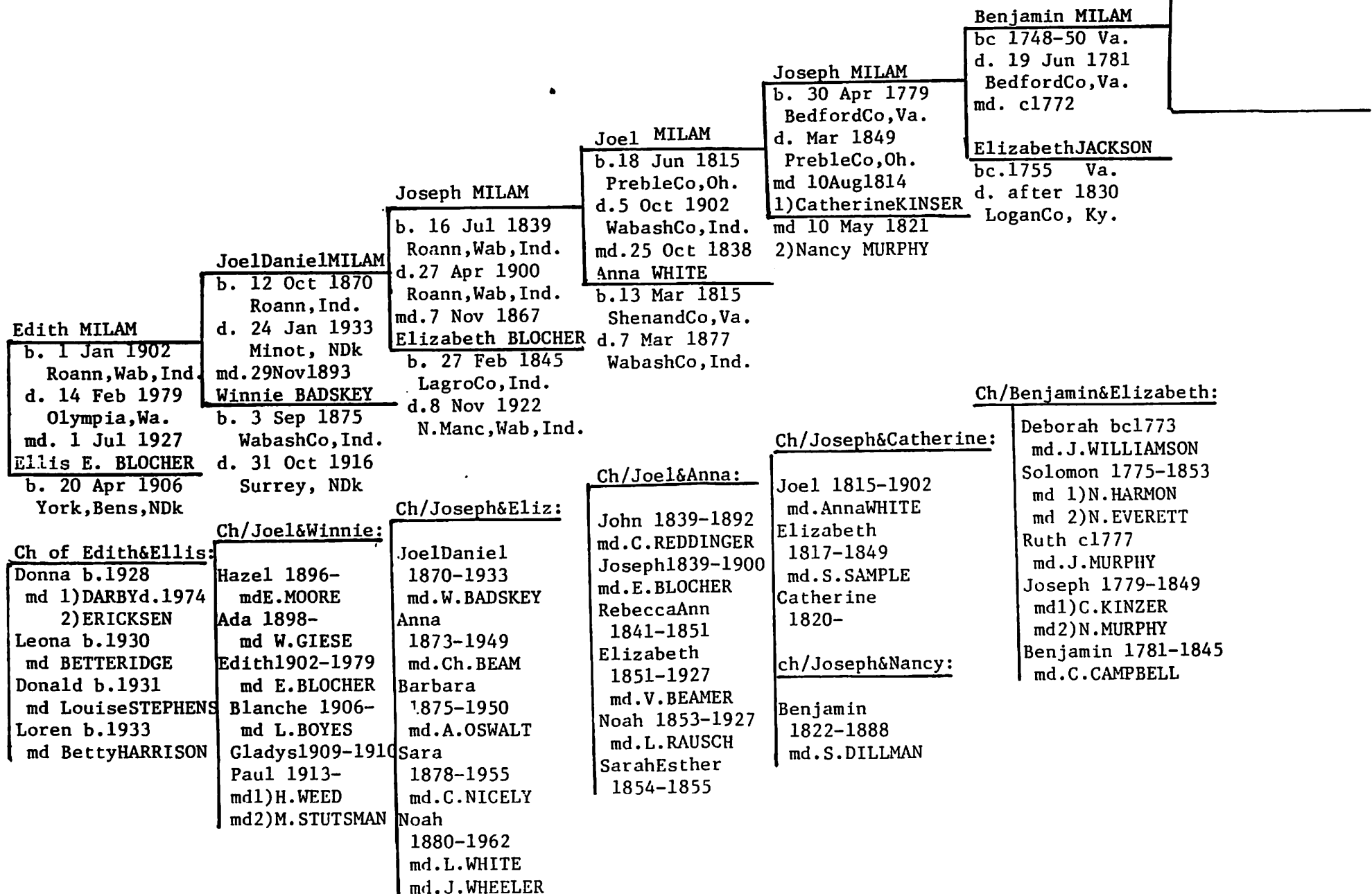
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TO BE PROVEN

LINEAGE OF EDITH MILAM



My name is Ruhama Lee STRAHAN Shannon. I was born in Randolph County Indiana May 17, 1945. My father was Raymond Harold Strahan and my Mother is Irene Marie HUDNALL Strahan, they married April 2, 1932 in Allen Co. Indiana.

I have been interested in genealogy for about fifteen years. My Mothers family fascinated me with the Indians and Coal Miner stories until I was hooked. I just had to know more about her family. It is my Maternal lines that have the Milam family in them. My Great Grandmother was Elizabeth Milam, born Sept. 5, 1843 in Nicholas Co. WVa., died March 21, 1891 in Nicholas Co, WVa. and married John B. Morris March 5, 1863. Her parents were Lewis and Elizabeth Gates Milam of Tazwell Co Va.. Lewis's parents are John and Barbara Shrader Milam who where married in Tazwell Co. Va. Aug. 26, 1813. John's parents are Lewis and Mary Holt Milam married Feb. 20, 1782 Halifax C. Va. I need alot more on my Milam family to complete this line. Hope I can come up with the rest of my lines proof through Bob's MILAM ROOTS.

Jan 1988

QUERY

Riley Milam c 1779 - c 1853
c 1805 in Laurens County, SC married Rachael Sims
daughter of John Sims and Anne _____

Who were John Sims parents?

What was Anne's maiden name? maybe Bowman, Graves or Wait?

Who were her parents and siblings?

Bartlett Ferrill Milam
b c 1750 -- d 11 Sept 1822
m 1769 to Elizabeth Guinn

Who were her parents and siblings?

When and where was she born?

John Milam
b c 1725 - d 1789
m c 1747-48 to Judith Bartlett Cole/Coles

Who were her parents?

Was she a widow?

Or was Bartlett the maiden name of her mother or grandmother?

Who was the Isaac Coles who received pay for John Milam
soldier of Cavalry? maybe father, brother, son by
first marriage?

Jane Milam