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Dear Robert and Cora,

Today, I just must get to answering so many of these MILAM query responses. Much of the information is new but mostly it is repeats of the same questions so many of us have had. What I hope to do within this next year is place these MILAM families on family group sheets and with the help of the computer (which I still know little about) and my computer expert nephew sort out all the gathered MILAM information. We literally have collected thousands of names and families and it is just impossible to always make connections. With the advantages of having a computer we hope to learn and benefit this MILAM family. I certainly don't intend on writing a book but do want to share what we learn with MILAM descendants.

Thanks for your letter with its information. Hopefully working together we will come to enlarge and understand this neat MILAM family better.

Am enclosing a few family group sheets. Could I have you to complete and return them to us? We especially want to gather info which has been proven....and the best source of this is from descendants on back!

We have just returned from a trip to Md. and Va. where we had the great opportunity to study out some of these MILAM family questions. We actually went to MILAM GAP in the Blue Ridge Mountains which is now a National Park. We suspect the name came from Thomas and Mary MILAM who lived in Culpeper Co, Va. by 1747 and they sold their land in 1760. This land was on the north side of Doubletop Mountain which is right at this MILAM GAP area. No MILAM/MYLUM families remained in Culpeper county which is now Madison county. We do find evidences of a Joseph MILAM family living in this Madison county after Thomas and Mary MILAM had left. We are into research in this immediate area to learn further of this family.

We find Thomas and Mary MILAM in 1761 in Bedford County, Va. Thomas MILAM dies in 1775 in Bedford County leaving his wife Mary and naming his two youngest sons who are Solomon and Rush. We are still trying to learn of his other children which have not been proven yet.

Have you quite complete information on this Coleman MILAM family? Surely hope so! Where is he buried? Where does Thomas MILAM who was born about 1757 die? Sometimes working from cemeteries has been very revealing.

As you learn more of your MILAM ancestry I would appreciate recording it in this upcoming computer record which might be years in the preparing but probably will be the help we intend it to be. Do keep in touch.

Hope this finds life going well for you.

Sincerely,



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