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## NEW MILAM HISTORIANS

A listing of the names, addresses, phone numbers, e-mails, and Milam lineage, of several new interested Milam researchers that I have been in touch with since the last publication of this Quarterly. I encourage you to contact these people if they are from your same lineage, or live near you.

**Elizabeth Burrelle Fowler**, 15030 Ventura Blvd #364, Sherman Oaks, CA 91403-2444; eburrelle@netzero.net. First contacted me by e-mail on May 18. I mailed a packet of material on August 20. Her great grandmother was Pearl Milam who married Hobart Eary and lived in Kanawha County, West Virginia. Pearl's parents were Rev. Charles Wesley Milam who married Angeline Dills and they lived in Johnson County, Kentucky. Rev. Charles was born in 1877 in Floyd or Johnson County, Kentucky and was the son of Henry and Mary (Musick) Milam of Johnson County, Kentucky. Henry was born in 1846 in Kentucky and was the son of Alfred and Elizabeth (Robison/Robinson/Robeson) Milam originally from Virginia. Mrs. Fowler further noted that some descendants of Rev. Charles Wesley Milam use the Milem spelling variation, and they recently had a family reunion in Fayetteville, Georgia. Unfortunately, I am unable to find this family in my information, materials and records. I just can't seem to make the connection. I remember having previously done some research on Milams and Milems in Johnson County, Kentucky, but it was so long ago and I can't seem to find the information in my files.

**David Elliott Milam**, 914 North Marsalis Avenue, Dallas, TX 75203-1120. Contacted me by letter dated June 10. I mailed a packet of material on July 3. His grandfather was Thomas Henry Milam who was married to Mina Louise Duff. Thomas Henry Milam migrated when young from either Tennessee or Kentucky to Ellis County, Texas. I recognized the family, and do recall doing some research on this branch for someone else, but cannot find the specific information from my research in my notes. I know that I have not been able to find anything on this branch of the family, or connect it in anyway to the Milam family.

**Nancy R. Lalliss**, 920 East 7 Street, Mesa, AZ 85203; k.lalliss@worldnet.att.net. Contacted me by e-mail on June 13. I mailed a packet of material on July 22. Is research Bartley Burriss Milam who married first to Rhoda J. Parren and second to Basheba Rebecca Hudson in Boone County, Arkansas. Bartley Burriss Milam was the grandson of Jordan Milam, the Revolutionary War Veteran of Hickman County, Georgia. Jordan was the son of Samuel Milam of Henry County, Virginia to Abbeville District, South Carolina. Samuel was the son of John Milam who lived in Halifax County, Virginia and died in 1789 in York County, South Carolina.

**Muriel Moore**, 2030 Sumac Drive, Ojai, CA 93023; readmoore@ojai.com. Contacted me by e-mail on June 15. I mailed a packet of material on July 3. Descends from Christina Milam who was married to Daniel Day in 1805 in Tazewell County, Virginia. She was born in 1782 in Virginia to Lewis Milam, the son of James Milam. James was the son of John Milam who lived in Halifax County, Virginia and died in 1789 in York County, South Carolina.

**Jerrie Milam Capp**, 10726 West Liberty Avenue, Zion, IL 60099. Contacted my by letter dated June 19. I mailed a packet of material on July 3. She is the daughter of Jervis Preston Milam, the son of John, son of George W., on back to Benjamin Milam who married Charity Campbell and settled in Logan County, Kentucky in the 1830s. He was the son of Benjamin Milam, the Revolutionary War veteran who died in 1781. Benjamin was the son of Thomas Milam who died and left a will in 1775 in Bedford County, Virginia.

**William Michael Milam**, 5220 Famous Way, Louisville, KY 40219; milam@iolky.com. Contacted me by e-mail on July 4. I mailed a packet of material on July 4. Only indicated that he was born in 1950 in Louisville, Kentucky and that his father is William Allen Milam.

**Pippin H. Arthur**, 723 Ashley Forest Drive, Alpharetta, GA 30022; phorvath@cooksonsemi.cookson.com. Contacted me by e-mail on July 13. I mailed a packet of material on August 20. For a friend is researching the friend's grandmother Rosa Kate Milam who was born in Meriwether County, Georgia. She married James Benjamin Key who died in Spalding County, Georgia in 1941. I was unable to connect this Milam link, but my research has found that the Milams of Meriwether County, Georgia descend from Leander Jones Milam who settled there in the 1850s from Laurens District, South Carolina. Leander was the son of John {Page} Milam who was the son of Bartlett Milam Sr. Bartlett was the son of John Milam who lived in Halifax County, Virginia and died in 1789 in York County, South Carolina.

**Gordon S. Adams**, 1256 Balboa Court #4, Sunnyvale, CA 94086-5656; Goradams@aol.com. Contacted me by letter dated July 24. I mailed a packet of material on August 20. He is researching Abner Milam who married Isabella Simpson. Abner was the son of James P. Milam of Pittsylvania County, Virginia who married Delaney Coffee. James P. was the son of John and Delsey (Reynolds) Milam of Bedford County, Virginia. John was the son of Zachariah Milam of Bedford County, who was the son of Thomas Milam who died and left a will in 1775 in Bedford County, Virginia.

**Vivian Boyd**, 94 Boyd Drive, Swords Creek, VA 24649; vboyd@naxs.net. Contacted me by e-mail on August 14. I mailed a packet of material on August 20. She is researching Mary Milam who married William Fletcher and lived in Tazewell County, Virginia. Mrs. Boyd had the old information that Mary was the daughter of William Milam and Martha Randolph with William being the son of Archibald Milam and Susan Shannon. In actuality, Mary was the daughter of James Milam of Pittsylvania County, Virginia. James was the son of John Milam who lived in Halifax County, Virginia and died in 1789 in York County, South Carolina.

**Ron Milam**, 15903 Fairway Drive, Dumfries, VA 22026; milamr. Contacted me by e-mail on August 23. I mailed a packet of material on September 1. He gave no indication of which line he is researching.

## **PROBATE RECORDS**

### **Laurens County, South Carolina**

Extracted From:

*Laurens County, South Carolina Wills, 1784-1840*, by Colleen Elliott, © 1988

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Will Book A. 26 June 1792. Verbal will of Thomas Boyce. . . . Sale of estate held 23 Aug. 1792.  
Purchasers: . . . John Milam . . .

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Will Book A. 6 May 1800. Sale of estate of Wm. Harris, dec'd. Purchasers: . . . John Milum . . .

Will Book A. 27 Mar. 1800. Sale of estate of Thomas Dandy, dec'd. Purchasers: . . . John Milum, Jr., Robt. Pasley.

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Will Book A. 7 Aug. 1800. Appraisal of estate of William Care, dec'd. by John Dandy, Thomas Dandy, John Milum and Thos. Cargill.

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Will Book A. 18 Mar. 1801. Sale of estate of John Kirk, dec'd. Purchasers: . . . Bartley Milum . . . Robert Milam . . .

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Will Book C. 4-5 Nov. 1802. Sale of estate of Anna Starns, dec'd. Purchasers: . . . John Milum . . .

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Will Book C. 21 Apr. 1800. Sale of estate of James Kirk, dec'd. Purchasers: . . . Thos. Milam . . .

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Will Book C. 28 Dec. 1807. Appraisal of estate of James Young, dec'd . . . 30 Dec. 1807. Sale of estate. Purchasers: Wm. Milum, John Milum . . .

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Will Book D. (no date) Appraisal of estate of Robert Pasley, dec'd . . . 18-19 Nov. 1814. Estate sale. Purchasers: . . . Jno. Milum . . .

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Will Book D. 2 Oct. 1815. Will of John Simpson, dec'd proven . . . land adj owners and business associates as . . . Jno. Milam . . .

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Will Book D. 1 Nov 1815. Inv. And appraisal of estate of Jacob Doran, dec'd . . . Debts and book accounts: . . . Bartley Milam . . . Thos. Milum . . . Feral Milum . . .

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Will Book D. (no date) Estate sale of Christopher Rowland, dec'd. Purchasers: . . . Wiley Mylum . . .

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Will Book D. 23 Oct 1815. Estate sale of John Simpson, dec'd. Purchasers: . . . Jno. Milum . . .

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Will Book D. (no date) Inventory/appraisal of estate of Benjamin Griffin, dec'd by Jas. Bailey, Thos. Powell and Wm. Milam. 1 May 1817. Estate sale. Purchasers: . . .

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Will Book D. 27 Nov. 1817. Second appraisal of estate of James Fowler, dec'd . . . 27 Nov. 1817. Estate sale. Purchasers: Leahala Fowler, Jno. Milam . . .

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Will Book D. 24 Dec. 1817. Appraisal of estate of Cornelius Tinsley, dec'd . . . 24 Dec. 1817. Estate sale. Purchasers: . . . Mary Milum . . .

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Will Book E. 7 Feb. 1820. Adm. Of estate of George Madden, dec'd to wife Phebey Madden. Sec: Turner Richardson and John Milam.

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Will Book E. 6 Nov. 1820. Estate of Bartlet Milum, dec'd. Adm. To Jane Milum. Sec: Mathew Cunningham, James Horton and Efrum Hitts(?). Also warrant of appraisal with letters of adm. D. Anderson, Ord.

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Will Book E. 15? Nov. 1820. Inventory of estate of Bartlett Milum, dec'd by Henry Langston, James Harlon(Harton?) and Robt. Cunningham. 23-24 Nov. 1820. Sale bill of estate. Purchasers: Mathew Cunningham, Joshua Smith, Charles Irby, John Blakely, John Bosley, Ferrel Wilson, Oneall Davis, Robt. K. West, Wm. Harlon, John Milum, Jno. Higgins, Wm. Clark, Wm. Milum, Jane Milum, Jas. Parks, Ryley Milum, Saml. McKelvey, Jno. Farrow, Wm. Blakely, Benj. Milum, Z. Tinsley, Hugh Harlin, Wm. Farrow, Jno. McClintock, Jos. Hitch, Jas. Liles, Jos. Vance, Elizabeth Harlon, Valentine Harlon, Jno. Ward, Jas. Waldrop, Wm. Parks, Baron Starns, Jno. Stuart, Jas. Langston, Gaberal Styles, H. Langston, Jas. Hannah, Geo. McClintock, Andrew Todd. Jane Mylum, adm.

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Will Book E. 28 June 1822. Appraisal of estate of Joseph Moates, dec'd . . . 22 June 1822. Sale bill. Pur: . . . Jno. Milam . . .

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Will Book E. (no date) Second sale of est. of William Taylor, dec'd. Pur: . . . Jno. Milan . . .

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Will Book E. 3 Mar. 1823. Adm. Of estate of Bartlet Maybum(?), dec'd to Ferrel Maybum. Wm. Maybum and John Maybum, sur.

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Will Book E. 21 Mar. 1823. Inventory of estate of Bartlet Milam, Sr., dec'd by Sam. N. Powell, Nat. Day and Thos. Nickles. Shown by Ferrel Milam, adm. 22 (Sat.) Mar. 1823. Sale of personal estate. Pur: Elizabeth Milam, Judah Milam, John Milam, Hedley Davis, Ferrel Milam, John Gray, Nancey Milam, Hettey Milam, Riley Milam. 7 Apr. 1823. Certified by Ferrel Milam, adm.

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Will Book E. 26 Apr. 1823. Inventory of estate of William Dandy, dec'd, Merchant . . . 26 Apr. 1823. Inventory of notes on hand: . . . Malium? Walker . . . Notes for collection: . . . Bartlet Mylum, Sr. . . . Bartlet Mylum, Jr. . . . Wiley Milum . . .

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Will Book E. 6 Oct. 1823. Adm. Of estate of Elizabeth Milum, dec'd to Ferrel Milum. Sur.: Wm. Milum and Jno. Milum.

Will Book E. 22 Oct. 1823. Appraisal of estate of Mrs. Elizabeth Milum, dec'd by Nathl. Day, Saml. Taylor and Saml. Powell. Ferrel Milum, adm. 27? Oct. 1823. Sale Bill. Pur.: Wm. Milum, Jno. S. James, Judah Milum, Kittey Milum, Wm. Blakely, Joshua Milum, Jno. Gray, Mary Milum. Certified 3 Nov. 1823 by Ferrel Milum, adm.

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Will Book E. 24-25 Mar. 1824. Appraisal of estate of James Templeton, Sr., dec'd . . . Signed: 27 Mar. 1824. 25 & 26 Mar. 1824. Sale Bill. Pur.: . . . Wm. A. Milam, Ferrel Milam . . . Benj. Milam . . . Joshua Milam . . .

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Will Book E. 5 Sept. 1824. Will of James Bell, dec'd proven. Jno. Dillard and Robert. Long, wit. Sarah Bell, ex. 27 Mar. 1824. Will of James Bell. Beloved wife Sarah; sons John and Robert; my other children: Elizabeth Milum, Adam Bell, Susana Bell and James Bell, Jr. Sarah Bell, ex. Wit: Jno. Dillard, James Fisher and Robt. Long.

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Will Book E. 30 Dec. 1824. Sale Bill estate of Coleman Carslile, dec'd. Pur: . . . Josiah Mylam . . .

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Will Book E. 27 Aug. 1825. Adm. Of estate of Berry West, dec'd to Jno. West. Sur.: . . . 8 & 9 Sept. 1825. App. Remaining property. . . . Sale Bill. Pur.: . . . Riley Milum . . .

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Will Book E. (no date) Sale Bill of estate of Sarah Fowler, dec'd. Pur.: . . . Robt. Milam . . .

Will Book E. 5 Jan. 1826. Sale Bill of estate of Isabella Hunter, dec'd. Pur.: . . . B. Milam . . .

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Will Book F. 9 Jan. 1826. Adm. Of estate of Henry Pitts, dec'd to John Pitts. Reuben Pitts and John Millam, sur.

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Will Book F. 10 Mar. 1826. Sale Bill of estate of John McCurley, dec'd . . . Pur.: . . . Rachel Milum . . .

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Will Book F. 25 Oct. 1826. Will of Hannah Adair. . . Wit: Thos. L. Leek, Isham Milam and Susanah Prater.

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Will Book F. 27 Nov. 1826. Appraisal of estate of David Little, dec'd . . . 28 & 29 Nov. 1826. Sale Bill. Pur.: . . . Saml. Mylum . . .

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Will Book F. 17 Dec. 1827. Appraisal estate of Mary Meadors, dec'd by Ishum Milum, James Bradocks and Richd. Bonds. 18 Dec. 1827. Sale Bill. W. Meadors, exr.

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Will Book F. 3 Mar. 1828. Estate of Bartlet Milum, Jr., dec'd. Jane Milum, adm. An accounting on estate, etc. paid legacies to Aron Milum, Polly Milum, Sally Milum. Allen, Emely, Elizabeth, July Ann, Polley and Rebeca Milum. Adm. Revoked and granted to Wm. Fuller husband of the former adm. Jones Fuller and Jacob Millar, his sur.

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Will Book F. 14 Sept. 1828. Citation against William Fuller, adm. of Bartlet Milum, dec'd. Joseph Harten, guardian of Almon Milum, Emity (Emily?) Milum, Elizabeth Milum and Judy Milum; Elizabeth Milum has since married; Wm. Fuller's attorney, W. James Irby and Mr. P. Farrow for sd Jos. Harton.

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# CENSUS RECORDS

## Virginia 1900 Soundex

Milam, Abner G.										Vol. 42	E.D. 86
white	May	1877	23	VA						Sheet 3	Line 91
Pittsylvania County					Staunton River District						
living alone											
Milam, Abner K.										Vol. 42	E.D. 86
white	Nov	1843	56	VA						Sheet 1	Line 50
Pittsylvania County					Staunton River District						
Isabelle V.			wife			Feb	1846	53	VA		
Olla V.			daughter			Dec	1872	27	VA		
Arabella S.			daughter			Dec	1878	21	VA		
Josph P.			son			Jul	1881	18	VA		
Fitzhugh A.			son			May	1886	14	VA		
Lucy W.			daughter			Jun	1889	10	VA		
Milom, Benjamin										Vol. 6	E.D. 4
white	Mar	1840	60	VA						Sheet 12	Line 9
Bedford County					Charlemont District						
Francis A.			wife			Nov	1842	57	VA		
Clifton H.			son			Jul	1876	23	VA		
Ollie J.			daughter			Jun	1883	16	VA		
Georgie F.			daughter			Dec	1884	15	VA		
Virgie K.			daughter			Sep	1887	12	VA		
Milam, Cabbel H.										Vol. 42	E.D. 86
white	Dec	1869	30	VA						Sheet 15	Line 25
Pittsylvania County					Staunton River District						
Fanny E.			wife			May	1868	32	VA		
Cabbell L.			son			Nov	1891	8	VA		
Albert G.			son			Aug	1894	5	VA		
Hattie			daughter			May	1896	4	VA		
Mattie			daughter			May	1896	4	VA		
Mary A.			daughter			Jul	1897	2	VA		
Cabbell C.			son			Apr	1899	1	VA		

Milam, Charles					Vol. 47	E.D. 98
white	Mar	1858	42	VA	Sheet 12	Line 77
Rockbridge County					Natural Bridge District	
Ann M.			wife		Jan 1860	40 VA
Addie			daughter		Dec 1889	10 VA
Rice, John T.			boarder		May 1853	47 VA
Milum, Charley P.					Vol. 25	E.D. 56
white	Jan	1879	21	VA	Sheet 8	Line 47
Halifax County					Roanoke District	
Enumerated with Gilliland, Extra H.						
Relationship to above: boarder						
Milum, Dave R.					Vol. 42	E.D. 81
White	Jun	1857	42	VA	Sheet 13	Line 98
Pittsylvania County					Dan River District	
Enumerated with Lewis, Eliza F.						
Relationship to above: son-in-law						
Milam, George E.					Vol. 42	E.D. 86
white	Jul	1869	30	VA	Sheet 1	Line 58
Pittsylvania County					Staunton River District	
Vivian D.			wife		Dec 1873	26 VA
Pearl D.			daughter		May 1897	3 VA
Nid			son		Jul 1898	1 VA
Audrey			daughter		May 1900	1/12 VA
Milam, George P.					Vol. 41	E.D. 69
white	May	1846	54	VA	Sheet 9	Line 85
Pittsylvania County					Banister District	
Harriett A.			wife		Mar 1857	43 VA
Annie P.			daughter		Feb 1891	19 VA
Quin, Sallie			sister-in-law		Aug 1861	39 VA
Millam, H. F.					Vol. 45	E.D. 52
white	Nov	1827	72	VA	Sheet 13	Line 82
Rappahannock County					Piedmont District	
Salina			wife		Jan 1830	70 VA
Mary			daughter		May 1870	30 VA

Millam, J. B.						Vol. 45	E.D. 52
white	Sep	1866	33	VA		Sheet 13	Line 92
Rappahannock County					Piedmont District		
Mary R.			wife			Sep 1867	32 VA
Frank			son			May 1891	9 VA
Mylum, James L.						Vol. 42	E.D. 80
white	Jan	1848	52	VA		Sheet 7	Line 35
Pittsylvania County					Dan River District		
Alace L.			wife			Aug 1859	40 VA
Ariabrita V.			daughter			Aug 1876	23 VA
Howard C.			son			Jan 1885	15 VA
Moore, Joseph			cousin			May 1888	12 VA
Mylum, James M.						Vol. 42	E.D. 77
white	Sep	1836	63	VA		Sheet 10	Line 17
Pittsylvania County					Dan River District		
Logan, Martha			sister			Mar 1844	56 VA
Milam, Jamima						Vol. 6	E.D. 4
white	Oct	1820	79	VA		Sheet 6	Line 84
Bedford County					Charlemont District		
Enumerated with Philips, Jessie C.							
Relationship to above: mother-in-law							
Milam, Jim						Vol. 6	E.D. 4
white	Mar	1850	50	VA		Sheet 6	Line 92
Bedford County					Charlemont District		
Ella			wife			Oct 1865	34 VA
Huston			son			Jun 1888	11 VA
Ottie			daughter			Mar 1890	10 VA
Wilbert			son			Jan 1893	7
VA							
Eddie			daughter			Apr 1895	5 VA
Mable			daughter			Apr 1897	3 VA
Fred			son			Aug 1899	9/12 VA

Milam, John T.					Vol. 42	E.D. 79
white	Nov	1856	43	VA	Sheet 2	Line 22
Pittsylvania County						
				Dan River District		
Emily B.			wife		Jun	1856 43 VA
Lessie			daughter		Jan	1890 10 VA
Jesse T.			son		Oct	1892 7 VA
Dudley			son		Jul	1896 3 VA
Ruth			daughter		Mar	1899 1 VA

Milamn, John W.					Vol. 24	E.D. 44
white	Mar	1855	45	VA	Sheet 14	Line 2
Halifax County						
				Birch Creek District		
Bettie			wife		Oct	1853 43 VA
Annie			daughter		Nov	1889 10 VA
Pattie			daughter		Nov	1889 10 VA
Johny			son		Sep	1891 8 VA
Bettie			daughter		Sep	1891 8 VA

Milum, Marian D.					Vol. 42	E.D. 81
white	Sep	1893	6	VA	Sheet 13	Line 99
Pittsylvania County						
				Dan River District		
Enumerated with Lewis, Eliza F.						
Relationship to above: nephew						

Milam, Martha					Vol. 59	E.D. 144
white	Jan	1859	59	NC	Sheet 18	Line 24
? County						
[city] Bristol						
				[street] Sullins Alley		[house #] 0
Lillie			daughter		Jun	1872 27 NC
R. C.			son		Apr	1877 22 NC
R. E.			son		Mar	1879 21 NC
Nannie			daughter		Jun	1880 19 NC
Gordan T.			grandson		Oct	1885 14 NC

Milam, Martha A.					Vol. 60	E.D. 98
white	Sep	1849	50	VA	Sheet 10	Line 83
Pittsylvania County						
				[street] Franklin		[house #] 610
[city] Danville						
Enumerated with Burks, David						
Relationship to above: boarder						

Milam, Mary A. white Sep 1836 63 VA Pittsylvania County [city] Danville Enumerated with Burks, David Relationship to above: mother-in-law	[street] Franklin [house #] 610	Vol. 60 Sheet 10	E.D. 98 Line 82
Milam, Morgan white Jan 1871 29 VA Pittsylvania County Gillie A. wife Charlie H. son Hattie daughter Sheppard, Alice servant	Pigg River District	Vol. 42 Sheet 3	E.D. 83 Line 20
		Feb 1872 28 VA Feb 1892 8 VA Mar 1897 3 VA Mar 1870 30 VA	
Mileham, Nancy white May 1836 64 VA Lee County Enumerated with Mileham, William Relationship to above: mother	Jonesville District	Vol. 30 Sheet 22	E.D. 25 Line 7
Milane, Richard T. white Mar 1865 35 VA Pittsylvania County Mary F. wife Unice W. daughter Joseph T. son Sallie May daughter	Dan River District	Vol. 42 Sheet 2	E.D. 79 Line 1
		Mar 1870 30 VA Jun 1896 3 VA Jun 1897 2 VA Oct 1899 7/12 VA	
Milam, Samuel J. white Feb 1854 56 VA Pittsylvania County Kate F. wife Samuel E. son Joel J. son William M. son Hugh B. son Catharine E. daughter Otis B. son	Dan River District	Vol. 42 Sheet 9	E.D. 79 Line 42
		Jan 1869 31 VA Oct 1891 8 VA Aug 1883 16 VA Mar 1894 6 VA Jun 1896 3 VA Jun 1898 1 VA Apr 2/12 VA	
Milam, Samuel S.		Vol. 24	E.D. 44

white Aug 1860 39 VA		Sheet 13	Line 92
Halifax County		Birch Creek District	
Nannie B.	wife	Feb 1876	24 VA
Bertha A.	daughter	Jul 1897	2 VA
Gibbs, Bettie J.	sister	May 1854	46 VA
Bessie	neice	Aug 1888	11 VA
Jessie	nephew	Feb 1893	7 VA
Milane, Sarah E.		Vol. 42	E.D. 79
white Nov 1831 68 VA		Sheet 2	Line 6
Pittsylvania County		Dan River District	
Martha S.	daughter	Oct 1856	43 VA
Virginia A.	daughter	Jul 1858	41 VA
Milam, Thomas J.		Vol. 42	E.D. 87
white Apr 1874 26 VA		Sheet 2	Line 6
Pittsylvania County		Staunton River District	
Maggie E.	wife	Jan 1880	20 VA
Hallie E.	daughter	Nov 1899	6/12 VA
Milam, W. R.		Vol. 42	E.D. 90
white Feb 1867 33 VA		Sheet 3	Line 93
Pittsylvania County		Tungtall District	
Kate E.	wife	Jun 1867	32 VA
Mabel A.	daughter	Aug 1893	6 VA
Willie S.	son	Sep 1897	2 VA
Mileham, William		Vol. 30	E.D. 25
white Aug 1871 28 VA		Sheet 22	Line 2
Lee County		Jonesville District	
Mollie	wife	Jan 1876	24 VA
Hobart	son	Jun 1896	3 VA
Ivy	daughter	Nov 1897	2 VA
Claud	son	Jan 1900	4/12 VA
Mileham, Nancy	mother	May 1836	64 VA
Milam, William H.		Vol. 6	E.D. 4
white Jan 1847 53 VA		Sheet 6	Line 47
Bedford County		Charlemont District	
Mary K.	wife	Apr 1848	52 VA
Lon J.	son	Jan 1884	16 VA
Ethel	daughter	Oct 1886	13 VA

# MILAM RESEARCH HISTORY

## (PART 4 -- CONCLUSION)

During the last three years, there has been a surge in genealogy nationally, and thus a notable increase in the Milam research activity. Unfortunately, like many new genealogists, these new Milam researchers originally dived into the research through the computer and the internet without a basic knowledge of genealogical research techniques. They were shocked to find that their complete family histories, or original documentation, was not easily available on the internet. They then went to networking, trying to find other Milam researchers, but they mostly found just more like themselves. Thus, these new researchers were exchanging limited information and basing their findings upon the research and conclusions of others who themselves know very little and are doing scant original research. So now while there appears to be extensive research activity, much of it is just the same old information being passed around with rare occasions of new information coming forth.

Meanwhile, most all Milam researchers are generally not aware of the history of the research of the Milam family history. In the course of their research they don't know what is old research results or what is new research results. Now, much confusion has arisen as the new genealogists try to fit their research with the historical research results which are outdated. They are unaware of how the foundational research and conclusions of the 1930s were originally made, and are not aware of the great deal of changes that has occurred as a result of renewed vigor in original research back in the late 1970s through 1980s. While I can't completely reproduce all of the old research, in the next couple of issues I hope to try to provide some insight into the known history of the research of the Milam family history and show what was known, discovered, and how the various conclusions were arrived at.

In Part 1 I discussed the key players in the earliest history of the research of the Milam family history, briefly followed by two of the earliest known letters regarding the Milam family history. In Part 2 I discussed one of the earliest key documents in the Milam research, being the 1902 letter of William B. Davis to William M. Milam. I explained how by the 1930s this letter had become an integral part of the view of the early Milam family history and how it led to the foundation of the research of this family. I further explained how the letter was not a primary document and how recently much of the statements in the letter have been proven false, yet the letter is still viewed as a primary and key document by many researchers. In Part 3 I begin to discuss the history of Milam family research beginning with the key period of the 1930s, and continuing through the 1950s and 1960s, followed by the resurgence and extensive publishing in the 1970s. The one thing most notable is that very little original research and documentation was conducted in this early research. Researchers were mostly sharing personal knowledge of the family history research.

In 1977 I began to get involved in genealogy. While I knew that my great grandmother was a Milam, it wasn't until about 1980 or 1981 I discovered my Milam connection to the overall Milam family picture. In 1982 I graduated from High School and spent the summer in Alabama and South Carolina visiting family. While there I conducted extensive research, finding a great wealth of information on the Milam family. In the summer of 1983 I began to organize my findings and before I knew it I had written a book primarily covering the family of Bartlett Milam of Laurens County, South Carolina. It was completely typed on an antique typewriter and was entitled *The History of a Southern Family*.

I had a great deal of success in selling copies of this book to a wide variety of individuals and libraries across the country. The result was an extensive amount of correspondence with a large number of Milam researchers. Soon, in fact, I became overwhelmed with correspondence, and in this pre-computer period I found myself frequently writing the same/similar letters over and over to different people. I needed to find an easier way for me to share what I knew with other Milam researchers, and for all the Milam researchers to be able to share what they had, not only with me but with all other Milam researchers.

In late 1987 I finally came up with the idea and the will to produce a newsletter. It would be a bi-monthly publication for the purpose of all Milam researchers to share their lineages and research with other Milam researchers. Meanwhile, I would also share my research and findings. In January 1988 I mailed out the first complimentary issue to all of the Milam researchers I had thus far made contact with. As I had explained in this first issue, *“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.”*

In this newsletter I would include extracts of census records, Milam biographies, letters of the early Milam researchers, and various research notes, findings, etc., of myself and from other Milam researchers. The newsletter was an instant hit and success, as I became inundated with new correspondence and new subscriptions. Over the course of the years of the newsletter, subscribers would come and go. At first, some subscribers would provide some information for inclusion in the newsletter, but over the course of time fewer people would provide useable information.

Meanwhile, correspondence would continue to overwhelm me, particularly asking about my personal life. So, I also began to use the newsletter to keep people aware of not only my continuing research activities, but even provide news of my personal life, answering peoples inquiries about me and my schooling, career, etc. Some people would complain about this part of the newsletter, but questions about me and the status of my life would continue and I found the newsletter as the only way to share news about myself.

Meanwhile, some people would complain about other elements of the newsletter, such as the census records. Some felt that the census records were easily obtainable information that anyone could get anywhere and so didn't need to be included in the newsletter. But when I questioned the subscribers about this type of information, I was overwhelmed with correspondence to keep the census records. Many subscribers lived hundreds of miles from the nearest genealogy library and so the newsletter helped provide all forms of information that they couldn't otherwise obtain, including census records.

Very quickly, I found myself providing the greatest bulk of information for inclusion in the newsletter, and as I couldn't get information from other subscribers I was doing extensive research for information. In this way I began to do more in-depth detailed research of the early Milam lines, and I began to find a lot of documentation. Much of which conflicted with the overall known Milam family information. This is when I began to realize how Milam research had become stalled and stagnant since the 1930s. No one was doing original research and was primarily still sharing the old known facts.

Finally, after all my extensive research efforts, my findings began to show new patterns. Developing new ideas and theories, I finally began to include major discussions and discoveries regarding the Milam family history, upsetting the whole balance of known information regarding



the Milam family history. The first “major change” occurred in the July-August 1993 issue and regarded Jordan Milam of Hickman County, Tennessee where I provided proof as to his birth and parentage, greatly conflicting with what was believed at the time. But perhaps the most notable change was that regarding the supposed three brothers John, Thomas, and Archibald Milam, supposed sons of Samuel Mileham and Martha Gardner. In the January-February 1994 issue I made the bold statement that Archibald never existed. Also, I provided proof that Thomas was born before 1716, John was most likely born before 1720, and thus neither were sons of Samuel Mileham and Martha Gardner who married in 1724. Much of this is still contested.

Meanwhile, in January 1993, the remains of Benjamin Rush Milam were believed discovered in Milam Park in San Antonio, Texas. Not only was this an exciting discovery for Texas historians, but the Milam family immediately became involved, helping to prove the remains by submitting blood samples for a DNA match, coordinating reunions surrounding the Milam Park restoration projects and the eventual re-interment of Benjamin Rush Milam.

All this led to the creation of a Milam Family Association and a new quarterly newsletter which was additionally produced by myself in January 1994. News of activities in Texas, and other special cemetery projects and reunions around the country were included. A photo archive was established. However, in 1995 the internet began to impact everyday life and genealogy was quickly going to become a part of it. By early 1996 I had set up my own web page which included the Milam family history, and newsletter and association information.

As the internet grew I began to get even more overwhelmed by correspondence with a flood of new Milam researchers. While I had already corresponded with well over 400 Milam researchers between 1983 and 1994, by the end of 1996 I easily had a couple of hundred of new Milam contacts. By the year 2000, I could easily say that I have corresponded with nearly 850 Milam researchers since 1983.

In April 1998, Lonzo Oliver Milam created the Milam Mailing List on the internet through Rootsweb. It would completely change communication among Milam researchers. As a result, the Milam Family Association was folded and 1998 was the last year of the Milam quarterly newsletter.

However, the *Milam Roots* research newsletter would continue in 1999, and 2000 would become its last year as there were just too few subscribers and the effort was far too great, making the newsletter no longer cost efficient. The internet and the mailing list made the Milam newsletter obsolete, despite that many Milam researchers without computers but with a wealth of information were being left out and ignored. The newsletter attempted to continue to provide a service to these left out researchers.

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Meanwhile, throughout the 1980s and 1990s, a number of new books were published either entirely, or partially, regarding the Milam family:

***There's No Wonder We Act the Way We Do***, compiled by Marie Evans Davis, © 1985

This book has a chapter regarding John Milam, Jr., who served in the Revolutionary War, lived in Laurens District, South Carolina and migrated to Madison County, Alabama where he died in 1838. Included is the probate of John Milam and the pension of John's wife Polly who later migrated to Mississippi with her son-in-law and daughter William and Polly Atkins. The book has further information on William and Polly Milam Atkins as this is the writer's ancestry.

***Genealogy Research***, by Vera Milam Ryker, 1989

Mrs. Vera Milam Ryker had conducted extensive research, from 1967 to 1988, on the Coleman Milam family and connecting him to the Milams of Laurens District, South Carolina. She was the one who, along with the Rev. Dr. Peoples, had concluded that Coleman was the son of Thomas Milam, of Laurens District, South Carolina, son of John Milam, formerly of Halifax County, Virginia, who died and left a will in York County, South Carolina in 1789. I corresponded with her frequently from 1984 to 1986. She shared a wealth of information with me. After the passing of Mrs. Ryker, her granddaughter published Mrs. Ryker's research in this book. There is extensive detail on the earliest Milams, primarily following the line through and to the Coleman Milam branch of the family.

***Home Cookin' : Mealtime with the Milams***, by Linda D. Wren, 1989

This book is primarily the descendants of the William R. Milam Family who migrated from Georgia to Alabama and then to Colorado County and then Waller County, Texas. William R. was the son of Lewis Milam of Muscogee County, Georgia in 1840 and 1850. Lewis was the son of Benjamin Milam who died and left the will in 1832 in Harris County, Georgia. Benjamin was the son of Samuel Milam, the son of John Milam of Halifax County, Virginia and died and left the will in 1789 in York County, South Carolina.

***Estills of the United States***, by John M. Caudle, © 1991

While this book is solely on the Estill family that settled in Monmouth County, New Jersey in 1664, I found it primarily useful beginning with Susannah Abigail Woods, of the sixth generation of the Estill family, who married Jarvis Jackson Milam in Boonesboro, Kentucky and had a large family of 13 children. Jarvis was the son of John and Annie Jackson Milam of Virginia. Jarvis and Susannah Milam migrated to Madison County, Alabama and then on to Marshall County, Mississippi. The children all raised large families in Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas.

***Hot Biscuits and Sorghum Molasses : A Sort of a Family Saga***, by Martha Patterson Peterson, © 1991

With other lineages included, this book is primarily a history of the descendants of Jefferson Milam and his wife Eliza McKinney. Included is a chapter on Benjamin "Old Ben" Rush Milam.

*Family: Roots, Ties and Trails*, by Mary C. Sturgeon, © 1991

While many different lineages are included, this book has extensive information on the Milam family from Samuel Mileham and Martha Gardner through their son John Milam of Virginia to South Carolina. The primary information is on the descendants of John Milam Jr.'s son, John Milam III who had an extensive family in Pontotoc County, Mississippi.

*Ezekiel Fuller and Some of His Descendants*, 1<sup>st</sup> edition, by Grady P. Fuller, © 1992

*Ezekiel Fuller and Some of His Descendants*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, by Grady P. Fuller, © 1993

While this book gives details regarding the earliest branches of the Ezekiel Fuller family of Virginia, more than half the book primarily covers the descendants of Isham Fuller Jr. who married Elizabeth "Betsy" A. Milam and had a large family of 14 children. Betsy Milam was the daughter of Bartlett Milam Jr. of Laurens District, South Carolina.

*The Milam Family Cookbook*, © 1996

After the recipes is a history of the William Guin Milam and Sarah Ellen Couch family of Chelsea, Oklahoma. William Guin Milam was the descendant of the Milams of Moulton, Lawrence County, Alabama. Sarah Ellen Couch was half Cherokee. The Milam family lived in Alabama then Texas and finally the Indian Territory, where they became part of the Cherokee Nation. They were the parents of Jesse Bartley Milam who became the first Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation in the 1930s.

## **OLD CORRESPONDENCE FILES**

In an effort to get my files more organized and to clean out and make room, I have pulled my correspondence files with Milam researchers whom I have not continued corresponding with since before December 1996. While I do **not** intend to throw the files out, I do need to put them in storage where they will not be as easily accessible. Before doing that, however, over the coming issues I will extract or abstract all pertinent Milam information from these old correspondence files. This information may be in relation to one particular Milam branch or it may be a mix of information. I just want to be able to get it in general print. I want to emphasize that the information written here will be as it was discussed or presented **at the time** originally written, and so does not necessarily represent current and updated discussions and thought of the Milam family lines.

## **NEWTON CHARLES MILAM FAMILY**

I received a letter, dated March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1995, from Martha J. Carter, P.O. Box 222, Palmerdale, AL 35123. She became a subscriber to the newsletter for one year, but after this letter, I never heard from Mrs. Carter again. There was no data in the letter, but a family group sheet enclosed included the following information:

Newton Charles Milam  
Company D, 20 Regiment Alabama Infantry, CSA "Bibb Rangers"  
(Only 63 men of 1100 survived the war)

Born 1820 Tennessee

Died 18 December 1896 Shelby County, Alabama

Married 1<sup>st</sup> Sarah E. Horton

Born 1821 Tennessee

Died before 1870

Married 2<sup>nd</sup> Frances H. Nevins on 7 September 1874

May have also married Martha --? --

May have also married Mary M. --? --

Born 16 April 1834

Children:

1. Chapman Levy Milam  
Born 23 May 1841 Alabama  
Died 26 January 1909  
Married Mary Ann Barnett on 23 April 1856
2. James N. Milam  
Born 1844 Alabama  
Died 24 November 1863 CSA
3. Nancy Milam  
Born 1846 Alabama
4. Thomas J. Milam            CSA  
Born 1847 Alabama
5. Benjamin F. Milam  
Born 18 January 1850 Shelby County, Alabama  
Died 22 December 1936  
Married Amanda E. Jackson on 17 November 1869
6. Joshua W. Milam  
Born 8 March 1852 Alabama  
Died 4 Mar 1923  
Married Lucy J. Smitherman on 20 February 1870
7. John Henry Milam  
Born 1 August 1855 Alabama  
Died 8 August 1915  
Married Missouri Bragg on 21 January 1874
8. Mary Ann Milam  
Born 1856 Alabama  
Married Jesse Smitherman on 10 October 1875
9. Rosa Anna Milam  
Born 3 April 1859 Alabama  
Died 15 July 1915  
Married Andrew M. Smitherman on 8 March 1877
10. Jeff D. Milam  
Born 12 November 1860 Six Mile, Bibb County, Alabama  
Died 4 October 1944  
Married Mary Jane --?--
11. George Milam  
Born 1869 Alabama
12. Belle Milam  
Born 1874 Alabama