

I sent Mrs. Brownlee a copy of one of your letters, and this is her response to your paragraph excerpted below.

MILAM
(H) Don't know what DAR is trying to pull here. What is required for Membership is proof (Documentary) that Martha Louisa is dau. of Coleman and that Coleman is son of Thomas, since their "grudging" Admission that Thos. is son of John: they do not need to know wives' Names.

Is Dr. Peoples trying to deal with DAR personally?

A mistake, if so, he should go through a local

Chapter. Their Registrar, if she knows her "stuff"

could be of much help. He would probably

not get to much pickiness from DAR.

← is that a word?

(4) So, we now have a receipt from DAR for the 1789 Will of John Milam and their grudging admission that Thomas was his son. Then came reams of bureaucratic questions: 1. Who was Thomas Milam's wife? What is the source of your information? 2. Who were the parents of Coleman? What PROOF do you have? 3. Who was Coleman's wife? What PROOF do you have? When were they married? Then DAR went even further and refused to accept Mrs. McKenzie's statement* that her grandmother Martha Luiza Milam was the daughter of Coleman. They want PROOF that Coleman was father of Martha Louisa. All in all, Paul, we have just decided to forget about DAR. Perhaps I should write the DAR Registrar General a letter and simply withdraw Miss Cora's application when Mrs. Brownlee says that there is "no other entry for

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*Mrs. Brewster
 asked me to
 pass this on
 to you and
 Miss Caro.*

Enclosed are various pages of information with notations which may or may not be of help. The point I've been trying to make is that proof of this Milam lineage is going to require an in-depth search in the state of Tennessee. The books on co. histories which include genealogical data might be of help. I'm not sure DAR would accept same without legal documents to prove the data. It's almost impossible to get a line accepted unless you can provide wills, deeds, Equity Court records or any such legal proof of lineage. (If you have a sister-in-law who is a "Big Wheel" in DAR, à la Mrs. Royster, you can get almost anything approved!)

I believe DAR would accept genealogical data printed in the published abstracts of Tennessee newspapers. According to Dr. Peeple's chart, Martha Louisa Milam died in Cecil, Ark. 1922. Has anyone found an obituary? How about death certificate? Death certificates are supposed to show names of parents. The Bureau of Vital Statistics in Little Rock supposedly has records from 1914.

When D.M. Milam died in Jan. 1895, there were two newspapers in Laurens. As you know, I've searched one for D.M.'s obit. Recently we received micro-film of the other. I immediately searched Jan.-June 1895 and found no mention of his death. As before, a few issues were missing--probably the ones we're needing. I also looked through the estate papers of D.M.'s bro.-in-law, John W. Pitts, who died in 1863. No mention of D.M. Thus far, I find no person with whom he had dealings except his sister-in-law, Louisa Cooper. I'm going to start in a different direction--if I can think of one. My intuition is that D.M. was a son of John Milam and 1st. wife. I've not given up hope of finding some evidence of it.

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This is an excerpt of a recent letter from Mrs. Brownlee. As you can see, she's still grappling with our mutual Milam problem. Have you already checked on the possibility she mentions in this 2nd paragraph?

COMMENTS AND REFLECTIONS

The following announcement was recently received from the National Archives. I believe that it is of sufficient import to be reproduced in its entirety.

This is some additional information Mrs. Brewster sent to me for you and Miss Cans.

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49. John Durrett
50. Toy Finch
51. Sm Tenant

Pay Roll Field + Staff SC Militia, WAR of 1812 -

Captain Benjamin Lewis's Company of Infantry

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| 1. Robert Stewart | Sergeant |
| 2. Dred Jones | Sergeant |
| 3. Moses Leak | Sergeant |
| 4. Henry Pitts | Sergeant |
| 5. James Adair | Corporal |
| 6. Robert Cunningham | Corporal |
| 7. Ephraim Pitts | Corporal |
| 8. William Jones | Corporal |
| 9. Abraham Gray | |
| 10. James Dalrymple | |
| 11. Matthew Hunter | |
| 12. Ezekiel Johnston | |
| 13. David Enterkin | |
| 14. Joshua Gary | |
| 15. Jesse Jones | |
| 16. Colyer Johnston | |
| 17. Andrew Stoddard | |
| 18. John Bryson | |
| 19. William Neel | |
| 20. John Philby | |
| 21. Feret Milam | |
| 22. John Gilliland | |
| 23. Henry Campbell | |
| 24. Thos. Murphy | |
| 25. Robert Craig | |
| 26. James Duckett | |
| 27. Samuel Sutherland | |
| 28. Philander Bolton | |

Lt. Col. Starling Tucker

29. George Young
30. David Hill
31. John Owens
32. James Johnston
33. Burwell Mitchell
34. Andrew Gibson
35. John Bell
36. Reubin Meador
37. James Scott
38. John Finney
39. Zachariah Sparks
40. Joseph McCarthy
41. Jonathan Cain
42. Manasses Finney
43. John Duncan
44. Jesse Holmes
45. Wheat Miller
46. James Walker
47. Samuel Stoddard
48. Samuel Ferguson
49. Nathaniel Powell
50. Charles Garmon
51. Cuthbert Musgrove
52. John Adair
53. Mathias Ambrose
54. Thos. McCrary
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56. Coleman Milam
57. John Cook
58. Alston Bailey
59. Thos. Leak
60. Martin Teague
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Capt. Samuel Parson's Company of Infantry

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| 1. Theophilus Parsons | 1st Sgt. |
| 2. William Simpson | 2nd Sgt. |
| 3. John Ross | 3rd Sgt. |
| 4. James Milner | 4th Sgt. |
| 5. Adam Potter | 1st Cpl. |
| 6. Isaiah Parsons | 2nd Cpl. |
| 7. Larkin Step | 3rd Cpl. |
| 8. Martin Ball | 4th Cpl. |

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ASK for Pension Record - from NATIONAL ARCHIVES.

Some Records I have ordered give Much genealogical info - others give very little.

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WILL OF
JOHN MILAM

South Carolina }
Laurens District }

In the name of God amen, I John Milam being of Sound and Disposing mind & memory, and Calling to mind the uncertainty of life, and being desirous of disposing of Such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to blefs me with; Do make and ordain this my last will and Testament; in the words following to wit. It is my will & desire that all my Estate both Real and personal-of whatever kind or nature it may be, be Sold as Soon as Convenient after my decease, and that my Executor after my first paying all my Just debts divide the ballance between my Children, Bartlet Milam, Isam Milam, William A Milam Betsey Braddock, Martha Patsy Bryson, MARY Polley Bryson, Catherine May, JANE Jimmey Bryson, Henry Milam, John Milam, Nancy Bryson, Milton Milam, Ferrie Milam, Leander G. Milam, Equally to each one Except those who have had a potion given to them before now. Each child Shall render in what they have had and let it be deducted out of the Estate

It is further my desire that the part of my estate which has been Betsey Braddock's full in to the name of John Milam to keep for her children and to be paid to them when they come of age

And lastly I do hereby Constitue and appoint Fernandus and Leander I Milam Executor of this my last will and Testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and seal this 13th day of January 1757.

Signed Sealed and Delivered

as the last will and testament of the
within John Milam in presents of us