

Sunday Afternoon
1 July 84

Dear Robert -

Enclosed are the following items which I promised to gather and send to you:

1. The name, address and phone number of Mrs. Pulley's nephew, who now has all of her genealogical research - and who adamantly refuses to allow even the DAR to have access to any of her files or records. For what it is worth, he can be reached at this address and phone number:

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1104 West Main St.
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2. A copy of the three-page summary of the nine-month "research" conducted for me by Beckett's - a dearth of detail and feast of "warmed over cabbage" at best. My quest for Capt. Wm. Lawton will continue, however, and you will be one of the first to receive whatever information I discover.
3. A copy of the receipt for Mary Pickling's coffin, which was constructed by her grandson, B. G. W. Lawton, your ancestor. It is proof that she died in December

of 1803, rather in January of 1804, as we have for so long believed.

4. A copy of the abstract of the Will of (I for now assume) our common ancestor, John Milam, father of your Thomas — or rather, Miss Cera's Thomas. This is the same John we discussed over the phone, is it not? I shall be eager to hear what you have to say about this item. Mrs. Brawley tells me that nearly every Milam researcher she has ever contacted believe (or had formerly believed) that this John Milam died in Halifax Co., Va.

5. Some miscellaneous Milam material I have received from Litcher, either and you over the years. In skimming through it again I noticed nothing obvious that would help with the connection you are attempting to make between Thomas and Calman, but perhaps you will find some clue I have overlooked. Mrs. Brawley is going to be on the lookout for anything that might be of help to you also, as she continues my Milam research.

She told me this afternoon over the phone that Thomas Milam was supposedly twice married, and that Coleman was a child of the first marriage. If anyone can resolve your enigma, it is surely she.

6. Copies of three pedigree charts — mine, my mother's and my half-sister's, which should give you a clear picture of my Laurens connections — and also my Laurens "stone wall" research problem. Any help or suggestions you can offer on my great-great grandfather Diastaphus, will be a boon which Mrs. Brewster and I will certainly appreciate. This T. M. Milam has been as elusive as Capt. Mrs. Lawton, though not for as long. Mrs. Leavell in Dallas is the only person who has ever heard of T. M. Milam, either than Mrs. Brewster.

Again, it was a pleasure to chat with you over the phone this weekend, and I eagerly look forward to meeting you and Miss Cera soon. Please give her my warmest regards.

Yours,
Paul