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Dear Mrs. Peoples,

I do not have your original correspondence at hand, but I do remember your writing and I sent you copies of much of my research. You say you have a John Rutledge, Rev. soldier proved in 2 years. You are very lucky. I have been researching Milams for 23 years and still have no proof beyond Coleman. For about 10 years I have been trying to get the records of Wiley Glen Milam from his dau. as Wiley Glen died Jan. 1950. He had been researching Milams for about 50 years and I felt sure he would have Thomas, son of John Milam, Sen. Finally, this spring he had in-law photo-copied 60 pages which she said were summaries of all his research. Well, he did not have more than just the names of John's (Sr.) father & mother, his brothers, and his 6 sons. Bartlett's family was pretty well identified - nothing on Samuel, James, Benjamin, John, Jr. (except his will) or Thomas that I could identify with. Wiley Glen descends from one of the twins, Riley & Wiley, thought to be sons of one Thomas Milam born Laurens Co., S. C., ca 1800 and died about the time

his father died: "Well, who was his father and when did he die, ???"

Samuel moved to S.C. Edgefield Dist before 1790 and I have nothing whatsoever on his family. Old Jordan was also there at one time. He is said to be son of Thos. bro. of John, Sr. Benj. was in Laurens S.C. 1790 but not 1800 & said moved to Pittsylvania Co. Va. James never seems to have left Halifax Co. Va. Bartlett moved to Laurens, S.C. 1796-12 chn. Thomas moved to Laurens, S.C. before 1790 & had on census 12 giveniles over the years to show. John^{sr.} moved to Laurens prior to 1790 and I have a letter from one of his descendants saying her grandmother told her that John Milam had 13 children by 3 wives. Now there are not all given on his will in Alabama (Well, Thomas Milam, Bedford Co. Va. made will Mar. 27, 1775 - wife Mary (said to have been Mary Rush Adams) names only "Solomon Rush" in his will. But these are known to be 2 different sons Solomon and Rush. They had a whole raft of chn. besides these 2, one of whom was Benjamin, killed by the British while a prisoner at Guilford Co. N.C. ~~and~~ after being taken prisoner. Killed June 19, 1781 - wife Ely. Jackson & 5 or 6 chn. Sherm. James Williamson Ind -

As to Thomas - Bartlett had a son Thomas & 2 or 3 grandsons so named. And he & many more had a son named Thomas, (I have no idea). Of the 2 brothers in Lancaster Co. 1715 (Wm & Mary) Samuel & John Wickham, I have no idea of their origin or any proven records of John bro. of Samuel. They seem to have been poor people & illiterate, as so many were then and left few records with what were left poorly kept. So if you have proof of Coleman as son of Thomas, I sure would like to have the proof.

Martha's death date is on a large beautiful rock in Lewis Creek Cemetery no birth date is given - says only - "over 100 years old" which is in error according to the census data. I doubt Wm Harris's name being Coleman for he has a rock placed by the Masons & it says "William G. Harris" and the Masons were very thorough. You should be able to get their records from Gardin Co. W. I do not have a Kodak to take pictures of tomb rocks.

Yes, I have had Coleman Milam Wm record (1812, & 1837) and his record for

aid that he did not participate
in the War against the Union - or
some such statement; but nothing
to prove his parentage. In 1830
Coleman, John, & Elizabeth Milam
were living near each other. In 1840
Eliz. did not show & Coleman had no wife.
Many of Milam's left S. C. for Ga.,
Ala., & Tenn. & on into Miss. It seems there
was an episode 1819 when John, Jr. said
in his pension application in Ala. that
he came there 1819. Austin Shaw, now
grand his bra Lester were at their Grand-
mother's funeral. She always lived with
her youngest dau. Belle Shaw.

Sincerely,
Dora McKyer