

9-27-66

Dear Mr. Alongo,

I sent this letter, written in Feb. first to England Ark, then to Elaine. Both times it was returned. I have just learned your address through the Barton family. Since I wrote, I have hired a professional genealogist but was mostly money "down the drain" as she came up with such little information. I have been working also.

Since then I have learned from the 1850 census of Hardin Co. Tenn. that your grandpa Thomas F., Jr. was born in South Carolina & not Tenn. as all the boys said in Goodspeed's History of N. W. Ark, 1889. Margaret Amanda Bell was born in Tenn. Mar. 24, 1815. Your father's Civil War record I obtained from old State House Archives in Little Rock and his name was given as Thomas Farrell. I was almost sure that it was Ferrell, Feril, Ferril or Farrell, Farrell etc. as so many Milams have that name - the first of which that I can ascertain was Bartlett Ferrell Milam born about 1750 in Virginia, died ¹⁸²¹ 1822 in Laurens Co. S. C. was son of John Milam born 1725 in Lancaster Co, Va. who was oldest son of Samuel and Martha (Gardner) Milam married Sept. 1724. I also have found out that James Marrow (his granddaughter Mrs Zada Dauman, Perry, Okla said M. stood for Marrow) Milam was son of Gideon Milam, both living in Henry Co. Tenn. in 1840 censuses with James M. married about 2 months when the census was taken June, 1840. But in 1850 census James M. and Dorcas were living in Savannah, Ann. Hardin Co. and was enumerated just before Thomas F. and Margaret A. Milam, so evidently they lived close together. In ^{July} 1852 Thomas F. was made administrator of estate of A. G. Milam who had died without will or Testamary. Do you know if this was Gideon? And if so what kin was he to Coleman & Thomas? He could have been an older son of Coleman or a younger brother. Also Apr. 5, 1852 Thas. F. Milam was given Lucy C. Sanson as an indenture since she was an orphan with no means of support. Were the Milams and Sansons related. The Sanson family 1840 in Hardin Co. had a Sarah Milam 4 living with them.

Where did Uncle Rufus get his wife Martha Poindexter? I learned he married a Martha Bowen in Hardin Co., Tenn about 2 months after he was recorded to have married Martha Poindexter - or it was another Rufus K. (Kendrick) Milam.

What relation was Dudley Milam's family to yours? Dudley's son said you with Uncle Jack & Uncle Thomas used to visit them near Greenwood. He was a grandson of Jordan Milam who was a Revolutionary war soldier enlisting from Henry Co. Virginia. Had sons John, Bartlett, many others whose names I can't recall now. Do you know if Jordan Milam was kin to Coleman?

Please write me what you know of Coleman's family. I have good records from Thomas G. and Abner's outlaws.

Sincerely,

Thera Milam Fyker

P.S. Etta Shaw Whittington said her Grandma Harris often spoke of a brother Pless and a sister Sarah. I have located a Pleasant Coleman Milam in Union Co. Ark, who was born 1828 in Georgia and I write to his great granddaughter in Texas, but she doesn't know who his parents were.

Cecil, Arkansas, 72930
February 5, 1966

Mr. Alonzo Milam
East England, Ark.

Dear Mr. Milam:

I am trying to trace the Milam family history. What did the "F." in your father's and Grandfather's names stand for? I talked with Dadford and he said it was "Franklin." But I know Great Uncle Frank Milam (Cousin Thomas Isaac's Oscar, Illie Phillips and Minnie Hall's father) was James Franklin and I just thought it didn't seem likely that Great Grandpa would name one son James Franklin and another Thomas Franklin. Also Sam Milam's daughter thought his name was Franklin. Some have suggested that it might be Ferrill as down through the years, there have been many, many Ferrill Milams. Minnie Hall thought her grandpa's name not Franklin ^{but not sure}

Do you remember hearing your father talk of their kinfolk back in Tennessee? I know your great grandfathers were James Bell (your grand mother Margaret Amanda Bell's father Milam's father) and Coleman Milam. Coleman died in Hardin Co. Tenn 1869 and Uncle "Buck" (Rufus Kendrick) said he was born in Laurens County, South Carolina and died when 98 years old. But as well as I can find out, he was 88 years when he died, and was not born in Laurens Co. S. C., but in Halifax County, Virginia and moved with his parents to Laurens Co. when very small. Did you ever hear who Coleman's father was? I believe he was Thomas Milam who in Virginia Census of 1782-85 was living in Halifax Co., Va. with a wife and 1 child. In 1790 Laurens Co., S. C. Census Thomas was in S. C. with 2 sons under 16

and 2 daughters. If Coleman died at 88, he would have been born in 1781 and would fit in as the oldest child of Thomas.

Did you ever hear your father speak of any Uncles and Aunts? I have learned that Aunt Martha Harris was your grandpa Milan's sister, + dau. of Coleman Milan. She + William G. Harris moved to Ark. in 1880 with a family of 9 children and he died the next year 1881. I have a record of a James M. Milan, called "Jimmy" who moved to Ark. in 1871 and settled near Snowball, Ark near Hill's Springs in Searcy County. The first time he married Darcus B. Harris, reported to have been a full-blood Cherokee Indian. He and Darcus had 13 children:

1. Telitha Jane Nov. 17, 1842
2. John Dec. 10, 1844
3. William Feb. 9, 1846
4. James M. Jr. Apr. 7, 1848
5. Sarah Ann +
6. Polly (twins) Mar. 21, 1850
7. Cornelius Coleman July 13, 1852
8. Joel C. Apr. 25, 1854
9. Riley Feb. 15, 1856
10. Lorenzo D. Nov. 4, 1858
11. David Ferrill Aug. 15, 1861 (or 1860)
12. Thomas J. Sept. 1, 1862
13. Dr. Franklin July 13, 1864

James M. Milan was born June 24, 1821 in Tenn. After he married Darcus B. Harris, born Mar. 17, 1825, on May 16, 1840. After her death he married Julia A. White on July 13, 1869 in Tenn. They had 3 children:

1. Nancy E., Aug 1, 1873
2. Henry A., Apr. 10, 1877
3. Lermile Elizabeth (Lizzie) June 27, 1880

James M. Jr. died 1901 in Pope County near Atkins where he had gone to live with his daughters by Julia White: Nannie and Lizzie. I have not found out who they married and Lizzie, now 85 could possibly be still living. Did you ever hear of this family, and if so was this James M. the son of Coleman? The names match those of our line. Aunt Martha Harris's oldest dau. was named Jane and she had a son John. William and

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I were in your fathers family. Grandpa Milam was
ias Coleman "B" nicknamed Papa's youngest brother was
Sengs Dow ^{also your father's baby sis. Perry's mother's} Thomas and Franklin are names in our
line. And either John, William, or Riley had a second name
of Joseph - and was called Joe same as my daddy who
was Joseph La Fayette.

I wrote the census Dept. asking for information on
Martha Harris of Cecil, Ark. Brown Township, Franklin Co.,
and James M. Milam Atkins, Pope County in 1890 and 1900
censuses as the parents names and places of birth were
given for the first time in any census. But I couldn't
get them as is confidential & must have a death
certificate & court order and be connected in the estate.
Lilly I think, as Aunt Martha Harris was born, supposedly in
June 1821 & died July 6, 1922 at 101 years old, as Luther
White, her grandson said. If James & Martha were brother &
sister, they would have to be twins if both born 1821.
Great Grandpa Thomas F. is said to have been born in
Grundy Co. Tenn. (near Chattanooga) in 1810; died in a Van
Buren Hospital Mar. 14, 1862 after being sick since
Dec. 1861. He & 3 oldest boys had enlisted in the Confederate
Army Nov. 20, 1861 at Ft. Smith in Co. G. Griffith's Regiment.

Please try to remember all you can and write
me or have some one write for you. I guess you
heard of Sam Francis's death in a Ft. Smith Hosp. from
a blood clot that suddenly went to his heart after he had
undergone surgery for prostate trouble. His first
service was at Baptist Church at Dean's Springs, north
of Alma on Dec. 18 and then he was taken to Texas to be
buried beside his parents French Milam & Isabelle Ida Clark.
He still has 5 sisters living. but he was the last of
French's sons.

All of Grandpa's family is gone. Aunt Beatha Cooper
passed away in Jan. 1965. Jessie (now called Margaret), Vera,
Daisy, and Elsie of Uncle Jack's children are still living
in Arkoma. But Jessie's mind isn't clear enough to re-
member anything of Milam history - can't remember own age and
she is 80; but she was born in '76 and is almost 90. I did
not go see the other girls as I didn't know where they live.

Please write me what you remember of the family -
Did Coleman have a large family?

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. Vera Milam Tyler
(Joe's daughter)

Coil 12430
Dec. 4, 1967

Dear Mrs. Kadi

Mrs. Lonza Milam of New Kidder, La. sent me a copy of your letter. I had also heard your name through a correspondent, Mrs. D. D. Lawson in Houston, Texas. But she had no info. in her files of many, many Milam families, which would connect to your Newton Jasper Milam born 1834 in Tenn. I just have one suggestion: That all the 1820-1830 census of Tenn have been transcribed and indexed according to the Guide to Genealogical Records in the National Archives. Check this for Milams, or the 1840 census. Then since Newton Jasper would only be 14 in 1850, he should still be living at home and be named. My own line was near Chattanooga Georgia 1830, possibly in Franklin Co. or Alabama.

One Milam on staff of Jefferson Davis was Jarvis Jackson Milam son of Jarvis Jackson Milam married Susan Sarah Hood daughter of Daniel Boone Fort (I have a list of the military serv. Then they migrated southward to Madison Co. Ala. and on to Miss. where he died and is buried. Many of his descendants live around Hernando, Miss.

And the Benjamin Lusk Milam of Alamo (same as son of Thomas Scott Milam and Elizabeth (Fate) Boyd). They were from Bedford Co. Va. to Ky about 1790 or later. I have a copy of a letter written by his grandson 1898.

Now this Milam family in Pontotoc Co. Miss. was probably John Milam II, son of Capt. Jno. Milam who was born 12 June 1753 - Brunswick Co. Va. who went from Halifax Co. Va. to Laurens Co. S.C., then into Ga. Ala. and Miss. dying in Monroe Co. Miss. His family

changed

Written up in Miss Records. He was father of
children by 3 wives, the last one Sally Allison
w. 1813 in Laurens Co. S. C. w. 1800 (C. W. W. Laurens Co. S. C.
w. had one son # 16-26, 3 had under 10. This oldest was
Jno. W. born 1782 and the 3 under 10 were probably Ferrill
Bartlett and Shilley's. Jno. W. died in Miss, but he would
have been 77 or 78 in 1860. Bartlett went to Lincoln Co.
Tenn. I did not find any family chart on the
others. Jarvis Jackson Wilam had 13 children, John b. 1802
and James b. 1805 and Joseph Randolph b. 26 Nov. 1811
w. Eunice Favers b. 26 1834, only all be old enough to
be Newton Jasper's father. But Joseph Randolph's Bible
is preserved and so is Jarvis Jackson's. Col. Isaac
Wilam b. 1823 # 12th of Jarvis Jackson was on Jeff.
Davis staff. Jarvis Jackson was in Madison Co. 1824.

Miss Hockley's Wilam came from Hickman
Co. Tenn. But you write to her, I understand.
You see the book Franklin Co. Tenn. My Coleman Wilam
sold land in Laurens Co. S. C. Oct. 1816 and moved
westward. I know only that he was married more
than once. Thomas F. (Ferrick or Farrel) my
great Grandfather was b. 1810 in S. C. w. Margaret
Amanda Bell b. Nov. 4, 1815 in Tenn. (da. of James Bell early
settler on Duck R. over river, James distiller) w. 1831 and
1st da. b. 1832 in Ala. Now the rest of their 9 children b. in
Franklin Co. or in Hardens Co. Tenn. Franklin Co. is just across
the line from Madison Co. Ala. There are many Wilams in Stewart
Co. Henderson Co. and Henry Co. In 1840 census Henry Co.
was Hiderson Wilam - 2 sons 10 to 15, 1 son 15-20; but I see this
would fit 1836 birth.

You mention the name Larkin Wilam. In trying to trace
my Coleman, I discovered Absalom Coleman 27 Nov. 1814
left will ex. 10 Dec. 1814 naming sons John, Larkin, Alfred, Alsey
Guardian for Jno. is Bro. Wm & Zachariah Bailey. Dau. Deborah Ann.
Co. Wife Sarah, Friend Tarson Fuller.

I feel the Abraham Coleman connects to my
Coleman Milam somehow. Maybe his sister was
 Coleman Milam's mother. This Lidian Milam must
 have had a son, 1840 census just married at age
 quite is, named James M. (Marion?) ^{Milam} who named
 a son Cornelius Coleman Milam. Cornelius Coleman
 was a Colonial Soldier in the Coleman Milam had
 a son Sarah and a dau. Martha whom Thos C. or
W. Harris she was b. in Tenn. 1825. Henry C. W. said
 she often spoke of a brother "Pleasant". There was a
Pleasant Coleman Milam b. 1828 in Fla. but he
 could have been Coleman's grandson.

I must stop and write out my great, great
 grand father and my great grand father's families
 as far as I can prove. (Coleman) could be your
 great, great grand father, too. Who knows? He
 must have followed the early William pattern of having
 many children. (See notes)

Sincerely,
 Tom Milam Kyker

James Marion Milam had 13 by 1st wife and 13 by 2nd wife.
 his son Cornelius had 11 by his wife Rebecca Darcas Harris
 and 9 by 2nd wife Julia White working in all.
 Coleman could have had that money as he had 6 after
 he was 63 years old in almost sure that. I was his
 first in 1850 census 70 years old family and Thos G. was 87 in
 Hardin Co. Tenn. census in 1840-50 group in 1840, could have been
 a bro. or son of Coleman. Birth record on Coleman
before 1850. [He was in Franklin Co, Tenn. 1830 & 1840]

Should you please check for Buchanan
 in Hobbs - my mother's maiden name. Her G. G. f.
 was Hook Buchanan b. Tenn. 1807. Aunt Julia parents.

R. H. Buchanan

Mrs. and Nipper
Cecil, Ark. 72930

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Ken. matter: 6.9 Mar 1878

Dear Shirley,

Must write while I have your problem on my mind.

My dear Big Sandy; Tenn. is not in Hardin Co., but is in Benton Co., Tenn. Benton County was not formed until 1825 from Humphreess Co. and Stewart Co. is just n. of Benton Co. and there are "Hamptons" Milam families very early in Stewart Co. So I suggest you search the 1840 census of Benton and Henry Counties as Big Sandy is almost on the line of Henry & Benton Co.s. The Big Sandy River is the line with the town on the Benton side. But they could have been near Big Sandy and in Henry County - or even Stewart.

I have the 1840 Census of Gibson Milam - Henry Co Tenn - 2 males 10-15 age; 1 age 15-20; 1 age 40-50, which, I suppose, is Gibson head of the family and 2 females age 15-20 and 1 female 30-40 which would be the wife (Then there is James M. (Marrow) Milam aged 20-30 (which is ¹⁵ not true as he was only 18) and 1 female 15-20 (which is Rebecca Dorcas Harris full-blood Cherokee, or at least, of Cherokee blood). This James M. & Dorcas were in Savannah, Hardin County, in 1850 census as 7/80 and my great grandfather

House - family

Thos F. Milam was 87/91 which would put them living eleven houses apart. And
 gr, gr, gr. Coleman Milam was 120/124 which would
 put him 33 houses from his son Thos. F.
 This James Morrow Milam family I have from
 his Bible records from his descendants at
 Harrison and Snow Ball, Ark. He had
 sons Cornelius Coleman, Joel C., Riley, ^{part} Terrill
 Lorenzo D. ^(D.D.) John, William, James M. Jr.
 Felitha Jane, Sarah Ann, Pally, Thomas
 Jr. (Probably Jesse or Joseph ~~and both~~ or Jackson)
 Datto ^(M.D.) Franklin, Nancy E., Henry A., and Permille ^{Elizabeth} ~~Elizabeth~~.

They all these are names in Coleman's descendants
 by Thos. Terrill.

Then Cornelius Coleman had 11 chn by 1) Neusha
 McDaniel and 9 by 2nd wife) Martha Susan Williams.
 I have records of all these.

This is the reason Milams are so hard
 to trace - they moved a lot, had large families,
 and repeated the family names over and over.

Moses Scott Milam & wife Elizabeth (Patty)
 Boyd took their family to Franklin Co. Ky. near
 Frankfort about 1795. They were from Bedford Co. Va.
 and supposedly a bro. of Benjamin who married
 Elizabeth Jackson. Elizabeth's oldest sister
 Anne Jackson married a John Milam

who died 1779 and his estate in Bedford Co. was inventoried at 250,000 lbs. But his children are not mentioned, but I have some marriages of their children, given as son or daughter of Anne Milam.

However, I still believe that Coleman is son of Thomas or Samuel, brothers of Bartlett Ferrill Milam, which accounts for the Ferrill in the name of Thos. Ferrill. Both of these lived in Laurens or Abbeville Dist or 96 Dist S.C. And this Gideon of Henry Co. must have been closely related.

So my advice is to search the 1840 census of Henry & Benton Counties. I have all Milams in Hardin Co. 1850 census and no Newton Jasper is listed.

Good luck to you.

Vera

P.S. Yes, I've known about Rollie Burcham of Hobbs, N. Mex. for about a year or longer. I wrote him twice but no answer. Thanks just the same. If you chance to meet him, please quiz him about his ancestry.

Searching through my organized Milam data, I did not find a Bartlett who m. Rachel Richardson - several other Rachels but not

Richardson,

I think your suggestion of "pooling" our research energies, a good one.

Looking through D&R Patriot Index
"Linder"

Daniel b. c. 1750 d. c. 1840 m. Rebecca Van Meter
ens. Va.

John b. c. 1850 d. 14-1834. m. (1) Mary ^{Marygrove} ~~Marygrove~~
(2) Jane Wright, prot. N.C.

John b. c. 1755 d. 10-1833 m. Martha (Lipman)
sol. N.C.

I don't know how far back you are on the Linder line. Maybe this will help. For a \$2.00 fee D.A.R. will photostat the line for you.

Be glad to have you visit me, but please let me know in advance.

My mother who will be 90 Mar. 9 and I live alone in a large farm house.