

Sept. 23, 1986

Dear Rev. and Mrs Peeples,
Been intending to write for a long time,
but have been so "poorly" that I scarcely
do anything any more. I have written up
my Carter, Cendergrass and Hoyle families
and have them typed and returned and
have written my Davis, Crossland, Phillips,
Abijah Beecham and Joseph Lafayette
Milam families and have them with
my piece in Fayetteville being type-
written and have started on the Milcham-
Milam, Milum etc. families beginning
with John and Humphrey Mylam as
given by James Savage in The
History of New Eng. in Boston. Also
Mrs. Leon Breckedridge of Washington
state with whom I think you have
corresponded visited Milcham Church and
castle and sent a ~~bro~~ brochure which
I abbreviated and have included. I
can't work very long until I am exhausted
and have to lie down. I guess with my
health as time is running out on me,

But yesterday I read over your letters
(I think I have misplaced some) and I want
to correct or question some of the info
in them. I should have jotted down as I
read and save the time of re-reading,
but I did not.

Have these notes on back of your letter
Aug. 83

Lula B. Shaw b. Nov. 13, 1857; d. Feb. 21, 1910
Belle Shaw 1866 - 1958

1800 Laurens Dist, SC

White, James p. 36

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1850 Laurens

White, James p. 38

White, Jesse p. 49

John p. 39

Joseph p. 50

S. W. Shaw 1854 - 1918 (This is Lem)
 John W. White 1855 - 1923 } Father's parents
 Allie White 1864 - 1942 }

George R. Shaw 1901 - 1954
 Mollie Shaw 1897 - 1950

About Coleman Milam marrying a dau. of James Leake, I do not know, but I always suspected ~~he~~ ^{she} married a White since Thomas H. Milam & wife, ^{Margaret Amanda Bell} named 1st dau. Margaret ~~Ann~~ Salina, the Margaret continued from her mother, gr. mother, & gr. gr. mother. The 2nd dau. was named Malinda White Milam and called Miter all her life, so since Bells had no White, I concluded Thomas H. Milam's mother must have been a White, but don't know.

Bartlett Herrell Milam ca. 1750 -
 Sept. 11, 1822. had two chn. who never married Ferie and Nancy and moved to Bartow Co. Ga. & both buried in Charles Cemetery with grave markers. Nancy lived until 1888 and left a Bible with her nephew's family with whom she had lived many years that said John Milam had 6 sons: Samuel, James; Bartlett Farrell; John; Benjamin; & Thomas. She seemed not to have mentioned any daughters. She was born 1796 about the time Bartlett moved to S. C.

You know Benjamin ^{son of John} was not married 1782 and I believe in York Co. he was the Benjamin with 4 white females: Judith, Nancy, Hannah Bardell & John's gr. dau. Mary Ireland. & when Laurens Co census was

Taken I believe he & Judith were only ones
together + Hannah ^{James} & Mary elsewhere.
Now Benj. moved back to Va -
Pittsylvania Co. where he intermarried
into Peter Milam family.

1810 census gives John, Micajah, Sarah,
and Zachariah 474, Bedford Co.; and
Simeon Kanawha Co. 414; + Bush Milam
Botetourt Co. 641. Pittsylvania and Halifax
Cos. are missing in 1810

Then 1820 are Allen 43A; Harris 69A;
John 66; Lewis 71A; Halifax Co.
Benjamin 43A; Solomon 44; Zachariah, Jr.
43A; Zachariah Sr. 44 - Bedford Co.
Jacob 133; + Walter 133, Lee Co.
James ^{232A}, John 257A, ~~Walter~~ Solomon
252A. Tazewell Co.

Judith Kenner Co. 106.

Rush + Simeon Kanawha Co. + Moses P.D. -
William Washington Co.

I wonder if the Judith Milam
1820 is John's widow. She would
be about 90, improbable, but not
impossible.

I thank you so much for John Milam's
will in York June 1789. The last record
I had of him was in Halifax Co. 1788. Benjamin
James Milam never did leave Halifax Co. and
Grace Milam Chumley was living next door to
James. I thought by her marriage she was not
James dau. but possibly sister or cousin.
One James Meylum on, Martha Halster + had
a dau. Susannah b. July 3, 1765 in
Pittsylvania Co. Va.

Wm Douglas Register - Roanoke Co. Va. (Can't see)
 Manorian Town - Grace Mylam & Richard Chumly
 m. 9 May 1756. P. 2. son David b. 16 June 1768.
 Bapt. 17 July 1758.

Pittsylvania Co. Va. Beaverley Basdale (1782)
 3 whites; 3 blacks - only Basdale listed in
 Va. Do you suppose his wife was
 Hannah?

The chn of Coleman Milam - Thos. & 1810;
 Jm A (Allen?)¹⁸¹⁵; Elizabeth 1818; James Morrow
 1821 or Ashford 1820-21; Martha L. 1820-25)
 Pleasant Coleman 1827; Albert L. 1829;
 Sarah 1833. Before his last marr. he had
 8 chn. I believe Ashford or James one was
 son of one of woman living with Elizabeth Milam
 Franklin Co, 1830 Tenn. Census.

Had nearly \$100⁰⁰ research by Thos. E. Wade of
 Enville, Hardin Co. Ia. wasn't worth a darn.
 James M. Milam 3 Nov. 1873 declared lunatic, or idiot
 & Court found entirely insane & A. S. W. Crumby & R. East
 appoint. a Comm. to let him out to lowest bidder
 or private contract until 1st Mon. in Jan 1874.

Deeds, Bk K. Pp. 22-23 282-283 Thos. F. Milam to Deed

W. C. Tarbet - on waters of Sewell R. 19 Mar. 1855

Deed of Trust

Bk M. Pp. 22-23 Coleman Milam registration 22 Feb.

1858 to deed Abraham White, indebted to Wm H. Francis with
 admns. of estate of mrs. Hannan, dead. Thos. F. Milam security on note

Bk M. P. 60 - Thos. F. Milam 236 1/1000 to A. Blewens

price \$1,000⁰⁰ Dist #6 date 12-1-1858

(Must have been when Thos. F. left altho I've been
 told they came to Ark 1856.)

Deed B. M. P. 254-55 James M. Melam to deed
(Trust) A. M. (or W.?) Blevins - 10 Feb. 1866.
Book O. P. 212 - (Louise Franks to Deed J. M. Melam
2-9-1869 - (James M. Moved to Snowball, Ark.)
1871. then to Searcy Co. Ark.)

(I bought a microfilm reader so I could order
films + read at home when I feel like it - Found
James M. last week in Searcy though I had looked in
Atkins, Pope Co. time + again, where his grandson said
he moved, but did not find him.)

Searcy Co. Ark. Sulphur Springs Twp.
1900 Family #20/202 -
James Melam b. June 1821 - 78 yrs married 31 yrs.
born Ala. + both parents b. Ala.
Julia b. Apr. 1840 age 60 married 31 yrs. had 7 chn -
1 child living born Ark. + both parents b. Ala.
Nancy A. Melam, dau. b. Aug. 1872 Single Ark. Ala. Ark.
Lloyd O. Melam Grandson b. Feb 1897 age 3.

Calf Creek Twp - Searcy Co. 1900 -
#28/30 Wm. H. ^(or M.) Melam b. Oct. 1873 - age 36 - Married 1 year - Ark. Ten - Ark.
Sarah E. " b. March 1878 - " 22 mar. 1 yr. 3 chn. Ten - Ten - Ten.
Waldo son b. Jan 1894 - 6
Rada N. C. dau. b. Aug 1896 - 3
Benna son b. Aug 1899 9/12
#29/31 Feral D. Melam b. Jan 1861 - Age 39 mar. 14 yrs - Ten Ten Ten
Frances C. " b. Jan 1871 " 29 " " " 6 chn. - Ala Ala Ala.
Calma C. " dau. b. Feb. 1888 - 12 6 living
Coleburt E. L. son Apr. 1889 " "
Vadie E. M. dau. Mar. 1891 - 9
James M. son July 1893 - 6
Wm H. " Jan 1895 - 5
Jass I. " Jan 1900 7/12 -

Since I do not know where Coleman Melam was living 1821, I do not know whether James Morrow b. Ala & sometimes said Tenn. was Coleman's son or not. His grandson said he died 1901 Pope Co. But I'm sure both Wm & GERALD were James Morrow's sons. None of the whole mess could read or write according to the censuses.

June 1, 1900

I forgot one

14/14 Christopher (C^r) Melam b. July 1852 - age 47 widower
born in TN TN -

James A.	son b.	Sept. 1881 - age 18	ark TN ark.
Viola	daur	11 Oct 1882 - 16	
Alice A. (Alice)	"	Dec. 1885 - 15 (14 U.R.)	
David H.	son	May 1888 - 12	
Julia S.	daur.	" 1891 - 9	
Isaac	son	Dec. 1893 - 6	

This is Cornelius Coleman Melam son of James M. Marr. 1st. Deersha Ann McDaniel in Searey Co. 1871 and had 11 chn. the 6 last of 11 given here. Then 9-30-1900 he marr Martha Susan Gilliam b. 8 June 1849 d. Oct. 23, 1935 Douglas Ark. Neal d. 2-20-1929. & they had 9 chn. making 20 for him. I think I sent you the records of James M, Cornelius, & James M, Jr.

No will or Admin. in Hardin Co. of Melam, so Wade said. Books 1, 2, 3, & 4 -

Book F, 1850 - Oct. 2, 1852

Patience Cooper Melam for dower of estate of Jonathan Cooper, dec'd her late husband, appointed as her dower, land on Hardin's Creek 64 acres land, etc. - equals 1/3 of estate of Jonathan Cooper - as her rights & she pay all costs of this suit. to retain during her natural lifetime.

(But no mention of the Melam husband). I wonder

if it could have been Albert, whose estate was in Minute Book F, P. 203, Monday Oct. 4th 1852 by Thos. F. Milam which was the same day Patience Cooper's estate was settled. Bet she married Albert K. & she ^{previously} had this land and Albert died (Milams were tubercular) she sued to get her dower. I don't have any more from it. Thos F. made bond & was issued letters of administration

P. 150 Jesse C. (Coleman) Milam age 74 white male born at Savannah, Ga. died July 11, 1927 - cause: Cancer Stomach - This was Ashford's & Rosa's son, a minister.

Hardin Co - Bethel Cemetery -

Loranz Milam b. 1854 d. 8-12-1856
(This could be Lorenza Montgomery Milam son of Thos. F. & Margaret Amanda Bell Milam who died young according to Goodspeed's N.W. Ark.

Nancy E. Milam 1853 - 1929

Rev. Jessie Milam 1851 - 1927.

Savannah City Cemetery

Walter W. Milam Oct. 24, 1892 - Oct. 5, 1939
in World War I.

Have cemeteries in Chester, Decatur & Henderson Cos., but not ours.

Have marriages of James F. & Rufus K. (Reeb) sons of Thos. F. & of Mary A, dau. of James M. Hardin Co. & several near 1800 & after, but not ours as far as known.

Settlement of Poindexter estate, Martha M. Rufus Milam 49 acres hers - \$350⁰⁰ - 10 heirs -

That's what I got for over \$80⁰⁰.

I have all Confederate Pensions in Texas (I think) if you want them. All are initials but one or 2 and darn initials. Don't tell a thing!

Wiley Glen's records -

Thos. Milam b. ca 1800 Laurens Co., S.C.
went to Wilkes Co., Ga., then to Henry Co., Ga.
Stockbridge - Landowner. Wife Priscilla d.
before Thomas. Both buried 2 miles so. of
Stockbridge. 4 sons & 1 dau.

Wiley & Riley - twins b. Nov. 14, 1823.
Wiley d. 16 Oct. 1910; Riley d. 22 Jan. 1875
Henry Milam; John Milam b. 1833 d. 1863
buried in Concord Cemetery, Stockbridge Ga,
and Priscilla Milam.

I have 1850 census of Henry Co., Ga. with Thos
F. Milam - mechanic, b. 1798 I believe 52, and I
also wrote & they said they had will & estate
settlement of Thos F. Jr. by Thos. F. Milam
Sr. in 1850's or 60's & now I can't find it.
I have so darn much. When I try to do anything
I am in a constant state of confusion.

But I had company Mon. P.M. - a distant
relative wanting Burcham info & I pushed
aside Milams & got Burcham records to help
her & she stayed until almost sundown & then
I put records away & found first 4 pages of
your letter put away with Burcham marriages.
So the papers on Thos. F. Milam family of Henry
Co., Ga. may be mixed in. I was so - or tired!
Enough for now.

Best wishes,
Vera M. Pyker.

(F. F.)

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4 2nd Dist. Henry Co. Ga. 31 Oct. 1950 #1265/1265

J. F. Milam	53 m. mechanic	300 S.C.	Other F.
D.	" 45 f.	Ga.	(new wife?)
P. (?)	28 m.	farmer	Ga.
H.	26 m.	farmer.	Wiley
P.	18 f.		Priscilla
J.	16 m.	fmr.	John -
D.	8 f.		
H. H.	3 m.		

3 mar. 1862

Wm. Henry enlisted Henry Co. B. Ga. Inf.; deser
June 12, 1862. Said 17 - disability to Henry Co. Ga.

29th Dist. Fayette Co. Ga. - 16 Oct. 1850

Wm. Milam	30	fmr.	S. C.
Emily	" 26		Ga.
Martha	" 11 f		Ga.
James W.	" 8 m.		
Matilda	7 f		
John	5 m		
Clark (?)	3 f		
Selithy	1 f		

York Dist S. C. 1850.

1028/1028

Cary Milham	5 of York Dist.
Sarah	" 15 f - " "
Launcester (?)	" 12 m " "

These from Hilbanks - but estate settlement of Thos. H. Jr. by Thos. H. Sr. were my records - Thos. son of John said died 1823 - Stockbridge - No proof -