

273 Belvedere Drive  
Macon, Georgia  
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*Ed S. Milam*

Dear Robert,

By now you people have received the information on Benjamin R. Milam. I know you asked for a 1-2 page biography but this is one of the best written biographys I have read. Milam County, Texas was named for him. I was in San Antonio during WW-2 with the plane I was assigned to. We were sent to San Antonio Air Depot for some repairs and inspections that were beyond the scope of our facilities at Panama Air Depot. (I was 1st. engr. on the X-B15. It was a relic with a wing that had the rear half made up of linen. We flew the plane up there for a job that would have taken 3-4 days. They kept us there for 11 days, so I had the pleasure of really looking the town over.) I did enjoy seeing The Alamo. The radio operator was a "history nut", like me, so we made several trips to the old mission. On one trip he called me MILAM in the presence of one of the guides. The lady asked me if I was related to Benjamin. I had to tell her that I was a history buff and had no knowledge of our lines being connected. She finished the tour and then gave Ed Bolts and myself a real tour showing us some relics that had not been put on exhibit. Next trip I was up there I carried her a carton of her favorite brand of cigarettes (Chesterfields).

I'm glad Miss Cora got in the DAR. My Mother and her Sister, who lives in College Park, Ga. Coming up on her 91st. Birthday-still driving her car-living alone-andactive in local affairs, got a paid researcher to trace their lines. Mother's National #420693. It ran into some expence. My daughter wanted to join and ask me to help with her lineage proof. I got everything in order so she can join under the Kitchen side and the Milam side. She divorced her husband and took an assignment with IRS in Evansville, Ind. She has not mentioned it and I have not. When she gets ready she will ask for them.

I did appreciate the Hardin County, Tenn. information. It will "tie in" Mrs. Dorothy White back to Samuel Milam. She lives in Tulsa. We have been looking for Coleman and Dorcus for some time. She told me that Dorcus was a full blooded Indian and was killed while helping to fight a forest fire. That same information does concern William Nobel Milam of Tucson. It is wonderful how a small amount of information can finish a lot of lineage charts.

I have heard from Mrs. Betteridge of Tacoma. For some reason I got a "gut feeling" that her nephew will compile a lot of Milam information and blossom out with a book that several people, who have no intention of writing a book, researched for him. I have made it a rule that I will not tell any PAID RESEARCHER the wrong way to the Post Office. The nice lady that gave me the 40 years of research was very interested in my intentions before she gave me the notes. When she found out that I was interested in helping other Milams and ex-Milams, charging only when I had papers and pictures (that were above small charge, she gave me and is still giving me information. I think that is the reason that my "1/2" cousin, Robert M. Wilbanks, IV, quit writing to me. I made it clear that anything that I sent him was not for publication for a profit. He had ask me to "pick up" the Milams when they came to Georgia in 1850-52. I told him that I would but it was not to be used in the next book that he was planning to write. No answer.

I am also "playing with a hook" that was put out by a Mrs. Leveal from Dallas. She sounds like she is a would be author. As soon as they sound more to my liking, we will trade information.

I have no idea of where Judith Bartlett Cole's people were at the time of her marriage to John. I would suspect that we will find them in Halifax County, Virginia. According to what I have read they were living in Lancaster, Halifax, and Bradley Counties, Virginia. They did show up in Laurens County, S.C. in 1793. I do intend to keep asking, looking, and reading until I satisfy myself.

I mentioned to you about Beatrice Bayley's book "The Milam Family Heritage Book". She was put out of business by The Postal Service. I wrote(wrote) her to see if I could get another book for a cousin. My letter was returned to me by the Postal Inspector with a stamp on the front that said she was no longer receiving mail. I asked my postman about that and he said that she was taking money and not delivering the goods that she promised. The P.O. stepped in and wound up her mail order business. No a week later I received an order from "Mary Whitney-The Genealogy Room-306 Easton Road-Ottsville, Pa.-18942 for Milams Across America". I sent her a real nice letter (+ a stamped envelope) asking if it was the same book as "The Milam Family Heritage Book by Bayley". She didn't even answer my letter. It was almost the same ballyhoo (word for word) that Bayley used. That book of Bayley's does have 3,397 Milams listed-which I have found very helpful in making contacts, but I'm getting a larger percentage of Postal Office Returns marked "No longer at this address, No forwarding address, Not Known, or Deceased". After 5 years I guess the ranks do grow thinner.)

Welcome to the club. I have not heard from OUR cousin Paul La wton in ages. I guess he and his paid researcher have found all the Milams they wanted. Paul was interested in Diataphus Milam. - I checked the census of Laurens County, S.C. for 1850 (Call #786-Micro#432-Roll#855). I found D.M. Milam, 1 wife, and 5 children. I sent it to him and he said his researcher had them so, I decided to keep out of her way and help some of the Milams in the remote sections of our country. Several Milams I am helping do not live near a library or an archives. They "dance in the street" when they just get a letter. I'm sorry about the loss of his Father.

The postman will be here shortly. Anything that you find that I may want in my research, please send it to me. Anything that I find, just get it out of your mail box.

If you and Miss Cora are ever through (or near Macon) give us a call (912-477-9300) we csn find you easier than you can find us. I would like for you to see my work. I may have something that you would want.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature consisting of the letters 'F', 'd', and 'va' arranged vertically within a hand-drawn rectangular box.

273 Belvedere Drive  
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Dear Robert,

The Milam Reunion will be held this year on 2 August. It will be held at "The Deerlick Park" at Douglasville, Ga. This park is on #92 (or called Fairburn Road). If you should be on I-20, headed West, exit at Exit #10, turn left on #92. The first sign is located 1.7 miles from I-20. Turn left at the sign and follow the road to the park. I feel sure that you will leave the reunion with more Milam friends than you came with. Most of these people are from John Milam, Jr's. line (1753-1838). However, they are Milams and are good people to know.

The week of the 20th., Eva and I spent in Cartersville, Ga. We met Jerry Teague, a cousin of mine. (He and I are related through E.L. "Polly" Milam, Sr. (1861-1941). Polly was my Grandfather and Jerry's G-G-Grandfather. Jerry has been doing some wonderful research on the Caters. (My Grandmother was a Cater before her marriage.) He and his wife met us at The Quality Inn on Saturday the 20th. They were on vacation. We really "stomped out" The Euharlee Presbyterian Cemetery. He was able to get some pictures of some gravemarkers that would verify some of his research. My 3rd. cousin, Ed Milam, lives in Cartersville. Because of Father's Day being the next day, we decided to not even let Ed know we were in town until late Sunday PM. We knew that he would have made plans and we didn't want to become part of them. We decided on a late lunch and walked into the dining room of The Quality and the first person I saw (and saw me) was Ed. We told him that we would get in touch with him after 3:00Pm the next afternoon. So we decided to go to Marietta (20 miles South of Cartersville and visit Aunt Ruth, who is confined to a Nursing Home. She is 90 years old and sharp as a tack. Jerry had some pictures of Mrs. Cater, Mrs. E.L. Milam, Mrs. Laura Milam Hughes, and his Grandmother, Laura Hughes Jones. (4 Generations). He also had a picture of Mrs. Cater, Mrs. Milam, Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Jones, and his Mother. 5 Generations. Aunt Ruth recognized Mrs. Cater, her Mother, and her Sister in both of the photos.). We went back to Quality after a ride around Marietta. I showed him the different homes that "Polly" had lived in, the graves of "Polly" and "Miss Honey". On the way back to Cartersville, we saw a "Super Flea Market". Jerry and Donna wanted to see it-Eva has never had to have her arm twisted to stop and work out a flea market. We saw a part of it and Eva's face started to get hot. We went back to Quality and the Teagues went back to the market. Eva and I cooled down and went to Ed's after 3:00Pm. Ed and I went to an old cemetery. I got a picture of William Milam's Monument. William Milam (1777-1844) is buried in Laurens County, S.C. His wife Mary Pasley Milam (1786-1855) is buried in Euharlee Presbyterian Cemetery. I'm wondering why Herbert M. Milam didn't put the monument by Mary's grave. Oh well, they can't blame it on me.

Did you receive the Bio on Benjamin Rush Milam? I received an ans. to a letter I wrote to a Milam 28 of June, 1987. My letter to him was written on 19 May, 1986. I have hopes.

Cousinly,

*Eva*