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Dear Mr. Peeples:

Mrs. Fred (Betty) Irwin, who is secretary of Laurens County, SC Historical Society, gave me your recent letter inquiring about Milam family. May I ask if you are a descendant and how do you descend? Or if you are collecting data for your Historical Society and not a descendant?

I am descended from John and Judith Milam of Halifax, County, Va. through their son, Bartlett (where did you find the Ferril?) Milam who married there Elizabeth Gwinn. Their son, John (1772 Halifax Co. Va-1857 Laurens, SC) married Sarah Fuller, and they had daughter, Nancy Milam 1816-1902, who married Wesley Bryson, my great grandparents....Bartlett, John, Nancy and spouses all died Laurens County, SC.

I have done a great deal of courthouse, church minutes, etc. research in our county on these people. Some years ago, I supplied a descendant of Coleman Milam's with the one deed I have found (and I suppose the one you refer to "selling 24 acres on Duncan's Creek-no dower-) and she in turn sent me data on Coleman's family after he left here. If you need this, I will be happy to share it with you. As a contributing editor of Georgia Genealogical Magazine, I furnished the Laurens Co, SC Equity Court Roll # 1923 dated 23 Oct 1817 showing John Milam, son of Thomas, which came out in the last issue. This had to be Thomas son of John of Va., since Thomas, son of Bartlett & Elizabeth, married Rachel Bell Jones and their children not born until the 1820's.

My records state that four of John of Va.'s sons came to SC, namely Captain John, Benjamin, Thomas and my Bartlett who did not come until last (1796). Also, I have it differently than you: Captain John Milam born 12 June 1753 Brunswick Co, Va. moved from Laurens County, SC ca 1813 or 14 to Madison Co, Ala where he died 26 Oct 1838. He was married 3 times and had 13 children..I have the names of 12 of these. His last wife drew his pension (I have copy) and lived to be quite old. She says she married Capt. John in Laurens Co, S in 1813, so if we knew where her first child was born, SC or Ala., then we could pin point their moving date. I do know I found a court records and from it I was led to believe that Capt. John left here right after this case went to court. Well, his land deeds would certainly tell but I am not looking it up now.

I have several copies of DAR applications by Milam descendants on different Milam men, if you need them. And I have a vast amount of Milam data on different Milam branches. If you will tell me what you need, and what you will use it for, I will see if I will be able to assist you.

Sincerely,

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