



MILAM

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Dear Mrs. Reynolds,

Thank you so much for your letters of 13 May and 18 August which I have not previously answered because I really could think of nothing to add to what I had previously written you. One of my friends here has a brother-in-law who descends from Wm. Leake (1664-1725) & Mary Bostick, founders of the Goochland Co. Va. family and he has done some research on the family but spends the summers away from here in the mountains and I haven't been able to talk with him as I'd like. Anyhow, his wife is quite unwell and I'm reluctant to bother him.

Enclosed is a Xerox of the 1st four pages of his summary of the Leake family. It does appear likely that the Laurens Co. Leake family descends from the Goochland, Va. family, possibly from WILLIAM bapt. 1694 or RICHARD bapt. c.1703. Who was JOSIAH Leake who practiced law in York Co., SC 1795? Who was JOHN Leech (wife Jenny Powell) who witnessed 1789 will of John Milam in York, SC?

By 1790 Census William Leek was in Laurens Co. 3 males over 16. James Leek was in adjoining Greenville Co. and John Leek in adjoining Union Co.

By 1800 Census William, Sr., William, Jr., Bryant, James & Jeremiah were all in Laurens Co. with John still in Union.

On 7 Feb 1811 JAMES Leake bought 180 acres from Charles Little, (Laurens Co. Deed Bk. J p. 215) witnessed by Thomas Milam; land on Duncan Creek.

On 15 June 1811 JAMES Leake bought an additional 200 acres on Duncan Creek adjoining land then owned by Thomas Milam.

On 1 Oct. 1816 COLEMAN Milam sold to Oswell Beavers 24 acres of the 180 acres James Leake had bought 7 Feb 1811, James Leake having sold the remaining 150 acres to JOHN Leake a few weeks earlier on 8 Sept. 1816. Strangely, these deeds were not recorded until 12 March 1819. By that time ~~Coleman Milam, his wife and children, his father Thomas Milam and his 2nd wife, had all moved to Bartow Co., Ga. where Thomas died 1823.~~ James Leake, you note, had moved to Ga. "1813-1817" with his new wife. The real estate record bears this out, showing he left after selling his property in Sept. 1816.

I believe that James & "Franky" Leake had among their 8 or 10 children ~~a daughter who m. c. 1808 Coleman Milam~~ and their 1st child: THOMAS FERRILL MILAM was born in Laurens Co. 1810. Among their children was a daughter, ELIZABETH MILAM born Laurens Co. 1818 just before the family moved to Georgia. We know that James Leake and Thomas Milam lived on adjoining farms. What could be more natural than James' giving his daughter 24 acres of his land and allowing his son-in-law to sell same when he decided to move to Georgia for new free land? We were hoping that some Leake family historian could tell us which daughter of James Leake married Coleman Milam c. 1808.

With all good wishes for you and all your family, I have the honor to remain
Faithfully,