

FIRST GENERATION

1. **Thomas MILAM** was born no later than 1716 in Virginia. He died probably in early 1775 in Bedford County, Virginia. Thomas Milam, traditionally believed to be the son of Samuel and Martha (Gardner) Mileham, has always been traditionally believed to have been born circa 1726 in Virginia. However, the records indicate that he must have been born no later than 1716. Thus, Thomas was most likely not a son of Samuel and Martha Mileham.

Thomas married, probably about 1744 in Virginia, to a woman named Mary. Traditionally, she has always been believed to have been Mary Rush Adams. She was possibly from Boston, Mass, as she has always been believed to be a relative of John Adams. she was probably born circa 1720.

All records of a Thomas Milam that appear in the early Virginia records, prior to 1775, are most likely our Thomas Milam. There are very few records using the Milam surname in Virginia prior to 1770, and therefore, those entries must be of the same individuals, usually our Thomas and John.

Early records indicate that Thomas Milam was in a part of Orange county, Virginia, as early as 1737, which became Culpeper County, Virginia in 1749. He was living on the north side of Doubletop Mountain. Today, Milam Gap is on the Skyline Drive of Shenandoah National Park and lies on the north side of Doubletop Mountain.

The earliest record of Thomas Milam, is dated March 24, 1737, at a court held for Orange County, Virginia when a petition by David Williams, an assignee for William Smith, was brought against Thomas Mylam and Francis Williams asking for four hundred pounds of tobacco due by bills. Judgement was granted for the plaintiff against the aforesaid Thomas Mylam and Francis Williams who were ordered to pay the four hundred pounds of tobacco.

Robert Willbanks, geneologist, believes that this is our Thomas Milam because it begins following a pattern of records for a Thomas Milam who lived on Doubletop Mountain in the part of Orange County, Virginia which later becomes Culpeper County. To appear in a court dated 1737, Thomas had to be of his majority, over the age of 21. Therefore, Thomas had to be born before 1716, which is not unreasonable, because when he dies in 1775, he would only be 59 years of age.

He was married to Mary Rush ADAMS about 1744 in Virginia. **Mary Rush ADAMS** was born in 1728 in Virginia. She died in 1778 in Virginia. Thomas MILAM and Mary Rush ADAMS had the following children:

- 2 i. **William MILAM** was born about 1746 in Orange County, Virginia.
- 3 ii. **Benjamin MILAM** was born about 1748 in Orange County, Virginia.
- 4 iii. **John MILAM** was born about 1750 in Culpepper County, Virginia.
- 5 iv. **Moses MILAM** was born about 1752 in Culpepper County, Virginia.
- 6 v. **Zachariah MILAM** was born about 1755 in Culpepper County, Virginia.
- 7 vi. **Solomon MILAM** was born about 1757 in Culpepper County, Virginia.
- +8 vii. **Rush MILAM.**

SECOND GENERATION

8. **Rush MILAM** was born in Oct 1759 in Culpepper County, Virginia. He served in the military in 1780 in Bedford County, Virginia Militia. Rush served in the Revolutionary War, enlisting in 1780 in the Bedford County, Virginia Militia under Capt. Alexander Cummins, Col. Meriweather's Regiment, General Lawson's Brigade. He is listed in the Property Tax List in 1782 in Bedford County, Virginia. Rush is listed on page 18 with 1 tithe, 1 white over 21, 12 blacks, 3 horses and 6 cattle.

He is listed in the Property Tax List in 1783 in Bedford County, Virginia. Rush Milam had 1 free male over 21, 2 horses, 6 cattle, and 1 white tithe above 16. He is listed in the Property Tax List in 1784 in Bedford County, Virginia. Rush Milam is found on page 25 with 1 tithe, 1 white over 21, 4 horses and 8 nell. cattle. He is listed in the Property Tax List in 1787 in Bedford County, Virginia. This tax list finds Rush Milam with 4 horses and 8 cattle.

He is listed in the Property Tax List in 1788 in Bedford County, Virginia. This Tax List, dated April 28, finds Rush Milam with 1 white tithe and 4 horses.

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He is listed in the Property Tax List in 1789 in Bedford County, Virginia. This Tax List, dated April 4, finds Rush Milam with 1 white male tithable above 21 and 1 horse. He is listed in the Property Tax List in 1790 in Bedford County, Virginia. The Tax List, dated March 19, find Rush Milam with 1 white male tithable above 21. The same is true for his listings in 1791 and 1792.

He appeared on the census in 1810 in Botetourt County, Virginia. Rush Milam is listed on page 641. In his household are 3 males under 10 years of age, 1 male between 10 and 16, 2 males between 16 and 26, 1 male over 45, 1 female between 16 and 26 and 1 female between 26 and 45.

He appeared on the census in 1820 in Kanawha County, West Virginia. This 1820 Virginia census lists Rush Milam on page 3. In his household are 1 male under 10, 1 male between 10 and 16, 2 males between 16 and 26, 1 male over 45, 1 female under 10, 1 female between 26 and 45 and 1 female over 45. He died between 1840 and 1850 in Kanawha County, West Virginia.

On May 24, 1785, Rush Milam purchased from the Trustees of the Town of Liberty, two 1/2 acre lots--numbers 2 and 3--in the Town of Liberty for 57 pounds.

In 1835 Rush filed for a Revolutionary War Veteran's Pension as a resident of Kanawha County, Virginia. In this application for pension, Rush stated that at the age of 2, in 1761, his family moved to Bedford County, Virginia from Culpepper County, Virginia.

On March 7, 1787, William and Rush Mileham of Bedford County, Virginia sold to the town of Liberty, Bedford County, Virginia, 100 acres on Reed Creek.

He also stated in his pension application that he migrated to Botetourt County, Virginia in 1786, but he still appears on the Bedford County tax records until 1792. He may not have actually moved to Botetourt County until after 1792. On July 26, 1803, Rush Milam and Elizabeth, his wife, sold their two town lots, number 2 and 3, in Liberty, Bedford County, Virginia to William Mitchell.

He was married to Ann Elizabeth FOWLER (daughter of William B. FOWLER and Amanda Ann HOFFMAN) on 16 Jul 1783 in Bedford County, Virginia. Ann Elizabeth FOWLER was born about 1765 in probably Virginia. She died between 1840 and 1850 in Kanawha County, West Virginia. Rush MILAM and Ann Elizabeth FOWLER had the following children:

- 9 i. **Simeon MILAM** was born between 1784 and 1790 in Bedford County, Virginia.
- 10 ii. **James MILAM** was born between 1784 and 1794 in Bedford County, Virginia.
- 11 iii. **Moses B. MILAM** was born in 1792 in Bedford County, Virginia.
- 12 iv. **Unknown MILAM** was born between 1784 and 1794 in Bedford County, Virginia.
- 13 v. **John MILAM** was born between 1794 and 1800 in Virginia.
- 14 vi. **Lindsey MILAM** was born about 1801 in Botetourt County, Virginia.
- 15 vii. **Son MILAM** was born between 1800 and 1810 in Botetourt County, Virginia.
- +16 viii. **Benjamin R. MILAM**.
- 17 ix. **Unknown Son MILAM** was born between 1810 and 1820 in Virginia.
- 18 x. **Daughter MILAM** was born between 1810 and 1820 in Virginia.

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16. **Benjamin R. MILAM** was born on 9 Aug 1804 in Botetourt County, Virginia. He appeared on the census in 1840 in Kanawha County, West Virginia. The 1840 Virginia census lists Benjamin R. Milam in Kanawha County on page 44 line 19, right next door to Rush Milam, who is believed to be his father. In Benjamin's household were 1 male between 5 and 10 years of age, 1 male between 30 and 40, 3 females under 5 and 1 female between 30 and 40. He appeared on the census in 1850 in Kanawha County, West Virginia. The 1850 Virginia Census, dated October 9th, lists Benjamin R. Milam in Kanawha County, District 29, page 85. His name is just barely readable, and the rest of this entry is completely unreadable.

The Annotated Census for Kanawha County lists Benjamin R. Milam age 44 as born in Virginia and owning a farm worth \$1070. Living in his household was his wife Sarah (Sisson) age 41 also born in Virginia. A Norris B., a laborer, was also residing in the household. The children were Louisa, age 12; Mary E., age 10; Leftwich, age 9; Nancy G, age 4; and Andrew

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P., age 2. All the children are listed as being born in Virginia. At this time, Kanawha County was still a part of Virginia.

He appeared on the census in 1860 in Kanawha County, West Virginia. The 1860 Virginia census, dated July 6th, lists Benjamin R. Milam in Kanawha County, post office in Sissonville, page 104, sheet 104, dwelling and family number 725. He is listed as a farmer with real estate valued at \$3000 and personal property valued at \$400. Living in the household at that time were Benjamin R. Milam age 55 male, Sarah A. age 49 female, C. L. age 20 female, Louisiana age 9 female and Alexander Gibson, age 17 male, farm laborer. The C. L. is assumed to be the Cora Lee shown in the photograph of the Lefrige Milam family in the book, Sissonville: A Time to Remember. There is not a different last name given, yet she is not listed as a child in either the 1840 or the 1850 census. He signed a will on 3 Sep 1865 in Kanawha County, West Virginia. His will was probated on November 25, 1865; Will book 2, page 137. He died on 29 Sep 1865. He was buried in Milam Cemetery, Poca District, West Virginia.

He was married to Sarah SISSON (daughter of James SISSON and Mary "Polly" CARTMILL) on 5 Aug 1830. Sarah SISSON was born on 2 May 1809 in Botetourt County, Virginia. She died on 29 Feb 1880. She was buried in Milam Cemetery, Poca District, West Virginia. Benjamin R. MILAM and Sarah SISSON had the following children:

- +19 i. **Louise J. MILAM.**
- +20 ii. **Colonel Lefrige MILAM.**
- +21 iii. **Mary MILAM.**
- 22 iv. **Nancy G. MILAM** was born in 1846. 1850 Census lists Lousis age 12, Mary E. age 10, Leftwich age 9, Nancy G. age 4 and Andrew P. age 2.
- 23 v. **Andrew P. MILAM** was born in 1848. 1850 Census lists Lousia age 12, Mary E. age 10, Leftwich age 9, Nancy G. age 4 and Andrew P. age 2.
- +24 vi. **Louisianna "Anna" MILAM.**

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19. **Louise J. MILAM** was born on 12 Dec 1836 in Kanawha County, West Virginia. She died on 8 Feb 1865. She was buried in Milam Cemetery, Poca District, West Virginia.

20. **Colonel Lefrige MILAM** was born on 26 Aug 1840 in Kanawha County, West Virginia. He died on 6 Apr 1908 in Kanawha County, West Virginia. He was buried in Milam Cemetery, Poca District, West Virginia. Colonel Lefrige Milam was born in a large log house at the mouth of the Phillips Hollow in Poca District. The house burned in 1935. He was about five feet eight inches tall and weighed about 135 lbs. He had red hair, blue eyes, and a fair skin. Physically he was not too strong, having been injured by a severe case of typhoid fever in his youth. One arm and both feet were crippled with arthritis. He was very intelligent, high strung, energetic, ambitious, and a shrewd business man. He accumulated about seven hundred acres of land in Poca District above Sissonville. He was considered a very successful farmer and stockman. He was very firm and dictatorial particularly with his family. He was good to them but demanded strict adherence to orders; none ever crossed him.

He was good to the men who worked for him and several of them who stayed with him for any length of time were able to buy a farm or place to live when they left. He was a strong Democrat, a Methodist, and devoutly religious. He died probably of heart disease associated with rheumatoid arthritis.

He was married to Martha Ann MAIRS (daughter of Dr. Williams MAIRS and Martha AULTZ) on 26 Mar 1874. **Martha Ann MAIRS** was born on 21 Feb 1853 in Sissonville, West Virginia. She died on 22 Dec 1923 in Sissonville, West Virginia. She was buried in Milam Cemetery, Sissonville, West Virginia. Martha Ann was about five feet seven inches tall and weighed 135 lbs. She had dark hair, blue eyes and a fair complexion. She complained a great deal and was not considered too strong, although she never had any specific illness. She was quiet and reserved. Her death came suddenly on the morning of December 22, 1923 at the age of seventy. The exact cause was not determined although she had a sudden hemorrhage from her mouth and nose. Colonel Lefrige MILAM and Martha Ann MAIRS had the following children:

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- +25 i. **Claude Egbert MILAM Sr.**
- 26 ii. **William Virgil MILAM** was born on 28 Jan 1875 in Kanawha County, West Virginia. He died on 6 Oct 1881. He was buried in Milam Cemetery, Poca District, West Virginia.
- 27 iii. **Minnie Mae MILAM** was born on 20 Nov 1876 in Kanawha County, West Virginia. She died on 4 Nov 1969 in Charleston, West Virginia. She signed a will.
- 28 iv. **Luara Bell MILAM** was born on 27 Jan 1879 in Kanawha County, West Virginia. She died on 4 Jun 1880. She was buried in Milam Cemetery, Poca District, West Virginia.
- 29 v. **Benjamin B. MILAM** was born on 9 Jul 1881 in Kanawha County, West Virginia. He died on 1 Jan 1971.
- 30 vi. **Rosa Pearl MILAM** was born on 14 Sep 1883 in Kanawha County, West Virginia. She died on 16 Aug 1982.
- +31 vii. **Oscar Vernon MILAM.**
- 32 viii. **Marvin Carter MILAM** was born on 28 Oct 189 in Kanawha County, West Virginia.

He was married to Elizabeth Catherine VANDINE on 5 Nov 1863 in Kanawha County, West Virginia. **Elizabeth Catherine VANDINE** was born on 12 Nov 1844. She died on 3 May 1865 in Sissonville, West Virginia. She was buried in Milam Cemetery, Poca District, West Virginia. Colonel Lefrige MILAM and Elizabeth Catherine VANDINE had the following children:

- 33 i. **Mary Alice MILAM** was born on 27 Aug 1864 in Sissonville, West Virginia. She died on 24 Feb 1881 in Sissonville, West Virginia. She was buried in Milam Cemetery, Poca District, West Virginia.

21. **Mary MILAM** was born in 1841 in Kanawha County, West Virginia.

She was married to Burwell "Lock" FISHER (son of George FISHER and Francis LANHAM) in Mar 1857. Mary MILAM and Burwell "Lock" FISHER had the following children:

- 34 i. **Benjamin FISHER.**
- 35 ii. **Buzz FISHER.**
- 36 iii. **Cena? FISHER.**

24. **Louisianna "Anna" MILAM** was born on 10 Oct 1851 in Kanawha County, West Virginia. She died on 2 Mar 1878.

FIFTH GENERATION



25. **Claude Egbert MILAM Sr.** was born on 5 May 1886 in Kanawha County, West Virginia. He was an operator engineer between 1927 and 1957 in the Power House of Weirton Steel Company, Weirton, West Virginia. Claude retired from Weirton Steel Co. four years prior to his death. He had been employed as an operator engineer in the Power House. He was a member of the 25 Year Club. He died on 16 Oct 1961 in Weirton, West Virginia. He was buried on 19 Oct 1961 in Fort Steuben Cemetery, Wintersville, Ohio. He was a Sheriff early 1920's in Kanawha County, West Virginia. He was a Farmer until mid 1920's in Sissonville, West Virginia. He acquired the name "Dod" by which

he was known all over Sissonville because as a child he tried to say "Claude" but what came out was "Dod". He was therefor "Dod" all his life. He had nicknames for some of his children as well. He always called Freer "Jack" and called his daughter, Martha, "Pat."

While sheriff, he co-signed a loan for a neighboring diary farmer. The diary farmer was unable to repay the loan and in 1926 Claude's farm and all of his family's possessions were taken in repayment for the loan. According to his son Dix, Claude E. Milam Sr as a young man and Claude E. Milam Sr as an adult are two different people. "My father (from the memories of his brothers) was an entirely different person after his bankruptcy. As a young man and young married man, he was very talkative and outward going. But the bankruptcy killed his soul so that none of us who came later knew the old "Dod" Milam."

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"I wish that I could have known my Father before his bankruptcy. There were a lot of times when he and I would be home alone and we would drink his coffee and talk by the hour. He was always very slow and soft spoken. I do not know if this was an acquired trait or if he always talked that way. Beside farming, Dad also had a thriving Nursery along with Uncle Cart and he also owned a Livery Stable in Charleston."

After the bankruptcy, the family left West Virginia with only a few possessions and moved to Newcomerstown, Ohio, where Girtha's sister Georgia was residing. Some time later they moved to Steubenville, Ohio, and lived on Highland Ave. Claude never owned his own home after he lost the farm. The family later moved to 33 Center Street, Weirton, West Virginia.

According to his son Freer, Claude lived by a personal creed: "live each day so as to not hurt anyone." Freer said he also tried to live by that creed.

Claude was a member of the Humphrey Memorial Methodist Church at Sissonville, West Virginia and served as superintendent of the Sunday School for 18 years. While residing in Weirton, he attended the First Methodist Church.

In the summer on Sunday evenings when his son Freer and granddaughter Carol would visit, they would gather in the kitchen where the desserts and snacks would appear. One of Claude's favorite desserts was cantaloupe with vanilla ice cream in it.

Claude was hospitalized and diagnosed with leukemia four weeks prior to his death.

He was married to Girtha Jane FISHER (daughter of Rev. Perry Davis FISHER and Anneliza CASTO) on 5 Aug 1911 in Charleston, West Virginia.



Girtha Jane FISHER was born on 27 Apr 1889 in Jackson County, West Virginia. She died in Nov 1972 in Lubbock, Texas. She was buried in Fort Steuben Cemetery, Wintersville, Ohio. Girtha's mother died when she was still quite young and her father remarried Cora Staats. Her stepmother was not a warm mother to her. According to her son Dix, Girtha had a very severe inferiority complex. This started early in her life. Her sister Georgia was such a beautiful child and young woman and Girtha was quite plain.

Girtha was an excellent seamstress who made beautiful clothes for many of her grandchildren. Girtha also crocheted and made lace dollies. She had a tin box in which she kept the extra buttons from the many items she made. This button box entertained her grandchildren for many hours.

Whenever her family came for a visit, she cooked enormous meals with the assistance of her daughter and daughters-in-law usually using every pot and pan in the house. Many of her grandchildren have fond memories of holidays at her house.

Girtha also used to sing hymns, especially Amazing Grace, while cleaning or cooking. You could tell she was the daughter of a minister. She was a charter member of the Ladies Aid Society of the Humphreys Memorial Church which was formed in 1921. Other charter members were her sisters-in-law Bessie Milam and Pearl Glass.

During World War II, Girtha and her daughter Martha moved to Akron, Ohio, where they both worked in a manufacturing plant. She was example of the women who are now known as "Rosie the Riveter" in that she helped with the war effort in her own way.

Girtha was the matriarch of her family. She complained of many illnesses during her lifetime and these limited her activities in later years. Claude Egbert MILAM Sr. and Girtha Jane FISHER had the following children:

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i. **William Freer MILAM Sr.**

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Loren MILAM was born in 1913 in Sissonville, West Virginia. He died in 1918 in Sissonville, West Virginia.

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- +39 iii. **Claude Egbert "Dix" MILAM Jr.**
- +40 iv. **Lakin MILAM.**
- +41 v. **Martha Jane MILAM.**

31. **Oscar Vernon MILAM** was born on 25 May 1889 in Kanawha County, West Virginia. He died on 4 Feb 1969.

SIXTH GENERATION



37. **William Freer MILAM Sr.** was born on 19 Jun 1912 in Kanawha County, West Virginia. He served in the military between 1942 and 1945 in Int Air Force Base, Colorado. William Milam reached the rank of Sargent. He was the driver for General Int who was killed in a plane crash just before he was to be shipped out to Europe. Freer told the story of driving back from San Antonio, Texas and reaching the base before General Int who flew back. Being General Int's driver, he was often required to run errands for Mrs. Int. He did not enjoy working for her as much as he enjoyed working for the General. He retired in 1972 from Weirton Steel Company, Weirton, West Virginia. He died on 13 Aug 1993 in Winterville, Ohio. He was buried on 15 Aug 1993 in Fort Steuben Cemetery, Winterville, Ohio. He was an Operator of the Roller in the Tin Mill 45 years from 1927

until 1972 in Weirton Steel Co., Weirton, West Virginia. He was described as 5"10" tall, with medium build. Freer also had brown eyes and thinning hair..

He was married to Christina Leota MILLER (daughter of Delbert Wayne MILLER and Ici Erdine CUNNINGHAM) on 8 Nov 1940 in Russell, Kentucky.



Christina Leota MILLER was born on 1 Sep 1915 in Frog's Creek, Sissonville, West Virginia. She graduated in 1934 from Sissonville High School. She was a member of the Winterville Methodist Church between 1950 and 1990 in Winterville, Ohio. She was a ward helper in operating room between 1961 and 1972 in Ohio Valley Hospital. William Freer MILAM Sr. and Christina Leota MILLER had the following children:

- +42 i. **William Freer MILAM Jr.**
- +43 ii. **Robert Perry MILAM.**
- +44 iii. **Carol Sue MILAM.**



39. **Claude Egbert "Dix" MILAM Jr.** was born on 24 Jun 1923 in Charleston, West Virginia.



Helen Margerite HINES (daughter of Phillip Ora HINES and Margaret Anna SAHM) was born on 27 Jun 1924 in Chicago, Illinois. Claude Egbert "Dix" MILAM Jr. and Helen Margerite HINES had the following children:

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- +45 i. **Jeffrey MILAM.**
- +46 ii. **Melanie MILAM.**



40. **Lakin MILAM** was born on 10 May 1920 in Sissonville, West Virginia. He died on 2 Aug 1979 in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. He was buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

He was married to Clara Juanita STANCIL (daughter of Jess L. STANCIL and Elizabeth S. SEABOLT) in Sep 1940 in Covington, Kentucky.

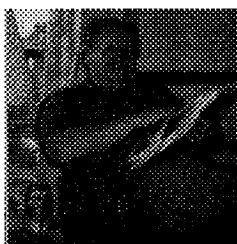


Clara Juanita STANCIL was born on 20 Feb 1917 in Lumpkin County, Georgia. She was a Beautician. Lakin MILAM and Clara Juanita STANCIL had the following children:

- +47 i. **Donna Lee MILAM.**
- +48 ii. **Linda Kay MILAM.**
- +49 iii. **Paulette MILAM.**



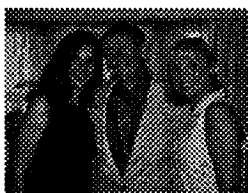
41. **Martha Jane MILAM** was born in Sissonville, West Virginia.



Martha Jane MILAM and "JT" John Thomas SINGLETON had the following children:

- +50 i. **Sandra SINGLETON.**
- +51 ii. **John Thomas SINGLETON.**

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42. **William Freer MILAM Jr.** was born on 2 Nov 1941 in Steubenville, Ohio. He graduated in Jun 1959 in Wintersville High School. He received a Bachelor's degree in Jun 1962 from The Ohio State University. He received a degree in Medicine in Jun 1966 from The Ohio State University. He did a Medical Residency in 1970 in Rotterdam, The Netherlands. He did a Medical Residency early 1970's in Pathology at the University of Michigan.

He was married to Nancy NOEL in 1965 in Canton, Ohio.