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Mr. Floyd G. Hoenstine
418 Wayne Street
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Dear Sir:

I wrote to you the spring of 1944 asking you to help me to prove a Thomas Milligan (Milliken) line. You replied that war work prevented you to do so. The war is over and a member of the family is willing to pay \$10.00 to have it proved if that is possible. You are familiar with the local history of this district and if the Thomas Milligan records are to be found you could do it quickly and could afford to do it for that sum. As I told you it is not my line and I do not do that kind of work for money. I was registrar for our D.A.R. chapter and am Pres. of the C.A.R. and I want it to establish lines for membership. As I wrote you before the D.A.R. won't accept the Ridlon papers. We have one member on this line and there are several others scattered over the U.S. but they will not accept new members on this line. I wrote this winter to the lady who worked out this line. She is 86 years old and is nearly blind. She is frantic to think that her work is not accepted. I wish now that I had not written to her and I hope for her sake that that the matter can be worked out to the satisfaction of the D.A.R. I am enclosing some of the ladies notes for you to study. We can prove by the Penna. Archives that Thomas Milligan did live in Milford Twp. and did die in 1780 and then the widow is listed. Also that John Milliken (Milligan) and Abram Stiles lived there too and deeds prove that they moved to Greene Co, Pa. shortly after 1800. The will of Thomas Milligan who died in Milford Twp. in 1800 is on record at Carlisle. The lady who sent me this information did not give the details. Everything tallies with the family records here so that must be correct. The reference is Cumb. Co. Will Bk. D.p.20 The will was signed Apr 8 1778 and prob. June 6, 1780. It names wife Mary, children John, William, Edward, Samuel, Thomas, all minors. I would like to know if there were any names of the dau's.

I would like to have definite proof that John Milligan the son had a Rev. war record. I can't find any proof here of it. So many did not apply for a pension that came from that part of the country. To me that is as important as the record of Thomas Milligan.

I would appreciate deeply any advise you can give on this line.

It seems to me to be pretty well worked out. It just needs a little work by an experienced man like you who lives and knows the district.

If you think that \$10.00 is not enough for the work, will you please state what you do think it is worth?

I do want this line straightened up to the satisfaction of the National Society for we have some prospects of some very good members on that line.

Too, this family is one of our largest and best known families and it is too bad for their history not to be authentic.

Sincerely yours

Laura E. Morris

Laura E. Morris (Past Registrar)
John Corbly Chapter
D.A.R.

P.S. I am enclosing some of the many letters that this lady is sending me.
John Milliken must have been born in 1767 as his tombstone has plainly Died 1843, age 77.
It would seem to me that Ridlon need not to have ^{been} doubtful over that date. His will also tallies with these figures.
You may keep these records if you wish to use them as aids.
Then return them.