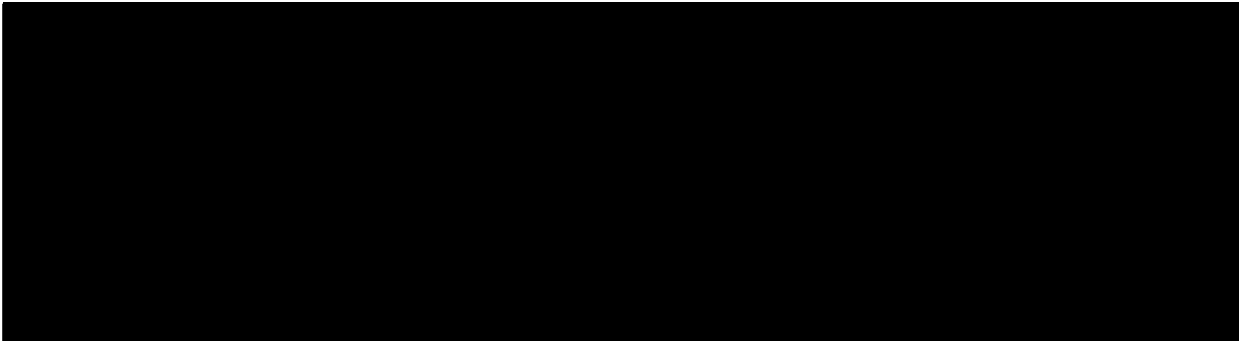


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[redacted] & J.W. Milam
Circa 1955

7. John William Milam (deceased) & [redacted] John William Milam, known as J.W. Milam, was born in Tallahatchie County, Mississippi on February 18, 1919, and attended school through the tenth grade. During World War II, J.W. Milam served honorably in the U.S. Army with the 2nd Armored Division from March 1941 through March 1946. Milam entered military duty as a Private. He later received a battlefield commission to Lieutenant, and was awarded a Purple Heart. In 1955 Milam was six feet two inches tall and weighed two hundred

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twenty pounds. [redacted] was born in [redacted] on [redacted] [redacted] and married J.W. Milam on [redacted] when [redacted]

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In 1950 the Milams moved to the town of Glendora, Tallahatchie County, Mississippi, and in 1955 the Milams owned a general store/service station and home there. J.W. Milam's store sold grocery goods primarily to the black community in the area. [redacted] and did not work in the store. Milam allegedly sold moonshine from the store, in addition to the standard grocery items and fuel for automobiles. J.W. Milam also owned a trucking business hauling agricultural products for customers. On occasion, he hired his half-brother, Roy Bryant, to drive truck for him. Milam died of bladder cancer on December 31, 1980 [redacted] currently resides in [redacted] Mississippi.

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[redacted] currently a [redacted] advised that during the late 1940s and early 1950s he operated a substantial bootlegging business in the northern part of Mississippi. Two of [redacted] customers were J.W. Milam and Roy Bryant. [redacted] mostly sold half-pint bottles of whiskey to the brothers, who always paid "up front and in cash."⁴³

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