5. The Milam/Bryant Family: Eulah Bryant/Milam, nee Morgan, had at least eight sons and three daughters fathered by two different men. They were Roy Bryant (deceased); Roy's
twin brother, Raymond Bryant (deceased); J.W. Milam (deceased); Leslie F. Milam (deceased); Stanley Lamar "Bud" Milam (deceased); Dan Milam (deceased); James Bryant (deceased); Edward Bryant (deceased); and

The brothers were particularly close, operating businesses together, regularly playing cards and drinking together. Various members of the family were engaged in the grocery business throughout the Mississippi Counties of LeFlore, Tallahatchie and Sunflower, with stores physically located in Swan Lake, Glendora, Minter City, Itta Bena, Ruleville and Money, Mississippi. During his research into the Till matter in 1963, Hugh Steven Whitaker interviewed individuals who knew J.W. Milam and Roy Bryant. Whitaker stated “they were invariably referred to as ‘peckerwoods,’ ‘white trash,’ and other terms of disapprobation.”

Circa 1955

Roy Bryant, Circa 1955