

## CHRONOLOGY OF WILLIAM B. MILES

Date	Event	Source
Abt. 1810	Born in North Carolina	According to 1850 federal census record
Abt. 1834	Married to Mary Farrar, daughter of John Farrar; date and place unknown.	Inferred from Coffee County and Franklin County, TN court records and will of John Farrar.
Abt. 1835	Daughter Martha Miles born; date and place unknown.	Inferred from Coffee County and Franklin County, TN court records, will of John Farrar, and federal census records.
May Term 1836	Coffee County, TN Court orders William B. Miles and others to act as hands, under direction of John Cash, to lay out a road "from Bradley's Creek to Lefever's." William Wileman also named as a hand.	Coffee County (TN) Minute Book I, abstracted by Judy Henley Phillips, Archivist, p. 156 in original.
Abt. 1838	Daughter Mary Jane Miles born; date and place unknown.	Inferred from Coffee County and Franklin County, TN court records, will of John Farrar, and federal census records.
Abt. 1839	Daughter Elizabeth F. A. C. G. Miles born; date and place unknown.	Inferred from Coffee County and Franklin County, TN court records, will of John Farrar, and federal census records.
24 February 1840	In Coffee County, TN, William B. Miles sold horses, cattle, hogs, sheep, and fodder to Henry W. Ballard (price not noted),	Helen C. and Timothy R. March, <i>Land Deed Genealogy of Coffee County, Tennessee (1836-1842)</i> , Vol. 1, p. 131-2 (from county

		deed book)
1840	Enumerated with wife and three daughters in federal census for Coffee County, TN	1840 U.S. Census for Coffee County, TN
24 February 1841	A & B Judgement in the case State vs. William B. Miles. (Details of case not presently known.)	Coffee County (TN) Minute Book II, abstracted by Judy Henley Phillips, Archivist, p. 13 in original
05 July 1841	Will of John Lefever is proven in court by William B. Miles and other witnesses.	Coffee County (TN) Minute Book II, abstracted by Judy Henley Phillips, Archivist, p. 12 in original
16 Dec 1845	William B. Miles buys a 100-acre tract in Franklin County, TN from William Wileman (grandson of elder deceased William Wileman).	Franklin County, TN Deed Book I, p. 411
c. 1845-1847	Son John W. Miles born; date and place unknown.	Inferred from Coffee County and Franklin County, TN court records, will of John Farrar, and federal census records.
c. 1847-1849	Wife Mary dies; date and place unknown.	Inferred from 1849 Coffee County, TN will of Mary's father, John Farrar
1850	Enumerated living with widow Sarah "Sally" Baker in federal census for Franklin County, TN. They are cited by Franklin County court for "lewdness."  Daughter Mary Jane Miles enumerated as living with grandparents, John and Jane Farrar in Coffee County, TN; daughter Elizabeth living with schoolteacher John Brown family in Coffee County, TN; whereabouts of daughter Martha and son John W Miles in 1850 unknown.	1850 U.S. Census for Franklin County, TN and Coffee County, TN, and Franklin County court records.

1851	In 1851, William B. Miles is jailed for 5 days on charge of “lewdness” (for cohabiting with widow Sarah Baker).	Franklin County, TN court records.
26 February 1852	For \$100, William B. Miles purchases 50-acre tract on Bombalo Creek of Elk River from John Powell	Franklin County, TN Deed Book, p. 235
25 September 1854	Daughter Mary Jane Miles marries David P. Armstrong in Franklin County, TN.	Franklin County, TN marriage records.
18 August 1855	Daughter Martha Miles marries Green A. Berry in Coffee County, TN.	Coffee County, TN marriage records.
08 October 1858	Sold 50-acre tract to John H. Hessey for \$200.	Franklin County, TN Deed Book Y, p. 238
1858?	Died, probably in Franklin County, TN	A Franklin County court document of 1857 refers to him as deceased but obviously he could not have been deceased if he sold land in 1858.

**Notes:**

It appears that after his wife died, possibly as result of giving birth to their last child, John, William B. Miles more or less abandoned his children, who were taken in by relatives, so that he could cohabit with widow Sarah Baker. In 1857 the Franklin County court appointed John H. Duncan as guardian of both Elizabeth and John W. Miles (minor heirs of William B. Miles, dec.”), although it does not appear that they lived with their guardian. Instead, it appears that Duncan merely took care of the money that the two children had inherited from their grandfather, John Farrar.

There is some uncertainty as to when William B. Miles died. A deed on file in Franklin County, TN shows him selling land in October 1858, but court records dated 1857 remark that he was deceased. One or the other of these records must be in error.

William B. Miles’ date and place of death and place of burial has been lost to history.

As of this date (6/14/2019), Coffee County, TN deed records have not been checked to see what land he may have owned there. Obviously, more research is needed on this individual.