

Harry, your letter of the 4th has been resting patiently atop my desk, side-tracked by unusually heavy Christmastide correspondence which couldn't be postponed. First, let me say that I was astounded when Rose-Marie told me that she was working for you professionally on our CATER family. Apparently I failed to convey to you the fact that I have extensive Cater files which are willingly shared with all the family. They have been Xeroxed more than once by interested family members. With no reflection on Rose-Marie at all, let me say that a great deal of confusion has been created for the family by a professional lady genealogist of NY some 60 yrs ago when she mis-read some of the early Cater wills. Following some of her errors I got some of the material wrong when I helped the compiler of Garrett-Sharpe-Brown-Poindexter, etc. some 25 yrs ago. Having said that, let me answer your questions:

1. The Cater Family Bible is that of Thomas Miles Cater and was last known to be in the possession of a descendant in southwest Georgia. ALL the entries therein have been variously copied, accurately, as far as I know. The initials "G.J.H." are those of Graff John Hubbard, a Treutlen-Provost-Cater descendant who worked for the Executive Department of the City of Troy, Alabama for many decades. He corresponded with me for yrs after 1961 when I first located him until he died at the ripe old age of 96. I have many of his letters in my file and copies of material which he asked me to copy and return the originals to him. Please feel free to come to Hilton Head whenever you will to examine all this. The two pages you sent me are from the Thomas Miles Cater Bible and were obviously copied by GJ Hubbard.

2. Yes, I have an original 1971 copy of Garrett-Sharpe-etc. I corresponded with the compiler but never met her personally. She was an amateur genealogist but certainly tried to get it all straight. She paid to have it privately published, of course. *Before 21 JAN 1805*

3. Capt. Andrew Postell (1735-11 Apr 1806), Representative from Pr.Wm. Parish 1782, had no children by Susannah McPherson who d. ante 1785; he m. 18 June 1785 Sarah Laird, only child of John & Sarah Laird, b. 29 Oct. 1751; she was the widow of Capt. Ulysses McPherson, planter of Buckfield Plantation, b. circa 1743. They were m. 15 June 1770 but had no children; he was Executor of will of Joseph Perry 1769. You descend from Sarah McPherson Postell (23 Mar 1786-8 Feb 1815) who m. ~~25 June 1805~~ Thomas Miles Cater. Sarah clearly had NO McPherson blood. *21 JAN 1805 correct*

a. Miss Rose Ravenel is the only source of the claim that Capt. James McPherson (1688-1771) m. Rachel Miles. I have accepted her claim but could never prove it. Susannah McPherson Postell died between ~~1869~~ *1769* when she witnessed the Jos. Perry will and June 1785 when her widower remarried.

b. Yes, you are correct. Capt. Silas Miles was son of Thomas & Mary (how I wish we could find her maiden name!) Miles of Poplar Springs Plantation. Capt. Silas Miles and Elizabeth McPherson had four daughters; she died and he m. a second time with no issue. You and I descend from Silas' daughter Rachel who m. Capt. Thomas Cater of Cater Hall Plantation, St. Peter's Par.

My wife and I come to Charleston to attend the Huguenot Society Annual Meeting since we are both Life Members. We also come to the General Assembly of First Families of SC since I was President of same 1987-1991. I am happy to hear that you have submitted your Lineage Papers for First Families. I am proud of my McPherson-Miles-Cater lineage but alas, the Caters were Baptists, the McPhersons mostly Presbyterians. My ideal ancestor is Edmund Bohun, esq. (1645-1699), staunch Anglican, 1st Chief Justice of SC. You will enjoy the enclosed two items.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS! And many thanks for your handsome CHRISTMAS GREETINGS!

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