

THE CITY OF TROY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
TROY, ALABAMA

April 29, 1953.

Mr. Robert E. H. Peeples
Jesup, Ga.

Dear Sir,

I have just read in the April issue of the South Carolina Historical Magazine the article contributed by you entitled "Family Records from Bible of George Rhodes." In the article it is stated that George Rhodes was "son of Thomas Rhodes and his second wife, Mary (b. June 25, 1776, daughter of Thomas Miles Cater and his wife Rachel Miles." For more than thirty years I have been interested in the Cater genealogy.

My great grandmother was Ann Cater of Barnwell District (county), S.C., whose husband was William Provost. She is said to have been a daughter of a William Cater of that district. My grandmother was their eldest child (b. 1820). One of my great aunts (sister of my grandmother) married a Peeples. In 1847 all the Provost family came to Alabama.

William Cater lived very near where the Lower Three Runs Creek empties into the Savannah River. A short distance away lived a Thomas Miles Cater, whose first wife was Sarah M^cPherson Postell, and the second was Catharine Johnson. This Thomas Miles Cater died about 1818, and all his children were young (minors) at that time. He was or seems to have been related in some way to the family of William Provost, through Provost's wife, Ann Cater, but I have never been able to determine just what the connection was.

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It is said that the father of this Thomas Miles Cater was Thomas Cater, whose wife was Rachel Miles. ~~Your article says~~ They had a daughter, Mary. Your article says the husband of Rachel Miles was Thomas Miles Cater. I am wondering if there were two Thomas Miles Caters - father and son. In those days it was not unusual for the middle Christian ^{name} to be omitted in signatures. If the husband of Rachel Miles name was "Thomas Miles Cater", it could be ^{given} ~~be~~ ^{consideration} in developing the family genealogy. Therefore, may I ask if the name "Thomas Miles" (Cater) appears in the Bible record as husband of Rachel Miles and father of Mary, wife of Thomas, or how the information was acquired if not from the Bible. I am inclined to think that William Cater was a brother of the husband of Rachel Miles.

I would greatly appreciate any information you might give me on the Cater family, and shall be glad to reciprocate if you are interested in such matters.

Yours very truly,
H. J. Hubbard

1790 Census

Cater,

Thomas p. 11

Zachary p. 50 4 slaves

Prince Fred - Georgetown

William Cater —
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Ann Cater — William Provost
moved to Ala. 1847
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Peeples —

Provost

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