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Rev. Robert E. H. Peeples
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Dear Rev. Peeples:

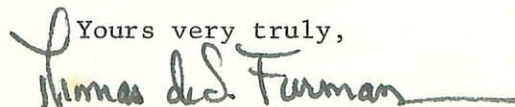
I have read with considerable interest your account of the Miles family as published in the last two issues of the South Carolina Historical Magazine. As an amateur genealogist I appreciate the time and effort which was expended in the collection of the data and the preparation of the manuscript and congratulate you on an excellent piece of work.

On page 230 (Vol. 66 No. 4) you mention Capt. James McPherson, the husband of Rachel Miles, and as a footnote make reference to an article which you had written on James McPherson and published in the Savannah Morning News, October 20, 1963. I would judge from this that you have done some research on the McPherson family and hope that perhaps you can help me with a question.

I am descended from Alexander McPherson and his wife Mrs. Jane (Jarvis) Nichols through their daughters Jane, who married John Henry deSaussure, and Mary, who married Daniel deSaussure. (See attached chart). I have been unable to find the parents of Alexander McPherson and am wondering if he could be related to Capt. James McPherson.

The data I have gives the marriage of Alexander McPherson and Mrs. Jane (Jarvis) Nichols as Sept. 24, 1738 and the baptism of Mary McPherson as Nov. 4, 1739 and the baptism of Jane McPherson as January 2, 1745.

If you have any information on the ancestry of Alexander McPherson I would be most happy to hear from you. A stamped, self addressed envelope is attached for your convenience.

Yours very truly,


Thomas deS. Furman

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Enclosures