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Reverend Robert E. H. Peeples
Route 1, Box 316
Hilton Head Island, S. C.

Dear Mr. Peeples:

Your letter addressed to my brother seeking information about the MILES family has been sent to me.

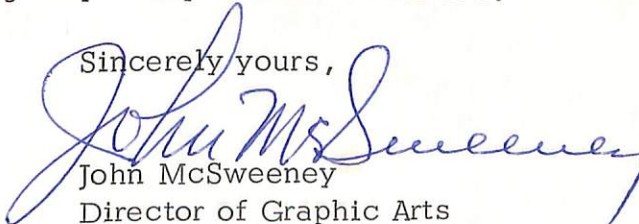
There is very little family facts concerning the background of Miles Benjiman McSweeney, Governor of South Carolina, 1899-1903. His parents, and I believe their parents, died during a yellow fever epidemic in Charleston when Miles was only a very small child. He was raised in an orphanage in Charleston. Others who attempted to trace his family history have ended up with the facts stated above.

The only MILES family of my recollection lived in Hampton County, and there was no relationship.

Our father was born around 1853 in Charleston, S. C., but efforts to find any records of his given names (Miles Benjiman) have been fruitless. Besides the yellow fever epidemic there were wars and the burning of Charleston that would have destroyed most records.

Sorry we cannot give you any better information.

Sincerely yours,


John McSweeney
Director of Graphic Arts

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