

THE
SOUTH CAROLINA
HISTORICAL MAGAZINE

Vol. 67



No. 1

JANUARY 1966

PUBLISHED QUARTERLY BY THE
SOUTH CAROLINA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
CHARLESTON, S. C.



LT. EDWARD L. STEVENS

THE SOUTH CAROLINA HISTORICAL MAGAZINE

JANUARY 1966

VOLUME 67

NUMBER 1



COPYRIGHT © 1966 BY

THE SOUTH CAROLINA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
CHARLESTON, S. C.

CONTENTS

	PAGE
Articles:	
<i>The Last Officer—April 1865</i> , edited by John Hammond Moore.	1
<i>A Loyalist View of the Drayton-Tennent-Hart Mission to the Upcountry</i> , edited by James H. O'Donnell	15
<i>A Miles Genealogy</i> , by the Rev. Robert E. H. Peeples	29
<i>Marriage and Death Notices from the City Gazette, 1827</i> , compiled by Inez H. Griffin	46
Reviews:	
Lee, <i>The Lower Cape Fear in Colonial Days</i> , by William S. Powell	50
Labaree, <i>The Boston Tea Party</i> , by Bradley D. Bargar	51
Morison, <i>The Oxford History of the American People</i> , by Samuel G. Stoney	52
Holman, <i>The Verse of Floride Clemson</i> , by John Robert Doyle, Jr.	53
Notes	56
Archives News	58

THE LAST OFFICER—APRIL 1865

EDITED BY JOHN HAMMOND MOORE^o

During the final weeks of the Civil War—in fact, at the very moments of the agony of Appomattox—two brigades of colored and white Union soldiers set out from Georgetown, South Carolina, to destroy inland rail communications between Camden and Florence. This trek lasted twenty days, and, even before it ended, word came of a truce in North Carolina between Sherman and Johnston. Only in the vicinity of Sumter and Camden did these Union troops meet any substantial opposition.

The War of the Rebellion contains the official report of this expedition.¹ In all there are ten letters from three generals and several lesser figures. One of the latter, Colonel Edward N. Hallowell, a brigade commander, relates his experiences in terse, military terms. Yet, none of these reports—since they are official—tell us much in the way of interesting detail. However, in the archives of the South Caroliniana Library at Columbia, S. C., there is a brief, but informativte diary kept by a young lieutenant who accompanied Colonel Hallowell.

Edward L. Stevens of Brighton, Mass., had completed his second year at Harvard when he enlisted as a private in the 44th Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteers, in 1862. Following a six-month hitch he was honorably discharged. Early in 1864, after completing his studies and receiving a Harvard A.B., Stevens—twenty years of age, five feet, ten inches in height with light complexion and blue eyes—was commissioned a second lieutenant in the 54th Infantry Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteers, and in March ordered to report to this unit, an outfit which had pioneered with the use of colored soldiers in 1863. Following a brief sojourn in an army hospital he joined the regiment at Folly Island, S. C. In December 1864 Stevens was promoted to first lieutenant.

His account of this march into the interior of South Carolina, entitled simply "Notes on Potter's Raid," was written in a small, leather-bound notebook. While not complete, it gives us a graphic picture of wartime conditions as viewed by an intelligent, sensitive young man. Lieutenant Stevens describes in detail the condition of plantations and towns, looting by Union men, the stubborn faith of Southern women

^o John Hammond Moore is an associate professor of history at Georgia State College, Atlanta, Ga.

¹ *The War of the Rebellion*, Washington, 1895, series I, XLVII, part I, 1025-1043.

himself as the commander of the East Florida Rangers. During 1777 and 1778, he and his troops were active in harassing the Georgia frontier outposts and defending East Florida against the invasion of which Governor Tonyn was ever fearful.³⁴ Whatever else he may have received for his services, Brown did win the friendship and support of Patrick Tonyn, which was no mean accomplishment in itself. Consequently, in March 1779, when the death of John Stuart left vacant the Indian superintendency, Tonyn's strong recommendation helped to secure the post for Brown.³⁵

From the fall of 1779 until the end of the war, Thomas Brown served in a dual capacity as superintendent of the Cherokees and Creeks and as lieutenant colonel of the East Florida Rangers. After the restoration of British authority in Georgia, Brown returned to Savannah and, after June 1780, made his headquarters at Augusta. At that post he attempted both to carry on communications with the tribes in his care as well as to command the troops stationed there. Twice in the following months Augusta was besieged by American forces; in September 1780 Lieutenant Colonel Brown was relieved, but in the spring of 1781 no help was available and in June he had to capitulate.³⁶

Thomas Brown then returned to Savannah where he continued to serve as best he could in his capacity as superintendent until the evacuation of that city. The years 1782, 1783, and 1784 were spent in East Florida attempting to reconcile the Indians with the change from British to Spanish jurisdiction. After he had completed this task insofar as possible, he left East Florida and sought refuge in the Bahamas, where he remained until his death in 1825.³⁷

³⁴ Brown to Tonyn, February 20, 1777, BPRO, CO 5/557, 345-349; Tonyn to Germain, June 16, 1777, BPRO, CO 5/557, 481-485; Brown to Tonyn, June 15, 1777, BPRO, CO/557, 489-492. Tonyn to William Howe, February 24, 1778; Brown to Tonyn, March 13, 1778, Historical Manuscripts Commission, *Report on American Manuscripts in the Royal Institution of Great Britain*, London, 1904, I, 197, 209.

³⁵ Alexander Cameron and Charles Stuart to Germain, March 26, 1779, BPRO, CO 5/80, 109; Tonyn to William Knox, March 29, 1779, BPRO, CO 5/559, 176; Tonyn to Germain, April 21, 1779, BPRO, CO 5/247-248; Brown to Germain, December 31, 1779, BPRO, CO 5/81, 151. Germain to Clinton, June 25, 1779; Germain to Cameron and Brown, June 25, 1779, Clinton Papers, WLCL.

³⁶ For information on Brown's activities as superintendent, see O'Donnell, *op. cit.*

³⁷ "First Petition . . ." cited in note 3, *supra*. Brown first settled on the island of Abaco and then moved to St. Vincent's where he received a land grant of six thousand acres. As other loyalists, Thomas Brown filed claims for losses suffered during the war. He petitioned for £3,433 but received an award of £1,551/5/0. W. H. Siebert, *Loyalists in East Florida, 1774-1785*, Deland, 1929, II, 324, 361-362.

A MILES GENEALOGY

BY THE REV. ROBERT E. H. PEEPLES

(Continued from October)

9

JOHN MILES (3, 1), planter of St. Andrew's Parish, born 26 Nov. 1719,¹ baptized 28 Feb. 1720,² died 11 Nov. 1772,³ married (1st) 21 May 1745 Anne Butler, daughter of Thomas Butler of Schieveling plantation and Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Elliott. Anne Butler Miles was buried 23 April 1746,⁴ leaving one child:

1. Anne Miles, born 16 April 1746,⁵ baptized 23 April 1746,⁶ married 26 July 1764 Joseph Anger;⁷ their daughter, Sarah Anger, was baptized 1765,⁸ Anne Miles Anger was named in the will of her grandfather, Thomas Butler of Pr. William Parish 21 Feb. 1747, proved 6 March 1747.

John Miles married (2nd) 7 March 1751⁹ Sophia Sarah Guy who was buried at St. Andrew's 2 Feb. 1752,¹⁰ leaving no issue. John Miles married (3rd) 9 Sept. 1753 Anne Fitch, daughter of Jonathan and Anne Waite Fitch of Colleton County; their nine children were:

1. John Fitch Miles, born 5 Feb. 1755, baptized 27 April 1755.¹¹
2. Edward Miles, born April 1757,¹² baptized 12 June 1757.¹³
3. Frances Miles, born 27 March 1759,¹⁴ baptized 4 April 1759,¹⁵ buried 15 Sept. 1760.¹⁶
4. William Miles, buried 25 Sept. 1760.¹⁷

¹ This *Magazine*, XII, 175.

² *Ibid.*, XII, 178.

³ *Ibid.*, X, 169.

⁴ *Ibid.*, XIV, 81.

⁵ *Ibid.*, XIV, 33.

⁶ *Ibid.*, XIV, 34.

⁷ *Ibid.*, XV, 43.

⁸ *Ibid.*, XI, 46.

⁹ *Ibid.*, XIV, 89.

¹⁰ *Ibid.*, XIV, 148.

¹¹ *Ibid.*, XIV, 153.

¹² *Ibid.*, XIV, 158.

¹³ *Ibid.*, XIV, 209.

¹⁴ *Ibid.*, XIV, 211.

¹⁵ *Ibid.*, XIV, 213.

¹⁶ *Ibid.*, XIV, 211.

¹⁷ *Ibid.*, XIV, 216.

5. Susannah Miles, born 16 Dec. 1761,¹⁸ buried 31 Dec. 1761.¹⁹
6. Rachel Miles, born c. 1763.
7. Sarah Miles, born c. 1765, married at Ashepoo 16 Nov. 1784 John Bay, Esq. of Charleston.
8. Elizabeth Miles, born c. 1767.
9. Jonathan Miles, born 15 Sept. 1770,²⁰ baptized by Rev. Thomas Panting 14 May 1771.²¹

John Miles was a Representative of St. Andrew's Parish in the Assembly.²² He received a negro slave under his father's will of 7 July 1752.²³

Anne Elliott, daughter of Thomas Elliott, married (1st Jonathan Fitch, (2nd) Roger Saunders, (3rd) a Waight (Waite); in her will of 1748 she left 500 acres in St. Paul's Parish to her granddaughter, Anne Fitch, one of the two only children, daughters and co-heirs, of Jonathan Fitch, Jr., who died intestate. John and Anne Fitch Miles sold 22 May 1771 to John Ainslie of St. George's Parish, Dorchester, the inheritance of Anne, a plantation of 500 acres granted 14 March 1705 to Capt. Jonathan Fitch in St. Paul's Parish; it had formerly been mortgaged to William and Joseph Miles. John Miles was formally pardoned 7 Sept. 1767 for burning the house of and whipping Anthony Diston at Cedar Creek. John and Anne Fitch Miles were frequent customers of the Charleston cabinet maker, Thomas Elfe, buying a "poplar bedstead," a "large dining table, 6 mahogany chairs with hair bottoms, a pair of three feet dining tables, a small cedar coffin w/handles and J.M. in nails" (on 9 July 1772, apparently for Jonathan, born 15 Sept. 1770). Anne was billed 3 March 1773 for "a full-trimmed cedar coffin for John Miles" who had died 11 Nov. 1772.²⁴ Anne Fitch Miles married (2nd) 2 Aug. 1774 in St. Philip's Church, Charleston, James Dandridge Yarborough.

10

WILLIAM MILES, JR. (3, 1), planter of St. Bartholomew's Parish, born 8 Feb. 1722,²⁵ baptized 4 April 1722;²⁶ with his father, William Miles of St. Andrew's, he signed a marriage agreement and married

¹⁸ *Ibid.*, XIV, 216.

¹⁹ *Ibid.*, XV, 39.

²⁰ *Ibid.*, XV, 100.

²¹ *Ibid.*, XV, 99.

²² His obituary, *South Carolina Gazette*, 12 Nov. 1772.

²³ Will Book 7 (1752-1756), CPC, p. 3.

²⁴ This *Magazine*, XXXVI-XLII.

²⁵ *Ibid.*, XIII, 22.

²⁶ *Ibid.*, XIII, 22.

Elizabeth North, spinster, 20 Dec. 1743. On 17 May 1748 William, Sr., made a deed of gift to William, Jr., of 506 acres in St. Bartholomew's Parish "where said William, Jr. now lives."²⁷ William, Sr., bequeathed "a negro to son William" in his will of 7 July 1752.²⁸ William and Elizabeth North Miles had one child:

1. John Miles, born 14 Nov. 1744,²⁹ baptized 4 Jan. 1745.³⁰

William Miles, Jr., married (2nd) Sarah, widow of John Reily; William, Jr., was buried 6 May 1759 by Rev. Mr. Smith.³¹ His will of 16 Jan. 1759 showing him of St. George's Parish, Berkeley County, names his wife Sarah and their three children: William, Thomas, and Elizabeth Miles, with his brothers John, Joseph, and Edward Miles and his brother-in-law Edward Perry as executors. The three children of William and Sarah Miles were:

- 20 1. William Miles
2. Thomas Miles, died young, c. 1760.
3. Elizabeth Miles, baptized 31 March 1751 at "Aishypoo" by Rev. John Rowan.³²

Sarah Reily Miles, widow of William Miles, Jr., signed a marriage agreement with John Edwards 31 Jan. 1765 with Rosamond Perry and Edward Perry as her trustees.

11

THOMAS MILES (3, 1), planter of St. Andrew's Parish, born 13 Oct. 1723,³³ married 3 May 1749 Mary Fairchild.³⁴ Thomas' father, William Miles, left to his executors "in trust for son Thomas 777 acres where he now lives; if he die without heirs, to sons William and Jeremiah" in his will of 7 July 1752.³⁵ Thomas Miles' will proved 3 April 1756 names his children William and Mary. The two children of Thomas and Mary Fairchild Miles were:

1. William Miles, born 21 Nov. 1750.³⁶
2. Mary Miles, born c. 1752.

²⁷ M. C. O. Book N-3, CPC, p. 499.

²⁸ Will Book 7 (1752-1756), CPC, p. 3.

²⁹ This *Magazine*, XIV, 32.

³⁰ *Ibid.*, XIV, 28.

³¹ *Ibid.*, XIV, 210.

³² *Ibid.*, XIV, 96.

³³ *Ibid.*, XII, 175.

³⁴ *Ibid.*, XIV, 88.

³⁵ Will Book 7 (1752-1756), CPC, p. 3.

³⁶ This *Magazine*, XIV, 94.

12

JEREMIAH MILES (3, 1), planter of St. Bartholomew's Parish, born 6 Nov. 1725,³⁷ baptized 13 Feb. 1726,³⁸ named in his father's will of 7 July 1752;³⁹ he married 26 Feb. 1753 Deborah Godfrey Webb, widow, daughter of William Godfrey and Rebecca, daughter of Rev. William Guy, Rector of St. Philip's Church, Charleston; William Godfrey was son of John Godfrey and grandson of Sir Richard Godfrey. Jeremiah Miles made his will 18 Feb. 1758, proved 7 Aug. 1758, naming his wife Deborah, daughter Deborah, brothers Thomas and Joseph Miles, brother William's son Thomas Miles, his father William, deceased. Executors were wife Deborah, brothers William and Joseph Miles. Jeremiah and Deborah Godfrey Miles had one child:

1. Deborah Jones Miles, born 15 March 1757.⁴⁰

Deborah Godfrey Webb Miles, widow of Jeremiah Miles, married (3rd) 26 Nov. 1761 William Pinckney, Jr., born 1739, died 1802, planter of St. Bartholomew's Parish, son of William Pinckney and Ruth, daughter of Miles Brewton.⁴¹

13

JOSEPH MILES (3, 1), planter of St. Bartholomew's Parish, born 11 April 1736,⁴² baptized 2 May 1736,⁴³ under age in his father's will of 7 July 1752,⁴⁴ Captain in the S. C. Militia, married (1st) Ann, by whom he had one child:

1. Elizabeth Miles, born 18 Sept. 1761.⁴⁵

Joseph Miles married (2nd) Elizabeth Ladson, sister of Thomas Ladson of St. Bartholomew's Parish; he made his will 26 Oct. 1770, proved 6 Feb. 1771, naming his wife Elizabeth, daughter Elizabeth Miles to whom he left 640 acres "where I reside" and 318 acres adjoining, his daughters Sarah Hartley Miles and Sophia Miles to whom he left jointly 1,200 acres on Great Swamp, his brothers John and William Miles. The two children of Capt. Joseph Miles of Ashepoo and his wife Elizabeth Ladson Miles were:

³⁷ *Ibid.*, XII, 175.

³⁸ *Ibid.*, XII, 178.

³⁹ Will Book 7 (1752-1756), CPC, p. 3.

⁴⁰ *This Magazine*, X, 148.

⁴¹ *Ibid.*, X, 234.

⁴² *Ibid.*, XII, 177.

⁴³ *Ibid.*, XIII, 157.

⁴⁴ Will Book 7 (1752-1756), CPC, p. 3.

⁴⁵ *This Magazine*, X, 150.

1. Sarah Hartley Miles, born 18 Jan. 1764.⁴⁶
2. Sophia Miles, born 4 July 1765,⁴⁷ married 5 Feb. 1784 William Fraser, Esq., Charleston attorney, born 28 April 1760, died 30 May 1814, elder brother of the artist, Charles Fraser; they were sons of Alexander and Mary Grimke Fraser.⁴⁸ Issue: Alexander, James, Frederick, Sophia (born 1 Jan. 1800, married Jacob Warley, born 3 Nov. 1792, son of Col. Felix and Ann Turquand Warley), Joseph, and Thomas Fraser.

Joseph Miles died 14 Jan. 1771.⁴⁹ Elizabeth Miles, widow of Joseph Miles, planter, and her brother Thomas Ladson, Isaac McPherson, and Richard Bohun Baker of St. George's Parish, Dorchester, signed a marriage agreement 16 July 1774 between Elizabeth Ladson Miles and Richard Bohun Baker. Their son was William Bohun Baker.⁵⁰

14

EDWARD MILES (3, 1), planter of St. Andrew's Parish, born 16 Aug. 1738,⁵¹ baptized 1 Sept. 1738,⁵² married 17 April 1760 Elizabeth Mellichamp, daughter of Thomas Mellichamp.⁵³ Edward Miles made his will 1 Jan. 1765, proved 25 Oct. 1765,⁵⁴ naming his wife Elizabeth, son William Miles to whom he left the "land I live on," son Edward, nephew William Miles; brothers John and Joseph Miles, father-in-law Thomas Mellichamp and kinsman John Miles were executors. The three children of Edward and Elizabeth Mellichamp Miles were:

1. Elizabeth Miles, born 1761,⁵⁵ baptized 30 May 1761,⁵⁶ buried 12 Sept. 1762.⁵⁷
2. William Miles, born 1762,⁵⁸ baptized 27 Jan. 1765.⁵⁹

⁴⁶ *Ibid.*, X, 151.

⁴⁷ *Ibid.*, X, 151.

⁴⁸ *Ibid.*, V, 58; XVIII, 146.

⁴⁹ *Ibid.*, XVI, 184.

⁵⁰ *Ibid.*, XXXIV, 62-66.

⁵¹ *Ibid.*, XII, 185.

⁵² *Ibid.*, XIII, 215.

⁵³ *Ibid.*, XIV, 214.

⁵⁴ Will Book 10 (1760-1767), CPC, p. 732.

⁵⁵ *This Magazine*, XIV, 215.

⁵⁶ *Ibid.*, XIV, 217.

⁵⁷ *Ibid.*, XV, 39.

⁵⁸ *Ibid.*, XV, 41.

⁵⁹ *Ibid.*, XI, 46.

3. Edward Miles, Jr., born 1764,⁶⁰ baptized 27 Jan. 1765,⁶¹ buried 6 Oct. 1765.⁶²

Edward Miles was buried 28 Feb. 1765.⁶³ Elizabeth Mellichamp Miles married (2nd) 7 Sept. 1766 Col. Thomas Fuller of Pierponts plantation; their child, Mary Fuller, was born 25 Oct. 1767. Elizabeth M. Miles Fuller was buried 23 Nov. 1769.

15

JEREMIAH MILES (5, 2, 1), planter of St. Bartholomew's Parish, received 430 acres in his father's will of 16 June 1773.⁶⁴ He made his will 7 Nov. 1780, proved 19 April 1781,⁶⁵ naming his wife Elizabeth and his brother John Miles who was to inherit after the death of Elizabeth. Jeremiah and Elizabeth Miles left no children.

16

JOHN MILES (5, 2, 1), planter of St. Paul's Parish, born 1740, died 8 July 1810, buried in Raven Woods Cemetery, received 570 acres in his father's will of 16 June 1773,⁶⁶ and was eventual heir of his brothers Jeremiah Miles⁶⁷ and Josiah Miles.⁶⁸ John Miles married 17 Jan. 1774 Keziah Perry, born 1741, died 1814, widow of Joseph Perry of St. Bartholomew's Parish and daughter of Capt. James and Rachel Miles McPherson,⁶⁹ her brothers Job and Ulysses McPherson being her trustees in the marriage agreement. The 1790 Census shows John Miles, Esq., owning 98 slaves. On 24 Jan. 1791 John and Keziah Miles sold to Jonah Horry 802 acres in St. Bartholomew's Parish. The five children of John and Keziah McPherson Miles were:

1. Keziah Miles, born 1775, married 9 Feb. 1792 Thomas Lee, Esq., attorney. Issue.⁷⁰

⁶⁰ *Ibid.*, XV, 41.

⁶¹ *Ibid.*, XI, 46.

⁶² *Ibid.*, XI, 44.

⁶³ *Ibid.*, XV, 44.

⁶⁴ Will Book 15 (1771-1774), CPC, p. 533.

⁶⁵ Will Book 19 (1780-1783), CPC, p. 136.

⁶⁶ Will Book 15 (1771-1774), CPC, p. 533.

⁶⁷ Will Book 19 (1780-1783), CPC, p. 136.

⁶⁸ Will Book 23 (1786-1793), CPC, p. 777.

⁶⁹ This *Magazine*, XI, 102.

⁷⁰ *Ibid.*, XXI, 122.

2. Rachel Miles, named in the will of her uncle, Josiah Miles 14 May 1789,⁷¹ married Tuesday, 17 Dec. 1799 Capt. Francis Dickinson.⁷² Issue.

- 22 3. Jeremiah Miles, born 16 Nov. 1780, died 10 Sept. 1814.
4. Susannah Miles, died 17 Aug. 1799, "a young lady."⁷³
5. Elizabeth Miles, born 1786, died 24 Aug. 1799, aged 13, "youngest daughter of John Miles."⁷⁴

17

JOSIAH MILES (5, 2, 1), planter of St. Paul's Parish, received 570 acres in his father's will of 16 June 1773;⁷⁵ he made his own will 14 May 1789, proved 3 Jan. 1791,⁷⁶ naming his sister Mary Perry, nieces Elizabeth Miles Perry and Rachel Miles, John (son of cousin Robert Miles), James (son of his cousin the late James Miles), with residue to brother John Miles, cousin Robert Miles, and William Day. Josiah Miles was a Revolutionary War officer, ensign in Capt. Thomas Ladson's Godfrey's Savannah Company of the Colleton County Regiment 5 Aug. 1775.⁷⁷ He died unmarried.

18

JAMES MILES (7, 2, 1), planter of Mount Pleasant plantation, Pr. William Parish, received 430 acres on Saltcatchers under his father's will of 29 Sept. 1762.⁷⁸ His own will of 23 Dec. 1773, proved 4 Feb. 1774,⁷⁹ leaves his wife Joanna (Garner) all his estates "received in her right," his son James 559 acre Mount Pleasant plantation "where I live," names daughter Mary Miles, sister Mary Ladson Miles. Executors were "friends Robert Miles, Isaac McPherson, Melcher Gardner (sic), Job McPherson and Andrew Postell." On 11 Sept. 1770 James and Joanna Miles, then of St. Paul's Parish, sold to Andrew Postell 571½ acres, being half the purchase they had made earlier from Ebenezer Simmons of

⁷¹ Will Book 23 (1786-1793), CPC, p. 777.

⁷² This *Magazine*, XXVI, 52.

⁷³ *Ibid.*, XXV, 184.

⁷⁴ *Ibid.*, XXV, 185.

⁷⁵ Will Book 15 (1771-1774), CPC, p. 533.

⁷⁶ Will Book 23 (1786-1793), CPC, p. 777.

⁷⁷ This *Magazine*, II, 6.

⁷⁸ Will Book 10 (1760-1767), CPC, p. 499.

⁷⁹ Will Book 16 (1774-1779), CPC, p. 36.

1,043 acres in Granville County on Coosawhatchie Swamp head of Port Royal River. The two children of James and Joanna Garner Miles were:

- 23
1. James Miles, born c. 1769.
 2. Mary Miles, born c. 1771, married 6 July 1791 William Harden, Jr., son of Col. William Harden, born 8 Nov. 1743, died 28 Nov. 1785, and his 1st wife, Sarah Reid, daughter of Robert Reid of St. Bartholomew's Parish.

Joanna Garner Miles married (2nd) c. 1782 Robert Reid, brother of Sarah Reid who married Col. William Harden. Their daughter Sarah Hanson Reid, born 1784, married 2 June 1802 William Black. Their son Robert Raymond Reid, born 8 Sept. 1789, died 1 July 1841, was Congressman from Richmond County Georgia, President of the Constitutional Convention of Georgia and Governor of the Territory of Florida 1837. Joanna Garner Miles Reid died in 1801. Robert Reid, whose (1st) wife had been Martha McTeer Miles, widow of Thomas Miles Jr., married (3rd) 1805 Nancy Ann, daughter of John and Catherine McBride Peeples of Cedar Grove plantation, Pr. William Parish.

19

ROBERT MILES (7, 2, 1), planter of Poplar Springs and Raven Woods plantations, St. Paul's Parish, married 27 Oct. 1772 Elizabeth ("Betsy") Smith,⁸⁰ who died 1803, youngest daughter of Thomas Rigdon and Ann Mashaw Smith of North Carolina. The 1790 Census shows Robert Miles owned 23 slaves. In 1774 Robert Miles bought a "double chest of drawers with pediment head, a close stool chair, a breakfast table, tea boards and bottle boards," totaling £120/15 from Charleston cabinet maker, Thomas Elfe.⁸¹ The four children of Robert and Elizabeth Smith Miles were:

1. Ann Mashaw Miles, married Harry Garner, son of Melcher Garner, State Senator 1789 from St. Paul's Parish, and Ann, daughter of Thomas Rigdon and Ann Mashaw Smith. She was affectionately known as "Aunt Garner" by the children and grandchildren of her brother John Miles.
2. Elizabeth ("Betsy") Smith Miles, married 9 April 1806 as his (2nd) wife, her cousin, Major James Miles of Mount Pleasant plantation, Pr. William Parish.⁸² No children.

⁸⁰ This *Magazine*, XI, 98.

⁸¹ *Ibid.*, XXXVI-XLII.

⁸² *Ibid.*, XXIX, 332.

3. William Miles, died unmarried 17 Sept. 1799.
- 24
4. John Miles, named in the will of Josiah Miles 14 May 1789.⁸³

20

WILLIAM MILES (10, 3, 1), planter of Ashepoo, Colleton County, married 26 Oct. 1769 Mary Elliott,⁸⁴ daughter of Thomas Elliott of Wappoo who died 20 Dec. 1770 and his wife Sarah, daughter of William and Sarah Harvey. Sarah Harvey Elliott's will of 7 Sept. 1774, proved 1777, names her daughter Mary Miles and Mary's husband William Miles. On 25 March 1768 William Miles of Ashepoo, eldest son of William Miles, formerly of St. George's Parish and late of Ashepoo, deceased, conveyed to John Miles of Horse Savannah 506 acres in St. Bartholomew's Parish on the south side of Ashepoo River swamp, part of 806 acres granted 1 May 1734 to his grandfather William Miles. By 15 June 1773 when William Miles made his will, he was "of St. Andrew's Parish;" he mentions his son Jeremiah and an "unborn child." William Miles was buried Monday, 28 June 1773 "at his house where he was living" by Rev. Mr. Schwab.⁸⁵ The two children of William and Mary Elliott Miles were:

1. Jeremiah Miles, born c. 1771.
2. ——— Miles, born 1773.

Mary Elliott Miles, widow of William Miles, married (2nd) 21 April 1775 John Bush, Charleston merchant.

21

WILLIAM MILES (14, 3, 1), planter of St. Andrew's Parish, born 1762, died 1807, married Monday, 4 Nov. 1799 by Rt. Rev. Robert Smith, Bishop of South Carolina, to Mary Anne Blake Rose, daughter of Mary ("Polly") Blake and Thomas Rose.⁸⁶ Mary ("Polly") Blake was the daughter of Edward Blake, first Commissioner of the Board of Naval Commissioners.⁸⁷ Captain William Miles appears in the 1790 Census owning 22 slaves he was a member of the S. C. House of Representatives in 1792. His will of 28 Dec. 1806, proved 6 March 1807, names "Aunt Fuller," his wife Mary Anne Blake Miles, daughters Polly Blake, Eliza-

⁸³ Will Book 23 (1786-1793), CPC, p. 777.

⁸⁴ This *Magazine*, XI, 37; XV, 49.

⁸⁵ *Ibid.*, XV, 103.

⁸⁶ *South Carolina Gazette*, 9 Nov. 1799.

⁸⁷ This *Magazine*, XVI, 65.

beth Mellichamp and Ann Blake Miles.⁸⁸ The three children of William and Mary Anne Blake Rose Miles were:

1. Polly Blake Miles
2. Elizabeth Mellichamp Miles
3. Anne Blake Miles

22

JEREMIAH MILES (16, 5, 2, 1), planter of St. Paul's parish, born 16 Nov. 1780, died 10 Sept. 1814, married by Rev. Dr. Blanden 20 Jan. 1802 to Ann Jackson Day, born 1 Dec. 1781, died 23 July 1824, daughter of William and Elizabeth Day; their family Bible is a prized possession of great-great-grandson Dr. Louis Smith Miles. The four children of Jeremiah and Ann Jackson Day Miles as recorded in their family Bible were:

1. William Postell Miles, born 8 April 1809, died 29 Sept. 1809.
2. Keziah Ann Miles, born 30 July 1810, died 1 Nov. 1889, married 20 April 1830 Col. Thomas Jones Pickens of Pickens District. Issue.
3. John Allen Miles, born 24 July 1812, died unmarried 5 Nov. 1830.
- 25 4. Jeremiah Jackson Miles, born 13 July 1814, died 22 July 1835.

23

JAMES MILES (18, 7, 2, 1), planter of Mount Pleasant plantation, Pr. William Parish, which he inherited from his father, was born c. 1769; Major in S. C. Militia, member of the House of Representatives from Pr. William Parish 1797, 1799, 1804, 1806, 1808. The 1790 Census shows he owned 31 slaves. He married (1st) 23 April 1793 Rachel Porcher, daughter of then deceased Samuel Porcher of St. Peter's Parish and his wife Mary, daughter of Col. William Sanders and his wife Margaret, daughter of Gov. James Moore.⁸⁹ Rachel Porcher Miles died Wednesday, 11 July 1804, leaving their four small children:⁹⁰

- 26 1. James Sanders Miles, born c. 1795.
2. Mary Porcher Miles, born c. 1797, died young.
3. Rachel Miles, born 1801, married William Maner, born 1795 and moved to Texas.⁹¹

⁸⁸ Will Book 30 (1800-1807), CPC, p. 1087.

⁸⁹ This Magazine, XXI, 156.

⁹⁰ *Ibid.*, XXVII, 226.

⁹¹ *Ibid.*, LIV, 111.

4. Elizabeth Miles, born c. 1803, married John Gilbert. Issue.

On Wednesday, 9 April 1806 Maj. James Miles married (2nd) his cousin, Elizabeth Smith Miles,⁹² daughter of Robert and Elizabeth Smith Miles. No issue.

24

JOHN MILES (19, 7, 2, 1), planter of Poplar Springs and Raven Woods plantations, St. Paul's Parish, married (1st) 8 March 1808 Susan Alison Braly, born 12 Nov. 1791, died 1 April 1820 "after a lingering illness," daughter of Thomas Braly who married 20 July 1788 Mary M. Branston, widow. A large handsome oil portrait of Susan Alison Braly as a child hangs in the home of the Elias Scott Miles family in Summerville. The five children of John and Susan Alison Braly Miles were:⁹³

1. Dr. Robert Miles, born 1809, died unmarried 1884.
2. William Miles, died unmarried.
- 27 3. Thomas Smith Miles, born 6 June 1817, died 1 Dec. 1860.
- 28 4. Thomas Braly Miles, born c. 1820.
5. Mary Miles, died unmarried.

John Miles married (2nd) the widow Garden, nee Brailsford. Their seven children were:⁹⁴

1. Henry Evans Miles, born 1825, died 1854 without issue.
2. Elizabeth Smith Miles, born 1827, died Feb. 1855, married John Lee, died 1865, son of Dr. William Lee; issue: Anne Lee who married successively two brothers McSweeney, and Henrietta Lee who married a Tyrrell.
3. Susan Maria Miles.
4. Silas Miles, killed when he fell from a tree at age seven.
5. Septimus Charles Miles, 7th son of John Miles, killed at the Battle of Gettysburg, 3 July 1863, unmarried.
6. Joseph McKewn Miles, died of yellow fever in 1858.
7. Charlotte Evelyn Miles, married a McTureous of Charleston.

25

JEREMIAH JACKSON MILES (22, 16, 5, 2, 1), born 13 July 1814, died 22 July 1835, married 12 March 1833 Sarah Freer Waring, born 16 Oct. 1816, daughter of Richard George Waring, born 12 April 1785,

⁹² *Ibid.*, XXIX, 332.

⁹³ Unpublished manuscript c. 1885 by Eliza Smith Miles of Summerville.

⁹⁴ *Ibid.*

died 11 March 1819, and Jane Ladson Farr. The two children of Jeremiah Jackson and Sarah Freer Waring Miles were:⁹⁵

- 29 1. John Allen Miles, born 5 Jan. 1835.
30 2. Jeremiah Jackson Miles, born posthumously 22 Feb. 1836.

Sarah Freer Waring Miles, widow of Jeremiah Jackson Miles, married (2nd) Col. Benjamin Perry of St. Paul's Parish.

26

JAMES SANDERS MILES (23, 18, 7, 2, 1), born c. 1795, planter of Mount Pleasant plantation, Pr. William Parish, married Sarah Bond Warley, born 15 Jan. 1791 at Dwearr's Neck, baptized 29 Oct. 1791 by Rev. Dr. Robert Smith, daughter of neighboring planter Col. Felix Warley, born 2 June 1747, and his wife Anne Turquand, born 3 Sept. 1761 whom he married 30 March 1784. Jacob Warley, born 3 Nov. 1792, a son of Col. Felix and Anne Turquand Warley, married Sophia, daughter of William Fraser and his wife Sophia Miles, daughter of Capt. Joseph and Elizabeth Ladson Miles. James Sanders Miles was elected a Vestryman of St. Bartholomew's Parish at Edmundsbury Chapel 19 April 1824.⁹⁶ He bought pew No. 17 in Walterborough Chapel of St. Bartholomew's Parish 20 July 1826.⁹⁷ The six children of James Sanders and Sarah Bond Warley Miles were:

1. Rev. James Warley Miles, born St. Matthew's Parish 24 Nov. 1818, attended Willington Academy and the S. C. College, graduated from General Theological Seminary where he originated the movement which led to the founding of Nashota House Seminary. He was ordained 23 July 1841, serving St. David's Church, Cheraw 1842-1843 where a window memorializes him. He organized and participated in a mission to Mesopotamia 1843-44 and to Constantinople 1845-47. His biography, *The Rev. James Warley Miles*, by George W. Williams, published by Dalcho Historical Society in 1953, says he "understood 30 to 40 languages." He was Professor of Greek Literature at the College of Charleston 1850-54, toured Europe 1854-56, was College Librarian 1856-63 and Professor of Ancient Languages 1865-71; he died unmarried 14 Sept. 1875.

⁹⁵ This Magazine, XXIV, 98.

⁹⁶ *Ibid.*, LI, 22.

⁹⁷ *Ibid.*, LI, 88.

2. Anne Eliza Miles, born 8 May 1821, died unmarried 31 Jan. 1852, buried 1 Feb. 1852 in St. Philip's Churchyard, Charleston.⁹⁸
- 31 3. William Porcher Miles, born 4 July 1822.
4. Rev. Edward Reid Miles, born 23 Nov. 1824, married Mary Peronneau; no issue. In 1844 he graduated from the College of Charleston where an endowed scholarship memorializes him; he was elected Warden of St. Luke's Church at its organization 1 Dec. 1857.⁹⁹ Ordained in 1869, he was Rector of Grace Church, Anderson, St. Luke's Newberry, Epiphany, Laurens 1870-72, Trinity, Abbeville 1872-76, Grace, Camden 1876-79. He became Rector of St. Luke's Charleston 7 Dec. 1880, resigned because of ill health in Nov. 1883 and died 7 Jan. 1885.¹⁰⁰
- 32 5. Charles Richardson Miles, born 3 Aug. 1829.
- 33 6. Francis Turquand Miles, born 1831.

27

THOMAS SMITH MILES (24, 19, 7, 2, 1), planter of St. James' Goose Creek Parish, born 6 June 1817, died 1 Dec. 1860; he received Raven Woods plantation from his father's estate and is buried in the family cemetery there. In 1847 he married Ann Waring Ryan, born 25 Aug. 1831, died 23 June 1885, daughter of Lawrence Ryan, born County Tipperary, Ireland, died 22 Feb. 1842 in Charleston where he had married in April 1828 Ann Ball Scott, born 9 May 1797, died 30 Sept. 1836, widow of John Mazyck Waring. The three children of Thomas Smith and Ann Waring Ryan Miles were:¹⁰¹

- 34 1. Robert Peake Miles, born 1849, died 7 Oct. 1904.
2. Thomas Tucker Miles, died unmarried 2 Feb. 1930 in Savannah, Georgia.
- 35 3. John William Miles, born 1851, died 1896.

28

THOMAS BRALY MILES (24, 19, 7, 2, 1), planter of Poplar Springs plantation, St. Paul's Parish, which he inherited from his father; born c. 1820, married 15 Nov. 1843 Elizabeth Smith Waring, daughter of

⁹⁸ *Ibid.*, LVIII, 261.

⁹⁹ A. S. Thomas, *A Historical Account of the Protestant Episcopal Church in South Carolina, 1820-1957*, Columbia, 1957, p. 225.

¹⁰⁰ His obituary, *News and Courier*, 9 Jan. 1885.

¹⁰¹ Eliza Smith Miles, *op. cit.*

John Mazyck Waring, born April 1796, died 15 Aug. 1826, and Ann Ball Scott, born 9 May 1797, died 30 Sept. 1836, and a half-sister of Ann Waring Ryan who married Thomas Smith Miles. The five children of Thomas Braly and Elizabeth Smith Waring Miles were:¹⁰²

- 36
1. Elias Scott Miles, born 4 Sept. 1844, died 16 Nov. 1892.
 2. Mary Susan Miles, born 19 Oct. 1845, died 1 Oct. 1846.
 3. Ann Waring Miles, born 30 April 1847, baptized "in extremis" 1 Aug. 1847, died unmarried 28 Aug. 1884.
 4. Eliza Smith Miles, born 8 Oct. 1848, died unmarried at Summerville on Maundy Thursday, 24 March 1932. Affectionately called "Aunt Dee" by many who knew her through long years of service in the choir of St. Paul's Church, her unpublished manuscript account of the Miles genealogy compiled c. 1885 is preserved by the Elias Scott Miles family.
 5. Eleanor Harriet Miles, born 15 Dec. 1849, died 8 Feb. 1899, married John Wilson Jamison. Issue: Scott Miles Jamison, born 20 May 1874; Elizabeth Miles Jamison, born 24 Feb. 1876; Caroline Jenkins Jamison, born 10 June 1878; David Flavel Jamison, born 13 Sept. 1880, married Minnie Mabel Perry; John Wilson Jamison, born 13 Jan. 1883, married Mary Graves Cannon.

29

JOHN ALLEN MILES (25, 22, 16, 5, 2, 1), planter of St. Paul's Parish, born 5 Jan. 1835, killed while fighting in Wade Hampton's Cavalry under Gen. Jeb Stuart in the Battle of Hawes' Shop, Virginia 28 May 1864; married 17 Dec. 1857 Eliza Ladson Webb, born 9 Dec. 1839, died 31 March 1920, daughter of Thomas Ladson Webb and his wife Susan, daughter of Morton Waring and his wife Rebecca, daughter of Gov. Paul Hamilton. The only child of John Allen and Eliza Ladson Webb Miles was:¹⁰³

- 37 1. John Allen Miles, born 1858, died 9 April 1927.

John Allen Miles made his will 2 Jan. 1862, proved 12 Jan. 1866, naming his wife Elizabeth L., son Allen, brother Jeremiah J. Miles, and mother Sarah F. Perry.

30

JEREMIAH JACKSON MILES (25, 22, 16, 5, 2, 1), born posthumously 22 Feb. 1836, died at Summerville 5 Aug. 1896; married 19

¹⁰² *Ibid.*¹⁰³ Family Bible of Jeremiah Miles (1780-1814).

Dec. 1871 his first cousin, Anna Day Pickens, born 8 Nov. 1841, died 13 April 1914, daughter of Thomas Jones and Keziah Ann Miles Pickens. The four children of Jeremiah Jackson and Anna Day Pickens Miles were:¹⁰⁴

1. Thomas Pickens Miles, born near Pendleton 28 Aug. 1873, baptized by Rev. James Warley Miles at Grace Church, Charleston; died at Bamberg 15 June 1875.
 2. John Allen Miles, born at Bamberg 15 Feb. 1877, died 23 Dec. 1916; married 22 Aug. 1907 in Franklin, N.C. Mary Ives Stuart. No issue.
 3. Jeremiah Jackson Miles, born at Bamberg 30 April 1879, died 7 Dec. 1914; married 14 Nov. 1906 in St. Philip's Church, Charleston, Henrietta Bennett Mathewes. No issue.
- 38 4. Samuel Pickens Miles, born at Bamberg 4 May 1882.

31

WILLIAM PORCHER MILES (26, 23, 18, 7, 2, 1), born at Walterboro 4 July 1822, died at Houmas House plantation, La. 11 May 1899. He spent a year at Willington Academy then graduated First Honor from the College of Charleston 1842 and was a member of its faculty 1843-1855. In the summer of 1855 he volunteered to go to Norfolk, Va., to nurse victims of a yellow fever epidemic and was presented a medal for his services by the grateful City of Norfolk. Upon his return to Charleston he was nominated and elected Mayor of Charleston; in 1858 he was elected to Congress and in 1860 re-elected. He signed the Ordinance of Secession 20 Dec. 1860 for the Parishes of St. Philip and St. Michael and resigned from Congress to represent the Charleston District in the Confederate Congress, serving as chairman of the committee that devised the Confederate flag and of the Committee on Military Affairs. In 1863 he married Elizabeth (Betty) Beirne, born 31 Dec. 1835, died 22 Oct. 1874, daughter of Oliver Beirne, wealthy planter of Walnut Grove plantation, Union, Monroe County, West Virginia and Louisiana, and his wife Margaret Melinda Caperton. Andrew Beirne, father of Oliver, had befriended an English immigrant boy, John Burnside, who when he died in 1881 at White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, was said by the *News & Courier* to have been "the richest man in Louisiana." The bachelor merchant-planter's will left his entire estate, some of which had once been owned by Gen. Wade Hampton, to Oliver Beirne.

¹⁰⁴ *Ibid.*

Following the reorganization in 1880 of the University of S. C., William Porcher Miles served as its first President, resigning in 1882 to manage his father-in-law's 18,200 acres of sugar plantations in Ascension Parish, Louisiana. Residing at elegant Houmas House where he entertained lavishly, he was thereafter known as "the sugar prince." Biographies of William Porcher Miles and his four famous brothers appear in the *Cyclopaedia of Eminent & Representative Men of the Carolinas*. A manuscript biography through the year 1860 by Sidney Betts Paine is in the South Caroliniana Library in Columbia. Some 3,263 of the papers of William Porcher Miles, including a diary begun in 1870, are in the Southern Historical Collection of the University of North Carolina.

The seven children of William Porcher Miles and his wife Elizabeth Beirne, all born at Oak Ridge plantation, Nelson County, Virginia, were:

1. Sarah Beirne (Sally) Miles, born 25 Nov. 1864, died unmarried.
- 39 2. William Porcher Miles, Jr., born 21 Nov. 1866.
3. Elizabeth Beirne (Betty) Miles, born 1869, died 1943, married Henry Izard Middleton, born 1881, died 1952; no issue. Both are buried behind the high altar of St. John's-in-the-Wilderness, Flat Rock, N. C.
4. Nancy Miles, born 6 Sept. 1870, married (1st) William Gregg Chisolm, four children; married (2nd) Edward Warburton Durant, Jr.,¹⁰⁵ four children.
5. Susan Miles, born 6 Jan. 1872, married Frederick Pierson; three daughters.
6. Margaret Melinda Miles, born 6 April 1873, died unmarried 16 March 1909; buried at Flat Rock, N. C.¹⁰⁶
7. A stillborn son, 21 Oct. 1874.

32

CHARLES RICHARDSON MILES (26, 23, 18, 7, 2, 1), born 3 Aug. 1829 St. Matthew's Parish, Orangeburg County, died 23 Dec. 1893; graduated First Honor from the College of Charleston 1849, later served as President of its Board of Trustees; a prominent lawyer, he was Confederate States District Attorney 1862 and during Reconstruction worked endlessly "to improve and secure good government for his city and state." In 1878 he was elected to the S. C. House of Representatives and in 1882 was elected Attorney General of S. C., being re-elected in 1886.

¹⁰⁵ *Dictionary of American Biography*, XII, 616-617.

¹⁰⁶ *This Magazine*, LXIII, 237.

He married in 1858 Mary Woodbury Mazyck, born 6 June 1833, died 9 July 1873, daughter of William Mazyck. Issue:

1. Annie Charlotte Miles, born April 1859, died in Charleston 23 July 1933, married 11 Dec. 1888 Francis Stuart Hanckel; three children.
2. Sarah Arabella Miles, born 17 Jan. 1864, died unmarried 15 July 1935, buried at St. John's-in-the-Wilderness, Flat Rock, N. C.
3. William Porcher Miles, died unmarried in Seattle, Washington.
4. Mary Miles, died young.
5. Charles Richardson Miles, Jr., died young.

33

FRANCIS TURQUAND MILES, M.D., (26, 23, 18, 7, 2, 1), born 1831 in St. Matthew's Parish, Orangeburg County; Capt., Charleston Bn., C.S.A.,¹⁰⁷ taught in the Medical College in Charleston, moved to Baltimore after the Confederate War and was Professor of Anatomy at the University of Maryland, later becoming a practising neurologist. He married Jeanie Wardlaw; their four children were:

1. Francis Turquand Miles, Jr., died of diphtheria aged five.
- 40 2. Louis Wardlaw Miles, born 23 March 1873.
3. Sarah Warley Miles, died of a tubercular hip, aged 13.
4. Alice Patterson Miles, died aged six.¹⁰⁸

¹⁰⁷ *This Magazine*, VII, 43.

¹⁰⁸ The unpublished portion of this genealogical study may be consulted in the library of the South Carolina Historical Society.