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Dear Mr. Peeples,

One of my great grandfathers was Francis A. Miles. He married Lucretia Jane Faulk, "at Francis Johns", Barbour County, Ala. in 1855.

The census for Barbour County in 1860 gives this -

	Miles, Frank	-	age 26	-	born S.C.
	"	Jane	-	" 21	- " Ala.
	"	Andy C.	-	" 4	- " "
*	"	Ann	-	" 1	- " "

* Ann (Ann Rasetta Miles) married Henry R. Faulk in Barbour County 1883. These were my maternal grand parents.

My problem is - who was Francis A. Miles born South Carolina 1834±?

A contact in Eufaula, Ala. has suggested I look in Marion County, South Carolina. A check in a current phonebook for Marion shows quite a number of people with the surname Miles. Of these I wrote to two-

Mr. Stephen G. Miles II

as a Stephen G. Miles III was also listed I felt Mr. Miles might have an interest in family.

Mrs. Wm. F. Miles

I wrote her thinking her husband's middle name may be Francis.

Today I received copies of the Miles genealogy as appeared in the South Carolina Historical Magazine vols 66 and 67. This gave your name as compiler - hence my letter to you. I trust you will excuse my boldness - one must grasp at any straw! No name was on the envelope so I do not know whom to thank.

So far I have had but little chance to search, via letter, in South Carolina. Even so, I have already located references to two men named Francis A. Miles. The first came from Mrs. Joyner, librarian of the Marion Public Library. She sent me this -

"I find reference to a Francis A. Miles in Sellers, "A History of Marion Co., S.C." He was a descendant of the Godbold family which the author treats at length. Also, in Cemetery Records, Philah Methodist Church, near Marion on highway 76, is recorded the marker to Francis A. Miles / departed this life May 16, 1875, aged 54 years! "

The second came from Miss Wates of the archives in Columbia. She came up with this military record -

Miles, Francis A. - private, Co I, 24th S.C. Inf.
enlisted Mar. 1, 1863 - Pototaglio
re-enlisted June 1, 1864 - Dnyrna Church
on last roll July / Aug 1864 Georgia.

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captured at Franklin, Tenn. Dec. 17, 1864
died Feb. 9, 1865 of pneumonia - ^{Camp} Chase, Ohio
buried at Camp Chase - grave # 1145

Now does this boil down to three men named Francis A. Miles - one, born about 1821; the second (mine) born about 1834; and the third who died in Ohio in 1865 - or does this give but two? I will explain. The old timers in my family have said "Frank Miles entered service some time after the War started (we do know he had three children in addition to the two listed in the 1860 census) and that he died of fever near Atlanta." The question arises - could the Francis A. Miles of the Barlow Co. Ala., census of 1860, have been the Francis A. Miles who died in Ohio in 1865? Both entered service some time after the War started; both died, perhaps, as a result of fever. There is the Atlanta bit. If Onyma Church is a misspelling could

it refer to present day Smyrna, Ga.? If so, a location "near Atlanta" is indicated. The statement "died of fever near Atlanta" rather contradicts unless it wasn't known for certain where he died or family pride endeavored to hide the fact he died as a prisoner in Ohio.

I have found nothing in Alabama records wherein a Francis, or Frank Miles of Barbour County had served. In those days State ties were very strong, thus Frank Miles of Barbour Co., Ala. may well have returned to South Carolina to enlist. To enlist at Pototaglia - I have no idea where this place may have been?

At the present I am trying to determine the age of the man who died at Camp Chase in 1865. If he wasn't born in S.C., about 1835, then indeed there were three named Francis A. Miles!

Assuming my Francis A. Miles was born in the Marion County, South

Carolina area would you know of anyone who would have a comprehensive record of that portion of the Miles clan?

One last question - was your John Miles the only early Miles immigrant? Some folks are lucky in that there was but one common ancestor. Would one be safe in saying the Miles of Marion Co., D.C. are descendants of John Miles?

Sincerely yours

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