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Reverend Robert E. H. Peeples  
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Dear Dr. Peeples:

Thank you for your most interesting and informative letter of recent date. It is thrilling to know of your research on the Miles Family of South Carolina. The notes I have are quite meager (and quite jumbled). The fact is my husband and I were working with a genealogist here in Columbia and only took notes on my direct line - what I have, however, will gladly share with you - will be happy to run down to Hilton Head one Saturday, let me know when it will be convenient and my husband and I will make a quick trip to see you. I work for the Columbia Weather Bureau but am free on Saturdays. My line is as follows:

May Miles Goodwin, born Nov. 5, 1910///Frank L.(E) Miles, born June 11, 1882, died Feb. 6, 1950/// James Evander Miles, born Jan. 25, 1843, died July 20, 1920///John A. Miles, born 1824 (still on muster roll in 1864 and never returned from the Confederate war)///Thomas Miles, born about 1766, died May 4, 1852 - married Rebecca Coxe (from a prominent Coxe Family in Marlboro County) have the names of his 16 children and a little information on Thomas, his land grants, etc.

If you are able to fit this into something you have that would take me back a step further, it would be greatly appreciated.

Mr. Douglas Benjamin Jones is the man helping me trace my line of the Miles Family - he has a notebook full of Miles from South Carolina - however, he is doing his work professionally. Believe also that he has copied the information Mr. Andrea has. If you would care to contact him, his address is:

Mr. Douglas Benjamin Jones  
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When your publication is ready for print, would deeply appreciate you dropping me a note, so that I might obtain a copy.

Sincerely yours



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Dear Dr. and Mrs. Peeples;

How is your detective work progressing? We've been doing a bit of "trotting" but have not been able to accomplish much - made a trip recently to Bennettsville and Chesterfield, was able to verify the second wife of our Thomas, but did not get the needed information to carry us further back. While in Bennettsville, we had the pleasure of meeting and visiting a Mr. Francis Coxe, (relative of Thomas' Rebecca) the old home he lives in was built by his Grandfather, Moses Coxe, in 1832 - he took pride in showing us around--the house and fence were built of heart pine and still in good shape today. The lock on the front door was huge and bore the British Seal, the window panes were of spun or poured glass, and patterned on the walkway were old grist mill stones. The land itself, was granted to the Coxe Family by King George III and has remained in the same family for over 200 years - a most interesting visit. As we were searching through the Revolutionary War records, we found where Thomas had signed a note of some kind with State of South Carolina, Spartanburg County in the heading - we made a trip to Spartanburg (both mine and John's hometown) and found a Thomas Miles, with a wife Sarah in the late 1700's, who might be our Thomas, but will have to check further.

Enclosed are a few more sheets of odds and ends - doubt if they will be of much help to you, but you are welcome to them for what they're worth. By the way, I checked on "Land Warrants" by Salley, you were right, that was an error on my part - I had inadvertently written in the wrong author--it should have been *(will have to look up, again)* please correct your copy; my work is being done hurriedly and subject to checking - so please forgive. Made an effort to get Acquilla's will - but don't you just know it - the book was out of the Archives for rebinding; made an attempt to get it from microfilm, but was unable to find it on the general index - If I can get it later, will send it to you.

We remember our trip to Hilton Head with pleasure, perhaps sometime we'll be able to return - when you folks are in Columbia, look us up - we have been known to be caught at home.

Good hunting!

Sincerely

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May M. Goodwin