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Dear Cousin Robert,

I was so delighted to receive your lovely letter. I wrote on faith. I had no idea whether you still lived at Hilton Head or whether you would receive my letter with no more address than I had. Nor did I know if you would answer. Thank you so much for your prompt reply.

Being a genealogist, I know you know how excited I am to have this information on some of my direct ancestors. Now I can't wait to find out where Poplar Springs plantation is. How can the cemetery be reached?

I hope you will excuse my poor typing. I am no typist and my old typewriter is no help but my long hand is atrocious. My spelling is not what it should be either, even though I am a teacher. I write with a dictionary at hand, but even then I slip up sometimes.

Speaking of teaching, your Miles related cousins must have a penchant for going to college when they are far past the college age. You mentioned that Elizabeth Mary Miles Horlbeck got her degree after she became a grandmother. I graduated from high school in 1944 and from Columbia College in 1964 with all nine of my children present at my graduation. It took me twenty years to get my degree- must be a slow learner eh? Seriously, I went to college for two years and then married in 1946. In 1958 I began picking up a few courses here and there then finally commuted for two summer school sessions and one regular semester. No Greek though- just a history major.

I am just rambling on this page. I am enclosing a separate sheet (or sheets) with the Marion-Wickham information.

Last night I dreamed about being the descendant of Pricilla and Aquilla Miles. I was getting my Bible mixed up with my genealogy! It did make me start thinking though, I wondered what made me dream that. This morning I looked in my Ervin records - in 1772 John Bremar laid out to Robert Ervin in Berkley County, a tract of land containing 85 acres on the south side of Santee River and bounded on the west by land granted to Equilla Miles. Know anything of him?

Your Marion chart is essentially the same as mine except that Martha Wickham Marion is the daughter of John, Jr. instead of a fifth child of John Marion, Sr. Also I did not know that John was the son of Benjamin's second wife Mary, rather than the son of Judith Baluet.

Do you still have the address of Melvin F. Gay? I recognize the line from which he comes. I thought I might check with him to see if he has additional information. Would you believe, there is a descendant of Dr. R.W. Ervin's whose mother gathered much information and left it all stored away in a trunk, but her daughter isn't interested at all in sharing the information.

Marion - Wickham

The following outline was sent to me by the Huguenot Society

Jean Marion m. Perinne Bategnon

Benjamin Marion m. 1st Judith Baluet
2nd Mary _____

John Marion I b. after 1695 d. 1739 m. Frances _____

John Marion II b. ca 1738 d. 3/ 1775
m. 1st Mary Sanders, widow
2nd Mary Wickham

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The following information came from a letter written by Dr. Robert William Ervin to Richard Yeadon in 1845. It came to me as a copy, of a copy, of a copy, but it is supposed to be on file in a collection of letters owned by the South Carolina Historical Society, Charleston, S.C.

John Marion II m. (1st) Mary Sanders
Children:

1. John Marion (of York)
m. Catherine Palmer
 - a. Peter Marion
 - b. Nathaniel Marion
 - c. Elizabeth Marion
 - d. Mary Marion
2. Mary Marion m. _____ Roberts
2 children

{ Will 1754, 1780 St. Marks, San. Crossen Co. (Kerchaw & H. Carson)
John Marion II m. (2nd) Mary Wickham, dau. of Nathaniel & Mary (Miles) Wickham.

3. Martha Wickham Marion (b. & bap between July 13 & Sept 14 1766)
m. (1st) Samuel Ervin J.G.E.

- a. Mary Elizabeth Ervin m. Francis Marion Baxter
 - 1) John Hancock Baxter m. _____ F lagler
 - 2) Ann Marion Baxter m William Richbourg
Mary Elizabeth Ervin m. 2nd Samuel Richbourg
no issue
- b. Robert W. Ervin m. Louisa Stukes of Sumter
(Dates are from old Bible record and tombstones)
 - 1) Julia Ervin b. Oct 5, 1814 d. Feb. 5, 1815
 - 2) Maria Agnes Ervin b. Feb. 25, 1816 d. Aug. 1, 1857
m. William V. Boyd
 - 3) Louisa Martha Ervin b. Mar. 9, 1818 d. June 26, 1880
m. Calvin S. Rutland
 - 4) Robert Samuel Ervin b. July 20, 1820 d. Feb. 23, 1843
 - 5) William Fletcher Ervin b. Jan. 13, 1823 d. 1906
m. 1st Mary H. Connors
2nd Sarah E. Emmons
3rd Lucy A. Dendy
4th Martha Cade
 - 6) John Francis Marion Ervin b. Feb. 19, 1825 d. 1850
 - * 7) Sara Elizabeth Ervin b. May 15, 1827 d. May 19, 1918
m. Osborn Floyd
 - 8) James Sherrod Ervin b. Nov. 24, 1829, d. Feb. 10, 1887
(Methodist minister) m. Ann Matilda Carson 1845
 - 9) Anne Edith Ervin b. Aug. 29, 1832, d. _____
m. Peter Thomas Mobley
 - 10) Hannah Marion Ervin b. Feb. 5, 1837 d. July 14, 1915
m. Nabor D. Lessesne
 - 11) Richard Baxter Ervin b. 11/23/1839 d. 1/31/1913

- c. Hannah Marion Ervin m. William N. Stukes
- 1) Mary E. Stukes b. Mar. 22, 1815 d. Sept. 10, 1840
m. John J. Holladay
 - 2) Adaline Louise Stukes b. ca 1816 d. July 15, 1864
m. William A. Davis
 - 3) Martha M. Stukes b. ca 1818 d. before 1850
m. 1st James Dinkins 2nd John W. Ridgeway
 - 4) Joseph Newton Stukes b. ca 1820 d. 1-3-1894
m. Mary Osborn
 - 5) Francis Marion Stukes b. ca 1822 d. 1860(?)
 - 6) John Lafayette Stukes b. 9-17-1824 d. 10-5-1887
m. 1st Eliza M Cochran
2nd Sarah Caroline Stukes
 - 7) Sarah Stukes b. ca 1826(?) d. 8-30-1886
m. Joseph Boyd Andrews
 - 8) Julia E. Stukes b. 8-4-1828 d. July 13, 1883
m. John J. Holladay as his 2nd wife
 - 9) Rebecca Stukes b. 10-12-1830 d. 6-22-1870
m. Thomas Lemuel Thames

Martha Wickham Marion m. (2nd) Lewis Herring

c. Martha Herring
d. Lydia Herring

{ w/o 2 May 1836 Abbeville
4. Nathaniel Wickham Marion

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In Marriage Settlements Vol. 7 p. 290

Nathaniel Wickham Marion - Indenture made July 23, 1818 between Nathaniel Wickham Marion of the Parish of St. James Goose Creek, district of Charleston, physician of the 1st part and Robert Matthew of the same place, planter of the second part. Whereas the late _____ (may be Rev.) Matthew McCuller of the Parish and District aforesaid, in last will dated Mar. 16, 1817- to loving wife Jane McCuller and children - son John Wm McCuller, Robt Mathews exec. Matthew McCuller dec. whereas the said Nathaniel Wickham Marion had lately intermarried with the same Jane McCuller.

Another Nathaniel Marion of St. John's Parish m. Jane McCants widow of James McCants and the indenture was made Nov. 26, 1810 Marriage Settlements Vol. 8 p. 12

Either then, could be Nathaniel Marion of Abbeville District with wife Jane who made his will May 2, 1836. He names sons John S. Marion, Nathaniel P. Marion, and daughter Jane Elizabeth Marion and son-in-law John R. Tarrant.

Other notes that I have on Nathaniel Marion - in 1809 he was of St. John's Parish, trustee for Mary Elizabeth Ervin's marriage settlement. In 1818 as N.W. Marion he was buyer at an auction with Jacob Whitehead. In 1826 Nathaniel Marion of Abbeville Dist. gives a negro girls to Mrs. Elizabeth Hilton for life a Negro girl for her daughter Eveline now wife of Jacob Whitehead.

Two of the three children married children of William Reginald Loombe Stukes and his wife Agnes Baxter (And we believe that Francis Marion Baxter who married the third child was a brother of Agnes but we don't have proof.) There was one other Stukes son, John Baxter Stukes, and it seems that he married Lydia Marion Herron

I am presuming that Herron and Herring are two spellings of the same name and that Lydia Marion Herron must be Martha Wickham Marion Ervin Herring's daughter and that all of the Stukes children married children of Martha Wickham Marion's.

For a long time I wondered how the Ervins from St. John's got so well acquainted with the Stukeses of St. Mark's, until I saw the land plats they were just on opposite sides of the river.

I am a descendant of John Lafayette Stukes and Sarah Caroline Stukes through their daughter Sarah Isabella Stukes who married Joseph Reid Griffin. My mother, Sarah Reid Griffin married Harry Lewis Harvin in 1922. I have one full brother, Dr. Harry Lewis Harvin, Jr. of Laurinburg, N.C. who was born in 1923. I was born in 1927 and was Sarah Reid Harvin until I added Keels to my name in 1946. My father remarried when I was 18 months old (my mother died in childbirth), a delightful Scottish widow with the full name of Gladys Alice Mary Shand Dick Harvin. I have one half-brother Dr. James Shand Harvin of Charleston.

These are the land grants I found for Nathaniel Wickham. 1400 acres in Craven Co., Prince George Parish bounding partly on the line of Wacama Township, partly on Mrs. Hucker's land and on Gabriel Marion's land. Also a tract on the North side of Santee in Craven Co. bounding Daniel Williams and on Wetee lake. This was a tract of 1,050 acres. The only other tract was for 255 acres in Berkeley Co. bounding Lawrence Saunders, Daniel Stewart, and Col. Joseph Blake's land and what looks like Francis Nerods. Are any of these near Miles' land?

In this family they seem to repeat surnames, Martha Wickham Marion, Nathaniel Wickham Marion then Hannah Marion Ervin and Lydia Marion Herron. I wonder if Brunckhurst is a family name? Have you ever run across it?

I am very interested in learning more about the Wickhams and of course about the Miles.

I hope this has been helpful and I certainly hope I hear from you again.

Sincerely,

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