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In two letters to the editor Mr. Hemperley has tried to answer some of the questions being raised by readers. On June 27, 1965, he wrote:

All of these oaths came from minute books, none of the original papers having survived. As you know, recordings of this type vary from year to year, and from court to court, as to content. Sometimes they have place of birth, age, etc., sometimes nothing but a notation that citizenship was granted. It is a pity the original papers were lost. In the (Savannah) Georgia court files, the original papers are for the most part intact. In some cases these even give a complete description of the person.

I cannot explain why the name of a person appears twice in the lists. This is only in the S. C. lists (at least I did not find this to be true in Georgia). In checking these recordings the wording was the same in both cases, the only difference being a word added or deleted. The dates are always two or three years apart. Sometimes the two recordings are in two different courts . . .

On July 14, 1965, Mr. Hemperley wrote:

Enclosed you will find photostats of two pages of Court Journals, showing the recording of Otto P. D. Bremer. The first is from Admiralty Court, 27 June, 1825, the second, from Circuit Court, 29 April, 1828. In the first he 'presents a petition declaring his intention to become a Citizen of the United States, and praying that the same may be registered. Ordered accordingly and the usual oath administered.' In the second he 'having provided satisfactory evidence of a compliance with the requisites of the acts of Congress. . . . Ordered that the usual oath be administered, and that he be admitted a Citizen of the said States.' Evidently, when a person first presented application he was given some sort of 'usual oath.' In the second the wording, 'and that he be admitted a Citizen of the said States,' is added. This has to be the exact date he was sworn a Citizen.

Mr. Hemperley has asked the editor to inform the readers that his proper address is as follows: Mr. Marion R. Hemperley, Department of Archives and History, 1516 Peachtree Street, N. W., Atlanta, Georgia, 30309.

A MILES GENEALOGY

A Family of South Carolina Planters

REV. ROBERT E. H. PEEPLES *

Motto: "*Sola Virtus Invicta*," translated: "Virtue alone is invincible."

Crest: A dexter arm embowed in armour ppr. garnished or supporting with the hand an anchor also ppr.

The seal of John Miles who immigrated to South Carolina in the late 17th century bears the motto and crest described here. This crest and motto are currently displayed by the Barons Miles of Leigh Court, County Somerset, England, a family whose origins are traced back to Ledbury, County Hereford. The seal of John Miles is in the possession of a descendant.

This study is based on Miles family records kept by the late Eliza Smith Miles who was born in 1848, on the Bible of Jeremiah Miles who was born in 1780, on research in the Charleston County wills, St. Andrew's Parish Register, and various other official and family records. The author is especially grateful to Miss Susan Ladson Miles and to Dr. and Mrs. Louis Smith Miles of Summerville for their assistance and encouragement. The late Miss Mabel L. Webber, sometime editor of this *Magazine*, and Mrs. F. H. Horlbeck have also done extensive research on this family, and their notes were most helpful.

I

JOHN MILES arrived in South Carolina from England not later than 1687 as proved by the fact that his eldest son, Thomas, who died 21 Feb. 1756 aged 69, was "a native of this province."¹ The earliest record extant of John Miles is dated 9 March 1693 when he was among those appointed to appraise the estate of Thomas Hill, deceased.² On 31 Dec. 1694 John Miles was granted 140 acres, "being upon Account of arrival rights for himself and Arnold Horskinns."³ On 16 Feb. 1695 he was among those appointed to appraise the estate of Capt. Clarke.⁴ He purchased from the Lords Proprietors 160 acres 8 April 1696⁵ and

* Mr. Peebles lives at Hilton Head Island, S. C.

¹ *South-Carolina Gazette*, 5 Nov. 1764.

² *This Magazine*, VIII, 172.

³ A. S. Salley, Jr., *Warrants for Lands in South Carolina, 1692-1711*, Columbia, 1915, p. 60.

⁴ *This Magazine*, X, 16.

⁵ Salley, *op. cit.*, p. 111.

secured a warrant for an additional 500 acres 7 April 1704,⁶ the latter located "between Henry Samways and John Cattle." On 5 Jan. 1708 John Miles and his wife, Mary, signed an indent selling for £ 13 twenty-six acres on Coppins Creek, part of a 300 acre tract he owned, for glebe lands for St. Andrew's Parish. John Miles witnessed the will of his son-in-law, Richard Vincent, 23 Jan. 1719⁷ and that of John Girardeau 24 Feb. 1721.⁸ St. Andrew's Parish Register records his burial 28 July 1722.⁹ The children of John and Mary Miles, all born in S. C., were:

- 2 1. Thomas Miles, born 1687, died 21 Feb. 1756.¹⁰
2. John Miles, born c. 1690, died 25 Nov. 1711.¹¹
3. Martha Miles, born c. 1693, married 27 Nov. 1711 Richard Vincent,¹² whose will of 23 Jan. 1719,¹³ proved 18 Jan. 1720, names their daughters: Ann, Mary and Katherine.
- 3 4. William Miles, born c. 1697, buried 10 Aug. 1752.¹⁴
5. Rachel Miles, born c. 1700, married James McPherson, born 1688, died Pr. William's Parish 6 March 1771, "the Indian Fighter" and commander of the S. C. Rangers.¹⁵ Issue.
6. Mary Miles, born 1703, married 24 April 1719 Edward Rawlins,¹⁶ son of Provost Marshall Edward Rawlins who died in the 1699 yellow fever epidemic. Their daughter, Susannah Rawlins, was baptized in St. Andrew's Ch. 13 May 1724,¹⁷ there married Benjamin Perry 27 June 1742.¹⁸
7. Rosamond Miles, born 1705, married 11 Dec. 1723 Edward Perry;¹⁹ issue: Edward Perry, born 16 Oct. 1724; Mary Perry, baptized St. Andrew's 14 Aug. 1726; Sarah Perry, born 23 June 1728; Elizabeth Perry, baptized 26 Sept. 1731. Rosamond Miles Perry died 10 April 1773, aged 68.
- 4 8. Jeremiah Miles, born c. 1707, died 7 Feb. 1737.

⁶ *Ibid.*, p. 185.

⁷ Will Book 1720-1721, Charleston County Probate Court (hereinafter cited as CPC), p. 9.

⁸ *Ibid.*, p. 81.

⁹ This *Magazine*, XII, 188.

¹⁰ *South-Carolina Gazette*, 5 Nov. 1764.

¹¹ This *Magazine*, XLVIII, 32.

¹² *Ibid.*, p. 29.

¹³ Will Book 1720-1721, CPC, p. 9.

¹⁴ This *Magazine*, XIV, 148.

¹⁵ Rev. Robert E. H. Peeples, "Indian Fighter McPherson," *Savannah Morning News*, 20 Oct. 1963.

¹⁶ This *Magazine*, XII, 186.

¹⁷ *Ibid.*, XIII, 27.

¹⁸ *Ibid.*, XIV, 23.

¹⁹ *Ibid.*, XIII, 23.

2

THOMAS MILES (1), planter, born 1687, died 21 Feb. 1756, buried at his Poplar Springs plantation, St. Paul's Parish,²⁰ with his wife and granddaughter Elizabeth McPherson. Other members of his family are buried in a second family cemetery at adjoining Raven Woods, a Miles plantation acquired either from John Raven to whom it was originally granted 14 March 1704 or from his heirs. Thomas Miles was co-executor of the will of brother-in-law Richard Vincent 23 Jan. 1719.²¹ His own will of 16 Oct. 1751,²² with codicil of 21 Feb. 1756, proved 19 March 1756, names his wife Mary, daughters Elizabeth Ladson and Margaret Hartley, brother Jeremiah, sons John, Thomas, William, and Silas, grandson Richard Wickham, granddaughters Elizabeth McPherson, Eliabeth Coats, and Martha Wickham. His wife Mary is buried beside him, her tombstone reading: "Here lieth the body of Mary Miles who departed this life 23 October 1764, age 77 years." Her obituary notes that she was born in America 1687,²³ moved to S. C. 1707, names her late husband; they had "9 children, 57 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren" of whom "now remain alive 3 children, 23 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren." Her will of 1764,²⁴ proved 8 March 1765, names sons Silas and John Miles, deceased son William, daughter Margaret wife of Robert Williams, granddaughters Amelia Ladson and Mary Miles; executors were sons Silas and John and son-in-law Robert Williams.

Thomas Miles had land grants of 610 acres, 1,000 acres and 390 acres in Colleton County in 1732. Inventories of his property at his Saltcatcher and Horse Savannah plantations,²⁵ excluding real estate, totaled £ 12,045-10-1 29 May 1756. The nine children of Thomas and Mary Miles were:

- 5 1. John Miles, born 1712.
- 6 2. Thomas Miles, Jr., baptized St. Andrew's 19 April 1719.²⁶
- 7 3. William Miles, baptized St. Andrew's 19 April 1719.²⁷
4. Jeremiah Miles, baptized St. Andrew's 19 April 1719;²⁸ died unmarried before 1751.

²⁰ *South-Carolina Gazette*, 5 Nov. 1764.

²¹ Will Book 1720-1721, CPC, p. 9.

²² Will Book 7 (1752-1756), CPC, p. 480.

²³ *South-Carolina Gazette*, 5 Nov. 1764.

²⁴ Will Book 10 (1760-1767), CPC, p. 625.

²⁵ P. O. Book 1753-1756, CPC, p. 451.

²⁶ This *Magazine*, XII, 178.

²⁷ *Ibid.*

²⁸ *Ibid.*

5. Elizabeth Miles, baptized St. Andrew's 11 June 1721,²⁹ married 14 Aug. 1744 Thomas Ladson of St. Paul's Parish;³⁰ their daughter Amelie Ladson, was mentioned in her grandfather's will.³¹ Elizabeth received 120 acres on Combahee Neck in her father's will; her son, Thomas Ladson, Jr., on 14 May 1770 sold 250 acres in St. Bartholomew's Parish inherited from his grandfather Thomas Miles.
6. Margaret Miles, baptized St. Andrew's 4 April 1722;³² married (1st) James Hartley by whom she had issue, and (2nd) Robert Williams. She received a negro slave in her father's will³³ and a bequest in her mother's will.³⁴ Her own will of 8 May 1770 was proved 12 Jan. 1771.
- 8 7. Silas Miles received the 300 acres "where I live" in his father's will, and 500 acres on Wannell's Creek.³⁵
8. A daughter, deceased by 1756, who married a Coats and left a daughter, Elizabeth Coats, named in her grandfather's will.³⁶
9. Mary Miles married Nathaniel Wickham of St. George's Parish, Dorchester; his will of 2 Aug. 1745, proved 13 Feb. 1746, names their children: Nathaniel Brunckhurst Wickham who married Martha, daughter of Thomas Stone, Richard Wickham, Martha Wickham, Mary Wickham, Ann Caroline Wickham, Margaret Wickham, and Elizabeth Wickham who married a McCurdy (McMurdy?).

3

WILLIAM MILES (1), planter of St. Andrew's Parish, born c. 1697, buried by "ye Rev^d Mr. Martyn" at St. Andrew's 10 Aug. 1752.³⁷ He was co-executor of the 8 Feb. 1727 will of Miles Rivers and the 13 July 1732 will of his father-in-law, Moses Martin; he witnessed the 1 March 1739 will of John Rivers. William Miles was a member of the Commons House of Assembly, 1736-1737, a member of its House Committee from 15 Jan. 1737; he was elected churchwarden for St. Andrew's

²⁹ *Ibid.*, p. 179.

³⁰ *Ibid.*, XIX, 164.

³¹ Will Book 7 (1752-1756), CPC, p. 480.

³² *This Magazine*, XIII, 22.

³³ Will Book 7 (1752-1756), CPC, p. 480.

³⁴ Will Book 10 (1760-1767), CPC, p. 625.

³⁵ Will Book 7 (1752-1756), CPC, p. 480.

³⁶ *Ibid.*

³⁷ *This Magazine*, XIV, 148.

in 1734³⁸ and again 1 Dec. 1736. His will of 7 July 1752 was proved 21 Aug. 1752.³⁹ William Miles married (1st) Mary Martin, daughter of Moses and Grace Martin; the will of Moses Martin names "sons William Miles and Moses Martin" and "daughter Mary Miles." Mary Martin Miles was buried at St. Andrew's 13 Jan. 1745.⁴⁰ The ten children of William and Mary Martin Miles were:

- 9 1. John Miles, born 26 Nov. 1719,⁴¹ baptized 28 Feb. 1720.⁴²
- 10 2. William Miles, Jr., born 8 Feb. 1722.⁴³
- 11 3. Thomas Miles, born 13 Oct. 1723,⁴⁴ baptized 10 Nov. 1723.⁴⁵
- 12 4. Jeremiah Miles, born 6 Nov. 1725.⁴⁶
5. Mary (Maria) Miles, born 1727,⁴⁷ died 1761, married 8 March 1744 Col. Daniel Heyward, born 20 July 1721, died 4 Oct. 1777;⁴⁸ their son, Thomas Heyward, Jr., born 28 July 1746, signed the Declaration of Independence. Other issue, also.
6. Moses Miles, born 22 Feb. 1730,⁴⁹ baptized 18 May 1730,⁵⁰ buried St. Andrew's 16 Oct. 1730.⁵¹
7. Anne Miles, born 5 Sept. 1731,⁵² baptized 12 Oct. 1731,⁵³ married 14 Feb. 1748 Thomas Heyward,⁵⁴ brother of Col. Daniel Heyward who married Mary Miles. Anne Miles Heyward died 26 Sept. 1763. Issue.
8. Sarah Miles, born 20 Feb. 1734;⁵⁵ having been baptized privately earlier, she was received into the congregation of St. Andrew's 12 April 1734⁵⁶ and on 30 April 1752 was married

³⁸ Frederick Dalcho, *An Historical Account of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in South Carolina*, Charleston, 1820, p. 339.

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

⁴⁰ *This Magazine*, XIV, 81.

⁴¹ *Ibid.*, XII, 175.

⁴² *Ibid.*, XII, 178.

⁴³ *Ibid.*, XIII, 22.

⁴⁴ *Ibid.*, XII, 175.

⁴⁵ *Ibid.*, XIII, 27.

⁴⁶ *Ibid.*, XII, 175.

⁴⁷ *Ibid.*

⁴⁸ *Ibid.*, XIV, 29; LIX, 149.

⁴⁹ *Ibid.*, XII, 176.

⁵⁰ *Ibid.*, XIII, 37.

⁵¹ *Ibid.*, XIII, 40.

⁵² *Ibid.*, XII, 182.

⁵³ *Ibid.*, XIII, 105.

⁵⁴ *Ibid.*, XIV, 35; LIX, 150-151.

⁵⁵ *Ibid.*, XII, 183.

⁵⁶ *Ibid.*, XIII, 154.

by Rev. Charles Martyn to William,⁵⁷ son of William Webb, as his 2nd wife, his 1st wife, Sarah Peronneau, having died.

- 13 9. Joseph Miles, born 11 April 1736,⁵⁸ baptized 2 May 1736.⁵⁹
 14 10. Edward Miles, born 16 Aug. 1738,⁶⁰ baptized 1 Sept. 1738.⁶¹ William Miles married (2nd) 19 May 1748 Mrs. Martha Godfrey, widow of John Godfrey. Their daughter, Elizabeth Miles, was born 17 Jan. 1749,⁶² baptized 21 Jan. 1749;⁶³ Martha Godfrey Miles and Elizabeth Miles were buried together at St. Andrew's 22 Jan. 1750.⁶⁴

4

JEREMIAH MILES (1), planter of St. Paul's Parish, Colleton County, born c. 1707, died 7 Feb. 1737; he was elected a member of Commons House of Assembly for St. Paul's Parish 4 Dec. 1736 and died in office. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Ralph Emms and widow of William Elliott;⁶⁵ they had only two children, both under 18 yrs. on 2 Feb. 1736 when Jeremiah made his will.⁶⁶ Proved 16 Feb. 1737, his will names wife Elizabeth, daughters Susanna and Sarah, brothers Thomas and William Miles and brother-in-law Edward Perry. The two children of Jeremiah and Elizabeth Emms Miles were:

1. Sarah Miles, who married James Ladson and made her will in April 1772, proved 24 Sept. 1772, naming sister Elizabeth Ladson Miles, brother Isaac Ladson, nephew John Miles, niece Mary Perry, with nephew John Miles executor and Josiah and Allen Miles witnesses. Her father's will left her 1,000 acres on Horse Savannah which he had inherited from his father, John Miles. No issue.
2. Susannah Miles, married 4 June 1753 James Parsons;⁶⁷ she received a 745 acre plantation on Wannell's Creek under her father's will.⁶⁸

⁵⁷ *Ibid.*, XIV, 96.

⁵⁸ *Ibid.*, XII, 177.

⁵⁹ *Ibid.*, XIII, 157.

⁶⁰ *Ibid.*, XII, 185.

⁶¹ *Ibid.*, XIII, 215.

⁶² *Ibid.*, XIV, 86.

⁶³ *Ibid.*, p. 88.

⁶⁴ *Ibid.*, p. 90.

⁶⁵ *Ibid.*, XI, 61.

⁶⁶ Will Book 4 (1736-1740), CPC, p. 289.

⁶⁷ *South-Carolina Gazette*, 4 June 1753.

⁶⁸ Will Book 4 (1736-1740), CPC, p. 289.

Elizabeth Emms Elliott Miles married (3rd) 24 Sept. 1738 Elisha Butler.⁶⁹ In 1731 she had been bequeathed by her father-in-law, Thomas Elliott, part of a lot in Charles Town near the Bay and next to Col. Brewton. Jeremiah Miles left her land on Stono River; a house to be built on Broad St. in Charles Town on a lot he had recently purchased from Rev. William Guy was to revert to daughter Susannah on Elizabeth's death. The inventory of Jeremiah's goods and chattel, excluding real estate, made 28 Feb. 1739 by Robert McKewn, Benjamin Downing, Burnaby Bull, and Richard Godfrey totaled £ 8,116.⁷⁰

5

JOHN MILES (2, 1), planter of St. Paul's Parish, born 1712, died 1773, received 400 acres on Horse Savannah and 500 acres on Wannell's Creek in his father's will of 1756 and was also named in his mother's will of 1764. He married 10 Feb. 1734 Elizabeth Ladson,⁷¹ sister of James Ladson who married Sarah, daughter of John's uncle, Jeremiah Miles. John Miles made his will 16 June 1773, proved 9 July 1773.⁷² Elizabeth Ladson Miles' will of 1782, proved 22 Jan. 1787,⁷³ names sons John and Josiah Miles, daughter Mary Perry, granddaughters Elizabeth Miles Perry and Keziah Miles. The seven children of John and Elizabeth Ladson Miles were:

1. & 2. Thomas and Margaret Miles, twins, born 28 Feb. 1741,⁷⁴ baptized St. Andrew's 21 June 1741;⁷⁵ died young.
3. Allen Miles, planter of St. Paul's Parish, co-executor of his father's will with Isaac McPherson; he received the 400 acres "where I live" in his father's will, plus an additional 250 acres. With Robert Miles and Melcher Garner he served as the committee from St. Paul's Parish 18 July 1775 of the first Council of Safety of the Revolutionary Party in S. C.⁷⁶ He served as an officer (ensign) in Capt. John Sommers' Company, Stono, during the Revolutionary War.⁷⁷ His will of 12 July 1780, proved 5 Oct. 1780, names his mother Elizabeth, his brothers Jeremiah, John, and Josiah Miles, sister Mary Perry, nephew

⁶⁹ *This Magazine*, XIII, 216.

⁷⁰ Miscellaneous Records, Book 71, CPC, p. 53.

⁷¹ *This Magazine*, XIII, 111.

⁷² Will Book 15 (1771-1774), CPC, p. 533.

⁷³ Will Book 22 (1786-1793), CPC, p. 108.

⁷⁴ *This Magazine*, XII, 184.

⁷⁵ *Ibid.*, XIV, 21.

⁷⁶ *Ibid.*, I, 62.

⁷⁷ *Ibid.*, II, 6.

John Miles, Jr., and niece Susannah, daughter of Edward Perry.⁷⁸ Allen Miles died 1780, unmarried.

- 15 4. Jeremiah Miles, died 1781.
- 16 5. John Miles, born 1740, died 8 July 1810.
- 17 6. Josiah Miles, died Dec. 1790.
7. Mary Miles, married Edward Perry; their daughter, Elizabeth Miles Perry, was named in her grandmother's will.⁷⁹ Mary Perry is named in the will of her brother, Josiah Miles, 14 May 1789,⁸⁰ and that of her brother, Allen Miles.⁸¹

6

THOMAS MILES, JR. (2, 1), planter of St. Paul's Parish, Colleton County, baptized St. Andrew's 19 April 1719;⁸² married (1st) 4 Aug. 1735 Ann Ladson;⁸³ their two children were:

1. Elizabeth Miles, born 5 June 1744, died 22 March 1775,⁸⁴ married 28 Aug. 1760 Isaac McPherson, Esq., born 24 Oct. 1739, son of Capt. James and Rachel Miles McPherson of Pr. William's Parish. The only son of Isaac and Elizabeth Miles McPherson was James Elliott McPherson of Brewton and Mount Pleasant plantations, born 27 Nov. 1769, died 4 March 1834. Isaac McPherson married (2nd) 7 Dec. 1775 Sarah Perry and left a son, Isaac, born 24 July 1780, died without issue 5 Dec. 1803, and a daughter, Sarah, born 1784, died 16 May 1813, who married 2 April 1801 John Alston, Esq., son of William Alston.⁸⁵

2. Mary Miles, "died a minor and without issue."⁸⁶

Thomas Miles, Jr. married (2nd) 19 Nov. 1750 in St. Paul's Parish,⁸⁷ Martha McTeer, daughter of Thomas and Hannah McTeer of Pr. William's Parish. Thomas McTeer made his will 15 Sept. 1753, naming his "son Thomas Miles" and his "granddaughter Martha Miles." Thomas

⁷⁸ Will Book 19 (1780-1783), CPC, p. 30.

⁷⁹ Will Book 22 (1786-1793), CPC, p. 108.

⁸⁰ Will Book 23 (1786-1793), CPC, p. 777.

⁸¹ Will Book 19 (1780-1783), CPC, p. 30.

⁸² This *Magazine*, XII, 178.

⁸³ *Ibid.*, XIII, 111.

⁸⁴ *Ibid.*, XVII, 91.

⁸⁵ *Ibid.*, XXXII, 198.

⁸⁶ Petition of Isaac McPherson and wife Elizabeth, dated 19 Aug. 1766, Petition Book 1754-1777, CPC, p. 143.

⁸⁷ *Ibid.*, XIV, 89.

Miles, Jr., made his will 6 Sept. 1753, proved 20 May 1757, naming his daughters Elizabeth, Mary, and Martha Miles, with his brothers William, Silas, and John Miles and James Ladson executors. Thomas received 300 acres on Horse Savannah and 430 acres on Saltcatcher in his father's will.⁸⁸ Thomas and Martha McTeer Miles had one child:

1. Martha Miles, called "Patty," married (1st) 19 Nov. 1767 Edward Griffith, Charleston merchant;⁸⁹ married (2nd) a McNeil.

Following the 1757 death of Thomas Miles, Jr., Martha McTeer Miles married (2nd) Martin (?) Shaw, and (3rd) 12 Oct. 1776 as his 1st wife, Robert Reid, born c. 1749, who married (2nd) Joanna Garner Miles, widow of James Miles of Mount Pleasant plantation, and (3rd) Nancy Ann Peeples, daughter of John and Catherine McBride Peeples of Cedar Grove plantation, Pr. William's Parish. Martha McTeer Miles Shaw Reid left no children by her 3rd marriage. Her will dated 20 March 1780, proved 3 Feb. 1781, begins, "Martha Reid, being of sound mind and memory . . . but hourly expecting death occasioned by the savage enemies of my country who have shot and scalped me, do leave all my estate to my beloved sister, Jane Melvin. . . ."

7

WILLIAM MILES (2, 1), planter of St. Paul's Parish, baptized St. Andrew's 19 April 1719,⁹⁰ signed a marriage bond 15 March 1743 by which the Rev. William Orr was licensed to marry him to Mary McKewn, spinster, daughter of Robert McKewn, born 1698, died 1 Oct. 1766, of Stono, who married 3 Aug. 1723 Susannah Hackett. Mary McKewn Miles was buried 13 Jan. 1745. The three children of William Miles and his (1st) wife, Mary McKewn were:

1. Elizabeth Miles, died young.
- 18 2. James Miles, to whom his father made a deed of gift of four negroes 26 Nov. 1757, witnessed by his uncle, Robert McKewn, Jr., and Edward Williams; he also received 430 acres on Saltcatchers in his father's will.⁹¹
- 19 3. Robert Miles, to whom his father also gave four negroes 26 Nov. 1757; he received 300 acres in St. Paul's Parish in his father's will.⁹²

⁸⁸ Will Book 7 (1752-1756), CPC, p. 480.

⁸⁹ *South-Carolina Gazette*, 30 Nov. 1767; this *Magazine*, XI, 33.

⁹⁰ *Ibid.*, XII, 178.

⁹¹ Will Book 10 (1760-1767), CPC, p. 499.

⁹² *Ibid.*

William Miles married (2nd) Elizabeth Ladson, daughter of Robert Ladson and Sabina, daughter of Thomas Rose of Accabee. William's will of 29 Sept. 1762, with codicil of 16 Feb. 1764, names his sons Robert and James Miles, daughter Elizabeth and wife Elizabeth, with John Miles, Robert McKewn, nephew Jeremiah Miles, John Miles, Jr., and Isaac McPherson executors.⁹⁸ The two children of William and Elizabeth Ladson Miles were:

1. William Miles, to whom his father gave four negroes on 26 Nov. 1757.
2. Mary Ladson Miles, who received a deed of gift of a negro from her brothers Robert and James Miles on 18 Sept. 1769; she is named in her brother James' will of 23 Dec. 1773. Mary Ladson Miles married 20 Sept. 1781 John Emperor Farr, born 28 Nov. 1755, died 23 July 1789, son of Thomas and Phoebe Smith Farr.

Elizabeth Ladson Miles married (2nd) 3 Sept. 1768 her cousin, Robert Ladson, as his 2nd wife.⁹⁴ She inherited 400 acres of what is now Magnolia Gardens and sold it to Francis Rose 7 Dec. 1768.

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SILAS MILES (2, 1), planter of St. Paul's Parish, captain in S. C. militia; died Monday AM, 1 Dec. 1766.⁹⁵ He married his cousin, Elizabeth McPherson, daughter of Capt. James and Rachel Miles McPherson of Pr. William's Parish. The four children of Capt. Silas and Elizabeth McPherson Miles were:

1. Ann Miles, born c. 1753.
2. Rachel Miles, born 22 Dec. 1755, died 30 Jan. 1802, married 18 Feb. 1773 Thomas Cater, born 17 Dec. 1751, died 20 April 1805, of Cater Hall plantation, St. Peter's Parish, member of the House of Representatives from St. Peter's Parish, 1786, only son of Thomas and Susannah Baker Cater.⁹⁹ They were parents of eleven children, including Rachel who married 4 June 1795 Thomas John Smith Farr, Mary Elizabeth who married (1st) Thomas Rhodes and (2nd) Rev. Winborn Asa Lawton, and Thomas Miles Cater who married (1st) 21 Jan. 1805 Sarah McPherson Postell and (2nd) 14 Sept. 1815 Catherine Johnson.

⁹⁸ *Ibid.*

⁹⁴ *This Magazine*, XX, 96.

⁹⁵ *Ibid.*, X, 163; XXXIV, 56.

⁹⁹ Cater Family Bible records in the author's possession. *This Magazine*, XXXIV, 62-66.

3. Elizabeth Miles, born c. 1758, married (1st) 9 Oct. 1776 Lieut. Press Smith of Charleston,⁹⁷ and (2nd) Nathaniel Farr, born 22 Sept. 1757, whose will proved 12 Feb. 1794 names his wife Elizabeth and his son (by his 1st wife, Mary Dunbar who died 9 Nov. 1778) Thomas Dunbar Farr. In her own will proved 28 Jan. 1823 Elizabeth Miles Smith Farr names her son, P. M. Smith, her granddaughter Harriett Smith and her daughter Anna M. Farr who married a Hutchinson and left a son, T. Leger Hutchinson.
4. Susannah Miles, born 1760, married 7 March 1776 her cousin, later Brig. Gen. John McPherson,⁹⁸ son of John and Martha McPherson; he was drowned when the ship *Rose-in-Bloom* sank 24 Aug. 1806. Susannah Miles McPherson's will was dated 20 Aug. 1834; she died in Charleston 13 June 1835, survived by three daughters, including Elizabeth Mary McPherson who married 17 March 1807 James Reid Pringle, planter of Pr. William's Parish, president of the Senate of S. C., 1814-18, and collector of customs 1819 until his death in 1840. Elizabeth Mary McPherson Pringle died 12 Aug. 1843, leaving descendants.⁹⁹ Susannah Miles was mentioned in the will of her uncle, John Miles 16 June 1773.¹⁰⁰

The will of Silas Miles dated 11 July 1765, proved 12 Dec. 1766, left twelve slaves by name to his wife Elizabeth, to daughter Ann a slave Chloe, to daughter Rachel a slave Venus, to daughter Elizabeth a slave Nipsey and to daughter Susannah a slave Philis. Edward Griffith, Jonathan Drake, and the widow, Elizabeth McPherson Miles, qualified as executors.¹⁰¹ Silas Miles had received in his father's will 300 acres "where I live, after wife's death" and 500 acres on Wannell's Creek, half of 1,000 acres granted to Thomas Miles 7 July 1733 which Silas and his brother John divided 3 May 1763. The estate accounting of executor Edward Griffith to 15 May 1772 totaled £ 19,132, including £ 201 to George Mullins 9 June 1768 for his wife's 1/5 share of the household furniture, £ 525 to Job McPherson 15 May 1772 as guardian for the Misses Miles, £ 100 to James Parsons 10 May 1769 for legal advice, £ 200 15 April 1767 for Silas' subscription to build St. Paul's Parish Church.¹⁰² On 14 March 1767 the guardianship of Ann, Rachel, Eliza-

⁹⁷ *Ibid.*, XI, 61.

⁹⁸ *South-Carolina and American General Gazette*, 3 April 1776.

⁹⁹ *This Magazine*, LXII, 160-162.

¹⁰⁰ Will Book 15 (1771-1774), CPC, p. 533.

¹⁰¹ Will Book 10 (1760-1767), CPC, p. 851.

¹⁰² Miscellaneous Records, Book 94-A, CPC, p. 295.

beth, and Susannah Miles, minor children of Silas Miles, deceased, was granted to their uncle, Job McPherson. Elizabeth McPherson Miles, widow of Capt. Silas Miles, married (2nd) 17 March 1768 George Mullins of Stono.¹⁰³

¹⁰³ *South-Carolina Gazette*, 4 April 1768.

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A History of Georgia Agriculture, 1732-1860. By James C. Bonner. Athens: The University of Georgia Press, 1964. Pp. viii, 242. Notes, bibliography, index. \$6.00.

Professor Bonner's volume helps to fill the existing acute need for detailed studies of the economy of the pre-Civil War South. Since agriculture was the predominating industry, it seems reasonable that the first studies should be done in this area. The first seven chapters of his work, entitled "Tidewater Land and Colonial Labor," "Colonial Agriculture," "The Passing of the Frontier," "The Rise of Upland Cotton," "Soil Exhaustion and Emigration," "Diversification and Economic Independence," and "Soil Conservation and Southern Nationalism," are the ones which are of the most interest to the economic historian, as they deal most directly with the growth and development of agriculture. The remaining chapters also are of interest though the material is somewhat peripheral to agricultural history. For example, there is a chapter, entitled "Gardens and Buildings," which discusses in considerable detail the landscaping (often the lack of it) of the surroundings of farm houses and buildings, although not many clues are provided as to the reasons for prevailing practices.

It is true, of course, that quantitative materials concerning output, prices, and production change in the South are both scarce and on the whole somewhat unreliable for the period covered by this work. However, a clearer picture of both change within agriculture and differences among various parts of the state of Georgia could have been given if more use of those data which are available (the census, published price quotations, migration data, etc.) had been made.

Professor Bonner has provided us with a well written and readable book. Although its principal weakness is a shortage of economic analysis, the author has nonetheless performed an invaluable service in digging out and presenting systematically a large body of scattered materials.

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