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My dear Mrs. Howard:

Thank you for your letter of the 17th which I have studied very carefully. As a professional genealogist I can at least offer you some educated opinions and perhaps contribute to your information somewhat. I am happy that someone has been gracious enough to send you a copy of my MILES Genealogy in the South Carolina Historical Magazine; the Society does offer for sale most of its back numbers and they are indeed filled with information. However, I believe it is accurate to tell you that your Francis A. Miles does not descend from John Miles of St. Andrew's Parish, the progenitor of the Miles family of Lowcountry South Carolina. John Miles arrived by ship at Charleston and thereafter lived within a few miles of that city; his descendants continued in St. Andrew's and adjacent St. Paul's Parish for many years. There appear to be at least two other Miles families in the state, one northward near Georgetown which included Lewis and Moses Miles and, I believe, Aquilla Miles. I could give you some facts about this family but I do not believe this is your family, either. Moses died childless leaving a will proved 15 Feb. 1771.

The third Miles family was an up-country family which came into the state via N. C., probably from Virginia. One branch of it settled in southeastern Georgia, its progenitor being John Miles, born 8/6/1811 in S. C., who married 6/2/1831 Harriet Kemp, born Ga. 10/28/1814, whose father, James Kemp, was born 8/18/1791 in S.C.; this is a large family with many representatives still living in Appling Co., Alma, Ga. But the names Francis does not seem to be usual in this branch.

Another branch of this family is that of Thomas Miles, born c. 1766, died 3 May 1852, aged 86 yrs., having married Rebecca Cox of a prominent Marlboro family. (Thomas Miles' sister, Jane Miles, married at the same time in a double wedding, John Cox, brother of Rebecca Cox.) Thomas and Rebecca had 16 children born from 1802 onward, none named Francis. The two older sons: Allen, born c. 1802, and William, born c. 1805, are possible fathers for your Francis A.; I have no information on their families. (I also suggest Aquilla Miles, Esq. who married Sept. 1771 the widow Henrietta Dunn of Purysburg, made his will 2 Mar. 1797, proved 14 Nov. 1801 in Edgefield Co., S. C. as a possible grandfather of your Francis A. since I cannot rule out this possibility altogether.)

The 1790 Census for S. C. lists: (omitting my John Miles family)

ANDREW Miles, Cheraw Dist.  
Aquilla Miles, Esq., Ninety-six Dist., Edgefield,  
Benjamin Miles, Georgetown Dist.  
Charles Miles, Ninety-six Dist., Newberry Co.  
David Miles, " " "  
David Miles, Georgetown Dist.  
FRANCIS Miles, Camden Dist., Fairfield Co.  
Hardy Miles, " " "  
John Miles, Georgetown Dist.  
John Miles, Ninety-six Dist., Pendleton Co.  
Leonard Miles, Camden Dist., Fairfield Co.  
Leonard Miles, Camden Dist., Richland Co.  
Richard Miles, Camden Dist., Chester Co.  
Samuel Miles, Camden Dist., Fairfield Co.  
Samuel Miles, " " , Richland Co.

Sarah Miles, Orangeburg Dist. North Part.  
 Thomas Miles, Camden Dist., Fairfield Co.  
 Thomas Miles, " " , Richland Co.

In Gregg's History of the Old Cheraws are several references to early Miles of your up-country family:

"In 1709 were added...and from Pennepek DAVID MILLES and Alice Miles..."

"..June 22, 1706 when 25 deputies met at the house of Brother RICHARD MILES in Radnor..." (page 619.)

"..Miles, William, private in 1782" (p. 411)

In McCrady's South Carolina in the Revolution, p. 711 is the story of JOHN MILES who was hanged at Hanging Rock, Camden by the British.

This John was the eldest son of JAMES MILES who gave him 100 acres in Camden Dist. 1773. John married Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_ who died 1783; they were the parents of Samuel Miles. James Miles had grant of 50 acres in Craven Co. 12 Dec. 1759.

DAVID MILLES of Marion Co. was the father of at least 7 children:

1. a daughter who married Dennis Berry
2. a daughter who married Slaughter Berry
3. Drusilla Miles who married Moses Mace
4. a daughter who married John M. Jackson and had a son, Francis Jackson who married his 1st cousin, a daughter of his uncle, Charles Miles, Sr.
5. Francis A. Miles
6. Charles Miles, Sr.
7. a son who was father of Dr. D. F. Miles who married Sallie McIntyre and had: Francis Miles, Spes Miles and Mary Miles.

Capt. Francis Miles married Lucretia \_\_\_\_\_; their son:  
 Francis Miles married Amanda Henegan and had a daughter who moved to Alabama (perhaps there were other children also.)

In the Manuscript Room of the South Caroliniana Library at the University of S. C., Columbia, S. C. are documents which may help:

Spartanburg County, file A-646 p.73 Francis A. Miles, executor for Landon Miles, 1867.  
 pp.86-184 Francis A. Miles, executor for Nancy Miles, 1868.  
 pp.20-41 Francis A. Miles and Nancy Miles 1861.  
 pp. 106-225 Francis A. Miles, executor Nancy Miles 1869.

There are innumerable references to Landon Miles, Major Charles Miles, Thomas Miles, William H. Miles, George Miles, Richard Miles, Isaac Miles, Leander Miles, Paul Miles, C. R. Miles, Daniel Miles, etc. up to c. 1860.

File A-645 pp.2-50 Will of Landon Miles, probated 1858: wife Nancy, son: Francis A., daughters Charlotte and Jane.

Also in the South Caroliniana Library is a book, The Waters & Allied Families, by Philimon Berry Waters & Herbert M. Milam, pub. 1903 by Foyte Davies, Atlanta:

p. 85 "Sarah Farrow, dau. of John and Rosanna Waters Farrow, born 29 Dec. 1752, married THOMAS MILES; seven children:

1. Landon Miles m. Sarah Martin (this Landon, died 1858, was father of
2. Mary, died young. Francis A. Miles.)
3. Sarah married William Martindale
4. Nancy married James Raine Waters
5. William married Peggy Kelly
6. Daniel married Miss Stroud
7. Aria married Mr. Phillips.

Records from Marlboro County Court House:

<u>Captain Francis Miles</u>	1797	Capt. Francis & Benj. appear to be brothers.
<u>Benjamin Miles, Sr.</u>	1819	
<u>William Miles</u>	1824	
<u>John B. Miles</u>	1824	
<u>Francis Miles, Jr.</u>	1823	(son of Capt. Francis Miles)
<u>John Miles</u>	1826	
<u>William Miles, Jr.</u>	1833	
<u>Francis I. Miles</u>	1836	
<u>Francis J. Miles</u>	1837	
<u>Francis A. Miles</u>	1854	
<u>George Miles and his mother, Rebecca</u>	1859	

Brown Miles 1824  
 Ann Miles willed land to niece Christian McCall; Ann's brother was Daniel.  
 John Miles bought land 1826.

Old Benjamin Miles c. 1824 signed documents with capital "B"; children: John B. Miles, Elizabeth Miles, Sarah Miles and Druesillia Beasley; his wife was Hesterel; Old Benjamin Miles died intestate in Jefferson County Alabama, William Hood administering his estate.  
 1824: John Brown was administrator of estate of Francis Miles who married Lucretia Henegan.  
 Old Benjamin was a son of James Miles whose eldest son was John Miles.

Francis Miles: For duty in 1781 in SC Militia in Col. Taylor's Regiment in Captain John Miles' Company, Camden District.

1787: Receipt for Francis Miles signed by Richard Winn and B. Green

Plats of Land Grants in S. C. Archives:

Francis Miles 200 acres in Craven Co. Vol.18, p. 397 dated 20 Oct. 1771.  
Francis Miles 200 acres in Craven Co. Vol.13 p. 306 dated 11 Feb. 1775

Spartanburg County Court House:

1789 Ninety Six Dist. Thomas Miles, wife Sarah and children: Mary, William H. Miles, Isaac and Landon.

Mary, dau. of Thomas Miles, listed nephews and nieces: Robert F. Miles, Francis A. Miles, Delila Hutson, Mary, Carolyn Teague, Margaret Bramlett.

1799: Thomas Miles bought 100 acres on Rocky Creek; dealt with Landon Miles, son of Thomas Miles; signed by Isaac and Mary Miles.

1784: Thomas Miles and wife Sarah bought land in Ninety Six Dist. on Tyger River.

Children of William H. Miles and Rebecca: Sarah I, Alexander, Harry, Munro's, Lenia, Thomas Pinckney.

I. L. Miles, wife Nancy to F. A. Miles, Executor of Landon's will.

Mary Miles willed to Thomas Pinckney and brother William H. Miles, brother Isaac and brother Landon, and to nephews Robert F. Miles, Francis A. Miles; to nieces Delila Hutson, Mary, Caroline Teague, Margaret Bramlett, William's wife, Elizabeth Poole (old William).

Greenville, S.C. 15 June (no year) OBITUARY of Dr. Francis A. Miles  
 Dr. Francis A. Miles died at his residence on Bumcumber St. 3 o'clock  
 yesterday, age 76 years. He was a native of Spartanburg County, gradu-  
 ated Medical College of Charleston, practiced medicine many years at  
 his home near Cross Anchor. Married Miss Eliza Hagood of Pickens County,  
 daughter of Col. Ben Hagood, owner of Caesar's Head for many years. Dr.  
 Miles came into possession of Caesar's Head some years after Col.  
 Hagood's death. Seven or eight years ago Dr. Miles and wife made a deed  
 of gift to Furman University. Dr. Miles, a member of the Baptist Church,  
 had no children. Interment was in Springfield.

From History of Marlboro County, by Thomas:

... "connected with the Henegans was Captain Francis Miles, an old man  
 in 1830. His wife, Mrs. Lucretia, was an aunt of the Henegans. This  
 ancient couple had but a single child who bore the father's name, Francis,  
 a gifted, modest young man, capable of filling any position but his  
 great diffidence held him back. When past the meridian of life, he  
 married his cousin, Amanda Henegan and an only daughter resides in  
 Alabama.

Revolutionary Index SC Archives:

Francis Miles: Stub entry Z 103 - AA 5227.

Confederate War Index Records SC Archives:

Francis Miles, 26th Regiment, Co. I, age 32, private, Williamsburg  
 County, died at home.

Francis Miles, 24th Regiment, Co. I, age 18, private.

Frank Miles, 24th Regiment, Co. G.

This appears to be all the references to Francis Miles which I have  
 been able to abstract for you. Your reference to the above Francis A.  
 Miles, private, Co. I, 24th Regt. SCInf. enlisted 1 Mar. 1863;  
 "Pototaglio" should certainly read "Pocotaligo" where he probably was  
 stationed to protect the Savannah-Charleston RR.  
 "Smyrna" Church is doubtlessly "Smyrna" Church, Ga.  
 Since your Francis was 26 in Barbours Co. Ala 1860 these are two different  
 men; the soldier who died in Ohio in 1865 was too young to have had a  
 4 yr old child in 1860.  
 Apparently there were four or five "Francis A. Miles" living c. 1850;  
 now all you can do is to try to find some fact that will connect your  
 Alabama Francis with one of the S.C. men. We can say definitely that he  
 does not belong to the family of John Miles of St. Andrew's Parish. Your  
 ancestor came to S.C. via N.C. and Virginia. I have several family lines  
 but cannot definitely place your Francis on any of them. I'll keep your  
 letter in my files and let you know if ever anything occurs that would  
 help you.

Meanwhile, will you mail me your check for \$15.00 at your convenience,  
 representing five hours search and copying @ \$3 per hour.

With every good wish for your success in your endeavor, I am

Faithfully yours,

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