



Miles

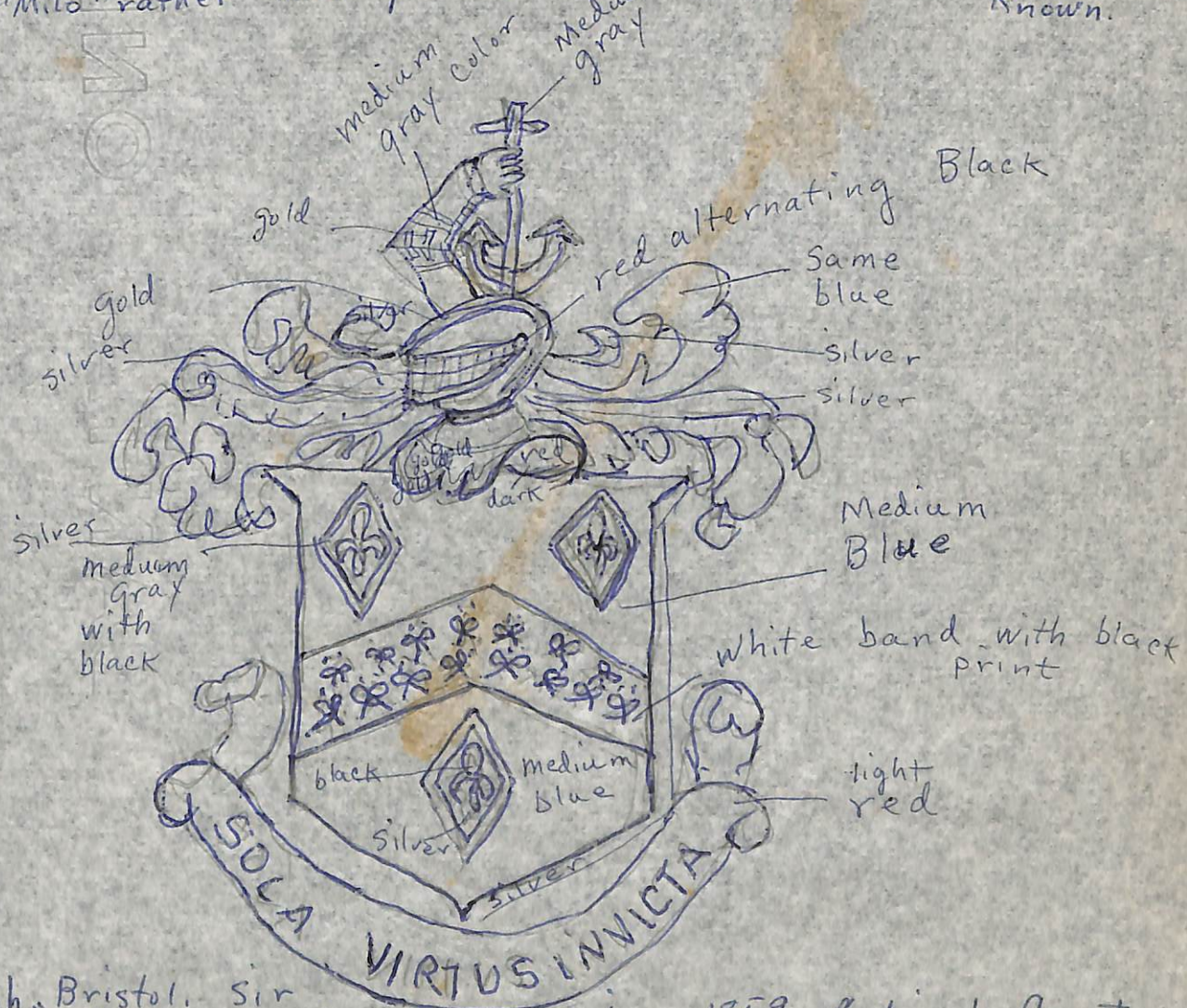
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Arms: (Miles of Leigh Court, County Somerset, Baronet)  
 Azure, a chevron erm between three mascles argent each  
 charged with a fleur-de-lis sable

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

Motto: "Sola Virtus Invicta" (Virtue alone is invincible).

It is generally accepted that the origin of this surname is taken from  
 the Norman "Milo" rather than a corruption of "Michael" as heretofore  
 known.



Seats:

Abbots Leigh, Bristol. Sir  
 Henry Robert William Miles (Baronet, creation 1859, of Leigh Court,  
 Somerset). Fifth son of the first baronet, Sir William Miles.

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Kings - Weston, Bristol Hon. Philip Napier Miles  
 Keysham Hall, Leicester. William Fredrick Miles.  
 Ingelburne Manor, Malmesbury. Colonel Charles  
 Napier Miles, J.P.

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Dear Robert -

I have been very much interested in your "Miles Genealogy" which has appeared in the S.C. Historical Magazine. It must represent a vast amount of patient, careful research and I congratulate you for such a thorough job.

If it is not too much trouble, could you answer a question for me? You note that the family motto is "Sola Virtus Invicta" and give the description of the family crest. Have you been able to establish a connection with the Barons Miles of Leigh Court, County Somerset, England?

I am very uninformed about heraldry, arms, etc. and in looking up the Miles family in Burke's Peerage noted that the Baronetcy was created in 1859. Does this simply mean the title of Baronet? or was the coat of arms created then also? My slight reading in heraldry indicates that a crest cannot be claimed unless one also possesses arms (ie = a shield). I assume therefore that if John Miles who immigrated to South Carolina in the late 17<sup>th</sup> century had a ring with a crest, his family also must have been entitled to a shield as well.

If you have any specific information about this - or have been in communication with any of the Miles family of Leigh Court - would you let me know? I have no particular interest in the crest or family arms per se but ~~am~~ would like, if possible, to know more about the connections with the English branch of the family. I had thought of writing the present Baronet but felt it might be more useful to ask you, in case you had already done so.

I hope all goes well for you and your family,

Sincerely,  
Henry