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Rev. Robert E.H. Peeples
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Dear Rev. Peeples:

Just recently I ran across your Miles Genealogy in a back issue of the South Carolina Historical Magazine. I am a descendant of Mary Miles and Nathaniel Wickham through their daughter Mary Wickham who married John Marion, Jr., a first cousin of General Francis Marion. Needless to say I was quite interested in your article.

In studying the abstracts of early South Carolina wills I had run across the will of Thomas Miles and had in my notes that he not only named his grandson Richard and granddaughter Martha Wickham but Margaret Wickham also. The fact that these were three of the children mentioned by Nathaniel Wickham with wife Mary and the fact that a James Heartley was either executor or witness to the will of Nathaniel Wickham lead me to believe that Nathaniel's wife was Mary Miles. Is this what you are basing your information on, or do you have additional evidence? I think it must be correct but wondered why Thomas Miles left his granddaughter Mary out of his will. She was living and single at the time.

I am enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope. If you have any further information on Mary Miles Wickham or if you know anything of the Miles family before they left England I would appreciate hearing from you.

I will be happy to send you what information I have on the descendants of Mary Miles Wickham if you are interested.

Sincerely yours,

Sarah H. Keels
(Mrs. W.R. Keels, Jr.)