

THE MILES FAMILY

The Miles family tradition is that two Miles brothers, Irishmen, came to the new United States of America a short time after the Revolutionery War. One of the brothers, Henry Miles, found a girl that he liked very much, and they were married. Her name was Jane (Ballard?).

Henry and Jane Miles wanted a place they could settle and raise a family, but big brother wanted to stay in New York. So the couple traveled on alone to find a home. Nothing is known of their travels, but their son, JOSHUA BALLARD MILES, was born in Georgia on November 11, 1794.

Young Joshua Miles was married in Georgia when he was 22 years old to his first wife, Miss Elizabeth Prier, a Georgia girl. Their wedding day was November 27, 1816. Tradition has it that Elizabeth Prier Miles had five children before she died. Joshua moved his family on to Alabama before 1830; it is not known if she died in Georgia or Alabama.

The second marriage of Joshua Miles must have taken place about the time he migrated to his new home, as he had at least nine children born in Alabama. Caleb J. Miles, born 1813 in Georgia, appears to have been Joshua's younger brother. Caleb married, probably in Georgia around 1840, and joined Joshua in Alabama with his new wife.

In 1846-47 the two brothers came to Lauderdale County, Mississippi with their wives and children. Joshua bought land, 320 acres, in Sections 8, 17 and 18 of Township 8, Range 15E, which is located at the northern edge of today's Okatibbee Reservoir, on Okatibbee Creek. He and Caleb J. Miles both appear in the 1850 Lauderdale County census with their families.

The Miles family descendants say that Joshua and Elizabeth Miles moved to Neshoba County and bought land on the Cutussy Creek near Philadelphia, although several of his grown children married and remained in Lauderdale County. Joshua Miles died at his home near Philadelphia, and Elizabeth, being inexperienced in such matters, let the court appoint an administrator for his estate. There was nothing left after the settlement and Elizabeth always believed that she had been taken advantage of.

The only child of Joshua Miles that ever lived in Pine Springs was the oldest son of Joshua and his first wife, Elizabeth Prier. Ebenezer T. R. Miles.

CHILDREN OF JOSHUA MILES

I. EBENEZER T. R. MILES - Post master @ Ft. Stephens July 2, 1858 to -
Born: 1824, Georgia Died:
Married: SARAH STOKES (b. 1830, Ms) about 1849-50.

When Ebenezer (Eb) and Sarah first married, they moved into a small cabin that someone had built in the southwest quarter of Section 10 in Pine Springs. The early records of this land have been lost, but whoever had owned it at one time had either abandoned the land or had not paid taxes on it, so the whole quarter section had reverted to the state. Eb was able to buy 160 acres of this state land in 1851. Most of the land was along the Rodgers creek just south of Will Stokes' plantation. It was good cotton land and Eb and Sarah began to accumulate a little money.

Eb and Rice Carpenter were near the same age and their fathers lived not far apart, so they had become good friends. Both men had married at about the same time. Rice asked Eb if he and Martha and their baby girl could

Aug 1849
Elizabeth Miles
joined fullouship
(Paces) by letter

R. Head of fullouship
To Geo Joshua Miles
May 1865

ON Aug 8, 1856
ETR miles was granted
(79.85) acres + 1/2 of Sec 4
of Sec 10, T-7, R-15
(MIL WE #22793) ON
Aug 8, 1856 - per act of 1855
(He was living there in
1850 census already)

In 1858 Tax list
ETR owned
W2SE1/4
SE 1/4 of NW 4
N2 SW 4
all in Sec 10

move in with him and Sarah and then he could help him with the plowing and they could plant a bigger crop. Eb had no slaves to help and another hand to work sounded good, so the Carpenters moved in. They all enjoyed little Martha Carpenter, Rice's little girl, who was a year old. Rice, Martha and the baby stayed with Eb and Sarah until Martha's father, Hays Rodgers, sold Rice 80 acres of the Rodgers plantation in 1853. By that time Eb had been able to buy a couple slaves to help him on his farm. He

Eb had bought one slave from the Trussells when old John Trussell had died and they were selling his estate. He was able to pick up another at another estate sale, so he wasn't doing too badly. In 1851 he had talked Will Stokes into selling him 40 acres of good field land, so now he owned 200 acres. He thought that he was doing pretty good.

Then for some reason that is not now clear, Ebenezer T. R. Miles up and sold his farm to Thomas M. Duke in November of 1857. Whatever his reason is has been lost, but he did sell and move off up to Kemper County where he appears in the 1860 census. His father, Joshua Miles, is still on the Lauderdale County land tax roll of 1858, the year after Eb left Pine Springs, but later he, too moved away, to Neshoba County.

Eb's friend, Rice Carpenter, was killed in the Civil War in 1862. Eb was the right age to have gone into the Confederate Army, but it is not known if he did or not.

Children: Unknown.

II. NANCY MILES 18 - m. Robert Halcraft

III. SARAH ANN MILES 1830, Ala. - m. (?) *JOINED PACE'S Church Oct 1853, was baptized DISMISSED BY LETTER*

IV. JAMES J. "JIM" MILES 1832?-Ala m. Elizabeth McDonald (b1837Al), a dau. of James B. McDonald who owned plantation just east of Hays Rodgers'. Jim was on 1858 tax roll in county, owned southwest quarter of Sec. 15, T-8, R-15E. 160 acres.

V. WILEY C. MILES 1834Ala- , m. Janey Posey Jones. In 1858 he owned "Lot 20, Sec.6, T-8, R-14E, 40 acres. This was the northwest corner section of Lauderdale County. Children: Missouri, Eb who m. Bertha Limbly, Amanda ("Mandy") Oxford, Margaret, and Wiley, Jr. *Wiley miles joined posey ch - Aug 1870, dc/letter, 1870*

VI. GEORGE W. MILES 1837Ala-

VII. ELIZABETH A. MILES 1839Ala-

VIII. WILLIAM JASPER MILES 1840Ala-1916, m. Mary Ann McDonald (b.1846Ms), another dau. of JAS. B. and Sarah A. McDonald. Lived in what later became known as the Center Hill Community, Lauderdale Co. He and most of his children were members of Fellowship Bapt. Church, and were bur. in that cemetery. *Testified against Rev. W.S. Phillips case @ Pace Ch Sept, 1854 with Rev. Hervey* WAS ON 1878 TAX ROLL, OWNING 360 ACRES IN SECTIONS 16, 17, 18 *Wm. J. Jasper joined posey ch Sept 1857*

- Children: (Not in order of birth)
1. James "Jim" Miles 1868 m. Jereldon Bailey *B.N.Ms. 1897 T-8, R-14 dau. of ROBERT S. AND ELIZAS. (Thompson) Bailey of NC - see Bailey fam #1*
 2. Maggie Miles Margaret Annie m. J. Walter Hudson
 3. Minnie Miles 1875-1938, m. Henson *MINNIE JOINED ch Sept. 1855*
 4. Lavona Clyde "Vona" Miles 1874-1964, m. (1) Dan A. Hudson 1867-1900 (2) Charles M. Weatherford (1874)

1885 School Census
W.T. MILES
JAMES 1868
Margaret 1871
LEE 1873
VONA 1877
MINNIE 1879
TRAVIS 1879

W.J. Miles to see Bro. Jake Smith Oct 1897

was in Co.K, 13th MISS REG. CSA Col. McClary JAMES FRANKLIN MILES

M. Aug 14, 1887 @ HOME of BRIDES UNCLE, Col. Sam M. Bailey

School Census
James 17
Margaret 17
Vona 10
Minnie 8
Travis 6

- joined ch - sept 1896*
5. Ida Pearl Miles 1880-1969, m. Baxter Richardson (1879-1955), son of William Thomas and Sallie Elizabeth (Williams) Richardson.
 6. Nettie Miles 18__-19__, m. John Wilson (1877-1970). son of U.L. "Fate" and Anne Mariah (Brown) Wilson of Obediah.
 7. Ivy Miles 18__-19__, m. J. Floyd Eshe (1895-1946)
 8. Trave Miles *TRAVIS* 1879
 9. Robert Lee Miles 1872-1962, m. Minnie Lee Brown, (1872-1951), dau. of David M. and Rebecca J. (Richardson) Brown. *SON MARVIN 1896-1899, PAUSE*
 10. Sylvester V. "Vester" Miles 18__-19__, m. (1)Eula Mae ____ (1895-1922) (2)Julia McNeil
 11. Alec P. Miles m. Etta Linton
 12. William Harvey Miles 1878-1924, m. Johnanna Phillips (1878-1965), dau. of Jim Phillips, whose father lived in Pine Springs. *Both Sam Fellowship*
13. Wm. Kelly Miles, SON of WILMA Miles 1889-1898 - Bur Paces Church

IX. JOSHUA MILES 1842Ala-

X. THOMAS F. MILES 1844Ala-

XI. AMANDA M. MILES 1845Ala- *joined Paces Church Oct 1864 / disc - letter*

XII. ALEC MILES 1847??Ala- m. ____ Ethridge

XIII. HARVEY ROGERS MILES 1848Ms- m. Chloe Jones *Sept 1867 joined Paces Church = Wm. J. Miles*

XIV. FRANCIS M. "DOCK" MILES 1849Ms- m. Mahaley A. Jones.

Henry R. Miles - de
Marion Miles joined Paces Ch Aug 1870 = others in 9 day, reviewed
Shee Miles JOINED ch @ Paces Sept 1895 - (In cem: Robert Lee Miles 1872-1962) / Minnie L. (Brown) Miles 1876-1951
Mary Miles joined ch " Sept 1864 - dismissed by letter Aug 1884
W. J. Miles, Mary E. Miles - by letter Dec 1894
Eliz. Miles de/letter Aug 1884
J.W. Miles de/letter Aug 1884
J.W. J. Miles memb. m.A. Miles

*also on sch. census
 son of W. Jasper*

This Caleb J. Miles appears in the 1850 census of Lauderdale County, living just a few houses away from Joshua. He is too old to be a son of Joshua and his first wife, if they were married in 1816, but census records are not infallable. He appears to be in the family, but whether a son or bro. is open for debate. He came to Miss. from Ala. same year as Joshua did. From census:

House 708	Caleb J. Miles	37 Ga.	(Owns no land)
Family 721	Ginsey a.	36 Ga.	
	William J.	8 Al.	
	Joshua P.	7 Al.	
	John T.	6 Al.	
	Telitha C,	4 Al.	
	Harriett A. A.	2 Ms.	

R. McElroy
To
J. D. Gipson

Bond for Title
Dated 8th Sept., 1856
Filed 11th March, 1858
Cons \$ 800
Ack before --
Rec. D. B. I P 215

Recites:

That said McElroy is held and firmly bound unto said
Gipson in above sum, the condition of which is, that, whereas,
said McElroy in consideration of \$400 sold unto said Gipson the
following described land, to-wit: S 1/2 of S 1/2 of SW 1/4
Sec. 22, Tp. 7, R 15 E containing 40 acres of land more or less
for which said Gipson has executed his two notes for \$200 each
due twelve months, and said McElroy is to make to said Gipson
a warranty deed to above described lands on the payment of said
notes

miles

Transferred to H. Chambers 19th Jany., 1858 by J. D. Gipson

1 Miles

E. T. R. Miles
and wife, Sarah,

To

T. M. Duke

War Deed

Dated 29th Nov., 1857
Filed 12th March, 1858
Cons \$ 2500

Ack before John B. Collins, JP

Rec. D. B. I P 215

vs:

SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 and W 1/2 of SE 1/4 and N 1/2 of
of Sec. 10, Tp. 7, R 15 east

17 and 218 PERSONALTY
and 220 BLANK

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NAMES	MARRIED	BIRTHS	DEATHS
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CHILDREN OF VERNA(MILES) AND FESTER FLEMMING

1. Ronnie (W) Nancy	Broadstreet Flemming			
2. Linda (H) Wayne	McDonald Flemming			
3. Donna (H)	Flemming			

CHILDREN OF RONNIE AND NANCY (BROADSTREET) FLEMMING

1. Ronnie	Flemming			
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CHILDREN OF LINDA(FLEMMING) AND WAYNE McDONALD

1. Barbara Jean McDonald			
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6.

NAMES

MARRIED

BIRTHS

DEATH

CHILDREN OF CLARA AND JIM KEETON CONTINUED

5. Regenia Keeton

6. Ruby Keeton

7. Francis Keeton

8. Loretta Keeton

9. Dale Keeton

CHILDREN OF ALEC AND

(ETHRIDGE) MILES

NAMES

MARRIED

BIRTHS

DEATH

5.

CHILDREN OF WYLEY AND JANE POSEY(JONES) MILES

1. Missouri Miles

2. Ebb Miles

(W) Bertha Limbley

3. Mandy Miles

4. Offord Miles

5. Margaret M Miles

6. Wyley Miles Jr.

CHILDREN OF EBB AND BERTHA (LIMBLEY) MILES

1. Clara Miles

(H) Jim Keeton

2. Henry Miles

3. Homer Miles

4. Brown Miles

5. Elie Miles

6. Silas Miles

7. Preston Miles

CHILDREN OF CLARA(MILES) AND JIM KEETON

1. Gladys Keeton

2. Grace Keeton

3. Marvin Keeton

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1700's TO 1969

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Henry Miles			
Jane			

Children of Henry and Jane Miles

- Joshua Ballard Miles (11-27-1816) (11-11-1794) _____
(W) Elizabeth Poyer (Prier) _____
(W) Elizabeth Hale (- -1828) _____

CHILDREN OF JOSHUA AND ELIZABETH P. MILES.

- Francis Marion (Dock) Miles (1868) _____
(W) Mahaley Ann Jones _____
- Nancy Miles () _____
(H) Bob Hallcroft _____
- Wyley Miles _____
(W) Jane Posey Jones _____
- Alec Miles _____
(W) Ethridge _____
- Harvey Rogers Miles _____
(W) Chloe Jones _____

Children of Joshua and Elizabeth Hale

- Jim Miles _____
(W) _____
- Ebb Miles _____
(W) _____

CHILDREN OF FRANCIS (DOCK) AND MAHALEY MILES

FRANCIS COLUMBUS AND ANGIE LOU ELLA CHILDREN (CONTINUED)

NAMES	MARRIED	BIRTHS	DEATH
6. Minnie B. Miles			
(H) Tom Jones			
7. Vester Miles			
(H) Wade Pittman			
8. Mahalia Ann Miles	single		
9. Laura Miles	single		

CHILDREN OF HENRY CLAY AND LINNIE MAE (MORRISON) MILES

1. Frances Miles		7-19-1915	
(H) W.W. Austin			
2. Maudia Miles		11-28-1917	
(H) Alton Stidham			
3. Mildred Miles		7-3-1920	
(H) Thaxston Stidham			
4. Henry Clay Miles		6-19-1923	
(W) Mattie Gray Cottingham			
5. Margaret M Miles		1-12-1926	
(H) George Stidham			
6. Eugene Miles		7-15-1930	

CHILDREN OF EMMA MILES AND 1st (H) BENSON

1. Lillie Benson			
(H) Crowder			

CHILDREN OF EMMA MILES AND 2nd (H) HENRY GARRETT

2. Henry Ford Garrett			
3. Calvin Garrett			

CHILDREN OF HENRY AND MARY (BURRS) MILES

1. Maxine Miles			
(H)			
2.			
3.			

CHILDREN OF MARY (MILES) AND REV. WILLIAM EARL LYLES

1. Elizabeth Lyles			
2. Margie Lyles			
3. Donald Lyles			
4. Marilyn Lyles			

CHILDREN OF JIM AND IDA (GRANTHAM) MILES

1. Jack Miles

2. Lou Ella Miles

CHILDREN OF ANDREW AND

(PIERCE) MILES

1.

2.

3.

4.

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Living Marriage CHILDREN OF MATTIE (MILES) AND JACK CROSSNO

1. E.V. Crossno Jr.

2. Ronald Crossno

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3.

CHILDREN OF MINNIE B. (MILES) AND TOM JONES

1. Charles Jones

2. Robert (Bobby) Jones

3. Eugenia Jones

(H) Harold White

4. Barbara Jones

5. JoAnn Jones

6. Elsie Mae Jones

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