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Anthony F. Mira was a Master Baker. He lived at 505 E. President Street in Lot Number 21 of the Green Ward. Anthony F. Mira was a illustrious businessman and devoted family man. Anthony F. Mira had a deep interest for politics and even ran for office once.

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The first appearance of the name Francis Mira was in the year 1832 in Chatham County.¹ Francis Mira was the father of Anthony Francis Mira. However, there is no will or deed to verify my assumption. Francis Mira was from Spain.² Francis Mira's wife was Mary Mira. Mary Mira was Anthony F. Mira's mother. Mary Mira was originally from St. Augustine, Florida.³

Anthony F. Mira was a Master Baker in Savannah, Georgia. Anthony F. Mira was born in 1820 and died approximately in 1885.⁴ However, there is no will or deed to verify when Anthony F. Mira died. Anthony F. Mira lived at Lot Number 21 in the Green Ward.⁴ His wife was Elizabeth Thomas Mira. Anthony F. Mira married Elizabeth Thomas on October 10, 1844.⁵ They were married by a Justice of The Peace.⁶

Elizabeth Thomas Mira's parents were William Thomas and Jane Elizabeth Thomas.⁷ William Thomas, who was Anthony F. Mira's father-in-law, originally owned the property at Lot Number 21 of the Green Ward. William Thomas sold Anthony F. Mira the property at Lot Number 21 of the Green Ward on July 4, 1852.⁸

Anthony F. Mira purchased the property at Lot Number 21 of the Green Ward for \$900.⁹ He built his beautiful home at 505 E. President Street in 1854. However, this date 1854 is a assumption on my part. Since, on March 9, 1854 Anthony F. Mira borrowed \$1,854 from the Republican Bluss Savings and Loan Company.^{10.}

Anthony F. Mira and Elizabeth Thomas Mira had several children while living in Savannah. Anthony Francis Mira's children are listed as follows:

Mary F. Mira (daughter) born 1846, Margaret Mira¹¹ (daughter) born 1849, Sabrina Mira (daughter) born 1851, Jane E. Mira (daughter) born 1854, Leonora Mira (daughter) born 1858, Cecelia Mira (daughter) born 1859,¹² Francis Mira (son) born 1862,¹³ Thomas Mira (son) born 1868,¹⁴ Joseph Mira (son) born 1870.¹⁵

Anthony F. Mira's children left no will or deed behind to verify the accomplishments of their lives. However, three of Anthony F. Mira's children were married.

Jane E. Mira, the daughter of Anthony F. Mira, married Enoch F. Hall on January 29, 1872.¹⁶ Enoch F. Hall was from Boston, Massachusetts.¹⁷ However, there is no record concerning Enoch F. Hall for he leaves Savannah, Georgia, shortly after they were married. It is interesting to note that when Jane E. Mira died on December 14, 1908, her last name was not Hall but Mira.¹⁸

Sabrina Mira, the daughter of Anthony F. Mira, married David G. Patton on May 31, 1873.¹⁹ Sabrina Mira Patton and David G. Patton had two sons, Frederick G. Patton and Francis Ugia Patton.²⁰ However, Sabrina M. Patton and her sons do not appear in any records,

after the death of David G. Patton on December 24,
1910.²¹

Cecelia Mira, the daughter of Anthony F. Mira,
married E. P. Andrew on February 22, 1881.²² Cecelia
Mira was married at St. Marys, Georgia. However,
there is no record concerning the whereabouts of
Cecelia Mira Andrew after February 22, 1881.²³

A event happened concerning the life of Anthony
Francis Mira on August 31, 1857.²⁴ A burglar made an
attempt to burglarize the Home of Anthony F. Mira
at 505 E. President Street. The burglar aroused a
servant by trying to break into the house with a stick.
However, the servant sounded the alarm and the
burglar retreated.

Anthony F. Mira was a good baker. He specialized
in the making of Scotch Short Cake.²⁵ Anthony F. Mira's
Scotch Short Cake was the toast of the City of Savannah
in 1861. Anthony F. Mira also sold candy at 30¢ a
pound and French Candy at 50¢ a pound.²⁶

Anthony F. Mira faced a tragedy in 1868. His
son Thomas Mira suffered from the terrible disease,
"Hydrocephalus," Thomas Mira died on May 26, 1868.²⁷
The death of Thomas Mira must have depressed Anthony
Francis Mira greatly. Because, Anthony F. Mira
loved little children.

Anthony F. Mira was a politically minded person. He ran for the office of Justice of The Peace of The Fourth District on March 22, 1869.²⁸ However, there is no evidence concerning the outcome of the election.

Anthony F. Mira was a daring individual. He was venturesome concerning his financial affairs. However, on April 15, 1869, these venturesome activities of Anthony F. Mira got him into trouble.²⁹ Anthony F. Mira was swindled out of \$92 by Simeon F. O'Neill, a swindler.³⁰

Anthony F. Mira left Savannah, Georgia around the year 1874. He never returned to Savannah again. Anthony F. Mira traveled to St. Marys, Georgia, where he opened up a confectionery business. He again refers to himself as a Master Baker.³¹

The last written document concerning Anthony F. Mira, which was written on August 4, 1884, took place between the Commissioners of Camden County:

"To A. F. Mira, Ordinary C. C., For postage stamps: \$.36, For cleaning office: \$.15, Legal paper for Mr. B. (Voucher), \$.70, For envelopes, \$.09, Trial of Joseph Casey, lunatic, \$2.50, Taking and recording oath of Commissioners, for revising Jury box \$1.00, for a total of \$4.80."³²

Anthony F. Mira died approximately in the year 1885.³³ He was Sixty-Five years old. However, his death can not be substantiated properly since he left no will or deed in St. Marys, Georgia. I reached the year 1885, by concluding that Anthony Francis Mira's name appears as having a confectionery in 1884. In 1886, Anthony F. Mira doesn't appear as having a confectionery. 34

PROBLEMS:

I found that Anthony F. Mira had no Last will and Testimony in the Chatham County Courthouse. I found that none of his descendants had a Will in the Chatham County Courthouse. So, I made a trip to St. Marys where I found that the records in the Camden Courthouse had burned in 1919. If Anthony F. Mira had a Will in the Camden County Courthouse it would be in Book "B", however, this book was burned in 1919.

There is no Cemetery records in St. Marys concerning the death of Anthony F. Mira. There is no Chatham County Cemetery records: Laurel Grove, Bonaventure, or Catholic Cemetery records concerning the death of Anthony F. Mira. I covered three years of obituaries in the Savannah Morning News from 1884-1887. I found no obituary on Anthony F. Mira.

I found no descendants from either E. P. Andrew or from Francis Ugia Patton. After 1910 I assume that Francis Ugia Patton went with his brother to Birmingham, Alabama.

I found that Anthony F. Mira moved around quite often and was not easy to trace. His bakery moved from place to place.

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