

date Martinangele shot and fatally wounded Charles. This would mean that the Bloody Legion's incursion onto Daufuskie Island at Christmastime took place two months after Charles' death. Robert Peeples in several of his articles gives early December as the time of the Tory militia's attack. That is also the date stated in Terry Lipscomb's treatise,²⁹ and more importantly it is the date given in a book on the Davant family written by a family member.³⁰

As for the other nine members of the Bloody Legion -- John and James Erving, James Allan, Isaac Davids, Nathaniel Gambal, William Chiswell, David Ross, Patrick M'Mullin, and Meredith Rich -- while they may have been residents of Hilton Head or of the neighboring area, no information regarding their personal and military history -- other than their membership in the Bloody Legion -- has been revealed by a search of the following: Indexes to the South Carolina Historical Magazine, 1900 to 2006; Heitman's Register of Officers of the Continental Army; the DAR Patriot Index; Harberger's notebook of Hilton Head Island PEOPLE 2001; Moss' Roster of S. C. Patriots; Peeples' Index to Hilton Head Island Names; and Harberger's Index to Family Names.

Everyone who has written about the Bloody Legion seems to have assumed that the Royal Gazette's account of 22 men invading Daufuskie Island and killing the Tory, Martinangele, is accurate. The absence, however, of another account makes it impossible, more than 200 years later, to verify the newspaper's reporting. The Gazette's information came from an unidentified source in Savannah, who in turn received information from someone on Daufuskie, presumably a member of the Martinangele family. Thus, any one of those three sources of information, the Royal newspaper, the

²⁹ Lipscomb, Terry, South Carolina Revolutionary Battles, Part 10 (Unpublished Manuscript)

³⁰ Hanahan, Hardin Davant, A Place in History.