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Dear Dr. Peeples,

Three years ago when I was just starting out on my Martinangel research, I wrote you, and then came down to Hilton Head for a morning. You very kindly shared your Martinangel notes with me, which really got me enthused about pursuing the subject.

My search on them has continued, although it has branched out considerably to include other lines in that area - and their kin - and their kin. You know how that goes.

I do believe I've searched most everything available for the Martinangels, and don't believe there could be much more, short of some descendant's private records. Still, there are many gaps and many more questions. I was hopeful of being able to ferret out some more Martinangel wives and children, particularly Francis'. Several times I've thought of writing you with a "new" find, and had to restrain myself with the realization that everyone is not as interested as I in the subject.

Because of your work and participation in the dedication of the Martinangel marker, one item that might interest you is the record I found of the administration of the estate of Capt. Phillip Martinangel, which I don't think has been noted before. It proves his wife was Elizabeth, and that they had a child or children. But still I don't know her maiden name or the children's names. I do believe now that the Thomas Martinangel who married Susan Hover in 1800 was probably their son.  
*Both lots of 5c* *7 July - Sav. (Columbia Museum 8 Jul 1860 Sav.)*

My main thrust these past years has been the Green family of Hilton Head and their many connections. Like Martinangel, the Green name was short lived, but unlike them, there are more Green records. I have been able to place most of the family going back to the immigrant, William Green, but still have a few females I'd like to find husbands for. I feel like I've done more research on other families than my own looking for relations, but studying them and their kinships and associations has been an interesting experience. What has evolved is a better picture of some of the early Hilton Head families and their inter-relationships.

This also might interest you: I have a copy of an "agreement" executed in 1767 between Elizabeth Fripp Green of Hilton Head, & her nephew, James Gray, to build her a house, presumably on Hilton Head. It gives a description of the house she wanted

built, and while not complete in all particulars, it does give a general description. This would seem an important documentation of the type of house built on Hilton Head in that period - if none now exists.

Yes Would any of this research or information be of interest to you or anyone in that area?.

I have reached an impasse on three Green family connections and am trying to find some information on the ELLIS, MCKEE, and PARMENTER families of that area in the late 1700's. Each family large enough and well connected enough for someone to have researched them. The Parmenters are of particular interest because of several marriages with Green relations and a very close association with the Martinangels that might indicate a marriage. Yet I can find no information on that family other than the usual deeds & parish register. Do you know of any source for information on any of these three families?

I need your help on one most important connection that I just can't put together, and only you can answer. It involves William Green of Daufuskie, and thus Love Green Martinangel, his sister. Down in a corner of one of your Martinangel pages, you have written that William was the son of William Green Sr. & Mary Rutledge, and that William Jr. had 4 children, Willliam, Josiah, Catherine, who married a Flynn, & Mary, who married David Lebey. Can you recall your source for this information?

Love Martinangel's will and estate records certainly bear out her connection with the four children of William. But I can find nothing in Rutledge records to indicate a Mary or a marriage to William Green. Also nothing to indicate William was the son of a William.

\* The reason this is so important is that I feel certain this William was the son of Josiah Green and his wife, Catherine Beal, if only from the names of his children alone. Also, Josiah had a sister, Mary, and a brother, William. The dates are right, the place is right, the names are right, it's just a matter of finding something to support this. My problem is that while I am sure that William & Love were brother & sister, there is no record of Josiah & Catherine having a daughter named Love. I've always wondered about her name, it being so unique, and now I wonder if it could have been a nickname or adopted name. Josiah & Catherine had William, a daughter, Catherine, the same age as Love, and of which there is no adult record, and a daughter, Elizabeth, born posthumously, who presumably died young. I'm wondering if Catherine & Love could have been one and the same.

William Green would have been born 1755-56 as would have Love. He is mentioned only once and that is with Catherine in his uncle Samuel Green's Will dated in 1767. Only Catherine is mentioned in her step-father's Will of the same year, but the absence of William's name could be explained in that he had inherited his father's estate. Elizabeth is not mentioned.

No other reference to a William Green can be found until 1782 when a Lt. William Green is listed in Lechmere's Granville Militia unit along with Phillip, Francis, Isaac, & Simeon Martinangel, and other Loyalists. The name does not appear again until the late 1790's. He was not on the 1790 census for Beaufort District, but does appear on the 1800 census on Daufuskie, of the right age, along with Wm. Green, Jr. and Love Martinangel.

John Hopkins, who married Mary Martinangel, fled to East Florida, and is found there with Abraham Martinangel and a WILLIAM GREEN. John Hopkins then went to the Bahamas, as did Abraham, where Hopkins died in the 1780's. I have located in the British Public Records Office the application for administration of John Hopkins' estate filed in 1788 in New Providence, Bahama Islands, by WILLIAM GREEN of North Providence, Mariner. The letter of administration is endorsed by Mary (Martinangel) Hopkins. In support of this being the same William Green is the 1850 census record for Mary Green Lebey, who was born in Nassau, New Providence in 1796,

This all seems to fit together since Simeon had married Love c 1784, and thus the connection of William Green with John & Mary Hopkins. If this holds true it would also substantiate the family lore that Gen. Francis Hopkins's wife, Rebecca Sayre, was related somehow to Love Green Martinangel. Love and Rebecca's mother would have been 1st cousins.

Didn't mean to get so involved in this explanation, but wanted to show why my interest in William & Love Green is so keen. I would be most appreciative of any information on them you might have and would share with me - especially the source of your note on William's wife & father.

I recently corresponded with Malcolm Bell, Jr. regarding the Ellis' - unfortunately nothing of help. He referred me to your booklet on Hilton Head Families. He said he had recently met you at a Hilton Head "do" and that you were still very much in the historical arena. I was glad to hear you are still making it and not a part of it!

Look forward to hearing from you, and with best regards,

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Royal Militia, doing duty on Danforth's Is., Grenville C, Sc "in a fort built at their own expense and in the last week described in the country; they are now in Savannah." undated

1. Lieutenant	Green, Wm
2 Privates	Martin angels, Francis
3	Irace
4	Simcoe

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Abraham Martin angels and another adult sailed 1782 from Sav. to E. Florida when British evacuated Sav. (Brit. Pub. Rec. Office - Colonial Office Papers CO 5/560 # 2351)