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Dear Dr. Peoples,

I do thank you for your letter of the 19th and all the answers to my many questions. It is so wonderful to be able to fill in the blanks on the Fendin line, and you've done it in one fell swoop. I marvel at your endless knowledge of the families of this area - and your seemingly instant recall. Mary Berry made the statement last week that since Colleton County was a "burned" county, information on it's people was sparse. I told her she was wrong, as we had the St. Helena's Parish Register, the early Charleston District Deeds & Wills, and Robert E.H. Peoples.

I'm glad to know at last which Norton daughter married which Fendin son. I had no information on Mary Ann Norton or on Abraham Fendin, so I'm glad I can put them to rest. You mentioned Thomas Stanyarne marrying Mary Waight, daughter of Abraham & Phoebe Waight. I note from a Fendin record that John Fendin married Martha Waight, daughter of Abraham & Tabitha Nichols Waight, who married c 1684. This Abraham must have been Jr. and a brother to Mary Waight Stanyarne.

I'll change my record that Susan Fendin married John Cheney. I had gotten that from a rather incomplete Fendin chart in the Ga. Archives. In addition to the others, they show a dau., Sarah m. 1st Mr. Taylor, 2nd Mr. Holbrink, & a dau. Anne m 1st. Mr. Parmenter, 2nd Mr. Maxwell. They don't even show Martha, whose birth is recorded in the St. Helena's Parish Register, so I wondered about its accuracy.

Several years ago, I ran across an interesting lawsuit in S.C. records. According to St. Helena's PR, John Fendin Sr's. dau., Martha, married in 1751 Digby Edwards, son of Isaac & Sarah Evans Edwards of St. Croix. Isaac Edwards died in 1753. In that same year, Sophia Edwards, presumably a dau., married GEORGE CLARK. Digby & Martha Fendin Edwards had a son, Isaac Evans Edwards in 1754. In 1754, John Fendin Sr. sued the Administrator of Issac Edwards estate for expenses incurred in housing & feeding Digby and Martha, his own daughter. The Administrator of Isaac's estate was Philip Martinangel. In that same year, Philip purchased land from GEORGE CLARK. It is interesting to note that two years before, in 1752, Philip named a son, Isaac Martinangel. I've wondered where the name Isaac Martinangel came from, and now wonder if he was named for Isaac Edwards.

Thanks also for the source of Benjamin Green, Jr.. As opposed to some family account, I think Dr. Mosse's 1783 survey must be accepted as a valid source. Even if the Green family had continued to live on the land after Benjamin Sr's. death in 1768, I don't think it would have been referred to as Benjamin

Green's as late as 1783, and certainly not Jr.. This throws a different light on the story in that Benjamin Jr. would have inherited the land, not Elizabeth Green Sayre. He must have lived there in obscurity, as he appears in no other records, and if he married, he had no children, for Rebecca & Elizabeth to have inherited the land. This may explain why Rebecca & Jeremiah Sayre returned to S.C. from New Jersey around this time. You realize that by this you may have provided the answer to my "aunt, Mrs. Ellis" story, if Jr's. widow married an Ellis?

As much as I dread it, my next project will be to try and trace down descendants of William Green of Daufuskie to see if I can confirm Mary Roberts - and to explain Love. I've really painted myself into a corner on this one! If William Green is who I think he is ( the son of Josiah & Catherine ), then how could Love be the aunt of his children, unless she were the sister of his wife , and not a Green at all. As Ole Will said, this engineer has been hoist with his own petard. Don't hold your breath to see how I get out of this one.

It occurs to me that if William were the William Green of New Providence who administered John Hopkins' estate in 1788, and his second child, Mary Green Lebey, was born there in 1792, he may have married in the islands, so we would have no S.C. records of her family - Roberts or otherwise. I have some leads as to their descendants, and will let you know if any pan out.

You are very kind to offer to help me with The Society of First Families of South Carolina. I'm not by nature a "joiner", but this intrigues me in that I've spent so much time on the Green line and would very much like to have it recorded. I guess John Fripp's line has already been tested, and a newly established line would be of more interest. I assume you feel there is enough proof in the early line, but oddly enough, I may have more difficulty in the later generations, where often more proof is needed. In my case I'm reduced to family lore regarding Rebecca Sayre, as I have no record of her birth nor of her marriage to Francis Hopkins. It's one of those things that has been known in the family for years, told to her children, and written about in books & family genealogy, and yet no recorded proof exists. That would squash both the Green and Fripp lines. I guess I should find out what proof the Society requires to determine if I can get over that hurdle. I would appreciate anything you could send or have sent to me to begin the process.

I'm enclosing some pages on Josiah & Benjamin and a revised "Other Greens", which I can't remember now whether I sent you - all of which are subject to change at a whim's notice.

Again, my thanks and my best wishes,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to be 'Olex'.