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Dear Dr. Peeples,

I was just compiling some information for another Marion descendant, from whom I just heard, and was going over your article and lovely letter again. I wrote to you in April and am wondering if you ever received my letter. It contained in outline form the Marion-Wickham information I have.

Could you tell me the exact location of Poplar Springs Plantation and how the cemetery can be reached?

I keep on the lookout for a Frances who could have been the wife of John Marion I also for a Susannah who could have been the wife of Robert Ervin father of Samuel. John Marion's dates as you know were - b. after 1695 d. 1739 (his son born ca 1738) Robert Ervin was a young man in 1732 and died in 1774. His only son was born after 1753. Susannah was the witness of the will of a Susannah Hay who mentioned her mother Ruth Teel and brother James Pary (could it have been Perry?). Should you ever run across any likely candidates for either of these two I would really appreciate hearing from you. The only way I know to look for these two is to watch for names of neighbors, relatives, and friends.

I have seen your name mentioned several times lately so know you must be busy but I would really love to hear from you again.

Sincerely,

*Sarah Kells*

P.S.

In my April 3rd letter I commented on the fact that the Marion-Wickham families liked to repeat surnames. I have received another letter from a descendant of John Marion of York and he tells me that the Nathaniel Wickham Marion who lived and died in Abbeville had a daughter Elizabeth Wickham Marion who married a Tarrants.

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Dear Mr. Peeples,

It was good to talk with you while we were at Hilton Head in July. And before we left I obtained a copy of your publication, "Tales of Ante Bellum Island Families." There are many familiar names and I am happy to have the copy in my library.

In regard to my work on the Hazzard manuscript, I came across the Will of William Wigg Hazzard in the Glynn County, Ga. court house. It seems to me that we now have a connection between Hazzard's wife and the Polly (or Mary) Blake Miles mentioned in your "Miles Genealogy." In addition to property left to his widow, Mary Blake Haazard, William W. Hazzard also mentioned his mother-in-law, Mary Ann Blake Miles. (Will Book G, p. 250, William Wigg Hazzard, written 19 Feb. 1858, proved 14 Aug. 1861). Hazzard died in Charleston, S. C. on 2 July 1861.

His marriage had taken place in 1833 on Champney Island, McIntosh Co., Ga., probably at the home of John Champneys Tunno. I believe this must have been his brother-in-law who was probably married to Elizabeth Mellichamp Miles. For this later I have no proof and would be interested in knowing if you found some in your notes.

Now, for another set of unanswered questions! I am very interested in one Rev. Edmund Matthews (d. 1784) and his son, Rev. Edmund Matthews (d. 1827, <sup>Episcopal minister</sup> St. Simons Is., Ga.). The former Edmund Mathews (or Matthews) evidently ~~died~~ in Charleston, S. C. for it is there I found his will. According to H. A. Tupper, Two Centuries of the First Baptist Church of S. C., 1683-1883 (Baltimore, 1889), p. 107, Edmund Matthews was converted to the Baptist faith after coming to this country from Bristol, England in 1766. Licensed to preach in 1767, he married Martha Hinds, ordained evangelist in Feb. 1770. "He presently removed to Hilton Head, where was a Baptist meetinghouse, held by the Euhaw church, in which he preached some time, being regarded as an assistant to Mr. Pelot."

As an authority on Hilton Head Is., I would greatly appreciate anything you can add to be above which would help in my quest for biographical data concerning the Mathews family. Indeed, I would welcome any data you might be able to pass on regarding the Hazzard-Miles and Miles-Tunno alliance! I trust all is well with you and your family. We have a most happy memory of our sojourn last July.

Sincerely yours,

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