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Reverend Dr. Robert E. H. Peeples
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Dear Reverend Dr. Peeples:

THANK YOU so very much for your marvelous letter of the 10th!!! I deeply appreciate you taking the time to write in response to my inquiry addressed to Mr. Johnson!!

Upon your suggestion I contacted Dr. Rowland at the University of South Carolina Beaufort Branch. Unfortunately, he is not compiling a genealogy on the Parmenter family at this time, however, he was kind enough to refer me to his dissertation which includes materials about them. Needless to say, I will endeavor to get a duplicate copy immediately.

One item of interest in reference to Thomas Henry Barksdale ownership of Isaac Baldwin's plantation. IF what I have come to believe is correct, then Thomas H. Barksdale's ownership may have been more complex than first imagined. In my great-great-grandmother's (Sarah Baldwin (Kirk) Coe) letters written in the 1890's, she stated that her maternal grandmother (who was also her husband's maternal grandmother since Sarah B. Kirk married her cousin, Theodore Hay Coe) was Martha Parmenter (b. 25 Dec. 1771, d. Aug., 1826, bur. Zion Chapel of Ease) before her marriage to Isaac Baldwin. Based upon my limited, long-distance research, a Benjamin Parmenter of Hilton Head (d. 23 Dec. 1772) had a daughter, Martha (b. 1771) whom I suspect was the child who later became the wife of Isaac Baldwin. Then on 16 June 1774, Sarah Parmenter, widow (widow of Benjamin??) married Lewis Bona and had a daughter, Ann Agnes, born on 16 June 1776. (Isaac and Martha (Parmenter) Baldwin had daughters named Sarah and Ann Agnes.) Ann Agnes Bona, daughter of Lewis and Sarah (Parmenter) Bona, later became the second wife of George Barksdale, the mother of Thomas Henry Barksdale-owner of the Baldwin plantation. So, IF my deductions are correct-Thomas Henry Barksdale was a relative of Isaac Baldwin by marriage since his mother (Ann Agnes (Bona) Barksdale) and his aunt (Martha (Parmenter) Baldwin) were $\frac{1}{2}$ sisters. All of which leads me to wonder if the property was once that of Benjamin Parmenter through his widow Sarah? OH! one question before I forget-where was Isaac Baldwin's 290 acre plantation? I found reference in the WPA Index to Savannah newspapers that in 1798 a letter was waiting for him in the Savannah post office which was addressed as Isaac Baldwin, Spring Island-yet other more recent references say he lived on Hilton Head. (Have enclosed a SASpost card for quick reply.)

In your letter you mentioned that you had not researched the Kirk family. This I was sorry to hear since on that particular genealogy for the Bluffton Historical Presv. Society, we are having to use undocumented family papers involving those generations prior to their arrival in Beaufort County. Perhaps at sometime in the future you will want to take what we are putting together and built upon that-I do hope so!!

Dr. Peeples, again THANK YOU so very much for your help!! You can't know how much I appreciate it!! Take Care.

Sincerely,

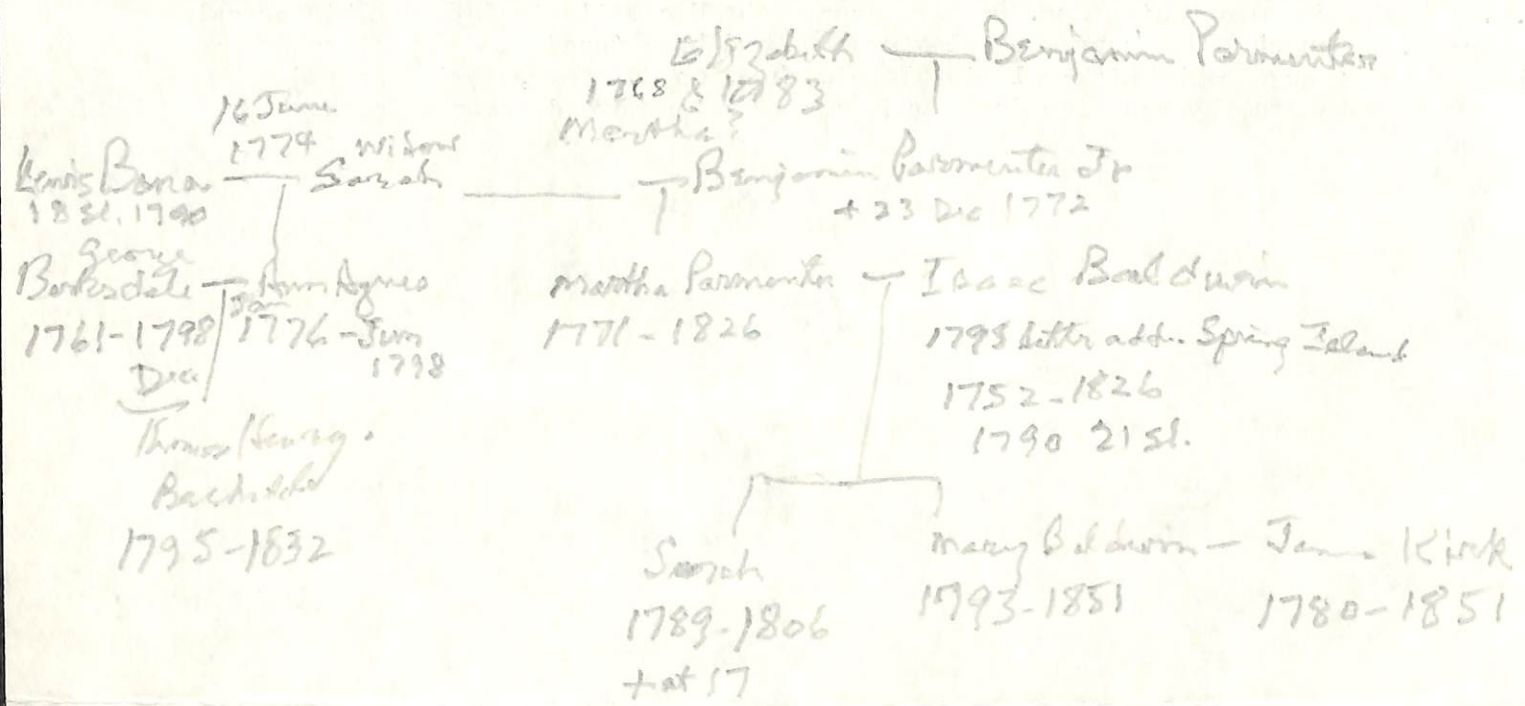
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Eleanor C. Woodard.

P.S. Thanks for mentioning Mrs. Peeples copyrighted compilation of your historical articles. I purchased a copy several years ago and have found it fascinating!!! Also in reference to the Kirk-Baldwin plot in the Zion Cemetery, I will spread the word in the family and also drop you a contribution toward its repair shortly.

3. Land by Mrs. Martha Parmenter 1783 2866 FF
 4. Land partly ✓ ✓ ✓ part by Lewis Bona ~~201A~~ FF
 16 ✓ part by Dorothy Parmenter, & by Jeremiah Sayre 257A

25 families on HH - 1766 by James Cook
 1770 Elizabeth m. Jeremiah Sayre



1768 Est of Benj. Green appraised by ^{Ans} Edmunds Ellis, Thomas Bull,
 Benj Parmenter & Elizabeth Parmenter & Samuel Green.