

OTHER GREEN FAMILIES AND THEIR POSSIBLE CONNECTION
TO THE FAMILY OF JAMES GREEN

Some mention should be made of the other Greens(es) who are recorded early in Colleton County and later in the Granville County area. In 1728 a Daniel Greene appears in a few Colleton Co. deeds as a Justice of the Peace. No deed records have been found to show him as owning land there, and there is question as to whether he may have been a Justice out of Charlestown whose territory included Colleton Co. There was a Daniel Greene in the Charlestown area at that time who appears connected to the John Greene family, and who was the father of a Nathaniel Greene, born in 1723. From the names in this line of Greens, this is probably the Daniel Greene who appears in Beaufort in 1758 as the father of Nathaniel, Thomas, Ann, & Susannah.

In 1733, a Joshua Green of St. Bartholomew's Parish received 504 A in Colleton County. He died in 1737, obviously with no children, as his estate was left to two nieces, daughters of a John Green. This is apparently the John Green of St. James Parish in Berkeley County who died in 1723, and whose Will mentions a brother Joshua. The St. Helena's Parish Record shows the marriage of a Rev. John Green to Sarah Wigg in 1762, and the subsequent births of children, but there is no record as to his origins. No connection can be found between these Greens and the William/James Green line either in location, associations, or in the males names.

There was a Green family in Prince George's & Prince Frederick's Parishes in the 1730's, '40's, & '50's that had many of the given names of the Colleton Greens, including William, but again, no relationship can be found between the two.

The Green family most often confused with the James Green group is that of Nathaniel Greene, who was a tavern keeper in Beaufort in the 1750's. His wife was Susannah, and the births and marriages of their children appear in the St Helena's Parish Record at the same time as the other Greens. Some of the female given names are similar, but the males are John, Daniel John, & Thomas, which never appear in the other line.

In St. Philip's Parish in 1745, a Susannah Huthinson married Nathaniel Greene, apparently this Nathaniel. There was a John Hutcheson in St. Philip's who had a daughter, Susanna, and who could be the same Susannah. However there is a later Hutchison connection with the James Green family which bears mention.

On 1 March 1768, just after the deaths of Benjamin Green, Daniel Williams, and Joseph Parmenter, an Inventory was taken on Hilton Head for the estate of a John Hutchison.

His estate was appraised by Thomas Bull, Daniel Savage, & Lancelot Bland, and the Administrators of his estate were SAMUEL GREEN & JONATHAN THOMAS. A question is always raised as to the relationship between the administrators and the deceased as it was often one of kinship. There were other known Hutchisons in the area during this same period such as Axtill, who, had they been kin, would have been more logically the administrators. Hutchison's burial is recorded in the St. Helena's Parish Register as Feb 10, 1758, which is obviously in error as his Will was dated 6 May 1767 and was probated 14 Jan. 1768, and there is no record of another John Hutchison dying at this same period. Hutchison was survived by a wife, Sarah, and minor children, which leads to the presumption that he was a young man.

What was his connection to the Greens? James Green had a younger daughter named Susannah, a sister and sister-in-law to Samuel Green and Jonathan Thomas. She was under 17 in 1739 when James died, and we have no further record of her. Could the Susannah Hutchison who married Nathaniel Greene have been the widow of John Hutchison Sr. and this John her son, thus making Samuel Green & Jonathan Thomas his uncles?

This may seem somewhat far-fetched, and I doubt it was the case as too many circumstantial events would have to have taken place, but in the absence of more exact records, it is one other possibility to pursue in putting together the Green family

While no Green blood relationship can yet be proved, there is one apparent connection by marriage which does unite the two Green families. Prior to 25 Jan. 1770, Samuel Green married for the third time Susannah Chanler, daughter of the Rev. Isaac Chanler & his wife Elizabeth, of Charles Town. The Chanler's daughter Mary had married William Morgan on 9 Jan. 1770. The marriage settlement involving Samuel Green and Susannah was witnessed by William Morgan, Susannah's brother-in-law, & James Taylor. Trustees were Charles Grimball and Isaac Chanler Jr, her brother, who was most often referred to Dr. Isaac Chanler.

On 16 Jan. of that same year, only one week after the announcement of Mary Chanler's marriage, a notice appeared in the same Charleston newspaper as follows: "Mr. Nathaniel Green, of Hilton Head, to Miss Sarah Chanler, Daughter of the late Rev. Mr. Isaac Chanler." There is no record of the Rev. Chanler having a daughter named Sarah. When he died in 1749, his Will only names daughters, Ann & Elizabeth, but indicates there were other children. Subsequent records reveal he also had daughters, Mary and Susannah.

The Will of his widow, Elizabeth Chanler, in 1774 very specifically names her four children as Ann Marshall, wife of Alexander Marshall, Mary Morgan, wife of William Morgan, Isaac Chanler Jr., and Susanna Green, Widow. It does not mention Elizabeth or a son, Samuel, so we assume they had predeceased their mother. It is possible that the Chanlers had another daughter, Sarah, born before 1749, who married Nathaniel Greene in 1770, and who died before 1774, thus also not being mentioned in her mother's Will.

Dr. Isaac Chanler's wife's name was Sarah, and it is probable they had a daughter named Sarah. Could this be the Sarah who married Greene? Dr. Isaac Chanler did not die until the late 1790's, and was certainly alive in 1770. Either the newspaper was in error in reporting that Sarah was the daughter of the late Rev. Mr. Isaac Chanler, which is doubtful, or the Chanlers had a daughter Sarah, of which we've had no previous knowledge, who married Nathaniel Greene.

There are no records as to a Nathaniel Greene Jr. Nathaniel Sr. was born in 1723 and married Susannah Huthinson in 1745. The births of several of their children are recorded in the St. Helena's Parish Register, the last one being Susan who was born in 1755, but not a Nathaniel Jr.. The name Nathaniel Greene appears on the jury list for St. Helena's in 1744, so he was there when he married Susannah. It is possible they could have had a son in the late 1740's, named Nathaniel, who would have been old enough to marry in 1770.

The marriage announcement did not address him as Jr., so we must assume either that Nathaniel Sr. had died by Jan. 1770 or that it was Nathaniel Sr. who was remarrying. Virginia C. Holmgram, in her book, HILTON HEAD, A SEA ISLAND CHRONICLE, states that Nathaniel Greene died in the year 1770, as did Samuel Green, but nothing has been found to substantiate this, or to indicate the death of Susannah. It would be difficult to maintain the premise of there having been a Nathaniel Jr. since there's no evidence that one ever existed, so we are left with probability that Sarah Chanler, daughter of the Rev. Isaac Chanler, married Nathaniel Greene Sr.

In any event, for a short period of time, Samuel Green was either a brother-in-law or an uncle-in-law to Nathaniel Greene Sr. or Jr.. So, while no Green relationship has been found, there was a connection by their marriages to the Chanlers.

Both Green families were later connected by marriages into the Ellis family and other more distant marriages, but once again, there is no earlier record found that yet proves a relation between these Green families in origin or association.