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Dear Friend,

Sickness in my family has prevented me from doing much genealogical work in the past year, but it now appears that I shall be able to go ahead again and try and get my notes of the Griffen Family in some shape for presentation to you, with the ultimate end in view of having the same published, for preservation. I write to you because you have assisted me in my researches particularly in the records of this country. In Great Britain, however, I have had access to the late British historical publication, particularly of the Ancient Welsh Genealogies. The great difficulty in our family, is that our ancestors in Wales were stubborn defenders of the Welsh Nation, and consequently, their records have not been pleasant to the Anglo-Saxon historians. The religious question figures largely too, all the way back, being divided in the family, yet extremely loyal, honest and brave.

I have particularly gleaned the records, in Connecticut, New York, Virginia and Maryland, for data, concerning, John, Griffin, of Simsbury, Conn, and Edward, of Flushing, L.I. John, as I find was a sea-faring man in Newhaven, in 1642. He was styled in his neighborhood, Lord Griffin, and Edward Griffith, of Flushing, his brother, was a vessel owner, merchant and wealthy man, of Flushing, and I think became a member - possibly - of the Religious Society of Friends, of Flushing, and from these two brothers a very large number descended, and now are scattered, and divided religiously, all over this country, the Quaker element being pretty well exhausted. Now, if you have not sent me your photo. Please do so, and drop me a line, if you have anything to help me

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Very truly yours,  
Zeno T. Griffen

I have your photo - Merry Christmas