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The Reverend Dr. Robert E. H. Peeples
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Dear Dr. Peeples,

Thank you for your recent letter in response to my letter to the editor of the Post and Courier regarding the Dixon Cemetery on James Island. You can be sure that I will watch closely any plans to develop Long Island. I have a copy of the will in which Thomas Dixon, Sr. dedicates a half acre of his land as a Dixon family cemetery. However, I am not certain that the location is on Long Island. If you have information as to the approximate location or a map of his land, please let me know.

You asked if I was a descendant of one of the Captain Dixon's nine children. I think I am but cannot confirm it. That is a subject that I have been researching for several years. I don't know the names of all nine of the children. Hopefully, you can help me in that regard. I have confirmed that I am the great grandson of Thomas C. Dixon (1816-1852) who was married to Eliza Jane Erhard (1816-1892). That is as far as I can confirm my relation to Captain Dixon. However, it was passed down to me from a relative, now deceased, that my Thomas' father was Thomas C. Dixon who was married to a Matilda Royall, a descendant of Croskeys and William Royall of James Island. This I cannot confirm. However, since a William Royall was a witness to Captain Dixon's will, it seems a possibility that there would be a Dixon/Royal connection at some point. I believe that my Thomas Dixon could very well be a direct descendant of Captain Dixon.

If you have information that would help confirm any of the above, I would really appreciate that information. If you have access to a computer and would prefer that method, I can be reached at ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX@XXXXXX.com~~.

Yours very truly,

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