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Dear Rev. Peeples:

Last weekend my wife and I attended a reunion of the 1930 graduating class of Savannah High School. We stayed with Mr. & Mrs. W. R. McLeod on Sailmaster Road at Hilton Head. One evening we went to Edisto, S.C. to have dinner with our dear friends, Mary Bythewood Scheider and her husband, George.

While visiting the Scheiders I saw a copy of your most interesting Tales of Antebellum Island and I would very much like to purchase one. I would also like very much to talk with you about some of my ancestors since you obviously know more about them than I do.

Some of my ancestors on my father's side were John Norton, Jonathan Fitch, John Chaplin, John Ladson, Thomas Stanycarne, Hugh Keft, Robert Godfrey, Robert James, William Edwards, John Pitts, Aaron Cone, Robert Marlowe and Dr. George Morse, for whom my father and then I were named.

On our way to see the Scheiders we first went to Frispp Island. Coming from there we drove by the home of John and Ethel Banks Strong, in Beaufort. Their home is called Petitt Point and is on Washington Street. On the wall of one of their rooms is a beautiful painting of the Chapel of Ease of St. Helena Island. I understand they plan to will this painting to one of the local historical societies. When Ethel told me what the painting was I told her that my first cousin, Virginia Norton Black, had told me that this Chapel of Ease was built on land given by my ancestors William Norton and Dr. George Morse. When we were at the Scheiders I saw in your "Tales" that Dr. Morse and the Nortons built the chapel.

At any rate, I was fascinated by your book. If you will be so kind as to tell me where I may write for a copy I shall appreciate it. If I may telephone you sometime when I am in the vicinity, I shall appreciate that - also. To simplify your reply, which I hope you will make, I am enclosing an addressed post card. Thank a million for all the work you have done on my genealogy. Sincerely,
George Morse Norton