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Dear Rev. Peoples,

I hope you don't mind me writing you concerning the local history of old Beaufort District, but I felt there was a chance you might be able to provide the answers to several questions I have.

For years, I have tried to gather information on Henry McNeill who was a planter in St. Luke's Parish in the early part of the 19th century. (He married Jane Dwyer Dupont around 1798.) Family records I have indicate that he was the son of John McNeill and Mary Catherine Keall of Beaufort District — but that is NOT definite. In a 1972 article in Names in South Carolina, you wrote that Henry McNeill was a "relative" of Mary Catherine McNeill (p. 49). If he was the son of John McNeill then she would have been his sister. Do you have any information as to the parents of Henry McNeill? Incidentally, in the same article you mentioned that Henry McNeill owned "Republican Hall". His daughter, Virginia (McNeill) McNeill, stated in a notarized affidavit that she was born in 1808 on her father's plantation "Republican Hall" in St. Luke's Parish.

Any help or suggestions you could give me would be most appreciated.

Yours sincerely,
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