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Dear Rev. Peeples,

I have had our DNA results for some time. I have been pondering them, as they raise as many questions as they answer.

I first approached David Peeples, a descendant of Henry Peeples of Berrien County, Georgia (1786-1854). David was rather slow sending his sample, and I concluded that he had decided not to participate. I then contacted you. As soon as you had sent your sample off for testing, David's sample arrived. I have now seen all the results.

David Peeples and I are a perfect genetic match, indicating that we are both descended from Henry or his brother Lewis Peeples who lived in Berrien County in the 1850s. Your genetic pattern, however, is completely different from ours, indicating that we have no common male ancestor much closer than Noah.

There are several possible explanations for this, and the one that I think most likely is that Henry and Lewis Peeples may not have been of the lineage of David Peeples of Virginia. Anne Bradbury Peebles assigned them to William, brother of your ancestor John, mainly because there seemed to have been no one else who could have been their father.

At this point, I see two courses of action. One is to let well enough alone and dig no further into this matter. The other would be to see if I can recruit a Peebles of the Bon Accord/Burleigh Line from Virginia, and see which of us match him. That should solve the difficulty . . . and probably create several more in the process.

At any rate, I am well satisfied. I have extended my paternal line from my grandfather, born in 1865, to his grandfather, born in 1786.

Of the sons of Henry and Lewis living in the area, I am convinced that it was either Henry Thompson Peeples or John J. Peeples, his brother. I believe it was John J., because my father reportedly said that some ancestor of his tried to avoid service in a war, and John J. got a discharge from the Confederate army in 1862, and avoided further service. Also, an old cousin of mine said he remembered meeting a half-brother of our grandfather who lived in the Jacksonville area. John J. Peeples eventually settled in Bradford County, Florida, and had two sons, so I am inclined to think he was my great-grandfather.

Heraldry is indeed an *outré* subject these days. Most people cannot get the idea out of their head that they are entitled to any arms granted or borne by one of their surname.

I received my application from the Magna Charta Barons and will get it in as soon as I can find time to fill it out. Thank you very much for proposing me for membership.

Hoping the Hurricane season continues to spare us,

Sincerely, *John Crowley*

John Crowley, Alias Peebles (Henry's line at least!)