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*Dear Peter,*

You will think me abominably rude for not replying, until now, to your letter of 19 September. I have been quite exceptionally busy, which is my only excuse.

Thank you very much indeed for the copy of the Will of Thomas Dixon of Braughing. I must use this information if the volumes should ever be reprinted. The Diary was reprinted, to my amazement, in 1991 - a year after it first appeared - and I was able to make some corrections, including a note on the family tree about the spelling of Whitelocke, following your comment. *(Both volumes are still available -)*

Dixon has always puzzled me. B.W. always refers to him as 'old Mr Dixon' or 'Cousin Dixon'. The reason I concluded that he was Henry was because B.W. signed a Bond for £2,000 to Henry Dixon on 30 June 1632 (Longleat Whitelocke papers V, 238); Henry Dixon of Tunbridge (i.e. Tonbridge, Kent) was a Patron of Little Rollright, Oxfordshire for 1622, 1630, 1640. Our Dixons were, at one time, Lords of the Manor at Little Rollright. (There is a monument in the Church to Edward Dixon's 2 wives - the first being B.W.'s daughter, Cecilia)... *SSP* Henry Dixon also sealed and witnessed a receipt signed by Edward and Cecilia, in connection with their marriage portion, for £2,500, 2 July 1632, Long W.P. V, 240.

The only time I have seen the name of Thomas (until you sent me the Will), was in the Earl of Portland's Act (referred to in the Diary 27 Feb 1662/63) into which Whitelocke brought a reference to the sale of 'Cousin Dixons' lands in Wandsworth.

I must confess that, without doing a good deal more research, I feel very uncertain about Cousin Dixon, Henry Dixon, Anne Dixon, Frances Dixon and Thomas Dixon! B.W. only refers to Mrs Anne Dixon (giving her first name) on 1 June 1659 so she may be no relative. Anyway, thank you for stirring up this interesting hornets nest!

I was very glad to read such good news of Susan and Meghan and of your own researches. No. I'm sorry, I can't help with the curate Mr Bateman's first name!

With very best wishes to you all

From

Ruth Spalding

P.S. I have finished co-authoring a teenage novel and am now trying to market it!

*PPS. I am revising an article on 'Whitelocke's Religion and view of toleration', for consideration by The Journal of Ecclesiastical History.*