DIXIE GROUP INC Form SC 13D January 20, 2011

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No. 9)*

THE DIXIE GROUP, INC. (Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, Par Value \$3.00 Per Share (Title of Class of Securities)

255579-10-4 (CUSIP Number)

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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

November 30, 2010**
(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition which is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of Section 240.13d-1(e), 240.13d-1(g), check the following box [].

Note: Schedules filed in paper format shall include a signed original and five copies of the schedule, including all exhibits. See Section 240.13d-7 for other parties to whom copies are to be sent.

*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

**See Explanatory Note that precedes Item 1.

SCHEDULE 13D

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| NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS | | |
| 1 | I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY) Daniel K. Frierson | |
| | CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP | |
| 2 | (A) [] | |
| | (B) [X] | |
| 3 | SEC USE ONLY | |
| 4 | SOURCE OF FUNDS (See Instructions) [PF, 00] CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT | |
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| 5 TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e) | | OKE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED FURSUANT |
| | | |
| 6 | CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION | |
| | United States of America | |
| NUMBER | 7 | SOLE VOTING POWER |
| OF SHARES | | 741,937 SHARED VOTING POWER |
| BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY | 8 | 274,296 |
| | 9 | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER |
| | | 741,937 |
| EACH | | |
| REPORTING | 10 | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER |
| PERSON WITH | | 274,296 |
| | AGGREGATE AMOUNT I | BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON |
| 11 | 1,016,233 | |
| 12 | CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN | |
| | SHARES (See Instructions) | |
| | DED CENT OF CLASS DEDDESENTED BY AMOUNT IN DOW (11) | |
| 13 | PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11) 7.87% | |
| | TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON | |
| 14 | IN | |

EXPLANATORY NOTE:

This Amendment No. 9 to the Schedule 13D filed by Daniel K. Frierson with respect to holdings and transactions in the Common Stock, par value \$3.00 per share (the "Common Stock") and the Class B Common Stock par value \$3.00 per share (the "Class B Common Stock"), of The Dixie Group, Inc., a Tennessee corporation (the "Issuer"), amends and supplements Amendment No. 8 to such Schedule 13D, filed by Daniel K. Frierson with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 11, 2007, and is being filed to reflect the results of Mr. Frierson's transactions in the Common Stock and Class B Common Stock that have occurred since the filing of Amendment No. 8.

Item 1. Security and Issuer.

No Change.

Item 2. Identity and Background.

No Change.

Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration.

Not applicable for purposes of this Amendment No. 9.

Item 4. Purpose of Transaction.

No Change.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

The information set forth under Item 5(a) is hereby amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

As of the date hereof, Mr. Frierson maybe deemed to be the beneficial owner (pursuant to Rule 13d-3) of an aggregate of 1,016,233 shares of Common Stock¹ constituting approximately 7.87% of the 12,915,615 shares of Common Stock that were deemed to be outstanding as of January 19, 2011. ²

The information set forth under Item 5(b) is hereby amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

Mr. Frierson may be deemed to have the sole power to vote 741,937 of the shares of Common Stock for which beneficial ownership is reported. ⁴

Mr. Frierson may be deemed to have the sole power to dispose of 741,937 shares of Common Stock.⁴

(1) Includes: (i) 1,516 shares of Common Stock held directly by Mr. Frierson as to which he has sole voting and sole investment power; (ii) 16,430 shares of restricted stock which have not vested, issued as shares of Common Stock, and as to which Mr. Frierson has sole voting and may be deemed to have sole investment power; (iii) an aggregate of 54,603 shares of Common Stock owned by the children of Daniel K. Frierson, their spouses and his grandchildren as to which he may be deemed to share voting and investment power; (iv) options, held by Mr. Frierson, which are exercisable within 60 days of the date hereof, to purchase 203,077 shares of Common Stock, as to which Mr. Frierson may be deemed to have sole voting and sole investment power; (iv) 3,567 shares of Common Stock held by Mr. Frierson in an Individual Retirement Account, as to which he may be deemed to have sole voting and sole investment power; and (v) the deemed conversion of 737,040 shares of Class B Common Stock, held as described in Note 3 below. All such shares of Class B Common Stock are held subject to a shareholder's agreement by and among Mr. Frierson, his wife and his children, pursuant to which Mr. Frierson has been granted a proxy to vote such shares until October 11, 2015, so long as they remain shares of Class B Common Stock. Such agreement is described below and attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1. For purposes of this report, Mr. Frierson may be deemed to share voting and investment power with respect to all shares of Common Stock that would result from the conversion of the Class B Common Stock held by his wife, as well as such shares held by his children, their spouses and his grandchildren. He expressly disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares of Common Stock that would result from the conversion of the shares of Class B Common Stock held by his wife, his children, and his grandchildren. For purpose of this report, Mr. Frierson may be deemed to have sole voting power and sole investment power with respect to all shares of Common Stock that would result from the Conversion of the Class B Common Stock that he holds outright and as unvested restricted stock, as well as shares of such stock held as trustee of the Rowena K. Frierson Charitable Remainder Unitrust. Also for purposes of this report, Mr. Frierson may be deemed to have the power to vote or to invest with respect to 17,061 shares of Class B. Common Stock held by a trust for the benefit of his brother.

(2) 940,117 shares of Common Stock are added to the 11,975,498 shares of Common Stock reported as outstanding as of January 19, 2011, to reflect (i) the assumed conversion of the 737,040 shares of Class B Common Stock, which are held as described in Footnote 3 below, and (ii) the assumed exercise of options, which are exercisable within 60 days of the date hereof, to purchase 203,077 shares of Common Stock.

- (3) Of the 737,040 shares of Class B Common Stock that may be deemed to be converted to Common Stock, 139,310 of such shares represent restricted stock awards to Mr. Frierson which have been issued as shares of Class B Common Stock, but have not vested. Such shares of Class B Common Stock are convertible, on a share-for-share basis, to shares of Common Stock upon vesting of the underlying award. The remaining 597,730 shares of Class B Common Stock are immediately convertible on a share-for-share basis into shares of Common Stock and are held as follows: (i) 372,551 shares of Class B Common Stock are held directly by Mr. Frierson; (ii) 94,879 shares of Class B Common Stock are held by Mr. Frierson's wife; (iii) an aggregate of 124,814 shares of Class B Common Stock are held by his children, their spouses and his grandchildren; and (v) 5,486 shares of Class B Common Stock held by him as trustee. For purposes of this report, unvested restricted stock awards issued as shares of Class B Common Stock may be deemed to be immediately convertible on a share-for-share basis into shares of Common Stock.
- (4) Consists of (i) 1,516 shares of Common Stock held outright by Mr. Frierson; (ii) 16,430 shares of restricted stock awards to Mr. Frierson which have not vested, issued as shares of Common Stock; (iii) options, which are exercisable within 60 days of the date hereof to purchase 203,077 shares of Common Stock; (iv) 3,567 shares of Common Stock held by Mr. Frierson in an Individual Retirement account; (v) 372,551 shares of Class B Common Stock held directly by Mr. Frierson and convertible on a share-for-share basis into Common Stock; (vi) 5,486 shares of Class B Common Stock held by him as trustee and convertible into Common Stock

on a share-for-share basis and (vii) 139,310 shares of restricted stock which have not vested.

Mr. Frierson may be deemed to share the power to vote and the power to invest with respect to 274,296 shares of Common Stock for which beneficial ownership is reported, including (i) 54,603 shares of Common Stock held by his children, their spouses and his grandchildren; and (ii) the deemed conversion of 219,695 shares of Class B Common Stock, which are convertible on a share-for-share basis into shares of Common Stock, as noted herein.

The 54,603 shares of Common Stock as to which Mr. Frierson shares voting and investment power are held by his children (Elizabeth Haley Frierson; D. Kennedy Frierson, Jr.; Rowena F. Barker; James B. Frierson; and Emily F. Brown) their spouses, and his grandchildren. Their address for purposes of this filing is 104 Nowlin Lane, Suite 101, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37421.

The 219,695 shares of Class B Common Stock (convertible on a share-for-share basis into Common Stock, and deemed to be so converted solely for purposes of reporting beneficial ownership herein) as to which Mr. Frierson shares voting and investment power consist of an aggregate of 124,816 shares of Class B Common Stock owned by Mr. Frierson's children (Elizabeth Haley Frierson; D. Kennedy Frierson, Jr.; Rowena F. Barker; James B. Frierson; and Emily F. Brown) their spouses, and his grandchildren; and 94,879 shares of Class B Common Stock owned by his wife (Joan H. Frierson), whose address for purposes of this filing is 104 Nowlin Lane, Suite 101, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37421.

Mr. Frierson formerly reported beneficial ownership of 17,060 shares of Class B Common Stock held by him as trustee of a family trust. As of November 30, 2010, Mr. Frierson distributed all shares of such Class B stock free of trust in equal shares to his children who were beneficiaries of the trusts.

As a result of the forgoing transaction in Class B Common Stock by Mr. Frierson and certain members of his family and other transactions occurring since the filing of Amendment No. 8, Mr. Frierson's beneficial ownership of Common Stock may be deemed to have increased from 7.67%, as previously reported, to 7.87%.

None of the aforementioned individuals have, during the last five years, been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors) or been a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction as a result of which such person was or is subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violations with respect to such laws. All of the aforementioned individuals are citizens of the United States of America.

Item 6. Material to Be Filed as Exhibits.

99.1 Shareholder Voting Agreement, dated December 19, 2005.

Signature

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: January 20, 2011

/s/ Daniel K. Frierson

Daniel K. Frierson