



Welcome to the Premier Issue

Welcome, family, to this the first issue of **Lawrence, Etc**, the official newsletter of **The First Peelle Family in America**. This one has been a long time coming and is one I am very excited about. Those who have been receiving **The Family Quilt** for the last four years realize that this is a "spin off" from that newsletter and will recognize some of the same many differences as well. This newsletter is dedicated entirely to the family and genealogy of the PEEL/PEELE/PEELLE name, and is for those who descend from our ancestor, Lawrence Peelle, who arrived in the New World in 1621. In this issue, you will find a short article about how Lawrence arrived here.

I hope you will take time to read through the newsletter and drop me a note and offer your comments.

We are asking for a small contribution of \$5.00 per year for the **Lawrence, Etc**, newsletter to help with printing and postage. If you'd like to continue receiving the newsletter please let me know as soon possible. Thanks! This issue is "on the house"!

Enjoy, and may God watch over you and yours till we meet!
Diane and Tommy

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NEW LEAVES ON THE TREES:

Caitlin Anne Schneider

B: 11-17-2000 @4:05 AM

Wt: 6 lb. 13 oz.

Length: 20 1/2 inches

Caitlin is the new daughter of *Jeffrey Edward Schneider and Rebecca Lynn (Brown) Schneider.*

Rebecca is the daughter of *Evelyn JoAnn (Gliddon) Brown and Robert Franklin Brown.*

Robert is the son of *John Henry Brown and Ethel Mae (Peele) Brown.*

Ethel is the daughter of *Carrie Francis (Hill) Peele and William Franklin Peele.*

William Franklin is the son of *Dianah Hannah "Dicy" (Marsh) Peele and Alexander Foy "Alex"*

Peele. (Alexander Foy10 descends from James H. Peele9, Margaret Peggy Peele, 8 Reuban Peele7, Josiah Peele6, Robert Peele5 III4, Robert Peele, II3, Robert Peele I2, Lawrence Peele1)

From: Bobbie Morton bmorton@carolina.net

We just had our **16th generation of Peele's born.**

Her name is **Hunter Kennedy Wagner**

She was born on Mommy Tabitha with new baby, Hunter 12-19-2000

She is **the first girl we have had in 20 years**

Her gg grandfather was Thomas Peele
Her ggrandmother is Doris Peele Morton
Her grandfather is Doris's son Frankie
Her mother is Tabitha Morton

"We also had a great granddaughter born on December 26, 2000. Her name is **Sophie Claire Elizabeth Nemrove**. We are expecting 1 more great grandson and 1 more great granddaughter this year. We are certainly keeping the Peele family alive. "

Julie and Lee Gordon are expecting their first baby on June 10th, making Lee's dad, **Robert (Butch) Gordon** a grandpa! Lee is the grandson of **Jean Peel**

F Kelly, great-grandson of **Walter Lee** and Lena Gertrude Messex **Peel**, Sr. and great-great-grandson of **Bennie** and Rosa Bragg **Peel** and Willie and Sally Norris Messex. (*Walter Lee, Sr11, Benjamin Walter10, William Mills9, Levi S. Peel8, Mills Peele7, Dempsey6, Robert5, William Peele4, Robert Peele3 (m Sarah Jarratt), Robert2, Lawrance1*)

a From: Diane Peel Walls walls2381@aikenelectric.net
Madeline Susanne Walls
B: 12-29-2000

m Wt: 8 lb. 10 oz
Length: 21 1/4 inch

i Madeline is the new daughter of **Tommy M. and Pamela Elizabeth Webb Walls, Jr.**, granddaughter of **Tommy M. and Diane Peel Walls,**

Big brother, Brandon holding his new sister, Madeline

y Sr. Diane is the daughter of **Walter Lee and Geraldine Marsh Peel, Jr.**(*Walter Lee12 descends from Walter Lee, Sr11, Benjamin Walter10, William Mills9, Levi S. Peel8, Mills Peele7, Dempsey6, Robert5, William Peele4, Robert Peele3 (m Sarah Jarratt), Robert2, Lawrance1*)

N DANIEL DOCKINS III, born November 30@ 11:38 p.m.. Daniel weighed 6 LB 7 oz and was 20 1/2 in. long. He is the son of **Laura Peel**, grandson of **Richard L. Peel**, great-grandson of Walter Lee and Geraldine **Marsh Peel**, Great-great grandson of Walter Lee and Lena Gertrude **Messex Peel**.

e **Richard and Lynn Peel** are also expecting another grandchild in May. Richard's daughter, **Leslie** and her husband, **Greg Simmons**, of North Augusta, SC are expecting their first baby. "It is exciting to see our family tree growing!"

(*Walter Lee, Sr11, Benjamin Walter10, William Mills9, Levi S. Peel8, Mills Peele7, Dempsey6, Robert5, William Peele4, Robert Peele3 (m Sarah Jarratt), Robert2, Lawrance1*)

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In Sympathy

Scott Peterson passed away on December 6, 2000 in Duluth, MN after a brief illness. Scott was the son of Pete and **Betty Patricia Peel Peterson** of Duluth MN, and Grandson of Lena Gertrude Messex and Walter Lee Peel, Sr. The service was in Bell Bros. Funeral Chapel in Duluth MN. He was buried at Sunrise Memorial Park in Herman Town, MN. (*Walter Lee, Sr11,*

Benjamin Walter10, William Mills9, Levi S. Peel8, Mills Peelle7, Dempsey6, Robert5, William Peele4, Robert Peelle3 (m Sarah Jarratt), Robert2, Lawrance1)



SUBMITTED BY: JACKIE PEEL
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Eleanor Grace Peel Malloy, 76, of Panama City, Fl. died Jan. 9, 2001 at Bay Medical Center.

She was born in Washington County, Fl. on March 31, 1923. She resided in Panama City. She was a member of Northside Baptist Church where she was a member of the Golden Age Sunday School Class.

She was preceded in death by her parents, W.B. and Ethel Peel, her husband W.J. Malloy, Sr.; a daughter, Shirral Jean Register and a grandson.

Survivors include one son, W.J. "Jimmy" Malloy, Jr.; and wife Marilyn; three sisters, Mary Virginia Peel and husband Coy of Crystal Lake; and Peggy Williams and husband Dave of Crawfordville; Doris Greene of Ocala; two brothers, Joe Peel and wife Sally of Tampa, and Donnie Peel of Gainesville, Ga.; three grandchildren, two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in Wilson Funeral Home Chapel of Panama City with Dr. Jerry Moore and Rev. Lewis Miller officiating. Burial followed at Shiloh Baptist Church Cemetary in Chipley.



Submitted by **Charlie Gann**, about his brother **Joe Gann (PEEL)**

This is to all of you who haven't heard about my recent health experience probably caused from all those years of abuse to my poor ole body.... Smoking, drinking howling at the moon etc. Anyway, you get the picture. I experienced a mini stroke at work last Thursday and another on Friday morning. After a three day stay in the hospital, 2 cat scans and numerous blood lettings, the team of Doctors has determined that we can rule out a tumor or any infections. They are pretty positive that the strokes were caused by a hardened artery in my neck restricting the flow to my ole noggin. I am on some medication to help the cause and will go back in about 5 weeks for more test and to determine if anything more may have to be done. With the medication, diet and exercise we feel hopeful of a complete recovery. I have heard of an alternative method call Chelation Therapy that is supposed to be better than the knife because it repairs the whole body and not just the problem part. Anyway, I'm looking at any information I can find. Thanks for all your prayers a person can't get too many.

Love to all,
Joe Gann

From Horace about **Miss Annie E. Peele**

Mother is doing well. She is a little weak these days, but just lately seems to be getting a little stronger. She was in the hospital about four times this last year (2000) with fluid around the lungs and just general ailments.

She does not like to talk about her age and when I remind her that in just over another year, that she will be 100 years young, she tells me to "Shut up!"

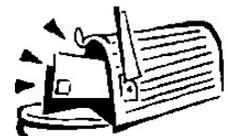
We are planning a **99th** birthday for her at the Fellowship Hall of the Ghio Methodist Church on **Sunday the 25th of March, her actual Birthday being the 26th**. If you care to remember her, you may visit her web page again and you may send a card.

Mrs. Annie E. Peele

1105 Ghio Rd

Hamlet, NC 28345

I (Horace) have recently reworked the web site so just look for "Miss Annie" as the first button on the third page of my site at <http://www.horace.peele.com> or you may go directly to her page at <http://www.txdirect.net/~hpeele/pgalry1/pgal1-a.htm>



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From **Pat Peel Peterson:**

(daughter of Walter Lee, Sr. and Lena Gertrude Messex Peel)
(Walter Lee, Sr11, Benjamin Walter10, William Mills9, Levi S. Peel8, Mills Peelle7, Dempsey6, Robert5, William Peele4, Robert Peelle3 (m Sarah Jarratt), Robert2, Lawrance1)

We would like to thank everyone for the prayers for our granddaughter, Elizabeth (Sharp). (Elizabeth is the daughter of Cathy Peterson Sharp, granddaughter of Pat Peel and Pete Peterson, and great-granddaughter of Walter Lee and Lena Gertrude Messex Peel.) In March of this year, Elizabeth, who is 6 years old now, was diagnosed with progressive myoclonic seizures. There is so little known about these types of fatal seizures, which occur in only 2% of those with seizure disorders. The seizures are getting worse now and she is on oxygen all the time and now has a full time nurse with her. She isn't eating much and doesn't talk.

The Make a Wish Foundation recently sent Elizabeth and her family to Disneyland in Florida for six days. Elizabeth, Cathy, and her family live in Minnesota.

What a great thing if everyone who receives this newsletter could - would - send Elizabeth a card or note of encouragement. Please, everyone, let's show what families are all about!



"There is no king who has not had a slave among his ancestors, and no slave who has not had a king among his."
- Helen Keller

Family

The descendants of **Walter Lee and Lena Messex Peel, Sr.** will be holding their annual family reunion at **Wildwood State Park** in Columbia County, Georgia the weekend of **June 9-10th**. More information will be sent to those who are interested. Contact persons are Diane (Peel) Walls (803-652-7206 or walls238@aikenelectric.net), Jean (Peel) Kelly (706-339-4579) and Geraldine M. Peel (843-236-7006). All descendants of Walter Lee Peel, Sr. are encouraged to attend and every descendant of Lawrence Peelle is invited.

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Ok, family, more blank space! Do you have a family meeting or reunion you want others to know about? Let me know about it, so we can share it with everyone. We'd also like to plan a "nationwide" meeting for the entire Peel/Peele/Peelle clan within the next few years. Anyone interested? Let us hear from you!



Hmmm, this seems to be empty right now. I'd like to put all of our "kin folks" who have reached the age of 90 + here. Do you have someone with that wonderful honor? Please let me know if you do.

Oh yea, there is one!

Annie E. Peele March 26 - 99

F a m i l y N e w s

Submitter: Horace Peele
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Street: 12806 Chateau Forest
City: San Antonio
State & Zip: TX, 78230
Ancestor: **Lawrence Peele**
Birth Date: 1601
Death Date: 1655?

Comments: Lawrence Peele sailed from England on the *Margaret & John* in late December 1620 and arrived in Virginia in late April or early May 1621. Lawrence's trip to Virginia occurred while the Mayflower wintered

in the harbor of Plymouth, Massachusetts, it having arrived there on 26 December 1620. The Mayflower departed Plymouth on its return voyage on 5 April 1621, just before the *Margaret & John* arrived in Virginia.

QUERY:

I am offering \$1000 reward for information connecting Lawrence into his English family.



<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Plains/4235/Peal.htm>

Stitches in Time -- Peel Genealogy

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Contact K. Melvin with any information or questions

<http://www.txdirect.net/~hpeelee/>

Horace Peele's Home Page

The Official Site of the First Peele Family in America

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Contact Horace Peele with any information or questions



<http://karlk.terrashare.com/index3.htm#PEELLE>

This Family History site owned by Karl Royston.

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This web site produced 25 May 2000 by Personal Ancestral File

(Found this website with quite an extensive listing of family names, quite obviously leading to Lawrence Peele. Don't see any references to where he got his information - Horace may have heard of him. (Don't know the website owner, just found it in a search)

<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Valley/2013/peeleebib.html>

DAWN'S PEELE FAMILY BIBLE RECORDS

"The following birth and death dates are taken from the William Peele Family Bible that is in my step-father, Frank J. Helms 3rd's possession. I copied the information exactly the way it appeared in the Bible. This Bible also contained many obituaries that I will include on my homepage at a later date. "

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Aiken, SC

Devoted to our families, those who came before us and those who will make new paths ahead of us.....

A NEW SITE ON THE WEB:

<http://familytrees.sligozone.net>

Lorna PEEL's Home Page

Contains, among others, the family trees of the PEEL family of Dublin, Ireland. Plus my IRISH GENEALOGY SERVICES PAGE and a history of Horse-Drawn Cabs.

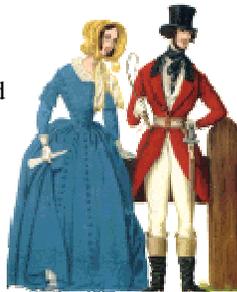
Mary Jane Peelle Collection. sc 117.

Mary Jane (Ellis) Peelle (1826-1875) was a Friend of New Hope Monthly Meeting, Howard County, Ind. The collection consists of a memorial of New Hope Monthly Meeting.

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- Peelle, Albert.** D. 1-31-1918, mem New Garden MM, NC (9-26-1918, p. 816)
Peelle, Ann Elizabeth White. D. 3-3-1932, High Point, NC, 75y. (4-21-1932, p. 296)
Peelle, Charles F. D. Richmond, Ind, 12-9-1901, 45y. , art. (1-2-1902, p. 16)
Peelle, Jesse W. D. 10-14-1913, George, NC, 71y. (2-19-1914, p. 127)
Peelle, Joseph H. D. 1-22-1949, Guilford College, NC, b. 1870 (4-14-1949, p. 122)
Peelle, Mrs. William R. N.d., Garde Island, Oh, res. Toledo, Oh (9-14-1922, p. 747)
Peelle, Adeline C. D. 4-29-1908, Muncie, Ind, 64y. (5-21-1908, p. 333)
Peelle, Alonzo. D. 12-25-1957, Xenia, Oh, b. 1871 (2-6-1958, p. 47)
Peelle, Caleb Morris. D. 10-11-1911, Brooklyn, NY, 69th y. (11-23-1911, p. 753)
Peelle Charles Edward. D. 6-12-1931, Sabina, Oh, 65y. (8-13-1931, p. 620)
Peelle, Deborah. D. 4-17-1932, Willits, Cal, mem Indianapolis MM, Ind (5-5-1932, p. 335)
Peelle, Edward. D. 2-12-1933, Willits, Cal, b. 1849 (3-16-1933, p. 140)
Peelle, Emily Cochran. D. 5-26-1900, Clinton Co., Oh, 91st y. (9-6-1900, p. 866)
Peelle, Emma Van Tress. D. 9-2-1941, Xenia, Oh, 70y. (11-6-1941, p. 482)
Peelle, Harriet F.G. D. 9-14-1934, Sabina, Oh, b. 1861 (10-4-1934, p. 379)



conditions. Some of these date back to the Middle Ages, and many are too fragile or rare to be housed on the open shelves. The Friends Collection draws hundreds of scholars and genealogists to Lilly Library annually. In addition to assisting these visitors, College Archivist and Curator, Thomas D. Hamm, answers nearly 400 inquiring letters each year.

American Friend Obituary Index,

1894 - 1960

This index of obituaries and death notices in the American Friend was compiled between 1996 and 1999 by Thomas D. Hamm. We **emphasize** that it is an index, not a complete abstract of the information found in each obituary. Additional information often, but not always, includes maiden names of women, parents, survivors, dates and places of birth and marriage, meeting affiliation, and previous residences. Below is the for the PEEL names, various spellings:

- Peelle, Henry Edmund.** D. 10-3-1895, Richmond, Ind, 79y. (10-31-1895, p. 1060)
Peelle, J. Irving. D. 2-6-1949, Wilmington, Oh, 70y. (3-17-1949, p. 95)
Peelle, James. D. 12-24-1905, Mulberry, Ind, 61st y. (1-18-1906, p. 44)
Peelle, James Walter. D. 12-12-1908, Summit, NJ, 37y. (12-31-1908, p. 848)
Peelle, Jesse. D. 1-3-1913, Wilmington, Oh, 70y. (6-12-1913, p. 383)
Peelle, John B. D. 4-22-1955, Washington Ct. House, Oh, bur. Grassy Run Mtg, Oh, b. 1859 (6-30-1955, p. 215)
Peelle, Maria W. D. 12-3-1928, Boonton, NJ, 86y, art. (12-27-1928, p. 943)
Peelle, Mary. D. 3-14-1899, Richmond, Ind, 75th y. (4-6-1899, p. 329)
Peelle, Mary Ellen. D. 11-17-1920, Sabina, Oh, 90y. (12-16-1920, p. 1127)
Peelle, Mary Esther. D. 6-13-1938, Wilmington, Oh, b. 1856 (7-7-1938, p. 300)
Peelle, Reuben B. D. 5-1928, Wilmington, Oh, b. 1845, art. (5-24-1928, p. 375)
Peelle, Robert S. D. 9-3-1949, Sabina, Oh, 50th y. (9-29-1949, p. 323)
Peelle, Roscoe E. D. 3-14-1950, St. Petersburg, Fla, res. Wilmington, Oh, 72y. (8-3-1950, p. 257)
Peelle, Rose C. D. 4-23-1939, St. Louis, Mo, 79y. (5-25-1939, p. 227)
Peelle, Seth. D. 6-22-1912, Wilmington, Oh, 58y. (8-1-1912, p. 494)

Peelle, Virginia Rhonemus. D. 5-16-1944, Wilmington, Oh, 68y. (7-27-1944, p. 311)

Peelle, Waldo E. D. 2-5-1955, Wilmington, Oh, b. 1880 (4-7-1955, p. 115)

Sets of the American Friend may be found in the libraries of most of the Quaker colleges in the United States. The complete run has been microfilmed, and may also be obtained through interlibrary loan.

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Requests must be made by mail, accompanied by a check payable to Earlham College for the appropriate amount, and include the citation as found in the index.

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Who was Lawrence Peelle?

Taken from the home page of Horace Peele

Lawrence Peelle was born somewhere in England in 1601. At the age of just 19 and fresh out of livery school, he was hired by the London Company, the Investment Company which was settling Virginia. The London Company had some sort of a master plan on how to settle the Virginia Colony.

A document dated 22 June 1620 gives a breakdown of the 800 people that were to be sent out during the following year. Note: the year in those days ended on 24 March, so the June date would be at the beginning of the year. Plans called for: 400 tenants of the company, 100 sub-tenants, 100 maids, 100 boys and 100 servants.

The 100 boys were presumably the 100 children who were sent out from London by the City authorities as a result of a decision taken in January 1619/1620. The 400 tenants and 100 sub-tenants positions were for skilled men with the following trades:

"Husbandmen, Gardners, Brewers, Bakers, Sawyers, Carpenters*, Joyners, Shipwrights, Boatwrights, Millwrights, Masons, Turners*, Smiths of all sorts*, Coopers of all sorts, Weavers, Tanners, Potters*, Fowlers, Fisherman, Fish-hookemakers, Net-makers, Rope-makers, Tilemakers, Edgetoole makers, Bricke makers*, Brick layers*, Dressers*



of Hempe and Flaxe, Lime burners, Lether dressers, Men skillful in Vines, Men for iron Workes, Men skilful in Mines."

The ones with a "*" were listed as required in a 24 June 1619 document.

Other documents reflect that about 100 husbandmen came from Devon, about 110 iron workers from Staffordshire and Warwickshire and another 40 for Sussex. Some specialists such as those skillful in Vines were to be brought from France or Germany. But many probably came from London.

Lawrence was in this group of people. He sailed from



England on a ship named "Margaret & John" for what would be a long and difficult voyage. The London Company Records report that the Margaret and John, a ship of 150 tunes was sent in December 1620 with 85 persons had arrived by May 1621. On board the ship was a **Doctor Bohun**, who was being sent over as Physician to the colony,

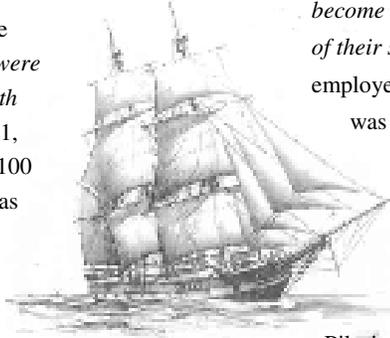
along with 20 passengers listed as *"divers Apothecaries and*

Surgeons". The ship actually left England in late December or early in January under the command of **Captain James Chester**. It sailed the routine route, which took it through the Lesser Antilles, a series of small islands, in the Caribbean that "*being the common trade way both for English and Dutch.*"

At the Island of Guadeloupe, she took on six Frenchman "*and then they were in all (including the crew) 103 souls with women and children.* On 30 March 1621, they reached the island of Nevis about 100 miles north West of Guadeloupe. Here as they wished to water, "*they fell in with two Spanish Man of Warre ships, pretending to be Hollander,*" but as soon these ships had gained a fair position, and after some parley, they took in their Holland flag, advanced the Spanish colors and opened fire on the "*small and not very well provided English Shipp.. Who parforce was constreyned to enter into this conflict, which continued 5 or 6 hours most desperate.*"

The English finally beat off both Spanish ships, after killing their Captains and making "*their skippers run with blood*" [scupper, a hole to drain a ship's deck] and "*colouring the sea in their quarter.*" The burden of the largest Spanish ship was 300 tons with 22 pieces of brass; the other, 200 tons having 16 pieces of brass. The English ship had eight cast-iron pieces and one small falcon.

The Margaret and John lost eight, slain outright: Doctor Bohun, Mr. Thomas Dodmister (or Demeter), Thomas Read, William Garrett, Thomas Vernam (salt-man), Gaberial Peyes, David Pathering, and Ralph Phillips. Two others died after, Francis Annis, Gentleman, and Edward Nubery, a Sailor; and some twenty were wounded, yet cured; among these were the Captain, James Chester; William Bird, Gentleman; Alexander Boventon, Gentleman; William Bannington, Gentleman; John Watkins, Philip Darwin, Robert Lector, Anthony Browne, Gentleman; Mr. Howe, Gentleman; William Joyce, quartermaster; William Lucas, Carpenter's Mate; John Robbins, Steward; three Frenchman, and three sailors. The other officers of the ship were Griffen Parnell, Master; John Langle, and Humphrey Sherbrook, Master's Mate; James Jerland, Surgeon; Thomas Charn, "*Pilot for the West Indies*"; Mr. John Mines, the Captain's son-in-law, and Thomas Hothersall, Interpreter.



The company had sent by the ship a good store of silkworms seed obtained out of France, Italy and Spain, under the charge of a servant of Mr. Jasper Stallenge, "*who had these five years together been brought up in tending of the King's silkworms under his said master, whereby he was become very skillful in breeding of the worms and in winding of their silk, and was also a good gardener,*" whom they had employed to serve them in Virginia for three years, where he was also to teach others. But it seems that "*the silk worms' seed miscarried*" in the fight.

This sea fight was quite an event, and the English were evidently proud of their part in it. A long account was printed in a London newspaper in 1621, which Purchas made use of in his *Pilgrimes and Smith* in his *History of Virginia*. In the same year an account was printed by George Deseler of Amsterdam and "Thomas Hothersall late *zityson* [citizen] and *groser* [grocer] of London being an "*I*" witness and interpreter in this *exployte*" also wrote an account.

But the important thing is that our immigrant ancestor, Lawrence, survived.

According to London Company records documented in March 1621, only 603 people had survived the winter of 1620-1621. So, it is safe to say that there were less than 1000 people in Virginia when Lawrence arrived that spring. He settled in Elizabeth Cittie where he worked for the London Company under Captain William Tucker. In 1622, Lawrence was one of 1350 white survivors of the Indian Massacre.

In 1614, John Rolfe married the Indian Princess Pocahontas, daughter of Chief Powhatten, the Chief of the Indian Confederation around Jamestown. Their marriage brought a period of peace between the Indians and the settlers. John Rolfe and Pocahontas went to England where she died in 1617. Chief Powhatten died in 1618. In 1622, his successor, Chief Opechancanough, led an attack on the colonists and massacred 347 people. One of those people killed was John



Rolfe, Pocahontas' husband, who had returned to the colony in 1622 as a member of the Virginia Council.

But our ancestor Lawrence Peelle survived. He was listed as one of 1338 people living in Elizabeth Cittie in a 1623 roll call taken by Captain Tucker.

In addition to that 1623 roll call, another muster [census] was taken in 1624. Again, Lawrence, listed as **Larence Peale**, was living in Elizabeth Cittie and was 23 years of age.

A friend, William Smith was living with him at that time. William was listed as 30 years of age and had just arrived aboard a ship named the "JACOB" in 1624. Their combined muster [inventory] listed their provisions as corn -4 barrels; peas - 2 bushels; fish -300 ct; houses - 1; arms 2 - pieces; powder - 6 pounds; and lead - 6 pounds.

We have not found any record of Lawrence's marriage or his spouse, but we do know that the next five generations in our line were five ancestors all named "Robert Peelle."

Who is Lawrence Peelle?

He is the father of the oldest Peelle family in America.

Maybe, as Lawrence, just a young man, got ready to set sail on that last day in England someone may have penned these very words:

The Last Sunday in England

The emigrants kneel in the old parish Church.
For the last time, it may be forever:
They scarcely had known that it would be so hard.
The ties of a lifetime to sever.

For the last time, they look on the ivy-clad walls.
For the last time, they hear the bells ringing.
'Twas there they were married, and now to that church
How fondly their sad hearts are clinging!

They listen once more to the good Rector's voice,
They will try to remember his teaching:
And hope they may never forget what he says,
As they look in his face while's he preaching.

That voice they have heard by the bed of the sick-
That face they have seen by the dying-
At the altar, the font, and the newly dug grave
The means of salvation supplying.

For the last time they stand where their forefathers
names

They read on the headstones and crosses:
There are newly cut names: and others so old.
They are covered by lichens and mosses.

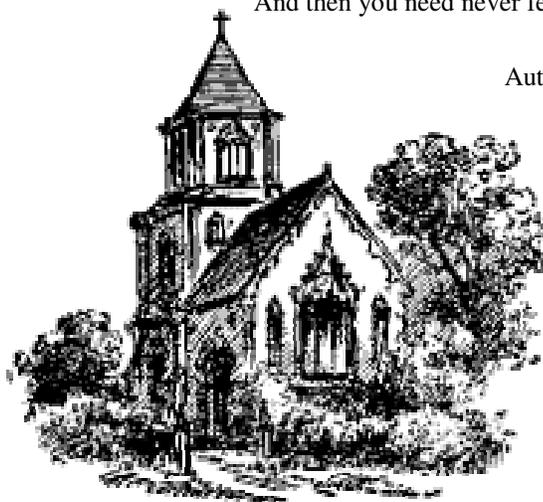
Then a last look they take at a green little mound,
Where one of their children is sleeping.
And gather a daisy that grows at the head --
Then turn away silently weeping.

The neighbors are waiting to bid them "God Speed"
To think of them each one professing-
At the gate of the churchyard the old Rector stands
To give them his fatherly blessing.

He placed in their hands the best of all gifts,
A Bible and Prayer book, at parting:
They could not say much, but he knew what they felt-
To their eyes the warm tear-drops were starting.

"Keep these in your heart" as he gave them, he said,
"And trust to the cross of Christ only:
Then the Lord will be with you wherever you go,
And then you need never feel lonely."

Author Unknown



This is a copy of John Peal's will. He is the father of Miles (Mills) Peal, father of Nancy Peal Singleton (Mrs. James William Singleton), whose daughter., Nancy Singleton, married Wyatt Ferguson. They had John Alfred Ferguson., who married Virginia Sue Lanier. Their son, Wyatt Lanier Ferguson, Sr., is my father. Lanier Ferguson lanwferg@aeneas.net

**WILL OF JOHN PEAL
MARTIN COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
DATED 21 NOVEMBER, 1830**



State of North Carolina
Martin County

In the name of God, Amen

I John Peal province and county aforesaid being of sound perfect mind and memory do this day the twenty first day of November One thousand eight hundred and thirty do constitute and declare this my last will and testament and hereby revoking all others heretofore made and here make and publish this my last will and testament in the manner following (viz- I lend to my son Mills Peal one yoke of oxen which he has now in his possession.

Item-- I give to the said Mills Peal one musket. Also I lend to him the Land whereon he now lives his {for} lifetime and after his death I lend it to Nancy Singleton the daughter of said Mills Peal, being my grand daughter {for} her lifetime and after her death I give the said tract of Land to Nancy Singletons Children.

I also give to my daughter Sealey (?) Ward one Negro Boy by the name of Simon, and one Girl by the name of Venis (?) and cloth Loom and gear also one Bed and furniture.

I also give to my daughter Anna Robason(?) one Negro Girl by the name of Lizy and one boy by the name of Sam also choice of my flax hackles and one Bed and furniture.

I also give to my daughter Christian Tice one Negro Boy by the name of Lemul, also one negro woman by the name of Hannah, and her youngest child, and one flax hackle,

I also give to my son Thomas Peal one boy by the name of Roden(?), one Girl by name of Tildy

I also give unto my two grand children by the names of Riley and Patsy(?) the children of William Peal, son of John Peal Sen. one boy by the name of Charles,

I also give to son John Peal one negro boy by name Linix and one Girl by name Tener one man by name Jack also the Lands wherein I now live on and joining Lands thereunto belonging(?)

I also give to son Henry Peal all the Lands whereon he now lives also one negro boy by the name of Solomon, also one Girl by the name of Phincy, also the Land lying on the east side of Swain's Puosan(?), the land that I bought of Benjamin Woolard and Simeon Wollard & Daniel Pierce

also I give all my unmentioned property to Celia {Sealey} Ward, Anna Robason & Crissey {Christian} Tice and Thomas Peal & John Peal, Henry Peal equally to be divided amongst them

And I do hereby appoint my son Henry Peal & Thomas Tice to be Executors to this my last will and Testament whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and date above written

Signed Sealed & delivered

His

in the presents of us

Test

Jason Tice

Noah Peal

John X Peal
mark

State of N. Carolina Court of Pleas & Quarter(?) Sessions

Martin County

October Term 1836

At this term the foregoing paperwriting purporting to be the last will and testament of John Peal, Sen. was exhibited in open court and offered for probate .

Whereupon an issue was made up and ordered to be submitted to a Jury at next term to try whether the sd paper writing is the last will & Testament of sd John Peal to pass real & personal estate.

At January term 1837. The following Jury being sum(moned) & Impannelled (viz) Benj. Martin, Stephen Lallinger(?) Benj. Liggett, Wm. Mobley, George Wynns, Jesse Bennett, Middleton Mobley, Medhan(?) Hyman, Abner Coburn, Wm. Powell, Henry Best, & Hardy H. Brown, say they find the sd paper writing is the last will and testament of said John Peal & was duly executed so as to pass both the real & personal estate therein named and it is ordered by the court to be recorded as such.

J. D. Biggs, Clk

Transcribed from a copy of microfilmed record by Lanier Ferguson on 8 Jan.,1996.

Heaven

Written by **Bertha Elma Peele Gann**
Submitted by her grandson, **Charlie Gann.**

*Bertha descended from **John Hare Peelle** and was born in Longlane, Dallas County, MO. She was the youngest of **Harriett Taylor** and **John Peelle's** children.*

There's a beautiful place called Heaven
A home prepared for the soul
And when I have entered its portals
I can then say I've reached my goal
Its walls are all made of Jasper
The streets are all paved with pure gold
And when I enter that city
I then will have blessings untold
For there, I will meet my dear Savior
Who gave His life on the tree
That I could have a glorious mansion
And from sin forever be free
I'm striving to reach my mansion
That Jesus went to prepare
And when I've met my Savior
I'll look for my loved one's up there
And when I have found my loved one's
And take each one of them by the hand
Then I'll view the glories of Heaven
And take my place in the band

In Heaven there's always rejoicing
No sorrow or pain enters there
Dear one's let's work for that mansion
That Jesus went to prepare.



I would really appreciate hearing from you after you read this first issue of the newsletter. The only way we can make this a FAMILY newsletter is with your help. Please send me a family story, something that's been handed down through the years, a poem written by a grandparent, or a story a grandchild has told, a picture shared by someone, or a special memory. Do you have a genealogical brickwall that you just can't break down (don't we all)? Send it to me and let's publish it. You never know... someone out there may just be able to help! Let's here from you!

Till next time!

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ANCESTORS OF YESTERDAY

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Ancestors of so long ago, I'll search until I find.
Till I can prove and clearly show that you are truly mine.

I'll follow behind your trail of tears, the hidden footprints of time.
Covered and buried throughout the years and continue each mountain to climb.

I'll search every faraway seaside shore, and every valley below.
I'll unlock each and every door, as my own teardrops flow.

I'll unearth the buried History of you, and your own Ancestral kin,
I'll search for that all important clue, and open my heart to let you in.

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