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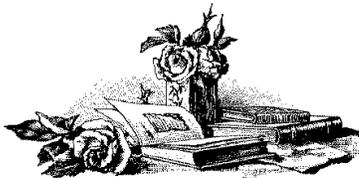
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## Picture of Jesus

Written by **Scott Raymond**  
Ray's pen name

Sunlight filters through  
Fragments of glass with myriad hues  
Multicolored shards joined with lead  
Radiating from the savior's head  
We know not his true visage  
'Tis depicted most a feeble carriage  
Is this truly the carpenter's son  
When a carpenter was oft a mason  
A builder of houses in a land of stone  
With courage and strength in every bone  
From wood he made an easy yoke  
With words of love from his lips stone hearts he broke  
The power of his voice restored those who had died  
With words of anger he shattered pride  
Upon the cross he let his life's blood pour  
So that we might have life forevermore.



The above poem was written by the son of Charlie Gann. **Raymond Scott Gann** was the great-grandson of **Berth Elma Peele**. **Raymond** died in an auto accident in 1996, two months before his 30th birthday. He wanted to be a writer and penned several poems. This one, it is believed, told how Ray felt about being a Christian.

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**Keaton Raymond Gann** was born to Lisa and Richard Gann on 21 May 2001 at Southcrest Hospital in Tulsa, OK. He arrived at 6:49 AM with the fighting weight of 7 pounds 13 ounces and was 20 inches long. Grandparents are **Charlie and Judy Gann**. (Gann,

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**Melinda Joy Mercer** graduated from the University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, CO, on May 12, 2001, with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Chemistry and Biochemistry and is ACS certified.

Mother - Gaylene Plett Mercer--Denver, CO  
 Grandmother - Naomi Smith Plett--Liberal, KS  
 Great grandmother - Cannie Peele Smith--deceased  
 Great grandparents - William F. and Malinda Patterson Peele  
 Great Great grandfather - Alexander Peelle

Birthdays:

June 25, 1978, **Melinda Joy Mercer** was born on her Great Grandmother's **Cannie Peele Smith** 82nd birthday, in Liberal, KS. (**Cannie - June 25, 1896-March 10, 1990**).

**Melinda's** brother **Michael Eugene Mercer** was born, in Liberal, KS, June 18, 1982. Both live in Denver.

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**Brittney Bradberry** graduated 5th grade this year and made the President's honor roll for the **second year in a row**. Also, Please PRAY for **Cindy and her family**. I just found out that their house was burned in a fire on July 15<sup>th</sup> and they lost everything in the fire.

From **CHARLIE GANN**:

We just completed the 13 annual **Gann Historical Society** meeting in Lufkin, TX. It was a huge success. Unlike the **Peelle** family, we haven't found our ancestor past a **Samuel Gann** who lived in Virginia in the mid 1750s.

I just completed my first two years as president of the organization and reluctantly agreed to two more years. The nominating committee couldn't find anyone to take the job.

Our registry has over 48,000 entries. We have found **Gans, Ganns, Gains, Ganes** and several other spellings but haven't been able to connect them to the above mentioned **Samuel**.

## REUNIONS

The descendants of **Bertha Peele Gann** will be holding a **reunion** on the Illinois River north of Tahlequah,

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# F a m i l y N e w s

OK **July 20 and 21**. We camp out and have a family pot luck dinner on Friday. Most of us do a 12 mile float on Saturday. We then cook for each family on Saturday evening. We have hired a band the last few years and dance on the grass until midnight. Most of the persons attending are direct descendants of **Bertha**. This year will be our **25th** so we have hired a band for Friday also. One of the members of this band is **James (Jimbo) Ragsdale** a grandson of **Bertha**. Of course, if anyone is in the area that weekend they could drop in for a little or long time. The place we camp is Hanging Rock Camp about 12 miles north of Tahlequah on Oklahoma Highway 10.

From **Patricia Peel Arick**: [awarick@bellsouth.net](mailto:awarick@bellsouth.net)

**The Peel Reunion, October, 2001**, will be held on Saturday, the **October 6th** at Dunnellon, FL at noon. It will be at the home of **Carrie Williams**, 6805 West Riverbend Road, Dunnellon FL 34433. (Contact Carrie for information) EVERYONE is invited; we are anxious to meet with our cousins who are descendents of Mills Peel. (Mills Peel, Dempsey Peelle, Robert , William, Robert III, Robert II, Robert I, Lawrence)

## Ganns To Celebrate Golden Wedding Day – 46 Years Ago



*Broken Arrow Ledger*  
*October 27, 1955*  
*Broken Arrow, OK*

Submitted by: *Charlie Gann*  
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**Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gann**, will observe their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday Oct. 30, 1955. They will be honored with open house from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. **Orven Gann**, 1003 Wesley Drive, which all their friends are being invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Gann, both natives of Dallas County, Missouri, met at a Baptist church near Longlane, Dallas County where their courtship began. Later they were married in the Baptist parsonage Oct. 29, 1905. Mr. Gann's parents were **William Allen Gann** and **Eliza Jane Friend**. Mrs. Gann's parents were **John Hare Peelle** and **Harriet Taylor**. The Ganns came to Oklahoma in 1909 settling near Coweta, moving to Broken Arrow about 1941, where they have since made their home.

Before retiring **Mr. Gann**, was engaged in farming and later worked at *Spartan Aircraft* and at the *Cut Rate* grocery here, before it became the *Town Crier* grocery.

**Mr. Gann** is 76, and enjoys good health and claims gardening and taking care of his lawn as his hobbies. **Mrs. Gann**, who is 69, is also in good health and when asked

about hobbies said she like to piece quilts and crochet. She is a member of the Coweta, OK *Church of God of Prophecy*.

The **Ganns** are the parents of five daughters and two sons who will all be present, along with their families, for the celebration with the exception of one daughter, **Mrs. Jeanette Forbes** of Duchesne, Utah, who will be unable to attend. Daughters and sons attending will be **Mrs. Lorene Stephens**, Tulsa; and **Mrs. Letha Morton**, **Mrs. Lena Rosser**, **Mrs. Florene Ragsdale** and **Harlan and Orven Gann** all of this city. The Ganns also have 26 grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

Note: Ed was first married to a lady named **Sarah Ellen Wilkerson**, the aunt of **Lloyd Lester Wilkerson**. Ed and Ellen had a child named **Floyd Henry**. Ellen never recovered from the labor of childbirth and died about 10 months after the birth. The baby died a month later. Bertha was the aunt of **Effie Lydia Peele** who was married to **Lloyd Lester Wilkerson** the parents of **Clara Wilkerson Hall** who is a member of the *Peele Family Association*. Clara and I are both great grand children of **John Hare Peele** and are within a week of the same age. I'm sure if we investigated the marriages in the Dallas County, MO area we would find other connections to our families.

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER



*This appeared in the Buffalo Reflex Newspaper on May 2, 2001*

### **HELEN J. PEELE**

Feb. 2, 1909-April 10, 2001

Graveside services were held

Friday, April 13 in the Maplewood Cemetery in St. Elmo, Fayette County, Illinois, with the Reverend Jim Wheeler officiating. Burial was under the direction of the May-Kessel Funeral Home.

**Helen J. Peele**, 92, was born Feb. 2, 1909, near Long Lane, Missouri, the daughter of **John and Clara (Richardson) Graves**. She died April 10, 2001, at her nephew's home in Ellisnore, Carter County, Missouri. She was united in marriage with **Bert Burd Peele** on Sept. 17, 1937. They moved to St. Elmo, Ill., where they spent 51 happy years together until he passed away in 1988.

She was employed by *Richardson Bros. Greenhouses*, baby-sat local children, was an *Avon* sales representative and was a member of the Election Board. Although they had no children of their own, they raised their nephew for much of his life. When she was no longer able to stay in her own

home, her nephew and his wife took her to their home and cared for her devotedly during the last year of her life.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her beloved husband, **Bert**; and brothers and sisters. Survivors include her special nephew, **Earl** and wife, **Donna Everett**, Ellisnore; her sister **Ruth** and husband, **Jim Coker**, Cape Girardeau; and other nieces and nephews. She will be sadly missed by those who knew and loved her.



## *Happy Birthday to our Senior Citizens!*

**Mrs. Annie E. Peele**      **March 26,**      **age 99**

**Maurine Jones**      **March 29,**      **age 96**  
G'daughter of Elizabeth PEELE Pidgeon,  
descended from Reuben Peele

**Helen Jones**      **July 15,**      **age 93**  
Fifth generation descendant of James Peel & Nancy of Virginia.

**Ruby James Peele Duggins**      **Nov 25** **age 93**  
Daughter of Willis Peele and Annie Brown

## *Mailing Addresses For Our Senior Citizens*

**Helen Jones** (*Mother of Viola Ogle*)  
752 South Anderson Road  
Choctaw  
OK 73020.

**Maurine Jones** (*Mother of Alice Plane*)  
5050 Lincoln Avenue, Apt. 24  
Evansville, IN 47715

**Mrs. Annie E. Peele** (*Mother of Horace Peele*)  
1105 Ghio Road  
Hamlet, NC 28345

**(I need Ms. Ruby's address)**

If you know any senior citizen (male **or** female) who is 90 years or older, please drop me a note, give me a call or send me an email and let me know their name, date of birth and age. I'd love to have their address to add them to the list above, too. Also, their name will automatically be added to the newsletter list, at no charge.      Thanks! *Diane*

# F a m i l y N e w s

# What Do Those Initials Mean?



Initials after your ancestor's names may provide useful information that you'd not expected. The following list includes initials you may come across when reading old wills or other documents.

**a.a.s.** - died in the year of his/her age (*anno aetatis suae*)  
(86 y/o or died in year 86 of his/her life)  
**d.s.p.** - died without issue (*decessit sine prole legitima*)  
**d.s.p.l.** - died without legitimate issue (*decessit sine prole mascula supesita*)  
**d.s.p.m.s.** - died without surviving male issue (*decessit sine prole mascula supersita*)  
**d.s.p.s.** - died without surviving issue (*decessit sine prole supersita*)  
**d.unm** - died unmarried  
**d.v.p.** - died in the lifetime of his father (*decessit vita patris*)  
**d.v.m.** - died in the lifetime of his mother (*decessit vita matris*)

**Et al** - and others (*et alia*)  
**Inst** - present month (*instans*)  
**Liber** - book or volume  
**Nepos** - grandson  
**Nunc** - *Nuncupative* will, an oral will, written by a witness  
**Ob** - he/she died (*obit*)  
**Relict** - widow or widower (*relicta /relictus*)  
**Sic** - so or thus, exact copy as written  
**Testes** - witnesses  
**Utl** - late (*ultimo*)  
**Ux or vs** - wife (*uxor*)  
**Viz** - namely (*videlicet*)

## WEB SITES TO CHECK OUT



<http://hometown.aol.com/bfurr1/19thmiss.htm>

**The 19th Mississippi Infantry Regiment in the Civil War**  
Includes Letters, Diaries, and Writings of several **Peels**.  
(grandsons of Hunter Peel)  
*Very interesting.*

<http://www.ls.net/~newriver/nrv.htm>

**New River Valley of North Carolina and Virginia Historical Site**

Collection of historical and genealogical information pertaining to Northwestern N C and Southwestern VA, DE, and the District of Columbia, East TN, SC, & MD  
*Be prepared to stay a while when you visit this web site!*

<http://www.peelbooks.com/>

**Peel Productions, Inc.**

Peel Productions is located in Columbus, NC  
*Just a small site, but I thought it was neat. Maybe you know them. They produce children's books.*

<http://www.isle-of-man.com/index.shtml>

**The Isle of Man** and the city of PEEL (Peel is located on the Western part of the Island)

*Lots of fun searching this site. Of course, we don't know that we have anything to do with the Isle of Man or Peel Castle*

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

**Stitches in Time -- Peel Genealogy**

*K Melvin, a Lawrence descendant, has a lot of genealogy and has done a good job presenting it on his page. He also credits **Dr. Ron Peel & Horace Peele** for some of his research.*



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

**Horace Peele's Home Page**

*Check out Horace's home page often. He has a wealth of information here, plus info about the **Peele Family Association**, which YOU are a member of.*

<http://web.aikenelectric.net/~walls2381>

**The Family Quilt**

Devoted to our families, those who came before us and those who will make new paths ahead of us  
*This is my web site. I'm in the process of uploading my genealogy files on it*

<http://www.uark.edu/libinfo/speccoll/peel.html>

**(from the University of Arkansas Libraries Home Page)**

**JOHN WILSON PEEL PAPERS**

(a pioneer resident of Independence, Carroll, and Benton counties, Arkansas) Letters and genealogy notes, 1862-1875, n.d. Manuscript Collection

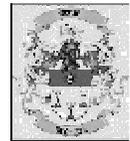
*(This is really just a list of what is here. Perhaps you can contact the library and find out how you can get a copy of the original. Fascinating material!)*

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~msmarsha/families/peel.html>

**Marshall County MS Peel Family**

Deb Haines Marshall County MS Coordinator

*Just one page here, but it's about the Peel family in Marshall Co., MS. Some names mentioned are: Dr. R. H. Peel, Andrew Peel, Tom Peel, Addison Peel and Volney Peel, Jr. Good info.*



# QUERIES



The first posted are from the *Peele Family Association*

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**Fletcher Peele** (1805), son of **David and Priscilla**, born Wayne County, NC, moved to Bartholomew County, in October of 1826. *We are looking for information on this family*

**Albert Peele** (1836) traveled to **Wayne County, Indiana** in 1867 with his wife **Margaret Edna Cox**. After she died in 1881, Albert moved to **Ohio** to marry. *We need information on this family.*

**Anne Peele** (1811), daughter of **John and Anne**, moved from Wayne County, NC to **Ohio** in 1815 when she was only four years old. Her mother died in 1811, just eight days after she was born. Anne was sent to Ohio by her father presumably to be raised by other Peele relatives already there. *Who did she live with?*

**James Peele** (1794), son of **David and Priscilla**, born in Wayne County, NC, moved to **Arkansas**. *We are looking for information on this family.*

## OTHER QUERIES

**DEMPSEY Peele** (1755-?), son of **ROBERT Peel** (1710-1808) and **SARAH**. Who was **DEMPSEY'S** wife? He had at least three sons; one, **MILLS**, (my "grandfather")

was born in North Carolina and moved his family to Georgia before 1840. **MILL's** wife was **Delilah Drake**. I have much information on Delilah, but not on **Mills or DEMPSEY**.

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**Anyone have anything on this PEELE family?**

Descendants of **Asa Lloyd Peele**

**ASA LLOYD PEELE** was born 1889 in Ahoskie, NC. He married **JEANNE VICTORIA HARRIS**. She was born in Ahoskie, NC.

Children of **Asa Peele** and **Jeanne Harris** are:

**Kermit Peele**, born in Aulander, NC. **Lansing Peele**, born in Aulander, NC.

**Tyrus Peele**, born in Aulander, NC.

**Macon Peele**, born in Aulander, NC.

Contact Horace Peele

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[hpeele@txdirect.net](mailto:hpeele@txdirect.net)

Do YOU have a **question** about an ancestor that you don't have the answer to? Send it to me at

**[walls2381@aikenelectric.net](mailto:walls2381@aikenelectric.net)**

OR call me at

**803-652-7206**

OR drop me a note at my home address at

**2381 Williston Road, Aiken South Carolina  
29803.**

I'll make sure it gets put in the newsletter. Make sure you put an **address and contact information**, so it can be put with the QUERY. It will go on this page! You may just tear that brickwall down!

# CELEBRATING LABOR DAY

Sources: Various Web Sites

Book: *2201 Fascinating Facts* by David Louis

Jesus said, *Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest*

~Matthew 11:28~

Labor Day, the only legal public holiday in September, comes on the first Monday of the month in Canada and the United States

Labor Day is the “working people’s holiday” honoring those who work throughout the United States, Puerto Rico, and Canada. Labor organizations sponsor various celebrations, but for most people it is a day of rest and recreation. It also has become a symbol of the end of summer. In Australia, Labor Day is called *Eight Hour Day*, and it celebrates the successful struggle for a shorter working day. In Europe, Labor Day is observed on May 1.

Two men have been credited with suggesting a holiday to honor working people in the United States-- **Matthew Maguire**, a machinist from Paterson, New Jersey, and **Peter J.**

**McGuire**, a New York City carpenter who helped found the *United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners*. Both men played an important part in staging the first Labor Day parade in New York City in September 1882, which was the first Labor Day holiday celebration.

The Central Labor Union held its second Labor Day holiday just a year later, on September 5, 1883.

Through the years the nation gave increasing emphasis to Labor Day. The first governmental recognition came through city ordinances passed during 1885 and 1886. From them developed the movement to secure state legislation. The first state bill was introduced into the New York legislature, but the first to become law was passed by Oregon on February 21, 1887. During the year four more states -

- Colorado, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and New York -- created the Labor Day holiday by legislative enactment. By the end of the decade Connecticut, Nebraska, and Pennsylvania had followed suit. By 1894, 23 other states had adopted the holiday in honor of workers, and on June 28 of that year, Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September of each year a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories. *Congress and President Grover Cleveland officially declared Labor Day a National Holiday on June 28, 1894.*

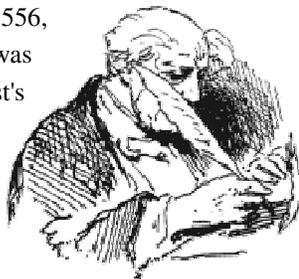
Here’s hoping all of you have a wonderful and restful Labor Day on September 3<sup>rd</sup>!



## WHO WAS GEORGE PEELE? (1556 - 1596)

*This article was originally published in Elizabethan and Stuart Plays Ed. Charles Read Baskervill. New York: Henry Holt and Company, 1934. pp. 205-6.*

George Peele, born. c. July 25, 1556, London, Eng. Died . c. Nov. 9, 1596 was the son of James Peele, Clerk of Christ's Hospital and author of city pageants and books on accountancy. He was educated at Christ's Hospital, Broadgates Hall (Pembroke College), and Christ Church, Oxford.



From about 1581 he lived in London, and pursuing an active and varied literary career. He was a friend of many other writers of the period, such as T. Watson and R. Greene.

When he returned to Oxford on business in 1583, two years after his departure for London, he was called upon to manage the performance of two Latin plays by **William Gager** for the entertainment of **Alasco**, a Polish prince. In two sets of Latin *elegiacs* (poetry) **Gager** commended **Peele** as wit and poet. The rest of his life was apparently spent in literary work

in London among such friends as **Greene, Lodge, Nashe, and Watson**.

Like other sociable spirits among the literary men of the time, **Peele** seems to have been given to excesses. These probably hastened his end, and were no doubt responsible for the legend about him concerning a series of pranks and sayings, which furnished material for *The Jestes of George*, published about 1605.

He was buried in the **Parish of St. James Clerkenwell** in 1596.

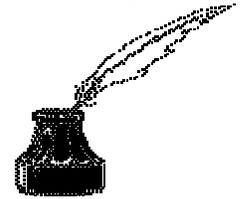
Source of below:

(**Henry Powell**, ancestor of Lawrence Peelle)

Henry has made several trips to England, researching our ever allusive Lawrence, and has “met” **George** in his research while visiting the Guildhall Library. One book he found was

published in **1585** and “*a bit fragile*”. (I can imagine it was!) Knowing I was writing about him in this issue, he threw in some tidbits he remembered about George

George was considered to be a great *word-smith* and wit. Many of his sayings live on in Shakespeare's plays (they were friends). He left a wife and several children when he died around 1600. One of Henry's comments I found in other places, by other writers, “*I found George's humor to be very dated but yet very familiar. Lots of it lives on in everyday speech even now (that's probably where he got it from in the first place).*” Evidently he wrote as he spoke. George Peel was from the west country (**Devon**) and his family were simple country folk. George was an accidental prodigy, discovered and sent off to Oxford for an education. He put it to good use in bar rooms all over London.



## Works of George Peele

Most of **George Peele's** work is primarily dramatic. His first play, *The Arraignment of Paris*, was prepared for boys and acted before **Elizabeth**. It's poetic fancy, like the humor and conceit of **Lyly's** ordinary language, made it appeal to royal taste.

**Peele** was soon writing for the companies of professional players, and had his share, with other *University Wits*, in transforming the crude popular drama of the London stage into literary drama. His great contribution lay in his poetic expression, but with his fellows he experimented in the various types of plays that were popular between 1585 and 1595.

In addition to *The Arraignment of Paris* and *The Old Wives' Tale* (1595), **Peele** wrote the historical play of King Edward the First, published in mutilated form in 1593 and 1599.

*The Battle of Alcazar*, which, although it was published anonymously in 1594, is generally recognized as **Peele's** from internal evidence and from the fact that six lines from it were printed as his in England's *Parnassus* (pub 1600). *The Love of King David and Fair Bethsabe* (pub 1599) is a biblical tragedy in verse, one of his most popular. He also wrote several plays and verse for London pageants now lost.

**Henry Marsh** published the masque like pastoral (*more of a production type play*), *The Arraignment of Paris*, often considered **Peele's** best play, anonymously and apparently

without entry in the Stationer's registry, in 1584. Its authorship is established by **Nashe's** allusion in the preface of *Menaphon* and by the indication of two of its songs to **Peele** in England's *Parnassus*. *The Old Wives' Tale* was entered in the *Stationer's Register*, April 16, 1595, and printed by **John Danter** the same year. Another folk tale was *Childe Rowland*, in which the youngest of three brothers rescues his sister from the elf king. A stock motive in the tale of this type is that of “*The Grateful Dead*,” which **Peele** used in its most conventional form—the ghostly helper exacting a promise of half the hero's gains and as a test of loyalty demanding that the rescued lady be cut in two.

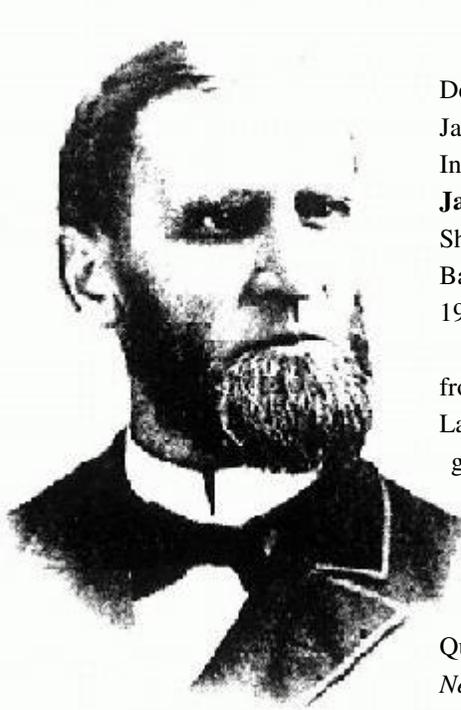
### Bathsheba's Song

Written by George Peele

*HOT sun, cool fire, tempered with sweet air,  
Black shade, fair nurse, shadow my white hair.  
Shine, sun; burn fire; breathe, air, and ease me;  
Black shade, fair nurse, shroud me and please me;  
Shadow, my sweet nurse, keep me from burning,  
Make not my glad cause cause of mourning.*

*Let not my beauty's fire  
Inflame unstaid desire,  
Nor pierce any bright eye  
That wand'reth lightly.*

# Caleb Peelle



**Caleb Morris Peelle** was born June 12, 1843 in Cambridge City, Milton County, Indiana and died October 11, 1911 in Brooklyn, NY. He was the son of **Henry Edmund** and **Mary Morris Peelle**. He married **Maria Williams "Mary" Smith** on

Caleb's nephew **Henry E. Peelle** (1891-1977) bought the company stock in 1916. Henry's brother **Robert S. Peelle** (1884-1943) was the company's great inventor. Henry's sons **Robert B. Peelle** (1919) and **Henry E. Peelle, Jr.** (1922) managed the company from 1950-1990. **The Peelle Company** is now managed by the fourth generation, **Henry E. Peelle, III**

December 26, 1865 at the residence of James Smith in Wayne County Indiana. **Mary** was the daughter of **James and Sarah Williams Smith**.

She was born October 07, 1842 in Balby, England, and died December 03, 1928 in Boonton, NJ.

**Caleb Morris Peelle** descended from Lawrence Peelle through Lawrence's son, Robert. His genealogical line is *Henry Edmond, James Edmund, John Jellary, Robert, Robert, Robert, Lawrence Peelle*.

**Caleb** and **Mary** were both Quakers. **Caleb** was a member of the *New York Monthly Meeting* where he was received on a certificate of transfer from the *Farmington Monthly Meeting*.

Children of **Caleb Peelle** and **Mary Smith Peelle** are:

**Robert Peelle**, born September 15, 1866 in Cambridge City, IN; died November 25, 1867 in Cambridge City, IN.

(1955) and **Robert Beatty Peelle, Jr.** (1945). Over the years, **The Peelle Company** has built a solid reputation for quality, reliability and service. The Peelle name is synonymous with the best in freight elevator doors with the world headquarters in Hauppauge, New York.

## **The Peelle Company**

**The Peelle Company** was established in 1905 in New York City by **Caleb Peelle** and has remained under Peelle family ownership ever since. Throughout our history, **Peelle** has been dedicated to producing durable freight elevator doors with ease of operation and low maintenance requirements. This ongoing commitment is reflected in our products today.

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Genealogy information from **Horace Peele**  
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(The Peelle Family Association)

**James R. Peelle**, born February 15, 1868 in Cambridge City, IN; died November 22, 1868 in Cambridge City, IN.

**Francis Henry Frank Peelle**, born April 15, 1870 in Cambridge City, IN; died February 29, 1892 in Brooklyn, NY.

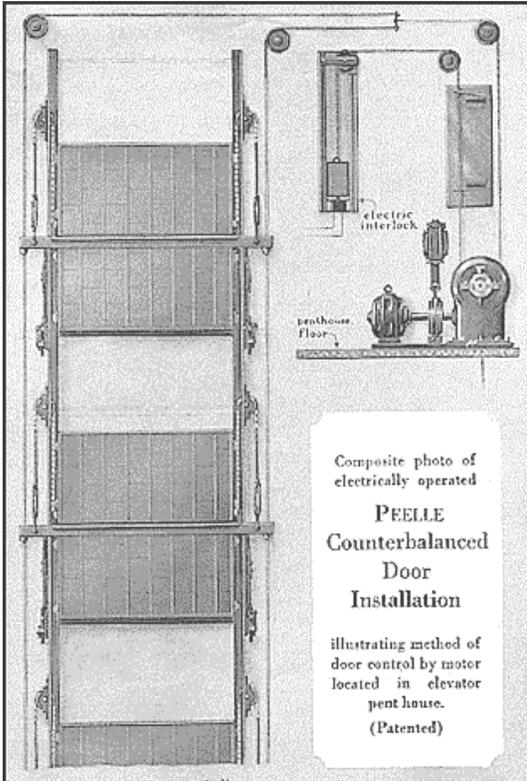
**James Walter Peelle**, born March 25, 1872 in Cambridge City, IN; died December 12, 1908 in Summitt, Union Co., NJ. He married **Florence Gertrude Abel** April 03, 1894 in Brooklyn, NY; born Bet. 1872 - 1877.

**Louisa William Peelle**, born November 04, 1874; died October 16, 1957. She married **William T. Laing** May 26, 1911 in New Rochelle, NY; born November 19, 1868 in Little Falls, NJ.

**Sarah Smith Peelle**, born October 12, 1878 in Winchester, IN. She married **Hugh B. Pitcher** June 11, 1903 in Friends Church, Brooklyn, NY; born about 1878.

## Peelle Company History

In 1891, the **Richmond Safety Gate Company** was founded in Richmond, Indiana to make what were then state of the art elevator hoistway protective gates. **Charles F. Peelle** was one of the founders. Later, **Charles'** brother **Caleb**



represented Richmond in the New York area. When New York demanded more strict safety requirements, **Caleb** designed *The Peelle* "biparting freight elevator door". It provided better protection, was fire

resistant, space saving, and sturdier than any previous made doors. In 1905, **Caleb** organized *The Peelle Company* to make the new doors.

A patent was issued in 1909. At the time of *Peelle's* founding, only **one percent** of freight elevator doors were of the **biparting** style. By 1945, 99 percent of all new and replacement freight doors were biparting. **Caleb Peelle's** company has produced doors up to **20 ft (6 m) wide** and for elevator rated capacities up to **60,000 lbs. (30,000 kg)**. Caleb's nephew, **Henry E. Peelle**, helped install doors for the *Peelle Company* in Boston from 1905 to 1907. He then moved to New York and began buying *Peelle* stock.

**Caleb** died in 1911. In 1916, **Henry** purchased the remaining stock from Caleb's family. Four of **Henry's** five brothers became involved with the *Company*, bringing design, construction, and management talent. *Peelle* became the acknowledged leader in the freight elevator door industry.

In 1950, **Henry Peelle** retired. He was succeeded by his two sons, **Robert B. Peelle** and **Henry E. Peelle Jr.** Over a period of years, they purchased the stock of *Peelle* from **Henry's** four brothers. In 1990, **Robert** and **Henry E., Jr.** retired, turning the business over to Bob's son, **Robert Peelle** and Ed's son, **Hank Peelle**.

Since 1990, *Peelle* has returned to its core freight elevator door business while expanding on a world wide basis. *Peelle* is incorporated in the US, Canada and Singapore. *Peelle* manufactures in both the US and Canada and provides installation of doors in the New York metropolitan area.

*(Article text taken from a report written by Robert B. Peelle Jr.)*



## And So They Moved On.....

*From the web page of Horace Peele <http://www.txdirect.net/~hpeele/>*

*The Official Site of the First Peele Family in America*

In 1787, the Northwest Territory was purchased ... Free land, no Slavery...Many left everything and moved... Leaving slavery and religious persecution behind... Some "Peelle" family members were the first settlers in the wild frontiers... Look for your ancestors...

**Albert Peele** (1836) traveled to **Wayne County, Indiana** in 1867 with his wife **Margaret Edna Cox**. After she died in 1881, Albert moved to **Ohio** to marry.

**Anne Peelle** (1778), daughter of **Passco and Tabitha**, and her husband **Thomas Parker** were the first settlers in **Randolph County, Indiana**. They moved there in 1814 from Richmond County, NC. Her brother **John Peelle** also settled in Randolph County but then moved to **Centerville, Indiana** in 1854.

**Anne Peelle** (1811), daughter of **John and Anne**, moved from Wayne County, NC to **Ohio** in 1815 when she was only four years old. Her mother died in 1811, just eight days after she was born. Anne was sent to Ohio by her father presumably to be raised by other Peelle relatives already there.

**Charity Peelle** (1776), daughter of **Jeremiah and Elizabeth**, and her husband **Carolus Judkins** moved from Guilford County, NC to **Ohio** in 1811.

**Christiana Peelle** (1756), daughter of **Robert and Margaret**, moved with her husband **Joseph Hall** to **Ohio** in 1804.

**Elizabeth Peelle** (1796) and her husband **William Parker** (1791) moved to **Salem, Washington County, Indiana** in 1821.

**Fletcher Peelle** (1805), son of **David and Priscilla**, born Wayne County, NC, moved to Bartholomew County, in October of 1826.

**James Peelle** (1794), son of **David and Priscilla**, born in Wayne County, NC, moved to **Arkansas**.

**Jesse Peelle** (1803), son of **Willis Peelle and Betsey**, went to **Indiana** with his wife **Zilpha Parker** in 1828.

**John Jossey Peel** (1777), son of **Robert Peelle and Margaret**, moved from Edgecombe County, NC to **Troupe County, Georgia** with his wife **Elizabeth Woodard** and family.

**John Lewis Peel** (1812), and his wife **Jacky Braswell** moved from Edgecombe County, NC to **Alabama** and then to **Mississippi**. Descendants now live around **Meridan**.

**John Peelle** (1781), son of **Reuben and Rhoda**, born in Pitt County, NC, moved first to **Grayson County, VA**, then to **Belmont County, Ohio**, and finally settled near **Sabina, Ohio** with his wife **Lydia Bundy**.

**John Peelle** (1791), son of **Passco and Tabitha**, was born in Wayne County, NC and first moved with his father and mother to Richmond County, NC in December 1803. After Passco died in 1807, his wife Tabitha and children moved to **Indiana** in 1815. John and his wife **Pennina Pate** first settled in **Randolph County, Indiana** with other members of his family but in 1854 they moved to **Centerville**.

**Josiah Peelle** (1821), son of **Robert Peelle and Phereby**, moved to **Logan County, Ohio** with his wife **Melissa Watkins**.

**Margaret B. Peelle** (1774), daughter of **Robert and Margaret**, moved with her husband **William Outland** to **Belmont County, Indiana**.

**Mark Peelle** (1786), son of **Reuben and Rhoda**, was born in Pitt County, NC. He married his first wife, **Zilpha “Polly” Elliott** and second wife **Mary “Polly” Maudlin** in Surry County, NC before settling in **Clinton County, Ohio**. **Mark**, a farmer of prominence who speculated in land and loaned considerable money, started what would be three generations of money lenders, followed by his son **John** and John’s son **Jonathan**.



**Mary Peelle** (1790), daughter of **Reuben and Rhoda**, was born in Pitt County, NC. She married **Solomon Elliott** (1793), son of **Exum Elliott and Catherine Lamb** in Surry County, NC in 1810. In 1815, all the Elliott families living in Surry County moved to **Randolph County, Indiana**.

**Mary Peelle** (1742) and **Thomas Hollowell** moved to Wayne County, NC in 1781 and on to **Indiana** in 1812. Their son **John** moved to **Orange County** first and became the *first settler in Orange county*, living in a cave near Valeene.

**Reuben Peelle** (1760), son of **Josiah and Jeclovey**, born in Northampton County, NC, married **Rhoda Pearson**, moved to Wayne County, NC in 1787 but didn’t settle until ten moves later in **Clinton County, Ohio**.

**Robert Peelle** (1801), son of **David and Priscilla**, born in Wayne County, NC, moved to **Richmond County, NC** where he and his descendants settled. *This Robert* along with his son **William** and grandson **George** had forty children which populated the local area.

**Sally Peelle** (1793) and **Elias Coleman** (1798) moved their family to some where in **Indiana** in 1828, possibly Grant County.

**Sarah Peele** (1771) and her husband **Dr. Isaac Parker** and five children transferred from Rich Square to **Jefferson County, Ohio** on June 18, 1808. They were accompanied on the trip by Sarah's father-in-law, **Jacob Parker** (1746) and mother-in-law, **Rhoda Draper** (1746) and brother-in-law **George Parker** (1788), everyone transferring from Rich Square, Northampton County, NC.

**William Peelle** (1786) and his wife **Sarah Cox** moved from Wayne County, NC to Richmond County, NC then to **Randolph County, Indiana** about 1820.

**William Peelle** (1827) and wife **Elizabeth Jane Rogerson** moved to **Indiana** in 1861 and lived north of Richmond with William's brother **Henry Edmond Peelle** (1816) and his wife **Mary** until 1862. Then they moved to **Carmel, Indiana**. Both moved from Northampton County, NC.

**Mills Peelle** (1783), son of **Dempsey**, (Robert, William, Robert, Robert, Lawrence) and his wife **Delilah Drake** (born abt 755) left Edgecombe, North Carolina with his family and moved to **Burke County, GA** before 1840. Many of their descendants still live within the radius of Burke and Jenkins county, Georgia.



## MISCELLANEOUS RESEARCH ON DESCENDANTS OF LAWRENCE



Source:

*The Duke Family I* c 1979 By Evelyn Duke Brandenberger Page 412-413

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

**John DUKE** \*\*, of Northampton Co., NC was either identical to, or the son of John Duke of Nansemond County, who in 1739 sold land in Nansemond County Virginia to *Richard Newsum*. In any event he was from Nansemond County, VA. Confirmation of this is found in the deed below.

At the same time, the deed mentions land on Catawawisky Swamp in Northampton County, North Carolina, the same land he later sold to his son-in-law, **John LAWRENCE**, thereby proving he was in fact the John DUKE who died in Northampton County in 1787.

*November 23, 1747, William Cathcart of Northampton County, Esq, Gent., sold to "John Duke of Nansemond County, Virginia, planter, for 322 pounds, 1250 acres more or less, in Northampton county between Catawiskey Swamp, etc adjoining James Wood, part of a patent to William Maule, Esq. (Northampton Co., NC Deed Bk 1 (p. 317)*

He acquired other land by purchase. He was appointed sheriff of Northampton County in 1753 and served in that capacity for several years. Other deed records of Northampton County name **John DUKE** and his wife **Sarah PEELE**. Sarah was a daughter of **Robert** and **Judith PEELE**, and a sister of **John PEELE**.

The will of **Judith PEELE**, dated June 22, 1756 Northampton County, names sons **John, Robert, Joseph, Josiah, Joshua**; daughters **Sarah DUKE** and **Mary GRANBERRY**. She appointed **William PEELE** her executor. It was proved at the August Court, 1756, Northampton County, NC.

The PEELES, like many of the families of Isle of Wight Co, and Nansemond Co., VA, were Quakers. According to Quaker records, Sarah Duke, on Feb. 7, 1753, produced a certificate from the Monthly Meeting (HENSHAW). The record shows Sarah DUKE was born on November 22, 1712 and that she was the wife of John DUKE and the sister of John PEELE; it also shows she was a daughter of Judith PEELE

(PEALE). In my research of the early Quaker church, what was so interesting is that they recognized the women as equals, comparing them to the early churches and days of the Apostles. Therefore, I wasn't surprised to find that Sarah seemed to have been an active and diligent member and records showed that, in 1775, she was received as a minister and Elder of the Church.

Notes taken from the *Rich Square Monthly meeting, Northampton County, NC* (Research, Charlotte, NC Library, November, 2000)



Rich Square Monthly Meeting, Northampton County, North Carolina, was organized in 1760 by authority of Eastern Quarterly Meeting. The Rich Square settlement began about 1750, and the meeting for worship was set up in 1753. The meeting house was completed in 1760. Besides the larger body of Friends (Quakers) in the community about Rich Square, the

monthly meeting had members in Edgecombe and Hertford Counties. In 1782, the Tar River Friends, in Edgecombe County, were transferred to Contentnea Monthly Meeting, and Fishing Creek was made the dividing line between the two monthly meetings.

A list of names of those who were early members of Rich Square Monthly Meeting includes;

Josiah BROWN, Elisabeth BRYANT, Ann COPELAND, Henry COPELAND, John COPELAND, Mary COPELAND, Bersheba DOUGHTRY, Rachel DOUGHTRY, **Sarah (Peelle) DUKE (wife of John Duke\*\*)**, Sarah FLETCHER, Sarah HALL, Sarah HILL, Absalom HOLLOWELL, Morening HOLLOWELL, Sarah HOLLOWELL, Silas HOLLOWELL, **Thomas HOLLOWELL**, William HORN, Clariba KNOX, Christia KNOX, Lydia KNOX, Ann LANCASTER, **Charity PEELE, Mary PEELE, Robert PEELE**, Joseph PITMAN, Esther ROSS, Mary ROSS, Lydia THOMAS, and Pharaba WHITE.

Because of the meticulous records of the Quakers, we are fortunate to be able to find many of our ancestors in their books. As we research their archives, we will find many of **Lawrence Peelle's** descendants listed among their pages. I was fortunate to be able to spend a few days in the Charlotte, North Carolina library last fall while Tommy was there, attending a school. While there, I spent a good deal of my time going through the Quaker records. We aren't fortunate to have access to these records in the library where I live. I photo-copied many of the pages, and hand copied others. And, while there, I also read about the lives of our ancestors. I felt as if I had stepped back in time with them, as they were born, wed, and died. It amazed me how every part of their lives were recorded. If they were misfortunate enough to commit an error of some type, then they had to pay for their deed in the church.

The early history of the Quakers is very important to any genealogist or family historian due to the data that is recorded in the Quaker records. The first yearly meeting in Virginia was recorded as being held in 1673 and in North Carolina in 1698. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could find state records going back that far!

We can find records of the Peelle family and their descendants in many different Monthly Meetings. Among the two main ones that I found the most records were the **Rich Square Monthly Meeting** and the **Perquimans Monthly Meeting** in North Carolina. The book written by Evelyn Duke Brandenberger (mentioned above), however, mentions the Rich Square MM as Rice Square MM. Unfortunately, in most genealogy research we will find errors of this type. I'm sure all of us have found this type of error at one time or other. Because our **Peelle's** were early followers of **George Fox**, I believe I was able to find our ancestors in the records relatively easily. However, this isn't always the case. It is important that you know the name of the Monthly Meeting the ancestor you are researching attended so you can find the as much information as you can. Births, deaths, names of children, weddings, committee actions – movement throughout the country - it's all there! What a wonderful research tool for us. And all because **George Fox** required each Meeting to keep complete records! We can thank him for the rules he established in the early church and the fact that our ancestors were part of that church!

# Will of Gov. Richard Bennett of Nansemond Co., VA

(This is recorded here exactly as it was written. Spelling, etc. has not been corrected.)

**Date:** 15 March 1674

**Recorded:** 12 April 1675 County: Nansemond, VA

**Deceased:** (?-1675) Richard Bennett

**Father:** Not Researched

**Spouse(s):** Not Researched

I, **Richard Bennett**, of Nansemond River in Virginea being Sicke in body but in perfeckte memory doe make and ordaine this my last will testam as followth vizt - Imprs I give my bodie to the earth and my Spirit to God yet gave itt.

It. [Item.] I give and bequeath unto the Parish where I now live and have so long lived all that prcell of land being three hundred acres more or less which **Thomas Bolton** holdeth by lease and on which he now lives. The rents & profits thereof to be received yearly by the Church-wardens of this prish and by them dissposed of towards the releife of fouer poore aged or impotent persons whom they Judge to stand in most need of help and this to continues and be done for ever as long as ye land contineues.

It. [Item.] I give and bequeath unto **Richard Buxton** the sonn of **Thomas Buxton** the rentes & profits to that prsell of land on which **Edmond Belson** nowe liveth to him and his heires for ever the same to be payed unto him when hee shall come to bee twenty yeares of age bot if he live not to that time or afterwards die without issue then the said land & ye rentes thereof to be and contineu to be paid as now itt is.

It. [Item.] I give unto my daughter **Ann** fifty pounds starling besides hir debts which she now oweth mee.

It. [Item.] I give and bequeath unto my grandchildren **Elizabeth Ann** and **Bennett Scarburgh** or anny other of my doughter **Scarburgh** children which shall be borne hereafter all that prcell of land lying in the Pocomoke River on the Easterne Shore of Maryland being two thousand eight hundred acres by patent to them or either of them their or either of their heires for ever and also two thousand five hundred acres by patent lyeing in Niccomoco River one the Easterne Shore in Maryland.

It. [Item.] I give unto my **Cozen Silvester** the wife of **Major Nicholas Hill** twelve thousand pounds of Tobacco.

It. [Item.] I give to my **Cosen Mary** the wife of **Mr. Luke Cropley** of London twenty pounds sterling.

It. [Item.] I give unto **Richard Hubard** of Pigg Point one thousand pounds of tobacco.

It. [Item.] I give unto **Michell Ward** and the Widdow of **John Lewes** to each of them one thousand poundes of tobacco.

It[Item.] I give unto **Widdow Prince** one thousand pounds of tobacco.

It. [Item.] I give unto **Charles Howard & Richard Higgens** to each of them one thousand pounds of tobacco & more to **Charles Howard** the land which he now lives of for a leven yeares.

It. [Item.] I give to John Chilcote & Thomas Garrat to each of them two thousand poundes of tobacco ltm. I give unto **William Kitchen** and **John Blye** to each of them one thousand pounds of tobacco.

It. [Item.] I give unto **Patrick Edmondston** and the widow **Reddick** to each of them one thousand poundes of tobacco.

It. [Item.] I give unto **John Woster** who married the Relick of **John Salisbury** one thousand pounds of tobacco.

It. [Item.] I give unto **William Yaerrat** of Pagan Creek and to the wife of **Mr. Thomas Taberer** to each of them two thousand pounds of toabcco.

It. [Item.] I give unto **Elizabeth Outland** of Chucatuke Creeke and **Thomas Jordan** of the sam place to each of them two thousand pounds of tobacco.

It. [Item.] I give unto **James Day** twelve thousand poundes of tobacco and if **Mr Tabberrer** see cause he may add thre thousand more to it.

It. [Item.] I give to all my servantes that now liveith with me both Christians and Negroes to each of them one thousand pounds of tobacco only the two hirlinges excepted viz - **Richard Higgines & John Turner**.

The rest of my prsonall and reale estate and al lands stoke [stock?] of what natcure or kind so ever itt bee to be goe to my Grandchild **Richard Bennett** to him and his heires forever my said grand child now residing in Bristoll and in defalte of such heires then to cum to ye children of **Theodorick Bland & Charles Scarburg**.

Lastly I doe hereby declare and ordaine and apointe **James Josey [Jossey], Mr. Thomas Hodges**  
and **Edmond Belson** or anny two of them,  
also **Robert Peelle** to be overseers of this my last will and testament  
allowing & approving for good and effecteuall to all intentes and purposes what so ever my said  
Executors or anny two of them shall doe or cause to be dune  
consarning the esstate from time to time in relation to the esstate ather doares or withoute.

*In witness whereof I hereunto sett my hand and seall this 15th Day of March 1674.*

**RI Bennett**

*Witnessed: Signed sealed and delevered in presence of us*

**John Speirs**  
**Eno Earle**  
**Charles Howard**  
**George Davis**

**Proved:** *Proved in Nansemond Courte the 12th Aprill 1675 by the Oathes of Mr. Eno Earle, Charles Howard & George Davis to be the last will and testament of Major Genl R. Bennett. The will was probated in England on August 3, 1676.*

Source: *The Virginia Genealogist*, which stated that the will was extracted from the Principal Registry of the Probate Divorce and Admiralty Division of the High Court of Justice, in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury. The copy of the will was contributed by W. E. McClenny, Suffolk, Virginia.

Comment: The William Yarrett mentioned from Pagan Creek and Thomas Jordan of Chucatuoke Creeke are the same people mentioned in George Fox's order to the Chuckatuck Quaker Meetings in 1673. Note that General Bennett spelled Robert's last name as PEELLE. The James Jossey above was the great-grandfather of **Margaret B. Jossey who married Robert Peelle** (1730).

The above will was contributed to the *Lawrence, Etc. Newsletter*, The official newsletter of the First Peelle Family in America by **Horace Peele**.

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## from the Editor



I need any family news you'd like to share with others, including births, graduations, prayer requests, reunions, special birthdays or anniversaries, etc. Also, don't forget to let me know if you have someone in your family who is over 90 years of age! We want to honor our special seniors! They will receive a free subscription to *Lawrence, Etc.* Send me their name and address and their birthday. Please make sure I receive all family news **BEFORE OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>**.

Do you have an article, poem or story you'd like to share with family members? How about a family history article?

Please feel free to send it to me and I'll be glad to publish it.

### COMING NEXT ISSUE

- ◆ How did Lawrence and his descendants celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas during the late 1600's?
- ◆ A letter from the Past - **Elisha Woodard Peel**
- ◆ **Orville B. Peelle**, The Inventor
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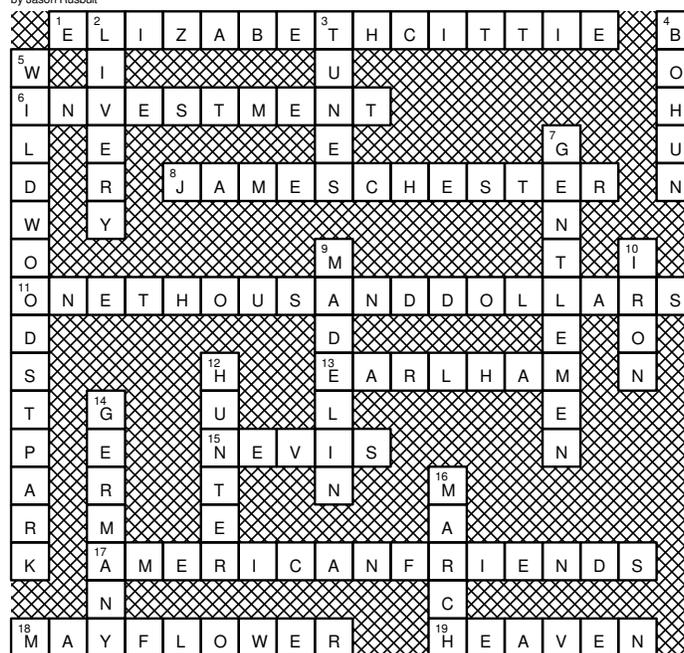
### Down

2. Type of school Lawrence Peelle attended before his involvement with the London Company.
3. The ship Margaret and John is listed as being 150 \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Name of the Physician aboard the Margaret and John who was to attend to the colonists.
5. Location of the Descendants of Walter and Lena Peel's family reunion.
7. The twenty, of which William Bird was one, that were wounded in the fight with the 2 Man of Warre ships were said to be \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Granddaughter of Tommy and Diane Peel Walls born December 29, 2000.
10. There were 110 of this type of worker who signed on with the London Company from Staffordshire and Warwickshire.
12. Daughter of Tabitha Morton born on December 19, 2000
14. One of the foreign locations where the skilled vineyard keepers came from.
16. The 24th day of what month in 1620 was recognized as being the new years day?

### Across

1. Name of the town where Lawrence Peelle settled
6. What type of Business was the London Company into?
8. Name of the Captain of the Margaret and John.
11. Size of the monetary reward offered by Horace Peelle for information leading to the connection of Lawrence Peelle with his English ancestors
13. Name of the College that will furnish copies of their Quaker individual obituaries for \$5.00 a piece
15. Name of the Island where the Margaret and John took on 2 Spanish Man of Warre Ships and won.
17. Name of an index of obituaries and death notices compiled between 1996 and 1999 by Thomas D Hamm.
18. Name of the ship that departed from Plymouth on April 5 1621 to return to England.
19. Name of the poem written by Bertha Elma Peele Gann.

The Peele Newsletter Crossword  
by Jason Rusbult



March 1, 2000

Solution to the crossword from issue 2. Look for a new crossword in the next issue

By Jason Rusbult April - June, 2001