



***Those who don't remember their ancestors don't deserve to be remembered!***

### *From The Editor*

In January, Trish and I did something unexpected. Our daughter Julie and husband Mark invited us to join them on a cruise for the Mexican Riviera. Never having been on one, we sailed on the Carnival line from Los Angeles. We had a great time. If someone wants to arrange a Peelle Family Reunion on a cruise ship -- we'll go!

I changed the name of the page previously titled "A Salute to Our Senior Citizens" to "Senior Citizen Birthdays" and I changed its content. I am listing people who have birthdays during the next calendar quarter in the current publication for two reasons. It gives me more space to add people and lets you plan ahead for sending birthday cards.

I have also added a *Short Story* section so that you can send me a short story about your family. We all have little stories but we don't usually tell them, now is your chance. I want each of you to prepare me a short story about your family. It can be a story about anything. Don't worry about grammar or how it looks, I'll prepare it for publication. I'll start the first one with a short story of mine.

The feature article in this quarterly *Lawrence, Etc.*, we will follow-up with more on the family of *John Hollowell* except this time it will highlight the marriage of his Mother *Mary Peelle*. Take a look back at the last quarterly and review the article on *Cave Dweller John Hollowell (1766-1855)*. The marriage of John Hollowell and Mary Peelle was the first to be held in the newly built Quaker (Friends) Meeting House at Rich Square.

Thanks to all those who have sent checks or cash for your yearly subscription to help in the printing and mailing of *Lawrence, Etc.* And also an extra thanks for those who sent extra funds. If anyone receiving a printed copy of *Lawrence, Etc* directly from me has an email address please let me know and I will send the newsletter via email. That will save a lot of costs.

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# Senior Citizen Birthdays



Please send the name, picture, date of birth, address, of any senior, 80-85 or over, and how they are related to our Peal, Peel, Peele, or Peelle family. I will gladly add their picture in the appropriate quarterly publication. This quarter, we are celebrating the birthdays of the following wonderful Cousins!!! Happy Birthday and may God give you many more! They will be sent FREE copies of *Lawrence, Etc.*

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**Geraldine "Jerry" Marsh Peel**  
84 on 11 Feb, Born 1926

*(Wife of Walter Lee "Buck" Peel, Jr. 1928-1998, Mother of Diane Peel Walls.)*

**Geraldine Peel**  
St John Towers  
724 Greene Street Apt. #615  
Augusta, GA 30901

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**Dolores "Lorene" Peele Smith**  
85 on May 06, Born 1925

*(Daughter of Daniel Bennett Peele from the John Peal (1750-1836) line.)*

**Dolores "Lorene" Peele Smith**  
910 Bonner Street  
Washington, NC 27889

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**Robert B. Peele**  
91 on May 26, Born 1919

*(Son of Henry Edmund Peele and Inez Emma Beatty, Father of R. B. Peele, Jr.)*

**Robert B. Peele, Sr.**  
Rydal Park 329H 1515 Fairway  
Rydal, PA 19046

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***Don't forget to send them cards!!!***

## Notes from Cousins

I received a very nice letter from 7<sup>th</sup> Cousin Harriett Peele Terrell, containing her picture for the Senior Citizen Birthdays and the obituary of her husband James Terrell. She even teased me in the letter about when we first met:

***"You, a stranger, well spoken, very bright and I decided – (Clean finger nails) – don't laugh – all part of the body language!"***

There are cousins and then there are cousins, Harriett is a super lady with the utmost classic style. Love you Harriett!





I received a note from **8<sup>th</sup> Cousin Carolyn Hiepe**, daughter Sarah Ann Peel (1918-1990), she said that her Aunt Carrie Mae Peel Williams has suffered a stroke, but is home now and on the mend. Please pray for her. Send a card!

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**Carrie Mae Peel Williams**  
October 16, 1915, age 95

*( Daughter of John Franklin Peel and  
Lillian Belle Nelson, descended from  
Dempsey Peelle line.)*

**Carrie Mae Peel Williams**  
15931 N.W. County Road 231  
Gainesville, FL 32609

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## *Short Stories*

***What was your Father's First Car?*** Several years ago, Marvin and I were quizzing mother (Annie Elizabeth Bullard Peele) about various things. She was born in 1902 and had experienced a lot of the growth of our country. When the conversation got around to it, I asked her about the first car that her father (George Bullard) had owned. She very quickly stated that it was a **“Bush”** and that she was about 17 when granddad purchased it. I asked Mother what happened to the car and she said that “Daddy did not like it because it could rain inside so he traded it.”



*Marvin Peele standing beside a 1919 Bush  
Picture Courtesy of Marvin Peele*

I had never heard of a Bush, so I looked on the Internet and found it listed on a page titled: "Cars Named after Presidents." The **Bush** was a mail-order car sold by a Mr. Bush who owned the Bush Motor Company of Chicago from 1916 to 1924. Bush Motors did not make cars, but bought cars from other manufacturers. Among others, Bush cars were made by Huffman and Piedmont. Piedmont made cars for themselves and three other companies: Bush, Alsace, and Lonestar. Lycoming and Continental motors were often used for the 4- and 6-cylinder versions of the car. Bush also purchased mail order vehicles from three other manufacturers which I have not been able to find their names. It was simple, Mr. Bush would place "**Bush**" logo on the car and it was delivered to the customer. It is very likely that Granddad Bullard's car was from Piedmont since it was located in Lynchburg, VA and was the closest manufacturer.

Brother Marvin sent me the picture of him standing beside a 1919 Bush car which is located in Lynchburg, close to where he lives. Marvin said that the car is an original un-restored vehicle with only 2045 miles on it. He said it sold for \$695 new in 1919 and actually had an odometer. Model T Fords were selling for about \$600 and did not have an odometer. In 1925 when Piedmont went out of business, their cars was selling for about \$2000, expensive for that time.

## *Feature Article*

### *The First Rich Square Marriage - Hollowell & Peelle in 1760.*

In order to tell the story of the first wedding in Rich Square Meeting House on 7 December 1760, we must look at some family history and the geography of that area.

**Robert Peelle, (1709-1782), Patriot,** son of Robert Peelle and Judith Edwards, was born 29 June 1709, on his father's plantation on Myry Meddow in the Upper Parish of Nansemond County, Virginia. He was the first Peelle to move into Northampton County, NC. He may have gone first to purchase the land before moving. It is believed that Robert took his younger brothers Josiah (age 18 in 1741) and John Jellary (age 12 in 1741) with him. In February 1741, it is recorded Bertie County Courthouse that Robert purchased 500 acres of Northampton County land for 40 pounds of Virginia currency from Samuel Ruffin.

Robert moved and settled in, raising his family, farming, and helping organize the local Quakers of Hertford, Edgecombe, and Northampton Counties. He was a very strong Quaker, an outstanding leader in the community, and a Trustee for the local Quaker community which needed a new Meeting House; it was just too far to travel to the Piney Woods Meeting House located in the next county - Perquimans. Robert and two others purchased one acre and donated it as the site for the new meeting house. The following deed was recorded on 25 September 1751:

Joshua Daughtree of Northampton Co., planter to Thomas Knox, Robert Peele and Joseph Hollowell all of Northampton Co., Trustees for the body of people called Quakers of Northampton Co., for 2 shillings and six pence current money of Virginia, 1 acre on the

south side of Uraha swamp, adjoining the main road that leads from Roanoake river over Potacasa Bridge being part of the land the said Joshua Daughtree purchased from Thomas Seeley on 8 February 1731. Registered in Northampton County Feb Court 1752. J. Edwards Clerk of Court. (Northampton County, NC, Deed Book 2, Page 52)

The official Northampton county meetings started in private homes in 1753, however Piney Woods continued to keep both Northampton and Bertie County records until the Rich Square Meeting House was built. On 6 November 1754, Robert was “chosen overseer for the Quakers in Northampton County” by the Piney Woods Monthly Meeting (Page 67, Hinshaw, Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy). With the land purchased and the position of overseer appointed, work began on the building of the Rich Square Meeting House.

The Rich Square Monthly Meeting was organized in 1760 by authority of Eastern Quarterly Meeting. The Friends of the surrounding counties who were members of the Piney Woods Meeting House in Perquimans County were automatically transferred as members to the newly formed Rich Square. The heads of the families and family members who were the charter members of Rich Square Monthly Meeting include: Josiah Brown, Elizabeth Bryant, Ann Copeland, Henry Copeland, John Copeland, Mary Copeland, Bersheba Daughtry, Bryan Daughtry, John Duke, Sarah Duke, Sarah Fletcher, John Gay, Moses Hall, Sarah Hall, Sarah Hill, Absalom Hollowell, Joseph Hollowell, Morening Hollowell, Sarah Hollowell, Silas Hollowell, **Thomas Hollowell**, Henry Horne, William Horne, Clariba Knox, Christian Knox, Lydia Knox, Thomas Knox, Ann Lancaster, John Page, Charity Peelle, **Mary Peelle**, Robert Peelle, Robert Peelle Jr., Joseph Pitman, Esther Ross, James Ross, Mary Ross, Lydia Thomas, Pharaba White. (Hinshaw, Vol. 1, Page 205.)

On 7 June 1760, the first meeting was held in the new Rich Square Meeting House while it was nearing completion. At that first meeting, John Page was appointed clerk of the men’s meeting and **Mary Peelle** was appointed clerk of the women’s meeting. Ironically, John Page was the first person to be disowned from Rich Square. He was removed for marrying “out of unity.”

John Jellary Peelle (1729), Robert-1709’s brother and Mary’s uncle, was appointed the next Clerk of the Men’s Meeting on 6 September 1760. The Rich Square Meeting House was completed in October or November. Thomas Knox, one of the Trustees, presented the bill for construction of the Meeting House in February 1761 for the sum of “Five Pounds, eleven shillings and eight pence.”

**Mary Peelle (1742-1813)**, the daughter of Robert Peelle (1709-1782) and Elizabeth Edgerton (1712-1749), is the sixth generation Peelle (Robert<sup>5</sup>, Robert<sup>4</sup>, Robert<sup>3</sup>, Robert<sup>2</sup>, Lawrence<sup>1</sup>). She was born 02 February 1742 near Rich Square, Northampton Co., NC, and died 11 January 1813 in Bluff Springs Cemetery, Valeene, Orange Co., IN. She married **Thomas Hollowell (1739-1822)**, the son of John Hollowell and Sarah Rountree. He was born 04 December 1739 in Norfolk County, VA, and died about December 1822 in Bluff Springs Cemetery, Valeene, Orange Co., IN.

Thomas Hollowell was born in Norfolk County, VA. His father, John Hollowell, died in 1752 when Thomas was only 12 years of age and his mother, Sarah Rountree, died shortly after.

Thomas and his brother John moved to Perquimans County to live with their cousin, Thomas Hollowell.

Tradition has it, that one day while Thomas was visiting his Sister Rachel Copeland, he met Mary Peelle, Robert's daughter. They fell in love and decided to get married. It just happened that theirs would be the first marriage held in the newly constructed Rich Square Meeting House.

The following minutes are direct extracts from the Rich Square Monthly Meeting records. We include them so that we can see the sequence of events that took place before approval was given for the couple to exchange their vows. First, the clearness of each person had to be checked and approved:

At our Monthly Meeting held at Rich Square Meeting House in Northampton County 1st day of 11th month 1760, Thomas Hollowell of Perquimans County, son of John and Sarah Hollowell, deceased of Norfolk County, and Mary Peelle, daughter of Robert Peelle of Northampton both appeared at this meeting and declared their intentions of taking each other in marriage, appoints Moses Hall and John Peelle to inquire into Thomas Hollowell's clearness in relation to marriage and make report to next Monthly Meeting.

That same meeting appointed Elizabeth Hall and Rachel Daughtry to inquire into Mary Peelle's clearness and to make a report to next Monthly Meeting. Next, the official report:

...7th day of 12 month 1760, Elizabeth Hall and Rachel Daughtry being appointed...to inquire into Mary Peelle's Clearness in relation to marriage we find her clear have had satisfaction there in.

That was the process. The bride and groom had to be cleared by a committee. Once cleared, the marriage could proceed. Others were appointed to attend the wedding and report how it was conducted. Moses Hall, Bryan Daughtry, Rachel Daughtry and Rachel Copeland were appointed to attend the marriage and make report to the next meeting. After the marriage additional minutes are entered to complete the recording of the event. Similar statements were made in both the men's and women's records. The following is the final record of the minutes on Mary's side:

...Rachel Daughtry and Rachel Copeland was appointed by last monthly meeting to attend the marriage of Mary Peelle for good order's sake and make report to this meeting things was carried on decently and in good order.

Thomas and Mary signed a certificate that was in effect their marriage license. The certificate would also be witnessed and signed by many of the attendees at the wedding. The final certificate would contain the actual words spoken as open vows to each other and the entire meetinghouse, similar to those above. The certificate on the next page is composed from the words spoken and from the official minutes of the wedding and is presented as an illustrative example. Those who witnessed the wedding signed the actual wedding certificate.

## Marriage Certificate

Whereas Thomas Hollowell of the County of Perquimans, son of John and Sarah Hollowell of the Colony of Virginia and County of Norfolk, and Mary Peelle daughter of Robert Peelle of Northampton County and Elizabeth Peelle deceased, having publickly declared their intentions of taking each other in marriage, before several Monthly Meetings of the People called Quakers in the County of Northampton according to them whose proceedings therein after a Deliberate Consideration thereof with Regard unto the Righteous Law of God and Example of his People Recorded in the Scriptures of truth in that case, were approved by the said meetings they appearing clear, of all others, and having also Consent of Parents and Relations concerned.

Now these are to certify all whom it may concern that for the accomplishment of their said intention, this Seventh day of the Twelfth month called December in the year one thousand seven hundred and sixty, they, the said Thomas Hollowell and Mary Peelle appearing in a Publick assembly of the aforesaid People and others, met together in the county of Northampton in their public meeting place at Rich Square, and in solemn manner he, the said Thomas Hollowell, taking the said Mary Peelle by the hand, did openly declare as followeth:

“Friends, you are my witnesses that I do take this my friend Mary Peelle to be my wife, promising through Divine assistance to be to her a true and loving husband til death separate us”

or words to this effect and then and there in the said assembly, she, the said Mary Peelle, did in like manner declare as followeth:

“Friends, you are my witnesses that I do take this my friend Thomas Hollowell to be my husband promising through Divine assistance to be a true and loving wife til death separates us”

or words to that effect. And the said Thomas Hollowell and Mary Hollowell, his now wife, as a farther confirmation thereof, did then and there to these presence set their hands, and we whose names are hereunto subscribed, being present among others at the Solemnization of the above said marriage and subscription in manner aforesaid as witnesses thereunto, have also to these presents subscribed our names the day and year above written.”

*Thomas Hollowell*

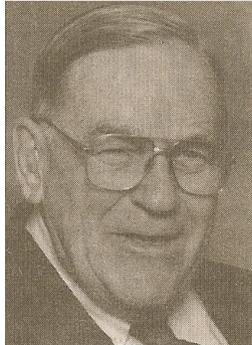
*Mary Hollowell*

The wedding was witnessed by: Mary Knox, Charity Peele, Rachel Copeland, Mary Copeland, Milbry Veal, William Granberry, Samuel Cotton, William Copeland, Arthur Bryant, Elizabeth Bryant, Martha Baggett, Rachel Daughtry, Mary Peele, Moren Hollowell, Esther Hollowell, Bathsheba Daughtry, Sarah Baggett, Sarah Hall, Sarah Hollowell, Robert Peele, Moses Hall, Sarah Duke, Elizabeth Hall, John Peele, Henry Copeland, Bryan Daughtry, Thomas Knox,

Richard Vick, John Duke, Henry Horn, Robert Peele, Jr., James Ross, John Knox and Mary Knox. (Words of marriage certificate from Cedar Grove Meeting House, Woodland, NC.)

That is this quarterly's feature, do you want to provide the next?

## *Family Obituaries*



*James Terrell*

**James Austin Terrell**, 87, (Feb 27, 1922 – Nov 25, 2009) of Atwood farm, New Vienna, died at Wilmington Nursing and Rehabilitation Center at 4:45 a.m. Thanksgiving Day.

He was born Feb. 27, 1922, son of James Gurney and Faith Austin Terrell. He married Harriett Peelle on June 1, 1947.

Mr. Terrell was engaged in farming and his years spanned the time of working with Percherton draft horses to the tractors with air conditioned cabs. He lived all of his life on the farm in the house in which he was born. The farm house was built in 1885 by his grandfather using many kinds of wood, all from the land.

He is survived by his wife, three sons Jonathan (Marybeth, DVM), Brian (Carol), and Samuel (Tina); daughter Susan Simmons (Tim); eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mr. Terrell was active locally and nationally in the United Society of Friends and was a descendent to those working in northern Alaska and Oklahoma territory. He attended Wayne Township School, graduated from Westtown School, and was a former trustee of Wilmington College. He cherished Wilmington College, libraries and gardens.

We give our deepest appreciation to the staff at Wilmington Nursing and Rehabilitation Center and Clinton County Hospice. Reynolds-Smith Funeral Homes is serving the family.

Cremation will be followed by a memorial service on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 29, at 2 pm at Fairview Meeting on Antioch Road. In lieu of flowers, any contributions would be appreciated provided to the Clinton County Foundation for New Vienna Library, P.O. 831 Wilmington, 45177. (Submitted by James' wife of 62 years, Harriett Pearl Peelle, a very fine lady.)

Genealogical Line -- Spouse of Harriett Peelle, 12<sup>th</sup> Generation from Lawrence: **Harriett Pearl<sup>12</sup> Peelle**, (Walter Isaiah<sup>11</sup>, Charles Edward "Ed"<sup>10</sup>, Isaiah P.<sup>9</sup>, William<sup>8</sup>, John<sup>7</sup>, Reuben<sup>6</sup>, Josiah<sup>5</sup>, Robert<sup>4</sup>, Robert<sup>3</sup>, Robert<sup>2</sup>, Lawrence<sup>1</sup>)



*Nancy Peele*

**Nancy Saunders Peele** WILLIAMSTON, NC - Nancy Peele of Kinston and native of Williamston died Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2009, at Martin General Hospital, Williamston. A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday in the Manning Family plot, Woodlawn Cemetery, Williamston, by the Rev. Greg Sexton. She was born on April 13, 1942, the daughter of the late Christine Leggett Manning Peele and James Bailey Peele Sr. She was a life-long member of the Williamston First Christian Church. She attended East Carolina University before graduating from the Franklin School of Science and Arts in Philadelphia, where she received her training in radiologic technology. She was a long-time active member of the American Society of Radiologic Technologists. Nancy went to work at Lenoir Memorial Hospital in January, 1963, and remained employed there until her illness in September, 2009. During her tenure at Lenoir Memorial, she worked in both the Radiology and Laboratory Departments. As a result of her outstanding service, loyalty, and dedication, she was inducted into the Lenoir Memorial Hospital Hall of Honor in September, 2008.

She is survived by her two brothers, James "Jimmy" Bailey Peele Jr. and wife, Lucille, of Bear Grass and Frank Manning Peele and wife, Louise, of Norfolk, VA. Also left to cherish her memory are a nephew, James "Jimbo" Bailey Peele III and wife, Tonya; two nieces, Jan Carol Peele Revels and husband, Frankie, and Julie Peele Hyman and husband, Robert; two step-nieces, Michelle Smithson and Renee Perry and husband, Brian; six great-nieces and nephew; three step-great-nieces and nephews; and three great-great-nephews. **(Published in The Daily Reflector on November 13, 2009.)**

The program for her service on November 14, 2009 gave a different slant on the life of this wonderful lady. Sent to me by her Frank M Peele, the following is an extract from the Hall of Honor Program mentioned above:

Nancy Peele was born at home in Martin County [NC] in April of 1942 [13 April]. She was the youngest of James Bailey and Christine Peele's three children. She attended east Carolina University before graduating from the Franklin School of Science and Arts in Philadelphia, PA where she completed her training in Radiology Technology. Nancy went to work at Lenoir Memorial Hospital in January, 1963 and remained employed there until her illness in September, 2009. When she started in the Radiology Department, Dr. Simmons Patrick was the radiologist and Vance Sewell was her supervisor. "If you wanted it done right, you called Nancy. She was an excellent technologist. She knew just what the doctors wanted next. Nancy was very dedicated to her work and adored by her coworkers and patients." In those days, Lenoir Memorial Radiology Department only developed "flat pictures", unlike today, where the entire department is digitized. The department did do some radiation treatment for oncology patients but otherwise, their focus was on x-raying patients and developing the scans.

When Nancy started at Lenoir Memorial, she worked 48 hours a week. She remembers working all day and being on call all night. "back then we didn't have beepers or cell phones. When you on call you couldn't go anywhere that did not have a telephone. I remember going to Grangier Stadium to see the Eagles play baseball and being paged

overhead. A phone call in the press box meant the hospital was calling.”

In 1997, Nancy moved to the Laboratory Department as the department secretary. She was responsible for multiple duties greeting the public and preparing a variety of reports. She loved the people in the Lab. Lisa Wallace, Director of Diagnostic and Clinical Services, worked with Nancy for a long time. “Nancy is a very friendly, outgoing person. She is a valuable employee who makes patients, staff and patient’s family members feel welcome and cared for, she has a big heart.

NANCY is a true Lenoir Memorial Hospital legend. She has been here so long, there isn’t a person in the hospital she doesn’t know well.” As a result of her outstanding service, loyalty and dedication, she was inducted in the Lenoir Memorial Hospital hall of Honor in September 2008.

Nancy has two brothers Jimmy and Frank and several nieces and nephews. Her passion was being on the Pamlico River where she spent the last sixty years vacationing and building wonderful memories of fishing, crabbing, swimming and boating. (Excerpts from Hall of Honor Program, September 13, 2008, submitted by her Brother Frank M. Peele.)

Genealogical Line -- 11<sup>th</sup> Generation to Lawrence: **Nancy Saunders Peele** (James Bailey<sup>10</sup>, Claude Bailey<sup>9</sup>, Andrew "Drew"<sup>8</sup>, William H.<sup>7</sup> Peelle, Josiah<sup>6</sup>, Joshua<sup>5</sup>, Robert<sup>4</sup>, Robert<sup>3</sup>, Robert<sup>2</sup>, Lawrence<sup>1</sup>). Nancy was Horace’s sixth cousin once removed.



*Hester Peele*

CAROLINA BEACH -- **Mrs. Hester Underwood Peele**, 88, of Carolina Beach, passed away on Thursday, December 31, 2009, at the Wilmington Health and Rehabilitation center, Wilmington NC.

She was born December 3, 1921, to the late Charles Underwood and Nancy Cain Underwood in Cumberland County, North Carolina. She was a member of the St. Johns Episcopal Church and a former book keeper with J.H. Lea and sons Insurance of Hampstead, NC.

Mrs. Peele is preceded in death by her husband Belton John Peele Jr. and two sons Charles Peele and Belton John Peele III. She is survived by one son William Daniel Peele Sr. of Saginaw, Michigan; four grandchildren Dayne Lea Peele of Wilmington, William Daniel Peele Jr. and wife Ebella of Wilmington, Alicia Hamrick and husband Shannon of Ellenboro, and Jonathan Erik Peele of Leland; three great-grandchildren, Mary, Isabella, and Jackson.

The family will receive friends from 12:30 pm to 1:00 pm prior to services on Saturday, January 9, 2010 at the Rogers and Breece Funeral Home, 500 Ramsey St. Funeral services will be conducted at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 9, 2010, at the Rogers and Breece Funeral Home with Chaplain Archie Barringer officiating. She will be laid to rest at the Lafayette Memorial Park. Services entrusted to Rogers and Breece Funeral Home of Fayetteville. Online condolences at [StarNewsOnline.com](http://StarNewsOnline.com). (Published in Wilmington Star-News on January 7, 2010.)

Genealogical Line -- Spouse of Belton John Peele, Jr. 12<sup>th</sup> generation to Lawrence: **Belton John Peele, Jr.** (Belton John<sup>11</sup>, John J.<sup>10</sup> Peelle, William "Bill"<sup>9</sup>, Robert<sup>8</sup>, David<sup>7</sup>, Robert<sup>6</sup>, Robert<sup>5</sup>, Robert<sup>4</sup>, Robert<sup>3</sup>, Robert<sup>2</sup>, Lawrence<sup>1</sup>). Belton was Horace’s second cousin.



*Sidney Peele*

Major Sidney Arthur Peele, 68, passed away at Rex Healthcare in Raleigh, January 11, 2010. He was born to the late Sidney and Ossie Peele of Cumberland County, NC. Major Peele served in the 25th Infantry in Vietnam and later the 82nd Airborne. Among his numerous medals and citations, Major Peele was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge, Master Blaster Parachute Wings, the Purple Heart, Bronze Star with a "V", and two Silver Stars. He is preceded in death by wife Linda Downing and son Robert Anthony Wrenn.

Major Peele had the pleasure of being married to four wonderful women: Nancy Wrenn, Linda Downing, Glenda Peele, and Lane Peele. He also leaves behind: four children, Travis Downing, Shelby Downing Bowen, Robert Kilpatrick Peele, and Cydnie Wrenee Peele; four brothers, Bob Peele, Ronnie Peele, John Peele, and Jerry Peele; fourteen grandchildren; and his best friend Earnie McCoy. A memorial service will be held at McMillan-Small funeral home in Myrtle Beach, January 16, 2010 at 2pm. Services entrusted to Williford Funeral Home, 919-552-2211. (Published in The News & Observer from 1/13/2010 - 1/14/2010)

Genealogical Line -- 14<sup>th</sup> Generation to Lawrence: **Sidney Arthur Peele** (Sidney Albert<sup>13</sup>, Sidney Albert<sup>12</sup>, Thadius James<sup>11</sup>, Eli Franklin<sup>10</sup>, William "Bill"<sup>9</sup> Peelle, Robert<sup>8</sup>, David<sup>7</sup>, Robert<sup>6</sup>, Robert<sup>5</sup>, Robert<sup>4</sup>, Robert<sup>3</sup>, Robert<sup>2</sup>, Lawrence<sup>1</sup>). Sidney was Horace's half second cousin twice removed.

## *History Moments*

**History Moments.** I am including some more chronological items of interest. Enjoy!

30 Dec 1625 Lawrence Peelle testifies in court about the threat on Capt. Tucker's life.

The last and most important piece of information found on Lawrence is reflected in the *Minutes of the Council & General Court of Colonial Virginia, 1923*, Page 82. It contains the following entry written in old English:

**“Lawrence Peele sworne and examined the xxxth day of december 1625 by The Right woorp [Worshipful] Sir Francis Wyatt Knight Governor &c, sayeth that about August last past was three yeere [since] Robert Leister cominge downe from James Cytt. This deponent hard [heard] Leister saye that Capt Tucker had given him very harsh woordes which grieved him very much and said that he would be revenged of Capt Tucker if he lived.”**

The original court record is in the Library of Congress - part of President Thomas Jefferson's library who purchased the book from Peyton Randolph. It is believed that Peyton Randolph got it from Sir John Randolph who had borrowed it from the General Court and never returned it. The Virginia State Library published the transcription in 1923.

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