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

From The Editor

This year was a different one for our vacation. Usually Trish and I, in our Great Heat Escape, go to England, Italy, and Switzerland. This year we only went to England but with a prime purpose of getting Trish's right eye cataract replaced with an artificial lens by one of the world's leading eye doctors, Dr. Khan.

I saw a CNN news clip about the London Eye Hospital back in January and made the appointment for Trish. Dr. Khan, of the London Eye Hospital (LEH), used a femtosecond laser to shatter the cataract and to cut the removal slot. He removed the cataract and put in the new lens. Next, he used another laser to smooth the surface of the eye to lessen the stigmatism. All this was accomplished in 20 minutes while Trish was awake.

Now catch this: the femtosecond laser and the implanted lens were made in the USA but the work was done in London! As a private hospital, they have the best of everything without government red tape. The LEH uses procedures not yet approved in the USA. Nothing like 20/20 vision and no readers!

But the side effects – Trish tells me that I have more wrinkles than she thought I had! How bad is that? Do you need good eye surgery? Then go to the LEH, you have to pay, it is private. That was the highlight of our summer, new eyes for Trish! Amen.

While in England I picked up a couple of articles for the newsletter. The first is on Agent Rose, an interesting story of which there abound many on the internet -- she being married to a John Peel. Trish and I are members of the Royal Oak Society, an American sister society to the British National Trust. With our membership, we get free access to the 500 plus locations that are in the National Trust. This year we visited six houses, one was Polesdon Lacey, near London. There was a picture of Chaplain Maurice Peel mentioned in the Peele Heritage on pages 94 and 116. His picture is included below.

In another, the Ascott House owned and occupied by the current Rothchild family, we walked among art works valued at over \$1.5 billion dollars. Hard to comprehend - Amazing! If you travel to England or Scotland, join the Royal Oak Society, it is worth it.

The printing and mailing of this newsletter was sponsored by Frank Manning Peele. Thank you Frank. Enjoy your read and enjoy the cooler weather. Pray for our family members.

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Agent Rose – Andree (Viot) Peel

Hundreds Mourn Agent Rose, French Resistance heroine who saved 102 Allied pilots from Nazis

Hundreds of mourners paid their last respects today at the funeral of a French resistance heroine who saved more than 100 lives.

Andree Peel - known as Agent Rose - survived a Nazi firing squad and helped a string of British and American pilots flee occupied Europe.



AFP PHOTO/BEN STANSALL
Notice the medals!

Winston Churchill wrote her a personal letter of congratulation for her efforts during the Second World War - although it was destroyed for security reasons.

Heroine: Andree Peel, known as Agent Rose, helped British and American pilots flee occupied Europe during the Second World War. Her funeral took place today [23 March 2010].

Today, family and friends from Britain and France gathered to say farewell at All Saints Church in Long Ashton, near Bristol. Mrs Peel's coffin was led into the 14th century church by two Royal British Legion standard-bearers, draped with both a Union Jack and French flag. Reverend Ann Sargent led the ceremony, opening with a passage of scripture read in English and French.



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Mrs Peel's coffin was led into the 14th century church by two Royal British Legion standard-bearers, draped with both a Union Jack and French flag at All Saints Church in Long Ashton, near Bristol.

Long-standing friend John Lowe read the first personal tribute to the heroine, from her great-nephew Francois. He said: 'You have survived the 20th century, maybe just to show how love and kindness will always win, despite the cruelty of mankind.'

Born Andree Viot, she moved to England after meeting future husband, psychologist John Peel. Mrs. Peel, who died in hospital this month, had been living at Lampton House in Long Ashton. She was awarded a second Legion d'Honneur by France last year [2009] in recognition of her bravery. A plaque adorned with medals was placed on top of her coffin throughout the funeral.

She spent time in two concentration camps, and said her harrowing experiences helped her work as a healer. Janet Greene, who was treated by Mrs. Peel while recovering from cancer, paid tribute to her friend of 10 years.

Ms. Greene said Mrs. Peel had once revealed she had healed a man she recognized as a concentration

camp guard. As a Resistance worker, she handed out underground newspapers before tracking troop movements and heading up a section of the underground force. Film-maker William Ennals, who had worked on a documentary about Mrs. Peel, said hearing the story of her life from 'the lady herself with passion and dignity was very special'. Mr. Ennals said the 'horror and suffering' she had witnessed was balanced with 'coquettish humour and love of people'.

At the time of the Nazi invasion, Ms. Virot owned a beauty salon in Brest, France. Mr Ennals said it was there she 'helped people find the beauty in themselves'. She began her involvement with the Resistance modestly, by handing out underground newspapers. Later she tracked troop movements and went on to head an under-section of the famous movement.

As Agent Rose, she guided Allied planes to makeshift landing strips using torches. Dozens of airmen were then smuggled on to submarines and gunboats along the coast. She spent three years with the Resistance and recounted her experiences in her autobiography *Miracles Do Happen*. Mr. Lowe returned to the altar to pay his own tribute, and started by reading messages from a Facebook page set up in her memory. He said: 'She was indeed a true heroine. Andree lived on a slightly higher plain the rest of us.'

Mr. Lowe read out a tribute from Liam Fox, Conservative MP for Woodspring, soon to be North Somerset. It said: 'Mrs Andree Peel was an inspiration and an iconic figure whose personal courage showed what the human spirit is capable of in times of great adversity.'

Further hymns were sung, and a prayer said to have been found scrawled on a scrap of wrapping paper at Ravensbruck women's concentration camp in northern Germany. The coffin was carried out of the church to the sound of *La Marseillaise*, the French national anthem.

Mrs Peel was arrested a week after D-Day in Paris - having fled there when the Brest operation was targeted by the Gestapo. She recalled coming close to death three times, with the danger persisting right up to her rescue from Buchenwald. Facing a death squad there, she was spared only when the German troops turned to run from approaching American forces. At her 105th birthday party in February, her niece Marie Andree said the veteran had no children as she was in her 40s when she married. Her husband died in 2003, she later found companionship with Brian Westaway, a fellow Lampton House resident..



Agent Rose receiving the Legion d'Honneur in 2004 from her brother, retired French General Maurice Virot.

Her bravery was honoured with numerous decorations, including the King's Commendation for Bravery, presented to her by King George VI, the US Medal of Freedom, awarded by President Dwight D. Eisenhower and the Croix de Guerre (with palm and another with purple star), as well as appointment to the Légion d'honneur. In 2004, she was upgraded to Chevalier of the Légion, an award presented to her by her brother, the retired four-star General Maurice Virot.

In 1999, Peel reluctantly published her memoirs, *Miracles Existent* [*Miracles do Happen*], after it was suggested that in doing so she would tell the story of those who had been less fortunate than her. In 2008, William Ennals, a local film-maker, turned her story into a film, *Rose: A Portrait of a Resistance Fighter*.

"We were defending freedom," she said of herself and her fellow freedom fighters. "It's an extremely precious thing. It is only when you do not have it that you begin to appreciate how important it is."

[The above article was published in the Daily Mail, 23 March 2010. It was modified to fit two pages of this newsletter with some words augmented from other articles.]

Chaplain Maurice Peel

As I mentioned, Trish and I were visiting Polesdon Lacey, a house belonging to the National Trust, near London. There, in a room with the largest pool table I have ever seen, was this picture of Maurice Peel, with a two column spread just as shown below. According to the information I have in the Peele Chronicles on pages 94 and 116, he has existing descendents. His line goes back to Ligulf. I cropped the picture to fit and transcribed the words.

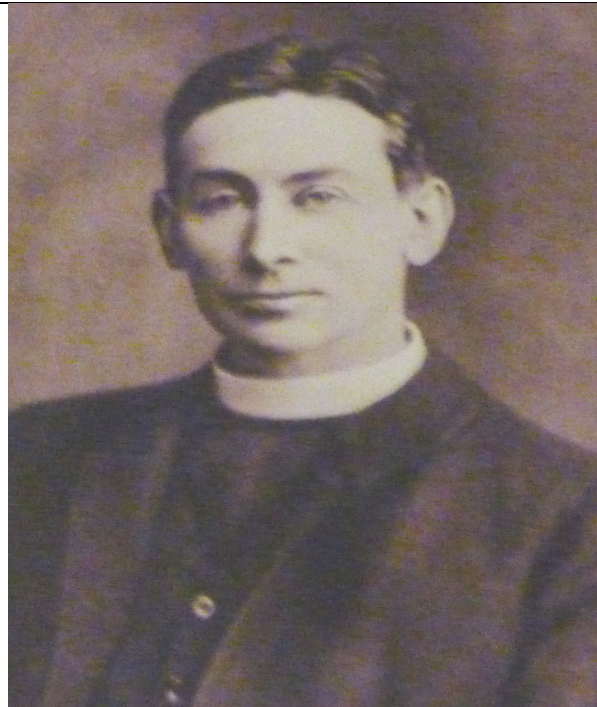
Chaplain Maurice Peel

Maurice Peel was a descendent of Sir Robert Peel, and was the Vicar of Tamworth. He volunteered as an army chaplain with the 1st Royal Welsh Fusiliers. Many Anglican chaplains were criticised for not going "over the top" with their troops but Maurice was not one of them.

He was first wounded at the battle of Festubert in May 1915. He had asked permission to go over the top with his men in order to comfort the wounded in no man's land. He was shot and returned to England to convalesce at Polesden Lacey.

Maurice went back to the Western front in 1917 and received the Military Cross for his work with the wounded.

"He went out to the advanced patrols with two stretcher-bearers and succeeded in bringing in several wounded men [...] Later he worked for 30 hours [...] and rescued many wounded under very heavy fire"



On 14 May 1917 Maurice's luck ran out. His brigade was sent to the village of Bullecourt. He again insisted on leaving the trenches to minister to the men in no man's land. This time he was shot through the stomach and died on the battlefield.

Descendants of Maurice Berkeley Peel, Reverend

Generation No. 1

1. Maurice Berkeley²⁹ Peel, Reverend (Arthur Wellesley²⁸, Sir Robert²⁷, Sir Robert²⁶, Robert "Parsley"²⁵, William²⁴, Robert²³, William²², Nicholas²¹ Peele, Robert²⁰, John¹⁹, Thomas¹⁸, Thomas¹⁷, Thomas¹⁶, John¹⁵ del Peele, William¹⁴, John¹³ De Bolton, William¹², Sir Richard¹¹, Sir John¹⁰, William⁹, Hugh⁸, Adam⁷, Norman⁶, Rozalinus⁵, Norman⁴, Ernui³, Turchil², Ligulf¹) was born 02 Apr 1872, and died 14 May 1917 in KIA. He married **Emily Alington** 29 Jul 1909, daughter of Julius Alington. She was born in Of Little Barford Manor House, Beds, England, and died 24 Mar 1912.

Children of Maurice Peel and Emily Alington are:

- + 2 i. David Arthur³⁰ Peel, born 04 Oct 1910; died Sep 1944, KIA in Europe.
- 3 ii. Mary Emily Peel, born 20 Mar 1912; died 19 Sep 1934.

Generation No. 2

2. **David Arthur³⁰ Peel** was born 04 Oct 1910, and died Sep 1944 in KIA Europe. He married **Sara Carola Vanneck** 14 Apr 1936, daughter of 5th Baron Huntingfield. She was born Abt. 1910.

Children of David Peel and Sara Vanneck are:

- + 4 i. Jonathan Sidney³¹ Peel, born 21 Jun 1937.
- 5 ii. Julia Victoria Peel, born 18 Mar 1939. She married Nicholas Longe.
- 6 iii. Charles David Peel, born 26 Dec 1940.
- 7 iv. Robert Alexander Peel, born 17 Sep 1943; died 09 Sep 1969.

Generation No. 3

4. **Jonathan Sidney³¹ Peel** was born 21 Jun 1937. He married **Jean Fulton Barnett** 20 Jan 1965, daughter of Sir Denis Hensley Fulton Barnett.

Children of Jonathan Peel and Jean Barnett are:

- 8 i. Ruth Miranda³² Peel, born 29 Mar 1966.
- 9 ii. Emily Sara Peel, born 17 Nov 1967.

Email & Letters

Hi Horace,

I wanted to let you know that my mother Louise Peele just celebrated her 80th birthday on Saturday 29 Aug 2015. My mother's mailing address is: 3545 Barrington Road, Bennettsville, SC 29512. I went and spent a couple of days with her and we had a good visit. I can't remember if the age to go in the birthday section of the newsletter is 80 or 85. I saw where she had received a newsletter, do you need for me to send you any money for that or is one of my brothers paying for to her to receive the newsletter?

Earlier in the month of August 2015, Aunt Christine Peele Johnson was told by the doctors that she has cancer in her lymph nodes and she had decided not to have any surgeries or treatments. She came to my mother's for a few days and we all were able to visit with her. Keep her and her daughter Debbie in your prayers.

Hope this finds you and your family doing well. God bless you all.

Love in Christ,
Kelsie Peele Temples
"Life without GOD is like an unsharpened pencil - it has no point."

Answer: No money Kelsie, how about her facial picture so I can put that into the birthday list in the newsletter.



I received two emails from a new cousin Patricia Niemier Galimi researching the Isaac Passco Peele line.

First email
Horace,

Contacting you in regards to the books you published on the Peeles, specifically The First Peele Family in America, although I would be interested in any and all information on our family (I am descendant of Nellie Peele, actually her great grand daughter on my father's side, she is a descendant of Isaac Passco Peele). I recently started getting into

tracing my family tree and my second cousin has up a website with a lot of information, and then I came across your website, and your book at the library. I would like to purchase the book if possible. Please let me know one way or the other. I would also like to let you know how much I have enjoyed the newsletters you have put on the website, I find them informational and very interesting! Thank you for sharing your time and knowledge.

Sincerely
Patricia Galimi

Second email

I tried to register as a guest on [the web site], but it kept sending an error message. [For security reasons that feature has been stopped, I kept getting hacked from Russia.] I was trying to post a message, Nellie Peelle was my great grandmother, my father's grandmother on his mother's side. I was trying to trace the family as they migrated and grew. I know Robert Peelle started in Virginia (I found the handwritten bill of sale for the 500 acres Robert bought in Bertie County in 1741 on the microfilm at the library here at the Wayne Co. Library in Goldsboro) and I found some Quaker records of him in the Rich Square meeting minutes (I believe he was an elder if I read it right). My line descends from Isaac Passco Peelle, down William, Passco, to William Johnson Peelle then my great grandma Nellie. I know that at some point there was a move to Indiana, what I don't know is exactly when and who all moved. I am trying to follow them and am having trouble. I did find an 1850 Census that places the elder William Peelle in Indiana, but I don't know Isaac Passco made the trip as well or stayed in North Carolina, and I know great grandma Nellie was born in Kansas, and that William and Martha were there with Passco and Matilda as they were on the 1900 census in Kansas. I just want a better time line and more details I guess. I don't really know if you can help me with any of this or not. I am in the process of asking one of my cousins as well, who is also a little into genealogy, to see what she knows, but it seems you are quite the expert! Can you give me some ideas, or point me in the right direction to help me on my way?

Sincerely
Patricia (Niemeir) Galimi

Patricia,

I do have the last book, the Peele Heritage, available. I will attach the order form to this email.

As far as Passco's family, I have several items on one item on him on pages 161, 311, 315, 316, 318, 320, 322, 324 and 380 of the Chronicles. He died in Richmond County, NC, and never got to Indiana. His wife, Tabitha sold land there after his death before she moved on to Indiana. Then I have several write-ups starting on page 175 of the Chronicles on his children, etc. I also have his will in the Peele Chronicles on page 396.

I hope that you found the newsletter containing the article by Cousin Milton Schroth, Volume 15 Issue 1, titled "*The Case For Tabitha Dunigan Peelle Being The Illegitimate Daughter of President John Adams*". Since you descend from Passco, that article should be of great interest to you.

But apparently you have something I may never have seen, a handwritten bill of sale of Robert Peele for 500 acres? Could you send me a copy of that? I have a copy of his

deed in the Peele Chronicles but not a bill of sale. I would like to show that in a newsletter.

This below is the information I have on your line in an outline form, I'll be happy to send it in another email with more information. I do not know if Douglas Earl Niemeir, the last entry, is your father or Uncle since I do not have your immediate information on the family. However, you have two lines going back to Lawrence. The first shown here is #6 Isaac Passco Peelle, born in 1733, from Robert Peelle's first wife Elizabeth Edgerton. But you also have a line back to his sister #6 Judith Peelle, born in 1754 from Robert Peelle's second wife Charity Dickinson, who married Josiah "John" Cox. It seems that you are a 6th or 7th cousin to yourself. #7 William Peelle born 1786 married his half 1st cousin Sarah "Sally" Cox born 1783. I am my own third cousin since my parents were second cousins.

Thanks. Can't wait to see that handwritten document.
Horace

Interesting, and being funny, I wonder how many of us are own Cousins?

Direct Descendants of Lawrence Peelle

1	Lawrence Peelle	b: 1601	d: Bet. 1656 - 1663
2	Robert Peelle	b: 1635	d: Aft. 1714
3	Robert Peelle	b: Abt. 1657	d: Aft. 1749
.....	+Sarah [Jarrat]	b: Abt. 1657	d: Abt. 1703
.. 4	Robert Peelle	b: Abt. 1681	d: Aft. 17 Jan 1756
.....	+Judith Edwards	b: Abt. 1688	d: 22 Jun 1756
... 5	Robert Peelle	b: 29 Jun 1709	d: 13 Jul 1782
.....	+Elizabeth Edgerton	b: 1712	d: 26 Apr 1749
.... 6	Isaac "Passco" Peelle	b: 29 Jul 1733	d: 01 Jan 1807
.....	+Tabitha (Dunigan) Adams	b: Abt. 1755	d: Abt. 1826
..... 7	[2] William Peelle	b: 30 Jan 1786	d: 18 Mar 1859
.....	+ [1] Sarah "Sally" Cox	b: 12 Apr 1783	d: 27 Sep 1839
..... 8	[3] Passco Peelle	b: 15 Sep 1822	d: 11 Dec 1908
.....	+ [4] Martha Johnson	b: 24 Aug 1826	d: 16 Mar 1912
..... 9	[5] William Johnson Peelle	b: 01 Jan 1856	d: 09 Sep 1911
.....	+ [6] Matilda E. Jury	b: 03 Sep 1865	d: 20 Mar 1947
..... 10	[7] Ellenor "Nellie" Peelle	b: 19 Jun 1894	d: 16 Mar 1982
.....	+ [8] Joseph Andrew McCracken	b: 06 Aug 1893	d: 18 Oct 1960
..... 11	[9] Ruby Faye McCracken	b: 23 Mar 1923	d: 17 Oct 1979
.....	+ [10] Glen Wayne Niemeir	b: 27 Dec 1921	
..... 12	[11] Douglas Earl Niemeir	b: Abt. 1949	
... 5	Robert Peelle	b: 29 Jun 1709	d: 13 Jul 1782
.....	+Charity Dickinson	b: 1730	d: 11 Nov 1774
.... 6	Judith Peelle	b: 24 Oct 1754	d: 08 Aug 1819
.....	+Josiah "John" Cox	b: 17 Jan 1754	d: 10 Jan 1819
..... 7	[1] Sarah "Sally" Cox	b: 12 Apr 1783	d: 27 Sep 1839
.....	+ [2] William Peelle	b: 30 Jan 1786	d: 18 Mar 1859
..... 8	[3] Passco Peelle	b: 15 Sep 1822	d: 11 Dec 1908
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I received many emails from **Carol Kilpatrick**. They reminded me of last year when I documented the TEXAS families of William Isaac Peel and John Isaac Peel who originated in Martin County, NC but who died in Texas. Carol is tracking another TEXAS family, that of Charles Gray Peelle, son of John Peelle and Rebecca Gray, and who is the 4th cousin to William Isaac Peel who traveled to Texas. There are at least three different family branches that moved to Texas.

Horace, I am so excited and appreciative for your help! I just sent you a check for the Heritage book. It will likely look like junk mail since it is coming straight from the bank. You may send it to:

Carol Kilpatrick
[Address removed]

Have a few other questions to see if you can point me in the right direction:

1. A big goal we have is for my 10-year-old son to apply for SAR, as soon as we have completed necessary research and gathered documentation. Based upon what you currently know about our tree, tied to John Peelle (1789-1872), would we be able to reference your SAR membership to ease the application process? Any suggestions for suggested documentation that may help the application process to go smoothly? Any and all help GREATLY appreciated!
2. Is The Peelle Cemetery in Findagrave.com? I was not able to find it.
3. Can you please sign me and my MIL for the quarterly newsletter:
 - a. carolkilpatrick@comcast.net Carol Kilpatrick
 - b. G.b.kilpatrick@att.net
4. Louisa Anne Jackson Peelle (1831-1879) – do you have any idea where she may be buried or where to find an obituary – we have an older copy that is fully readable, not sure where the copy came from? She died in Hunt County, TX?
5. Charles Gray Peele – where buried, any additional info?

Thanks so much!
Carol

I sent Carol what I had after she updated the information on many members of this family. Thanks Carol. If any of you are from this family Carol would love to hear from you. I also sent her my Proof line to get into the SAR. If you have genealogical data on this family please let me know. Here is her family starting with #7 below. Portions of the family tree were eliminated to conserve space.

Descendants of John Peelle

Generation No. 1

1. **John⁷ Peelle** (James⁶, Joshua⁵, Robert⁴, Robert³, Robert², Lawrence¹) was born 11 Jul 1789 in NC. He married **Rebeckah Gray** Abt. 1802, daughter of Benjamin Gray and Molly [Gray]. She was born Bet. 1790 - 1792. [A notably young marriage.]

Children of John Peelle and Rebeckah Gray are:

- + 2 i. Amos Calvin⁸ Peelle, born 1804 in Bertie Co., NC; died Nov 1882 in Bertie Co., NC.
- 3 ii. Cynthia Peelle, born 1806.
- + 4 iii. John Peelle, born 1807 in Bertie Co., NC; died 1872.
- + 5 iv. Jonas Peelle, born 1811.
- 6 v. Charlotte Peelle, born 1816⁷. She married William Atkins 16 Apr 1833; born Abt. 1816.
- + 7 vi. **Charles Gray Peelle, born 08 Sep 1817 in Edgecombe Co., NC.**
- 8 vii. Margaret "Peggy" Peelle, born Abt. 1823.

Generation No. 2

7. Charles Gray⁸ Peelle (John⁷, James⁶, Joshua⁵, Robert⁴, Robert³, Robert², Lawrence¹) was born 08 Sep 1817 in Edgecombe Co., NC. He married **Louisa Anne Jackson** 02 Aug 1849, daughter of H. Jackson and Lucinda Blalock. She was born 09 Oct 1831 in Marion Co., GA, and died 02 Dec 1879 in Hunt Co., TX.

Children of Charles Peelle and Louisa Jackson are:

- 27 i. Lucy D.⁹ Peele, born 1856. She married David Martin; born 1848; died 1906.
- 28 ii. Nannie Peele, born 1859.
- 29 iii. Nora Peele, born 1865.
- + 30 iv. Charles Hardy Peele, born 25 Jun 1866 in Cass Co., TX; died 16 Apr 1896.
- 31 v. Mary V. Peele, born 1872.
- + 32 vi. Annie Cetatia Catherine Peele, born 02 Sep 1875 in Greenville, Hunt Co., TX; died 10 Nov 1964 in Colonial Gardens, Marshall, Harrison Co., TX.
- 33 vii. Fannie Peele, born 1869.

Generation No. 3

30. Charles Hardy⁹ Peele (Charles Gray⁸ Peelle, John⁷, James⁶, Joshua⁵, Robert⁴, Robert³, Robert², Lawrence¹) was born 25 Jun 1866 in Cass Co., TX, and died 16 Apr 1896. He was a Methodist Circuit Preacher. He married **Sallie Frances Love** 1889 in Lamar Co., TX. She was born 22 Dec 1867 in Fayetteville, TN, and died 24 Aug 1943 in Fort Worth, TX.

Notes for Sallie Frances Love:

!As a widow, Sallie Love lived near the campus of Texas Wesley College and used her large home as a room and board residence for the professors of the college. (Wendy Peele)

Children of Charles Peele and Sallie Love are:

- 58 i. Eunice¹⁰ Peele, born 21 Oct 1890. She married Ervin Lunsford Harwell 10 Sep 1919.
- + 59 ii. Charles Hubert Peele, born 02 Jun 1893 in Deport, Lamar Co., TX; died 21 Sep 1966 in Dallas, TX.

32. Annie Cetatia Catherine⁹ Peele (Charles Gray⁸ Peelle, John⁷, James⁶, Joshua⁵, Robert⁴, Robert³, Robert², Lawrence¹) was born 02 Sep 1875 in Greenville, Hunt Co., TX, and died 10 Nov 1964 in Colonial Gardens, Marshall, Harrison Co., TX. She married **Oscar Barlett McKnight** 1898 in Paris. He was born 19 Sep 1871 in Trimble, TN, and died 12 Jun 1938 in Marshall, Harrison Co., TX.

Children of Annie Peele and Oscar McKnight are:

- 60 i. Charles P.¹⁰ McKnight, born Abt. 1902 in TX.
- 61 ii. Richard Joseph McKnight, born Abt. 1905 in TX.
- 62 iii. William McKnight.
- 63 iv. Francis McKnight, born 15 Dec 1910 in TX; died 15 Jul 1971 in Houston, Harrison Co., TX. She married Herman A. Harbuck.
- 64 v. Marion McKnight, born Abt. 1903 in TX.

Family Obituaries

I came across the following two interesting obituaries, although not too recent, of a father and a son. In searching my data base for Luther Turner Peele I found that I have different ancestors than those listed on "Find-A-Grave" (findagrave.com).

I have the parents of Louis Peele, Luther's father, as John R. Peele, born 1813, and his wife Mary Ann "Polly" Johnston, born 1817. I have "John R." parents as a John Peele and Patsey Griffin and his grandparents as John Peele and Lucy Griffin. This information came for Hugh Buckner Johnston's massive Peele collection and is published in my book, Peele Heritage, that way.

On the Find-A-Grave web site, William Peel, a volunteer for a portion of the Pineview Cemetery in South Rocky Mount, has John R. Peele, born 1820, and lists his parents as a Mills Peel and his wife Peggy Peel. I contacted William Peel to get more information and the source for his information. I received an email answer from William Peel on October 6th. He sent me what he thought was proof of John R. Peele being the son of Mills Peel(le). I list Mills Peelle in the Peele Heritage on page 173. This family moved to Georgia so I do not believe that William is correct. The Peggy he referred to was in the Edgecombe County 1850 and 1860 census. This Peggy was the daughter of John Peele (1747-1818) and Lucy Griffin (1760-aft 1820). She was a third cousin to Mills Peelle. If anyone has a data collection on this family other than what I have, please contact me.

In the meantime, Sue Collier, our trusted researcher, has helped me get the data base straight as to the father of Luther Turner. The obituary seems to be correct. Luther was the son of Louis Albert and was adopted by Louis' brother John Lewis. But in talking to Tommy, the brother of the deceased Butch Peele, he stated that Luther was actually raised by Fannie **Lillie** Peele (1902-1984), the daughter of John Lewis Peel and Ola. Lillie is Luther's first cousin by blood but also his sister thru adoption. Lillie never married.



Luther Peele

Luther Turner Peele. He went to be with his Lord and Savior on January 6, 2009. Luther Turner Peele was born on January 24, 1916 in Edgecombe County of Rocky Mount N.C. He lived all his life in Rocky Mount, NC. He was the son of Louis Peele and Retha Mae Copelin Peele. He worked for Durham Life Insurance Company for 32 years. He was raised by John and Ola Peele, after his parents died when he was about six years old. He is predeceased by his wife, Arlene Batchelor Peele, Albert Peele (brother), Reatha Holt (sister), Cleveland Peele (half-brother), Florence Collins (half-sister) and Kerney Davis Batchelor (brother-in-law).

Surviving are two sons: **William Turner (Butch) Peele** and wife, Pansy, and Kerney Thomas (**Tommy**) Peele and wife, Voloria, all of Rocky Mount, N.C. Grandchildren are Christopher Thomas Peele of Myrtle Beach, S.C., Brian Timothy Peele and wife, Julie; and Carol Anne Peele; and Karen Peele Parker and husband, Tim of Rocky Mount, NC. Step-grandsons, Stanley and Scottie Robinson, David Vick, and step-granddaughter, Cathy Bird and husband, John. Ten great-grandchildren: Alex

Parker, Lauryn Parker, Harrison Parker, Ashley Peele, Devin Peele, Dustin Peele, Kaitlyn Peele, Makayla Peele, Peanut Peele, and Dillan Peele, and six step-great grandchildren. Also survived by one brother-in-law and his wife, Caswell D. Batchelor and Peggy of Washington, N.C. and a sister-in-law, Dot Batchelor of Nashville, NC. Also, several nieces and nephews and lot of special friends. He was a member of Southside Baptist Church of Rocky Mount, N.C. and was a past president of the Rocky Mount Shrine Club of Rocky Mount, NC. and was an active member prior to bad health. Memorials may be made to Southside Baptist Church, 2616 S. Church Street, Rocky Mount, NC 27803. Funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, January 8, 2009 at Wheeler and Woodlief Funeral Home with Rev. Tim Parker, Jr. and Rev. Jim Smith officiating. Burial will follow at Pineview Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the funeral home at 12:30 pm prior to the service. On-line condolences may be sent to the Peele family by visiting www.wheelerandwoodlief.com. Wheeler and Woodlief Funeral Home, 1130 N. Winstead Avenue, Rocky Mount, NC 27804 is providing services to the Peele family. (Published in Rocky Mount Telegram on Jan 8, 2009.)



Butch Peele

William Turner "Butch" Peele, 75, went on to his Heavenly Home on Saturday, April 18, 2015. He was a very devoted member of Shenandoah Baptist Church where he served in several capacities and will be greatly missed. He was preceded in death by his parents, Luther Turner and Arlene Batchelor Peele, his special uncles, Kearney Batchelor and Caswell Batchelor and his wife Peggy. Butch worked in auto parts all his life, having owned Peeles Auto Parts for the last 25 years before retiring in 2003.

Following his retirement, he found great joy in selling cars to others. Butch's favorite past-time was watching sports, whether it was a good baseball or basketball game or enjoying a close car race. In addition, the sounds of Gospel singing was always relaxing and brought with it a warmth to his heart. When not involved with watching sports, he could always be found working out in his yard and taking in the outdoors as much as his health would allow him to. He also enjoyed the freedom of traveling following his retirement, creating many special memories for him and his wife. He leaves to cherish his memories his loving wife, Pansy F. Peele of Rocky Mount; his daughter Karen Peele Parker and her husband, Tim Jr., of Rocky Mount; his step-sons Stanley Robinson and his wife, Melissa, of Winston Salem, and Scottie Robinson and his wife, Kaye, of Birmingham, AL; his grand-children Alexandria, Lauryn and Harrison Parker and Cameron, Cody, Connor, Logan, Will, and Ava Robinson. He also is survived by his 3 special step-grandchildren Emily, Nick, and Sam Ayers; his brother Kearney Thomas Tommy Peele and several nephews and nieces. The family would like to especially thank Butch's special friend, Mr. Carlton Taylor. Funeral services will be held the morning of Thursday, April 23, 2015 at 11:00 AM at the Chapel of Wheeler & Woodlief Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 1130 North Winstead Avenue, Rocky Mount, NC 27804, with the Reverend Glenn Hill and Reverend Tim Parker officiating. Visitation will be the evening before, Wednesday, April 22, 2015 from 6:00 PM until 9:00 PM. Burial will follow the Services on Thursday at Rocky Mount Memorial Park Cemetery. Flowers are accepted, or donations may be made in Butch's name to Shenandoah Baptist Church Building Fund, 3894 Shenandoah Drive, Rocky Mount, NC 27803. Arrangements are entrusted to Wheeler & Woodlief Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Rocky Mount, NC. Condolences may be sent online by visiting www.wheelerwoodlief.com . -

According to my data, Luther Turner was the 10th generation from Lawrence Peelle with three surname spelling changes: **Luther Turner**¹⁰ **Peele** (Louis Albert⁹ Peel, John R.⁸, John⁷, John⁶ Peele, Sr., Joshua⁵ Peelle, Robert⁴, Robert³, Robert², Lawrence¹).

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