



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

From The Editor

Another year gone! We hope that each of you had a great Christmas and have started out with a great New Year! We mailed our usual 300 or so cards. Those going overseas are now \$1.20, -- expensive. Our Christmas party was another success with 84 guests, many folks we only see once a year.

At our Christmas Eve church services, we had over 2900 church members and visitors. Many were "CEOs" - "Christmas and Easter Only" visitors. The next day was Christmas dinner with 16 of our immediate family -- children, grandchildren, great grandchildren.

On my book, the *Peele Heritage*, I have 16 copies left. I am running a close out sale for \$30 a book including postage. If you bought the *Chronicles* and did not buy the *Heritage*, please complete your set -- keep the two books together. If you have copies of the *Peele Chronicles* that you do not want, I would like to get them back. I have folks wanting them. Let me know.

I recently received an interesting email from a black man, Brian Sheffey. He was asking about the mulatto Peele connections back in Northampton County, North Carolina. He has a very interesting web site where he is using DNA to track black movements across Africa. Brian's query leads us to writing this quarterly's main article. Due to space limitations, the article will be written in at least two parts in two different newsletters and I do not know now how this will end.

The feature article on ***Peelles and Slaves*** is difficult to put into perspective. There are slaves that were owned by the Peele family and mulatto slaves that were the descendents of white Peeles slave owners. In order to do the article justice, I must review history a little and bring forth some older emails. Back in 1998 and 2000, I had email exchanges with my Cousin Roscoe Wade Peele and another black researcher, Phillip Moss, who was also seeking information on mulattos. Together, Phillip, Wade, and I found records of a Charles Peele who had a relationship with a mulatto named Frankie.

While researching the obituary for Donald Wayne Peele in this newsletter, I found a new 4th cousin once removed, Cheryl Lynn Peele, an artist. She tells me that she has copies of a couple of beautifully hand written wills with names of some of the slaves owned by the Peal family. I am anxious to see these. If they are originals, I may not have them in my first book -- the *Peele Chronicles*. She is sending me a care package. More later.

Enjoy your read.

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HB Peele

Peelles and Slaves

Part I

When you are doing research and you come across entries in last wills and testaments about slaves being left to one son or daughter, etc., do you ever wonder what happened to the slaves? I have always wondered about those slaves owned by my own Great-Great-Grandfather Robert Peelle (1801-1864) who wrote his will on 26 February 1864. He died shortly after on 28 May 1864 just as the Civil War was looming. GGGfather Robert's will contains the following statement:

I give and bequeath to my said beloved wife [Mary Adams] a certain lot of Negroes slaves named as follows: John, Henry, Lydia, Hammer, Horn, Winey, Moriah and their increase to have and to hold during her natural lifetime....

I am sure that many of you have similar statements in the last wills and testaments of your ancestors. I have never tried to research what happened to them but have always wondered about the slave cemetery which is no more than 200-300 yards across the road from our family's Peele Cemetery located just northwest of Gibson, NC. The slave cemetery has many unmarked graves. The old wooden grave markers are long gone. Both cemeteries were on my GGGfather Robert's land. He started the Peele family cemetery in 1856.

I continue with an extract from the Peele Chronicles, pages 38-40. It tells of my insight to how the slaves were being treated by our family back in the old Quaker days.

Beginning of Extract

Peelles and Slaves. When you browse the wills in the chapter on **Wills** in the Peele Chronicles you will realize that the Quaker plantation owners were having a serious economic struggle in the slave South. It was difficult for them to compete with the more affluent non-Quaker plantation owners who had hundreds, maybe thousands, of slaves as their farming machines. Slaves were expensive to buy; raising your own was the easiest way to get them, but also the slowest.

The British had slaves in Virginia from the beginning. It is recorded that there were twenty-two who survived the 1622 massacre. Robert Peale (1650-1705) had a young male slave named "Forty" who was valued at £25 in the 1706 inventory of Robert's estate, which had a total value of £81. This one slave represented almost one third of Robert's total personal estate value, not counting land. In that inventory, a cow and yearling were valued at £2. By comparison, if one dares such, a slave was valued about the same as 12 cows. This Robert Peale is not part of our Peelle family.

In reading the wills, one gets the feeling that some Quakers who had slaves were actually shielding their slaves from the criminal acts that could take place in the hands of other less thoughtful owners. Robert Peelle (1709) must have been a very politically astute person with good knowledge of current law because he could see the ultimate impact that changes like **The Northwest Ordinance of 1787** would have upon the South. In his will dated 21 January 1782, he included the following:

Item: It is my will and desire that all my Negroes to wit, James, Pen and Kader, Dinah and her four Children, Viz., Heather, Molly, Ginny and Teresa and all the increase of

said Dinah and four children if any, shall have their freedom if ever the Laws of the Land should admit of their having that privilege freely, clearly and absolutely....

Robert wanted all slaves to be free. He wrote this will five years before Congress passed the Northwest Ordinance. I believe that he knew that, once there was a slave-free area established, it would eventually expand into the entire South and that it would not be a quick process.

John Jellary Peelle (1729-1804), the younger brother to Robert (1709-1782) was a Quaker Minister at Rich Square who also had slaves but felt very strongly about their freedom. He stated the following in his will written 29 January 1799:

Item. I leave all the Negroes that have been or now are under my care (living) in trust altogether of my two sons Edmund and Thomas Peelle, for them to take care of and place as they may think most proper, as also to direct as they may from time to time find necessary, until the Laws of the Land will admit of their freedom and that they may then enjoy it fully, and all necessary expenses accruing there from to be paid out of my estate.

The above extract is a convincing case for believing that Quakers actually harbored slaves to protect them until their freedom could be gained. We should never forget the very significant role that our Quaker ancestors played in ending the abominable practice of slavery. The Quakers at a very early period determined to take the moral high road and publicly declared that slavery was wrong and ought not to be. At the time that these actions were taken, it was a very far-reaching and unpopular position to espouse. There are some who argue that had it not been for the moral leadership provided to our nation by our Quaker ancestors, slavery might yet exist, that we all owe them an immense debt of gratitude for having done the right thing when it cost them so much.

What happened to the many slaves that John Jellery owned and passed to his sons Edmund and Thomas? It is recorded that:

Edmund Peele [Peelle], a prominent Friend of Rich Square, N.C., at one time liberated 125 of his own slaves, took them to Liberia, Africa, and at his own expense, gave each \$25 with which to start in his new home, and began his changed life with such reduced resources as proved his action to have been a sacrifice for principle, which was really very great. Yet greater was the inheritance of Christian character which he left his worthy children. It was of far more value than all the slaves he could have given them. (*Southern Heroes or the Friends in War Time*, by Fernando G. Cartland, published by Cambridge and printed at the Riverside Press, Copyright 1895 page 64.)

There is also known that our Quaker ancestors participation in the Slave Underground Railroad, established to move slaves from the Deep South into areas of the Northwest Purchase as documented on page 622 of ***Gateway to the West, Volume 1***, by Ruth Bowers and Anita Short:

That Robert Peele and Thomas I. Outland of Northampton County, North Carolina being legally authorized and empowered by trustees of the yearly meeting of the Society of Friends of North Carolina take charge and convey to the state of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, Turner Peele together with a number of other colored people held by said trustees, said Robert Peele and Thomas I. Outland having removed and placed said Turner Peele together with a number of others in Highland County, Ohio and that said

Turner Peele is a free man, dated this 1st day of the 12th month, 1836. Recorded 8-11-1837.

It is interesting to note that as early as 1836 slaves were taking their owners' names as well as seeing the strong beliefs in the rights of mankind that our family had at that time.

End of Extract

Back on Monday 9/28/1998, I received the following email passed to me from Audrey Mozingo, it having been sent to her by Phillip Moss. He was asking Audrey:

Are you related to the Peeles of Rich Square. As an African American, I have ties to a Sarah Peele, daughter of Frances (Frankie) Peele. I believe Kader Biggs (known slave trader) to be Sarah father as well as my grandfather (Primus Biggs). They are all from the Bertie County area (Woodville, Roxobel and Snakebite) PLMK if you know of slave records that might clarify some curious questions. Phillip (Moss)

I responded for Audrey to Phillip:

Yes, I am related to all the Peeles in the Rich Square area, all of them came from one massive family. But please tell me, the Sarah Peele you mentioned, was she African American or white? If she is the daughter of a Biggs how did she get the Peele name? I will be happy to help in any way possible. Please tell me more. Who was Frances Peele?

Later in the day, Phillip responded:

First, I'm African American with no axe to grind. Second, Frances Peele was a mulatto, and I believe a slave of the Peele's of Bertie county. She was very fair and I don't mean just light skinned, she could pass for white as could her daughter Sarah.

Sarah Peele, Frances(Frankie) Peele's daughter, was illegitimate and chose to use her mother's name. All of Sarah's brothers (including my grandfather) chose to use the name Biggs except one (Whitmel [Whitmon] Peele). As children we never understood this and it is only recently that we've come to realize that they must have been half brother and sister. If that is the case, then the binding relative would have to be a common father.

Sarah (by oral history) was my maternal grandfather's sister. As children, we thought Sarah married a Peele, but that was not the case. Sarah was born in 1848-49 and died in 1925 in Woodville. Her death certificate listed her mother as Frankie Peele, father unknown. Sarah had four children, all we believe to be illegitimate (at this point) since they all carry the name Peele. Co-incidentally, the funeral director in charge of the body was a man named Richard Cornelius Biggs, Sarah's grand nephew. As an aside, we found that all of the people who claimed each other as brother or sister (except James Biggs) had moved to Suffolk, Virginia by 1900 yet in death, they all returned to Kelford, North Carolina (a stones throw from Rich Square) to be buried. (There's a story there, I'm just trying to unravel it.)

Additionally, Sarah's children and grandchildren claimed my family as kin folk, so there must have been some truth to the relationship. My grandfather was listed as 'brown' in

the census as were all of his other brothers except one, James Biggs. It is James Biggs' grandson, R.C. Biggs, who was funeral director for the brothers and sister (A fact we only recently uncovered).

We have every evidence to believe that Sarah was treated very fairly by her owners because she rose from slavery reading and writing and listed her profession, in the 1900 census, school teacher. Interestingly enough, her children were merchants but her grandchildren all became teachers. They too could pass for white but chose not to do so. Not a speck of color shows up until the next generation (the fourth).

Over the past labor day weekend, I went to NC, Bertie County, to do some sleuthing. I spoke with a grandchild of James Biggs, who is now 84 years old. My purpose was to uncover any oral history that might answer some questions. (At this time, I had believed I'd discovered who the unknown father was, a man named Simon Biggs, an African American) This cousin didn't know me and was quite suspicious and didn't believe we were related.

I pulled out photocopies of marriage registers, death certificates which showed that the informant of the brothers' deaths all believed the mother to a woman named Clara, father unknown (including her grandfather). Once she was convinced we might be related, she relaxed. She didn't know my grandfather but she did know that Simon Biggs was NOT my grandfather's father. In her words, 'he jus de man he lived wid'. When I asked if she know who his father was, she smiled and said 'No, some ole white man.'

While trying to recover from this, I asked if she knew my grandfather's brother named Kader. She looked confused, then blurted, 'we always thought Kader was your granddaddy's daddy.' The only Kader she could have been referring to was Kader Biggs brother of Asa Biggs, son of Joseph Biggs, both large land holders in Bertie County, with just one twist. Asa and Kader bought and sold slaves. We found dozens of transactions at the courthouse in Windsor that proved it. But it gets even weirder. My grandfather and his brother, Kader, were twins. My grandfather's name was Primus. Weirder still, my grandfather names his first son, Kader. Was this for his father? or his brother? We don't know. Another trip to NC is planned soon.

But all this aside, it is the possible connection of the Peeles that prompted the inquiry and wondering whether or not the Peeles owned a slave referred to as Frances or Frankie? And whether there was a child named Sarah? I would to get any kind of evidence that might show how possible it might have been for Kader Biggs, the white man, to have had access to Frances Peele.

Now to complicate this inquiry. I've found a Frances Peele in the 1870 census living in a household with a Lewis Peele, with a daughter Sarah and two grandchildren. This Sarah being almost to the year, the same age as 'My Sarah Peele'.

So I don't know if you can help at all. As I said, my family has no axe to grind, we're just wondering if there is a connection. Any information would help solve a few mysteries.

Thanks for the time. (Phillip)

Still later in the day at 9:08 PM Phillip responded:

It's me again. I just finished reading your website. I'm even more convinced that there is a connection. In reading the Virginia Family Sleepy Hole, Nansemond County IS Suffolk, Virginia. Where Sarah and her brothers moved in 1900. It's purely circumstantial, but they lived in the Sleepy Hole district. What a coincidence!!!!!!!

Later, my Cousin Roscoe Wade Peele got interested in the subject of mulattos. I forwarded all the emails with Phillip to Wade on 6/28/2000. He sent the following email to Phillip:

My name is Wade Peele (white), I have been working with Horace Peele on filling in the Bertie County Peeles. I have been talking to a lady named Ollie Peele Bond (black) who lives in Lewiston, NC. She has furnished me a list of her family and they trace their family back to Charles Peele (white plantation owner) who had children with a Frankie (black slave of Charles) who had seven children by him. Their names were Henry, Charles, Jacob, William, Whitman (Ollie's line), Adline and Sarah (your line). I have not done much looking into this line, the first time I've seen his name in the census is 1870, listed; Charles Peelle age 32, wife, Jane age 25, child age 1, Martha T. age 4, a child 2, Whitmiel T. age 2, a child 3, W H age 1month. Right below his name in the census is listed (probably the same farm) is (all these names are listed as black) Willis Peelle age 47, Lewis Peelle age 45, Franky (F) age 50, child 1, Henry age 18, Willis age 16, Sarah age 14, Clive age 10.

If you like I'll try to dig up more, and if you would like to see what Ollie P. Bond gave me, send your address and I will mail it to you. Also from your letter, it looked as if you were corresponding with a lady in Rich Square, I would like to get in touch with her. If you have her address, please send it also. (Wade Peele)

I asked Phillip if Wade got in touch and he responded:

I just got it!! THANKS LOADS!!!! What a break through!! Thank you ever so much. Sarah I know of. It's Whitmel not Whitman Peele. YES!! They both have VERY strong ties to mother's family. Wow! I have to digest this but I will get back to Horace. Wow! I'm overwhelmed. Thanks again.

. Phillip sent Wade the following:

Thank you ever so much. You have no idea how many mysteries you've solved. I'm overwhelmed. I must digest this for a while. I called my brother who lives in Tarboro, NC to let him know. He happened to stumble on some information in death certificates that tied up some knots. Thank you again. I'll be out of town for the next week, then three weeks on vacation (Papua New Guinea). I'll stay in touch and send you my Peele info. Thanks again. Wow! Sincerely, Phil.

I never heard from Phillip again. And over time I lost contact with Wade. I have tried to find him recently but he has moved.

From the above dialog and exchange of information we developed the following family tree:

Descendants of Charles Peele

Generation No. 1

1. Charles¹ Peele was born Mar 1835. He married **(1) Frankie [Mulatto-Slave]**. She was born 1820. He married **(2) Jane Moore** 20 Dec 1866 in Bertie Co., NC. She was born 1845, and died 06 Jan 1895 in Cemetery 4 1/2 Miles East from Lewiston on the road to Windsor, Bertie Co., NC.

Children of Charles Peele and Frankie [Mulatto-Slave] are:

- 2 i. Jacob² Biggs.
- 3 ii. Charles Biggs.
- 4 iii. Tempie Biggs.
- 5 iv. Adline Biggs.
- 6 v. William Whitman Peele, born Mar 1845. He married Henrietta Bush 16 Oct 1887; born 1867.
- 7 vi. Henry Biggs, born 1852.
- 8 vii. Sarah Peele, born 1854; died 1925 in Woodville, NC. She was a School Teacher.

Children of Charles Peele and Jane Moore are:

- 9 i. Martha T.² Peele, born 1866.
- + 10 ii. Whitmiel/Whitmon Scott Peele, born 1868; died 18 Jan 1925 in Bertie Co., NC.
- 11 iii. W. H. Peele, born 1870.

Generation No. 2

10. Whitmiel/Whitmon/Whitman Scott² Peele (Charles¹) was born 1868, and died 18 Jan 1925 in Bertie Co., NC. He married **Pattie Gillam** 05 Jan 1888. She was born Jan 1871. The 1910 US Census for Snakebite Township by Enumerator James Allen, lists each member of the family as "MU" for Mulatto.

Children of Whitmiel/Whitmon/Whitman Peele and Pattie Gillam are:

- 12 i. Claudie³ Peele, born 1889.
- 13 ii. Winnie Peele, born 1897.
- 14 iii. Maggie B. Peele, born 1901.
- 15 iv. Whitmon S. Peele, Jr., born 1903.
- 16 v. Jimmie Peele, born 1906.
- 17 vi. Patrick H. Peele, born 1908.

That is the end of Part I of Peelles and Slaves. Part II will be in the next quarterly and we will continue with the email exchange with Brian Sheffey. If you can expand on this family tree please let me know.

Family Obits



Don Peele

Donald Wayne Peele, age 68, [1946-2015] passed away after a prolonged illness on Thursday, July 9th, 2015. During his last breath, he was surrounded by his loving wife, children and brother.

They say you can tell a lot about a man by what he loved and what he hated. Donald "Don" was a true connoisseur of bourbon. He had a sweet spot in his heart for Golden Retrievers, surprising his children one Christmas with a puppy. He had a quirky appreciation for red carnations and found odd delight in mowing his lawn. He had every line of "It's a Wonderful Life" memorized and would often quote the movie to his family in an effort to instill an appreciation of black and white movies and important life lessons.

His kryptonite: muscle cars. Specifically the 1964 GTO he may or may not have "borrowed" from his older brother a time or two. Don was not a fan of wearing business suits, let alone a tie. He was more of the golf shirt type of guy. If you wanted to get on his bad side, serving him beets was a surefire way. And he had a deeply rooted rivalry with the Florida Gators, stemming from his devotion to the FSU Seminoles and Coach Bobby Bowden. On any given autumn Saturday, he could be found cheering for the Seminoles either at the stadium or in front of the screen.

"Don" was born in Jacksonville, Florida on August 19th, 1946. After graduating from Lee High School, he attended Florida State University, eventually graduating from Jacksonville University in 1971. Upon finishing college, he was employed in marketing and sales positions that took him to various states and cities across the country, always making sure to note that New Jersey was NOT his favorite. In 1987 Don moved to Atlanta where he met his wife Catherine. He always was a true romantic, as he proposed with the infamous line "Are we gonna get married or what?" Four years later he and his young growing family moved home to Jacksonville. Which some say was purely for the purpose of being close to Disney World.

He loved going on Disney vacations, the merry-go-round exacerbating his Peter-Pan syndrome of never growing up. And he prided himself on negotiating hotel room upgrades. The Christmas season was particularly his favorite, when his inner Clark Griswold would come out. It was during this time that he would buy not one, but TWO Christmas trees, enjoy his fireplace, and share the spirit of Santa to all. Nothing was spared for Christmas and horse drawn hayrides evolved from a family tradition to a neighborhood-wide ritual. Don is joining his parents, Ada and Cohen Peele in heaven. His legacy and love will live on through his wife Catherine, daughter Morgan, son Cullen, son Shawn, and his brother Roger (Carla).

Don's family would also like to thank, with deepest appreciation, those staff members of St. Catherine's LaBoure', who supervised and cared for Don.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Don's memory to the Lewy Body Dementia Association (lbda.org) or St. Catherine's LaBoure' Manor.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, July 14, 2015 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at Hardage-Giddens Oaklawn Chapel. Funeral services will be held 11:00am on Wednesday, July 15, 2015 at Holiday Hill Baptist Church, 730 Mandalay Road, Jacksonville, Florida.

[Note: When I first read this obituary I did not have the family line of Donald Wayne Peele in my database but felt that he must be related. I tried to contact the family to get more data but failed. But through their church, I got into touch with Don's 1st cousin, Cheryl Lynn Peele. She filled in a few blanks and is also sending me a package of information. In the meantime, with the help of Susan Collier and some other Ancestry tips, we developed family tree of Joab Peele, son of John Peelle (1802) and Orpha "Orphy" Newsom (1805), both parents were from Wayne County, NC. This research added all of the following information to Joe's family: four wives with six children, and two additional generations. It is amazing what can be gleaned from an obituary. I am sure that this tree will change more and soon. There has to be missing children.

Descendants of Joab L. "Joe" Peele

Generation No. 1

1. **Joab L. "Joe"⁹ Peele** (John⁸ Peelle, Willis⁷, Robert⁶, Robert⁵, Robert⁴, Robert³, Robert², Lawrence¹) was born 1848 in Nash Co., NC¹, and died Abt. 1913; buried in Waresboro Cemetery, Ware

Co., GA. He married **(1) Martha Jordan** 18 Aug 1869 in Wilson Co., NC, daughter of Josiah Jordan. She was born 1853. He married **(2) Laura A. Brown** 09 May 1875 in Dodge Co., GA. She was born 1856 in GA. He married **(3) Ida Eason** 11 Aug 1891 in Ware, GA. She was born 28 Jul 1866 in Appling Co., GA, and died 04 Jul 1903. He married **(4) Hester Sarah Rosier** Abt. 1906 in FL. She was born 31 May 1876 in Lake Butler, Union Co., FL, and died 11 Dec 1956 in Bradford Co., FL.

Notes for Joab L. "Joe" Peele:

!Some documents have Joabs death date as 15 June 1936, this is an error. Joabs death date of "About 1913" is based upon the 1920 US Census and his recorded probate. His last wife Hester Rosier married shortly after his death to J. H. Sapp as shown in the 1920 US Census. The official probate record dated 16 Aug 1913 shows Joab as a resident of Florida with a probate location of Ware, Georgia with an estate was worth \$1000 according Petitioner to D. B. Finn. (Petitions For Temporary Letters of Administration, Vol A-B, 1895-1937; Georgia, Wills and Probate Records, 1742-1992.)

Child of Joab Peele and Laura Brown is:

- 2 i. Uster C.¹⁰ Peele, born 1878 in Dodge Co., GA.

Children of Joab Peele and Ida Eason are:

- 3 i. Allie Floyd¹⁰ Peele, born 14 Sep 1892 in Waycross, Ware Co., GA; died 07 Mar 1949; buried in Woodlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Orlando, FL. He married Pearl Elizabeth Graves 05 Jan 1922 in Clay Co., FL; born 27 Dec 1905; died 19 Dec 1983.
- + 4 ii. Joseph Downing Peele, born 12 Sep 1895 in (Willacoochee) Waycross, Ware Co., GA; died 31 Oct 1992 in Orlando, Orange Co., FL.
- 5 iii. Pansy Peele, born 1900 in GA.

Children of Joab Peele and Hester Rosier are:

- + 6 i. Samuel Cheatham¹⁰ Peele, born 17 Dec 1909 in Duval Co., FL; died 06 Feb 1968; buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Jacksonville, Duval Co., FL.
- + 7 ii. Cohen Elmer Peele, born 09 Dec 1912 in Jacksonville, Duval Co., FL; died 19 May 1980; buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Jacksonville, Duval Co., FL.

Generation No. 2

4. Joseph Downing¹⁰ Peele (Joab L. "Joe"⁹, John⁸ Peelle, Willis⁷, Robert⁶, Robert⁵, Robert⁴, Robert³, Robert², Lawrence¹) was born 12 Sep 1895 in (Willacoochee) Waycross, Ware Co., GA, and died 31 Oct 1992 in Orlando, Orange Co., FL. He married **Edna Virginia Hoffman** 04 Feb 1924 in Richland Co., OH. She was born 1903 in Van Zandt, TX.

Child of Joseph Peele and Edna Hoffman is:

- 8 i. Opal Virginia¹¹ Peele, born 23 Feb 1925 in Mansfield, Richland Co., OH; died 06 Jan 1999. She married [Mr] Beruman.

6. Samuel Cheatham¹⁰ Peele (Joab L. "Joe"⁹, John⁸ Peelle, Willis⁷, Robert⁶, Robert⁵, Robert⁴, Robert³, Robert², Lawrence¹) was born 17 Dec 1909 in Duval Co., FL, and died 06 Feb 1968; buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Jacksonville, Duval Co., FL. He married **Annie Myrtice Hall** 16 Apr 1947 in Duval Co., FL.

Child of Samuel Peele and Annie Hall is:

- 9 i. Cheryl Lynn¹¹ Peele, born 09 Mar 1950 in Duval Co., FL.

7. Cohen Elmer¹⁰ Peele (Joab L. "Joe"⁹, John⁸ Peelle, Willis⁷, Robert⁶, Robert⁵, Robert⁴, Robert³, Robert², Lawrence¹) was born 09 Dec 1912 in Jacksonville, Duval Co., FL, and died 19 May 1980; buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Jacksonville, Duval Co., FL. He married **(1) Lois M. Reddish** 1930. She was born 14 Jun 1914. He married **(2) Ada Mae Hall** 1941. She was born 02 Mar 1917, and died 26 Jun 2007; buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Jacksonville, Duval Co., FL. According to records Cohen divorced Lois in 1948 but he also married Ada in 1941.

Child of Cohen Peele and Lois Reddish is:

- 10 i. Fredrick J. "Freddy"¹¹ Peele, born 01 Jan 1935 in Bradford, FL; died 28 Nov 2002 in Jacksonville Beach, Duval Co., FL.

Children of Cohen Peele and Ada Hall are:

- 11 i. Roger Francis Peele, born Oct 1942 in Jacksonville, Duval Co., FL. He married Carla [Peele].
- + 12 ii. Donald Wayne¹¹ Peele, born 19 Aug 1946 in Jacksonville, Duval Co., FL; died 09 Jul 2015 in Jacksonville, FL.

Generation No. 3

12. Donald Wayne¹¹ Peele (Cohen Elmer¹⁰, Joab L. "Joe"⁹, John⁸ Peelle, Willis⁷, Robert⁶, Robert⁵, Robert⁴, Robert³, Robert², Lawrence¹) was born 19 Aug 1946 in Jacksonville, Duval Co., FL, and died 09 Jul 2015 in Jacksonville, FL. He married **(1) Dianna Rae Aphey** Abt. 1966. He married **(2) Catherine Kells** later.

Child of Donald Peele and Dianna Aphey is:

- 13 i. Shawn¹² Peele, born Apr 1968.

Children of Donald Peele and Catherine Kells are:

- 14 i. Morgan¹² Peele.
- 15 ii. Cullen Peele.

Joab Peele is the 9th generation descendent back to Lawrence. Therefore, his grandson Donald Wayne Peele and granddaughter Cheryl Lynn Peele are 11th generations. I am their 4th cousin once removed.]



Dorothy Carter

Dorothy (Peele Pearson) Carter of Vestal, NY, formerly of Raeford. With her loving children by her side, Dorothy Louise Carter (Dottie), age 93, passed from this life into a life of eternal joy and celebration with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on May 20, 2015. She was born August 3, 1921 in Scotland County, N.C., the daughter of Hugh and Mary Ellen (Covington) Peele. Orphaned by the age of 4, she was raised by her uncle and aunt Donald and Matilda (Peele) Pearson, near Raeford, NC.

She met her husband Thomas at a USO dance at Ft Bragg, NC during WWII. They were married May 5, 1946 in NC. Tom then brought his bride back to his home in Binghamton, NY where they started a family. They moved to Vestal, NY in 1958. Tom passed away in 1991. Dottie was also predeceased by her sisters Nellie Warwick and Alma Walters, sisters-in-law Alice Abbott and Camilla (Jack) Grimm, and two dear cousins, Kate Currie and Edwin Hasty. She is survived by her three children: Janice (Frank) Miller, Endwell, NY; June Carter, San Diego, CA; Donald (Patti) Carter, Vestal, NY; eight grandchildren: Curt Miller (Kelly San Filippo), Christie (Paul) Sasso, Courtney Carter, Michaela Carter, Oriana Hewa, Regina (Jeff) Sitterley, Audrey (Will) Jacobson, Thomas Carter; and seven great grandchildren. She is also survived by her special nieces and nephews: Barbara Abbott, Judy (Allen) Grow, and Susan (Denny) Grotrian, Horace (Helen) Warwick, John Hugh Warwick, Bud Walters, and her special great niece, Camilla Grow.

Dottie was a gifted poet. Her favorite subject was her love of her Lord Jesus, but she also loved to honor her family and friends with her poetry. She also loved to journal - putting in writing her thoughts about her life experiences. She travelled the world with her daughters. She visited 13 countries and once circled the globe, visiting faraway places like Thailand and Vietnam. The most important thing in Dottie's life was her love of Jesus. She lived a joyful, Spirit-filled life. She was clothed in compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. All who met her for even a moment were touched by her love and grace.

Dottie's family wishes to express our gratitude for the excellent and loving care she received at

Woodland Manor in Vestal, where she lived for the past 6 years. We also extend our gratitude to the staff of 2B at Bridgewater Nursing Home in Binghamton. A service of remembrance and celebration will be held at Memorial Park Baptist Church, 1013 Front St., Vestal, NY 13850 at 11:00 am, Tuesday May 26 2015. Pastor Marlene Steenburg officiating, Calling hours will be at the Church, from 9:30 am until the time of the service. She will be laid to rest at Vestal Hills Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Memorial Park Baptist Church, where Dottie was a member for over 45 years. Well done, thou good and faithful servant.

Genealogical line – 11th generation to Lawrence: **Dorothy¹¹ Peele** (Dock Hugh¹⁰, Fletcher⁹, Robert⁸ Peele, David⁷, Robert⁶, Robert⁵, Robert⁴, Robert³, Robert², Lawrence¹).

[Dorothy was my 2nd cousin once removed. Dorothy was the only child of Mary Ellen Covington, the second wife of Dock Hugh Peele. Mary Ellen died on 27 Jul 1925 and is buried in the Tabernacle Cemetery, Ghio, Scotland Co., NC, near where I was raised. Dorothy Peele was adopted by Donald H. Pearson & Matilda Peele. Dock Hugh Peele had seven children by his first wife Mary Frances Peele who was his first cousin, she died in 1919. Dock died in 1922.]



Rosemary Peele

Corning, New York: **Rosemary T. Peele**, age 89, of Corning, NY went to be with her Lord on Sunday, October 12, 2014 in the comfort of her home surrounded by her family. Rosemary was born July 26, 1925 in Keuka Park, NY to the late Bert S. and Mary L. (Beauchamp) Tuttle.

She married Richard Peele on August 3, 1946 in Penn Yan, New York. Rosemary's role as mother, grandmother and great-grandmother brought her great joy throughout her life. In her early years in Richmond, IN, she was an avid western horseback rider.

Rosemary later worked at the Rockwell Museum of Western Art in Corning as a docent for many years. She had a great love for music and composed many of her own piano pieces. Rosemary enjoyed oil painting and cross-stitching. The family homes are adorned both with her paintings and personalized cross-stitch works. She was also a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR).

Rosemary is survived by her husband of 68 years, Richard Peele; her five children: Karen (Allen) Fusco of Painted Post, NY; John (Lyn) Peele of Phoenix, AZ; Cathy (Ricky) Lathrop of Elmira Heights, NY; Linda Hunter of Tampa, FL; and Susan Murphy of Tucson, AZ; fifteen grandchildren, twenty-three great-grandchildren; and sister-in-law, Janet Ewing of Fort Collins, CO.

The family will receive friends from 9:00am to 10:00am on Thursday, October 16, 2014 at Phillips Funeral Home & Cremation Service, 17 W. Pulteney St., Corning, NY. A Catholic funeral service will immediately follow there. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Rosemary's name may be made to Saint Labre Indian School, Native American Way, Ashland, MT 59004-1001 or the United Way of Steuben and Chemung Counties, 29 Denison Pkwy E., Corning, NY 14830.

Genealogical line – 11th generation to Lawrence through her spouse: **Richard Kingsbury "Dick"¹¹ Peele** (John Wells Taylor¹⁰, John⁹, Henry Edmund⁸, James⁷, Edmund⁶, John Jellary⁵, Robert⁴, Robert³, Robert², Lawrence¹). [Richard is the 6th cousin to Harriett Pearl Peele and is also my 6th cousin once removed.]

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