



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

### ***From The Editor***

We hope that 2017 was a good year for you. I know that many experienced losses in their lives like our cousin RB Peelle who lost his first sibling, Howard, this year to cancer. Our sincere thoughts are with all those who lost family members.

My wife, Trish, underwent an operation to remove her breast implants in December. For those of you who have implants read this carefully. The effect of "squeezing" the breast during mammograms may have caused leakage from her implants. One implant had leaked silicone through the capsule wall into her body. But the biopsies revealed no cancer, thank God. If this a concern to you, please get an exam.

I don't know how you feel about our first year with President Trump, but I do believe that he is making every effort to "Make America Great Again." Our national debt has lowered, unemployment is down, lower number of illegals are coming across the border, and he is eliminating misuse of our taxpayer's funds. I may not agree with all of his methods in getting things done but he is getting things done. And yes, being from Texas, I agree with building the wall.

Trish and I hosted our 24th Christmas party on the 9<sup>th</sup> of December. We wrote our 31<sup>st</sup> annual Christmas letter. We have agreed that the 25<sup>th</sup> party will be the last. Likewise, this may be the year to end the newsletter, ***Lawrence, Etc.***

Thanks again to Frank Manning Peele of Norfolk, VA, for his contribution towards the printing and mailing of this copy of the newsletter. Frank says that they have downsized from nine rooms to four, living in a villa, with the front porch on the beach. Move over!

The main article in this newsletter features an email exchange with Linda Piazza and her efforts in connecting Robert J. Peel in to our family. Great Job Linda!



*Trish Peele*

While we are still young -- Trish and I are getting ready for our summer journey back to England, Italy, and Switzerland. We have already booked our hotels and bought our tickets. Only 56 days ... I love it.

We pray that 2018 will be a great year for all of us and that you will be safe in whatever you undertake.

Peace be with you until the next time. Enjoy each day that God has given you!



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# *Connecting Robert J. Peel*

I had a long exchange of emails with cousin **Linda Dianne Hodges Piazza** whose mother was Dora Jean Peel (1930-1975). Linda is a descendent of the Robert J. Peel highlighted in ***Lawrence, Etc., Volume 16, Issue 3***. We covered a page or so of information on this Robert J. Peele in that issue with the following statement:

... I dug into my notebook full of **disconnected** Peele family trees which I have collected over the years. Here is another from the book. It has much interest in that the Robert Peel listed here is seen sometimes as Robert J. and other times as Robert Austin Peel. In all cases the information about him shows that he comes from North Carolina. If that is the case then he surely is from our family. Does anyone know how to connect him? Who are his parents?

It did not take long until Linda Dianne Hodges Piazza answered the call on this one and answered she did. She sent me the following long email that holds many interesting issues.

**From:** Linda Piazza [  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 27, 2017 7:50 PM  
**To:** [horace@peelee.info](mailto:horace@peelee.info)  
**Subject:** Robert J. Peele/Orphan Peel in Your Volume 16-Issue 3-2016 Newsletter

Evening, Horace,

I saw that you featured Robert Peele in your Issue 3, 2016 Newsletter.

I am a direct descendant of Robert J. Peel via son James McDonald Peel to son Mike Davie (not David) Peel to James Davie (also not David, we believe) Peel to Dora Jean Peel to me, Linda Hodges Piazza. My daughter, Laura and I wrote to you several years ago when we first began our genealogical research about our brick wall at this Peel, but you didn't believe he was part of your Peel family.

I am a relative newbie with genealogical research, but I try to be careful and I am aided by the research of several generations of women who belong to DAR and my Uncle Murray Peel's research. He wrote the section about Robert Peele in *History of Webster County*. I have also been collecting our family's history as carefully as I can.

I was the first to use the initial "J." as far as I know. Why am I using the middle initial "J."? I found his purported middle initial on the death certificate of his daughter, Julia Renna Peel Tatum. Of course, I know better than to presume this is set in stone because the informant on Julia Renna's death certificate, her daughter, lists his middle initial as "J." However, it is a starting point and helps differentiate him from Robert Austin Peel for those who would lump the two together.

Allowing that I can be as wrong as any other person, I also do not believe that Robert J. Peele, my ancestor, is the same person as Robert Austin Peel, although many people confuse the two and match Robert J. Peele's known family with Robert Austin Peel's different family. Both men appear on the same 1860 census in nearby but different counties with separate families. My ancestor Robert Peele, appears as "Robt Peel,"

living with Mahala, his second wife who appears on the Bible page, with several of his younger children who also appeared on the Bible page, living in Webster County.

My ancestor Robert is older than the 32-year-old Robert A(ustin) Peel who appears in the Troup County census for the same year. Both men are present in their respective counties ten years earlier, in 1850, too, but this time a 72-year-old Elizabeth is with Robert A. Peel's Troup County family ... while my ancestor Robert Peele, listed as Robert Peal, is living with his first wife, Elizabeth (Gunnels) Peel and children then born, including my ancestor, James (McDonald) Peel.

We are at a brick wall. I have requested that a male Peel, Uncle Murray's son and a cousin of mine, take the Y-DNA test from Family Tree. He has done so and is awaiting results.

I've studied Robert J. Peel from many angles. For example, he lives among and interacts on an intimate basis with the Irish Peels who came across on the HMS Brittonia in 1771. His wife Mahala is buried in the Peel section of Macedonia Baptist Church along with descendants of those Peel brothers, John and Richard, who came across in 1771. Their descendants witnessed his will, as did Stapletons. Of course, there's the question of why I would believe a man consistently showing his birthplace as North Carolina would be part of the "Irish Peels," as my daughter and I refer to them as a shortcut, when those Irish Peels landed in Georgia and settled in the Queensborough area and were still in Georgia in the mid 1800's. A possible answer came in the following quote:

"The majority of patriot Queensborough settlers were forced to flee during the Revolution because of British and Tory harassment. Many went into North and South Carolina, particularly Newberry, Ninety Six, and Abbeville areas where they returned to Georgia to fight as Refugee Soldiers. Some moved northward to the banks of Rocky Comfort Creek and returned to become pioneer settlers in the new town of Louisville which the Legislature incorporated in 1796." (*The Georgia Genealogist*, Colonial Records. "Queensborough," pp 1-24.)

Yet, despite all those interactions with Robert and the Irish Peels, I show the strongest genetic autosomal connection to the descendants of Robert Peel-1709 and Charity Dickinson. I show a connection to descendants of Charity Dickinson's brother, for example, as well as a sister and a cousin, when I would have no other connections to them that I have been able to find so far.

So, we await those genetic results to determine more answers for Robert J. Peele. Perhaps he was a son of a North Carolina Peel who received his inheritance before moving to Georgia and so his name was never mentioned on a North Carolina will? Perhaps his parents did temporarily flee to North Carolina from Queensborough during the Revolution and he came back later? He and three young men appear in the Stewart/Webster County area about the same time.

Wrapping up a long, long email: According to my older relatives, Mike Davie's name was apparently "Davie," and he was never known as anything other than "Mike," except on one early census when he was listed as "Miccal," I believe. His son, my grandfather, James Davie Peel, was always known as Davie and that was the older family member's understanding of his birth name. The family story told to me was that after he married my grandmother, she made him change his name to "David" because she didn't like

"Davie." I checked old records, and his WWI Draft card is made out as "James David" by the person registering him, but he signed it "James Davie" Peel, not "David." For now, I am including what the older generations of the family still alive believe to have been his and my great-grandfather's true birth names.

I look forward to hearing from you again.

Linda

What an amazing email! This email started an exchange of information that lasted several months and covered many families. We did stop for the summer while I was gone and later Linda has some illnesses in herself and in her family. Linda went on to explain other avenues of research that she had done.

I assured her that the Robert Austin Peele was the son of John Jossey Peel(le) who fled NC under duress of being arrested for not paying a debt which came from a loan that he had received. He served on a jury on Troop County, GA, and signed his name there as "J. J. Peel."

We also discussed the possibility of Robert being a twin to Rebecca Peel born about 1807 to Hilary Peel and Anne "Nancy" Hart. This family was from Edgecombe County, North Carolina. Robert was born in North Carolina but lived in Georgia. Why was he there? Linda had researched this as well. Then Linda wrote this email:

Horace,

Any time you'd like me to stop bothering you with my investigations of Robert J. Peele's family, just let me know. [I laughed to myself, why cease enjoyment?]

Another rabbit trail I've been following, as I may have already told you, is looking into Hilary/Hillary Peele/Pealle in North Carolina. The reason he piqued my interest was because Robert's first son, James McDonald Peel, named his second son Hilary Wiseman Peel. I knew the "Wiseman" came likely came from Wiseman Bridges, his great-grandfather. But where did the Hilary come from?

You probably know all about Hilary/Hillary Peele in Bertie County, North Carolina. I think I mentioned that I had found him in the 1790 census, so that kept my interest alive. He was old enough to be Robert's father. I won't go into a lot of detail because I'll likely be telling you what you already know, but I found that some researchers believe that he had a first son, James Peele. **James died intestate, and in 1853**, Edgecombe County records show that some of his siblings petitioned the court, saying that his siblings were his only heirs, but that dividing up the property among them all would cause injury. They wanted the property sold as a whole. Among the siblings named was a **Robert Peele**, who was to receive a 1/8 part. Interestingly, some of siblings are mentioned as "your petitioner ...," but William and Robert do not have that "your petitioner" appended to their names. My (attorney) husband told me that could have happened for several reasons, but I wonder if it's because Robert is our Robert J. Peel, in which case, he's already left Bertie County for Georgia. I have found a William in Georgia, too, but I haven't researched him in depth.

Many researchers, beginners or expert, I don't know, assume Robert was born between son William, born in 1799, and Mary, presumed to have been born in 1806. That's about the right time for our Robert J. Peele, depending on how one reads that Bible page, but

none of those researchers of Hillary Peele's family has an exact date for Robert's birth anyway. Neither do the ones I have found have any further information about him after this. They tend to list "aft. 1853" for his death, since they know he was alive in 1853, when the heirs of James Peele, his siblings, petitioned the court.

Some researchers do have some information preceding this, however, information about a bastardy bond involving Robert that I can't yet access. I have access online to the Camin's *North Carolina Bastardy Bonds*, but that record, although including Bertie County, is not as complete as the court minutes. It's apparently the court minutes that include the following: "**On December 10, 1827, William Peal and Hillary Peal went on the bond of Robert Peal for his bastard by Annis Ward**" Interestingly, one of this Robert's sisters is married to a John Ward. Is he the brother of the said "Annis Ward"? Would this kind of family scandal have been a reason for this Robert to leave North Carolina to seek a new start, whether or not he's our Robert J. Peele? Our Robert is in Stewart County by 1839 at least, when he marries Elizabeth Gunnels and 1841, when he and some of the youngish Irish Peel descendants are on tax rolls in that county.

Anyway, you may already know something that shoots down this theory. I'm not asking you to do my research for me, but instead I'm saying that I understand I may soon find out something that proves this to be an impossible theory. For now, I'm going down these trails and seeing what I discover.

Linda

I responded to Linda by telling her that "reading your emails is like reading a novel in itself. Do not stop sending, in fact I was wondering if putting all your email sequentially in the newsletter would make sense? Other than the detail and its very length, it would not fit. Linda's in-depth analysis blows me away, not many people have her insight." Linda replied:

Your comments surprised me! I told my husband today that I am hesitant to write you because I'm such a newbie at this, although I do like to think logically and pursue a trail!

Well pursue the trail she did. Linda documented several important issues.

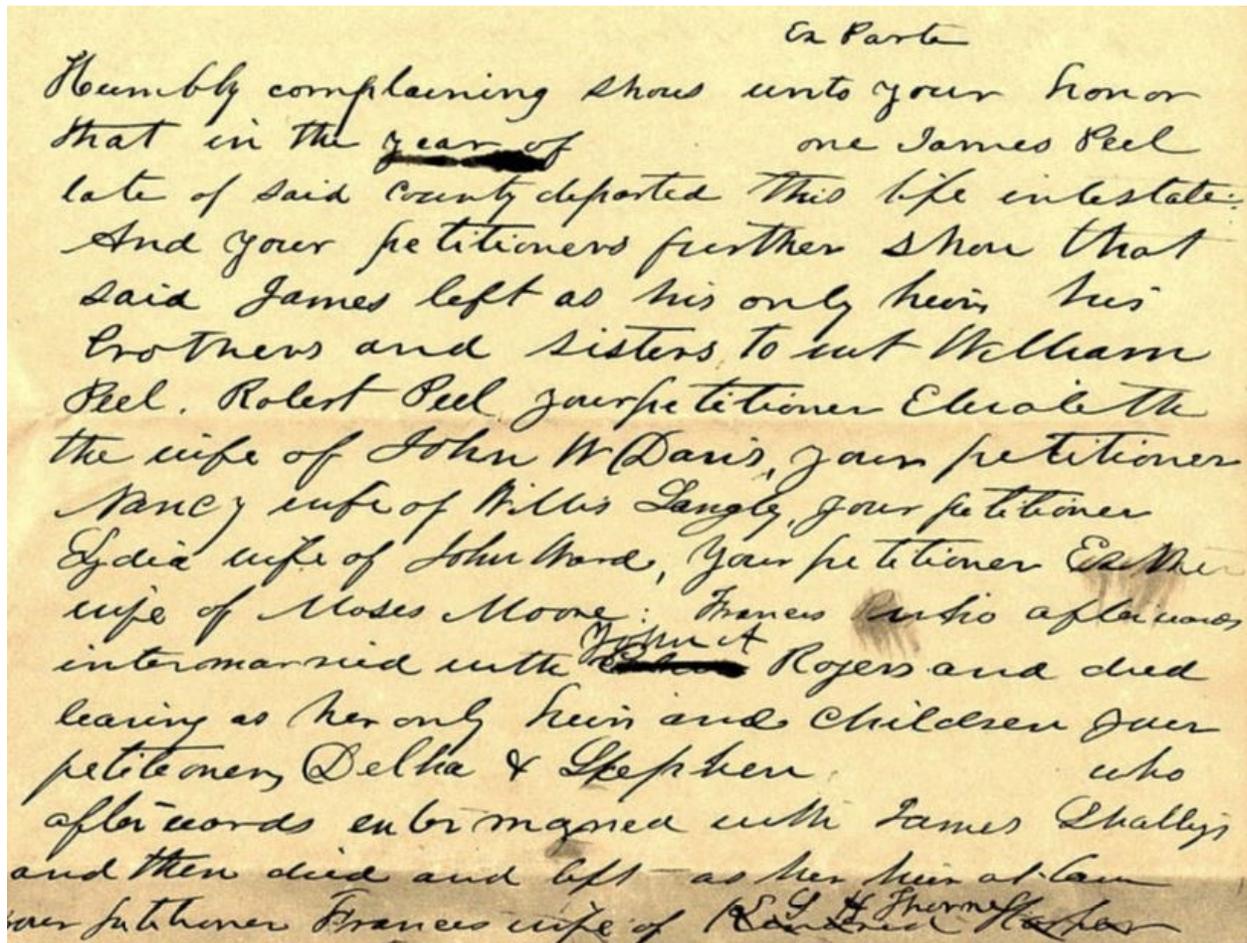
1. She shares DNA with people whose family trees contained descendants of Margaret Jossey who married Robert Peele, born 1730, the son of 1709 Robert Peele.
2. Robert J. Peele possibly left North Carolina after having a bastardy bond placed on his child with Annis Ward.
3. And then the court record of the petition in 1853. Linda goes into detail:

According to a petition to the court, James Peele died intestate, with the petition in 1853, Edgecombe County. Records show that some of his siblings petitioned the court, saying that his siblings were his only heirs, but that dividing up the property among them all would cause injury. They wanted the property sold as a whole. Among the siblings named was a Robert Peele, **who was to receive a 1/8 part**. The siblings listed are William; Robert; Elizabeth, wife of John W. Davis; Nancy, wife of Willis Langly [spelling in petition]; Lydia, wife of John Ward; Esther, wife of Moses Moore; etc.

As you scan it, you'll see that Robert is listed as the sibling of people who are known children of Hillary Peele. I know that "sibling" and other relationship names can be a bit

loosey-goosey in this period and may not mean what we assume it to mean, perhaps meaning a cousin raised with the family or a grandchild, but this is more information I'm viewing that might slot our Robert J. Peele into Hillary's family somewhere. The Robert listed here seems to be a lost Robert, because he's not often seen on trees for Hillary.

In case you want to reference it, I've included a clip of the several-paged document, the part that lists the siblings.



Ex Parte  
Humbly complaining shew unto your Honor  
that in the year of ~~1795~~ one James Peel  
late of said County departed this life intestate:  
And your petitioners further shew that  
said James left as his only heirs his  
brothers and sisters to wit William  
Peel, Robert Peel your petitioner Elizabeth  
the wife of John W. Davis, your petitioner  
Nancy wife of Willis Langley, your petitioner  
Egida wife of John Stone, your petitioner Esther  
wife of Moses Moore; Frances who afterwards  
intermarried with ~~John~~ Rogers and died  
leaving as her only heirs and children your  
petitioners, Deltha & Stephen who  
afterwards intermarried with James Chalby  
and then died and left as her heirs at law  
your petitioner Frances wife of ~~Robert~~ Thomas

Interestingly, some of the siblings are mentioned at "your petitioner . . .," but William and Robert do not have that "your petitioner" appended to their names. My attorney husband told me that could have happened for several reasons. As I think I've mentioned in a previous email, I wonder if it's because this Robert is our Robert J. Peele, in which case, he's already left Bertie County for Georgia when this petition was being made. He was in Georgia at least by 1839. I have found a William in Georgia, too, but I haven't researched him in depth, and you'd probably know more about Hillary's William's movements than I do.

Linda

Linda sent me another document that purportedly came from Jeff Barefoot from Boone, NC. I have tried to contact Jeff recently but his email and home phone numbers do not respond. The document she sent is like a heritage book article and it states that James Peele, the father of Hillary Peele, sells his son Hillary 700 acres of Pitt County land on July 28, 1795. Further in that

document, it names the children of Hillary as James, William, Robert, Elizabeth, Lydia, Nancy, Esther, **Mary**, and **Frances**. Notice that all the males are named first, then the females, not in age order but birth order by gender. That would leave eight so each would have been entitled to 1/8 of James' estate.

But I was very interested in why only six siblings were named in the petition yet it states that Robert was entitled a **1/8 part**. According to my records the other two had to be Mary Peel who married James Stallings and her sister Frances "Fanny" Peel who married John Adams Rogers. Why were they not named?

I sent several of Linda's emails to someone well respected in the genealogical world, Myrtle Bridges. Myrtle has always been a great genealogist but also well known for her understanding of the "bastardy bond" issue. She has written many county level books on that subject in North Carolina by going through endless court records to extract bastardy bond cases and documenting them.

Myrtle's response was surprising. She definitely agreed that Robert J. Peel was the son of Hillary, too much evidence. Myrtle also developed a family tree for Hillary's family to include all the children. She included information on bastardy bonds and how they worked. According to the law, Annis Ward would have been sworn in and asked by the authorities for the name of the father of her child, she named Robert Peel. That would make him 20 years of age at the time and still a minor. His brother William Peel and his father Hillary Peel placed the bond on his behalf.

It is impossible to cover all the information sent to me by Linda. But the above is a good extract of the exchange. It points to a direct tie into the family for the long disconnected Robert J. Peel. It is through the gallant efforts of outstanding cousins like Linda that we continue to grow our family. I still have my notebook full of disconnected families. But it is getting thinner.

In one of my last emails on the subject Linda sent the following:

Horace,

DNA: I do show two healthy DNA connections to people a woman with Hillary Peele in her tree as an ancestor and another who doesn't go back that far, but has his granddaughter as an ancestor. Curiously, one of those has Ward connections, too.

I'm so very grateful to you for sending that information and those of others to Myrtle Bridges. By the way, two of Robert J. Peele's children, including my 2nd great grandfather, married Bridges. I'm excited to have confirmation that these two pieces of information I discovered from reading posts of Jeff Barefoot who is from Boone, N.C., are significant and strongly suggestive that Hillary Peele did have a son, Robert Peele. They seemed too good to be true, and I was afraid I was jumping to conclusions.

We've been looking for a previously unknown-to-us Robert Peele in a North Carolina Peele family with hopes that we could climb that brick wall. It's my understanding, though, that this is strongly suggestive of a Robert Peele, son of Hillary, but not proof that *our* Robert J. Peele is *that* Robert Peele. Is that how you interpret the current state of our search?

Linda

I have placed Robert J. Peel as the child of Hillary Peel. It is more than just tentative in my mind. I fully understand the reluctance Linda has in doing the same. But your work Linda is far beyond that of most people.

I have great respect for those who hold to the slogan "***Those who don't remember their ancestors don't deserve to be remembered!***"

## ***Family Obits***

It is with **great respect** for the Peelle family that I include the following obituary. It is sad to see the beginning of the end of a generation. Like my brother Marvin signed my Christmas card after all my other siblings had died, he signed "Your only sibling, Marvin." That is an awaking! May God Bless the family.



*Howard A. Peelle*

AMHERST, MA - **Howard A. Peelle** died of cancer Dec. 15, 2017, at home, in hospice care, surrounded by his four children and his wife.

He was born Feb. 9, 1944, in Schenectady, New York, to Gertrude E. and Robert B. Peelle Sr. Howard (Hap) grew up in Roslyn, Long Island, attended Friends Academy, Roslyn public schools and Stony Brook School (1961). He was the eldest of three boys and three girls. He received his B.S. in Engineering from Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania (1965). Hap met his wife of 50 years, Carolyn, when they were new teachers (Math/English) at Oakwood School, a **Quaker** boarding school in Poughkeepsie, New York.

Hap's football team, loyal to this day, matched him up with the new English teacher, "Miss Curtiss." After they married, the newlyweds lived a year in Chicago, during one of the most tumultuous years of the nation's history - 1968.

Hap was recruited to a special doctoral program in education at the University of Massachusetts Amherst under charismatic Dean Dwight Allen. The school grew exponentially, and Carolyn joined the doctoral program as well. In 1971-72 they graduated, had their first child, and built their first house together in Shutesbury.

As professor in the College of Education's Department of Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies, Dr. Peelle pioneered in mathematics education and computer science education. He designed and led new doctoral programs in Instructional Applications of Computers in the '70s and Math and Science Education in the '80s. He was also a visiting professor at MIT, the Tokyo Institute of Technology, the University of Hawaii, the University of California at Santa Cruz and at Hampshire College. He published four books and more than 100 articles while teaching courses such as "Understanding Math Anxiety," "Teaching Mathematical Problem Solving," "Exploring Math & Science Teaching" and "Teaching Mathematics with Computing." In 1994 he received a national award for Innovative Excellence in Teaching, Learning, and Technology.

His international honors included: Fulbright Scholar Award for Lecturing and Research in Malaysia (2003), Fulbright Senior Specialist for Curriculum Assessment at Japan Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (2008), Delegate to the World Science Forum in Budapest, Hungary (2011) and in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (2013). Throughout his tenure at UMass, Dr. Peelle served as faculty senator and on councils: Commonwealth Honors College, Status of

Women and International Studies.

Exercise and playing racquet sports were an essential part of Hap's life. In tennis he competed and often won New England senior tournaments in Men's and Mixed Doubles (with Carolyn). They were a perfect match for a match. When he took up racquetball he became Massachusetts state champion in his age brackets - 40s and 50s - 10 times, and he was ranked nationally as high as No. 3. Hap once organized a marathon weekend of racquet sports competition in Ping-Pong, tennis, racquetball and badminton. He loved to play backgammon, bridge and Go, and wrote a book on how to solve Rubik's Cube.

Hap is survived by his wife, Carolyn, and his wonderful family: brothers RB (Susie) and Paul (Diana); sisters Elaine (Brian), Sallie (Alan) and Nancy (Robb); sister-in-law, Cornelia McDade and brother-in-law, John Curtiss (Sue Ellen); many nieces and nephews; his four children, Juliet (Nelson), Jessi, Caleb and Mariah (Daniel) plus seven adored grandchildren. He requested cremation with no burial.

An appreciation of his life will be held at Amherst South Church [Massachusetts] on Saturday, Jan. 6, at 2 p.m. The family has requested that gifts in Hap's memory be sent to Amherst South Church, or to the Massachusetts General Cancer Center at Cooley Dickinson Hospital.

**Genealogical Line** — 12<sup>th</sup> generation to Lawrence: **Howard Arthur "Hap"<sup>12</sup> Peelle** (Robert Beatty "Bob"<sup>11</sup>, Henry Edmund<sup>10</sup>, John<sup>9</sup>, Henry Edmund<sup>8</sup>, James<sup>7</sup>, Edmund<sup>6</sup>, John Jellary<sup>5</sup>, Robert<sup>4</sup>, Robert<sup>3</sup>, Robert<sup>2</sup>, Lawrence<sup>1</sup>).

[There are two items of interest in this obituary, first, notice that the family name has not changed all the way back to Lawrence Peelle. The second is that HAP attended a Quaker founded college and taught at a Quaker school. The Peelle family has been proven to have been Quakers back to the 1680s. Both of these items are "badges" of honor for our family regardless of your surname today. "HAP" was my seventh cousin.

Cousin RB Peelle sent me this picture of HAP driving his 1955 Austin Healey 104 sports car with all his siblings on board. They are from left to right: Paul, Nancy, RB, Sallie, Elaine, and HAP.]



*HAP driving in 1967*



Columbia, SC. **Robert Christopher "Chris" Peele**, age 34, passed away peacefully on Friday, November 10, 2017, at his home in Columbia.

Born in Laurinburg, NC, Christopher was the son of Wilma Thompson Peele Smith and the late Michael William "Mike" Peele. He grew up in Bennettsville and was active in the Boy Scouts, where he earned the Eagle Scout Award. He graduated from Marlboro County High School in

2001. He was a South Carolina Life Scholarship recipient and was listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students. He attended Spartanburg Methodist College in Spartanburg, SC, and had a love for math and computer science. For the past 15 years he resided in Columbia, SC. He was a member of First United Methodist Church of Bennettsville.

Christopher was a loving son, grandson, brother, nephew, and cousin. He cherished his special relationship with his grandmother, Lib Thompson. He had impeccable manners and was always so appreciative of everything that was done for him. Christopher was very witty and had a dry sense of humor. He loved animals, especially cats, and volunteered at the Humane Society in Columbia.

Christopher is survived by his mother and step-father, Wilma and Ray Smith, Jr. of Bennettsville, SC; maternal grandmother, Lib Thompson of Bennettsville, SC; brother, Austin (Diane) Peele of Seneca, SC; aunt, Libby (Frank) Shutt of Bennettsville, SC; nephew, Wesley Montgomery of Seneca, SC; niece, Katelyn Peele of Seneca, SC; cousins, Ashley (Jeremy) Thompson of Saluda, NC and Lee Shutt of Bennettsville, SC; step-paternal grandmother, Lydia Smith of Bennettsville, SC; and step-sister, Raven (Hawk) Grooms of Bennettsville, SC.

Christopher was preceded in death by his father, listed above; maternal grandfather, Robert E. "Red" Thompson; and paternal grandparents, Howard and Ann Peele Ransom.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, November 20, 2017 at the First United Methodist Church in Bennettsville. The family will receive friends immediately following the service in the Gathering Room at the church.

Memorials may be made to the Marlboro County Humane Society, P.O. Box 135, Bennettsville, SC, 29512. On-line Condolences may be made at [www.bfhbennettsville.com](http://www.bfhbennettsville.com). Burroughs Funeral Home is honored to assist the Peele family.

**Genealogical Line** -- 14<sup>th</sup> generation to Lawrence: **Robert Christopher "Chris"<sup>14</sup> Peele** (Michael William<sup>13</sup>, Annie Ruth<sup>12</sup>, Willie Arthur<sup>11</sup>, Charles Thomas<sup>10</sup>, **Isabelle<sup>9</sup> Peelle**, Sidney Freeman "Truman"<sup>8</sup>, William<sup>7</sup>, Isaac "Passco"<sup>6</sup>, Robert<sup>5</sup>, Robert<sup>4</sup>, Robert<sup>3</sup>, Robert<sup>2</sup>, Lawrence<sup>1</sup>) [At the age of 16, in Oct 1850, Isabelle Peelle gave birth to Charles Thomas Peele fathered by Clarence Welch. He was raised by Isabelle and her first husband Maston Crawford Driggers (1826-1878). In 1953, Annie Ruth Peele gave birth to Michael William Peele, fathered by James Charles Radford. She married Howard Ransom in 1955. Chris was my sixth cousin twice removed.]

## *Zion's Landmark*

Zion's Landmark is The Primitive Baptist newsletter published from 1867-2012 by the P.D. Gold Publishing Company in Wilson, NC, and contributed by Cousin J. Robert "Bobby" Boykin of Wilson. The style of writing in Zion's Landmark is a neat old style of phrases. The following article was from May 1, 1943.

### **BROTHER W. S. PEEL**

On January 26th the death angel claimed the body of our much beloved brother W.S. Peel. He was the son of the late Stanley and Marina Peel. He was born August 27th, 1883, died January 26th 1943, making his life on earth, 59 years, 5 mos., and 9 days. He was first married to Miss

Lula Jones in the year of 1905, who died in Nov. 1915 and to that union three children were born, one preceding its mother to the grave.

He was married in January 1917 to Miss Ella Rogerson and to this union five children were born, three of which preceded their father to the grave, leaving one son and one daughter by the first union and two sons by the second union, together with their mother and his two sisters and one brother to mourn together with a great host of brothers and friends. We do not mourn as though we had no hope for he had made his hope manifest. Brother Peel was a very useful man. He was a good singer and always led the singing at the churches he visited.

He joined the Church at Bear Grass Saturday before the third Sunday in October 1914 and lived a faithful member the balance of his life. He was Clerk of his home Church, Clerk of the Church at Skewarkey and Clerk of the Church of the Skewarkey Union at the time of his death.

We miss him so much. He was a brother indeed to the writer for his first wife was a sister to my wife. She was also a dear sister in the church as is his last wife who we believe to be a mother in Israel. Let us pray that his mantle may fall upon another. Done by order of Conference Saturday before the third Sunday in February 1943.

B. S. Cowin, Moderator,  
A. B. Ayers, Committee,  
E. C. Harrison, Clerk

**Genealogical Line** — 10<sup>th</sup> generation to Lawrence: **William Stanley "Bud"<sup>10</sup> Peele, Sr.** (Stanley<sup>9</sup> Peal, Jr., Stanley<sup>8</sup>, Amos<sup>7</sup>, Edward<sup>6</sup> Peelle, Robert<sup>5</sup>, William<sup>4</sup>, Robert<sup>3</sup>, Robert<sup>2</sup>, Lawrence<sup>1</sup>) was born 27 Aug 1883 in Cross Roads Twp, Martin Co., NC, and died 26 Jan 1943; buried in Levi S. Jones Cemetery, Bear Grass Twp, Martin Co., NC. He married twice; **Lula Jones** and **Ella Rogerson**, nine children.

This is the same person that was also written up in Zion's Landmark as shown in the previous **Lawrence, Etc.** The other article was published on September 15, 1943, some four months after this one. I cannot explain the difference except to say that the September version changes the spelling of his name from "PEEL" to "PEELE" and oddly enough, I have the family slightly different.

In the gathering of information I found that Stanley and Marina Peel were in fact first cousins once removed. I have them listed as Stanley PEAL, Jr. (1846-1907) who was the son of Stanley PEAL (1800-1880?). I have Mariney Jane PEAL, daughter of Craven PEAL (1825-1864) who is the son of Dennis PEAL (1797-1891).

This is an honorable family. Craven Peal died in the Civil War, see page 260 of the **Peele Chronicles**. Stanley-1800 and his wife Annis Gurganus had four sons to serve in the Civil War; Eli-1836 who died on or about 20 Mat 1864, Hyman-1841 who died on 20 July 1864, Stanley-1846 who survived and settled back in Bear Grass, and Stephen-1840 who survived and later moved to Scott County, MO.

I have all the siblings of Mariney listed as PEAL. I list the siblings of Stanley, Sr. with a mixture of one PEEL, seven PEALs and William Stanley above as PEELE. The selection of the final surname spelling is often based upon a signature of that individual in a will or some deed, or other document.

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