



# I Am the USA

I was born on July 4, 1776, and the *Declaration of Independence* is my birth certificate. The bloodlines of the world run in my veins because I offered freedom to the oppressed: I am the United States of America.

I am 250 million living souls and have the ghosts of millions who have lived and fought and died for me.

I am Nathan Hale and Paul Revere. I stood at Lexington and fired the shot heard around the world. I am Washington, Jefferson, and Patrick Henry. I am John Paul Jones, the Green Mountain Boys, and Davy Crockett. I am Lee, Grant, and Abe Lincoln.

I remember the Alamo, the Maine, and Pearl Harbor. When freedom called, I answered and stayed until it was over, over there. I left my heroic dead on the bleak slopes of Korea and Vietnam--in Flanders field, the rocks of Corregidor, and the desert sands of Kuwait.

I am the Brooklyn Bridge, the wheat fields of Kansas, the granite hills of Vermont. I am the coal mines of the Virginias and Pennsylvania, the fertile lands of the West, the Golden Gate and the Grand Canyon. I am Independence Hall, the Monitor, the Merrimac, and the Challenger.

Oh, yes - I am big. I sprawl from the Atlantic to the Pacific - 3 million square miles of land throbbing with industry. I am more than 2 million farms. I am forest, field, mountain, and desert. I am quiet villages and cities that never sleep.

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# Family Updates



## PRAY FOR

**John Chew** has been having some major health problems this year. He has been treated at the Mayo Clinic, Jax, after finding a spot on X-rays and a CT Scan of his lung. A TB test showed no tuberculosis. After surgery in June, it is good to report that, though there was a malignant tumor, the lymph nodes around it were clear. No growth had extended to any bones, as well. It is good to see God's hand at work in John's life, as the tumor was caught quite early, through a routine yearly x-ray, it was promptly removed, and he is now home and recovering just fine.

*John is the son of Paris Juanita Peel and Robert Lee Chew. His grandfather, Dempsey Franklin Peel, is the son of Levi S. Peel. Levi descends from Mills and Delilah Drake Peele, of N. C.*

## NEW BABY

It was good to hear from cousin **Patricia Peel Arick**. She mentioned that they now have their first great grandchild, a girl. **Savannah Jean Zipperer** is the daughter of Cindy Arick and Jason Zipperer. Cindy is Pat and AW's granddaughter by their son, Alan W. Arick. Pray for **Patricia** as she has been having problems with a bout of atrial fibrillation. She is on medication and has to have regular testing and medicine adjustments.

*Patricia Peel Arick descends from Mills and Delilah Drake Peel, of NC.*



Hi family!

I do apologize that this newsletter is so late getting out. Tommy and I were visiting our daughter's new home in Colorado in July. Then when we returned to Aiken, I had major computer problems. Finally got the bug out of the computer so I could get this out to you. You'll receive the next newsletter in October-November. Remember, if you have any family news you would like to share with everyone, send it to me so I can include it in the newsletter. My address/e-mail is on the last page of the newsletter. Our love to all!

## UPDATES ON OUR SENIOR CITIZEN

**Helen Jones** was 96 years young on July 15! She is a fifth generation descendant of **James Peel and Nancy**, of Virginia. She lives with her daughter, Viola Ogle, in Choctaw, OK.

From Viola: *Mom (Helen) is doing pretty good for the shape she is in. She walks with a walker and is nearly blind from macular degeneration. Her mind is still sharp. Hospice is coming three times a week to help me with her. About the only going she does is to Sunday School and church, and when my husband and I go to our lake home and take her. She is such a blessing to our family. We have five generations. She enjoys hearing me read the newsletter to her. Mom loves to get cards and letters and tries to answer each one. Mom loved to write letters and kept up with the family, which has helped me in my genealogy.*

I encourage everyone to send cards and notes to Ms. Helen, as well as our other beautiful ladies of prime age, and let her know she is being thought of.

**Maurine Jones** turned 98 years old on March 29! She is the granddaughter of Elizabeth Peelle Pidgeon. She descends from Reuben Peelle, John Peelle, Reuben Peelle, Josiah Peelle, Robert Peelle, Robert, Robert, and Lawrence. She is married to Ernest H. Jones, Sr., and they both moved to a retirement home in 2001. Maurine loves to read and knit lap robes for the patients in local nursing homes. I know she and Ernest would love to hear from you. Share your family history with her.

# *A Salute to Our Senior Citizens*

*(These are the ones we know about who are over 90. If you have a relative who is 90 or older please contact me with the information so we can add their name here.)*



**Maurine Jones**                      **March 29, 1905**                      **age 98**  
Gdaughter of **Elizabeth PEELLE Pidgeon**,  
Descended from **Reuben Peelle** (*Mother of Alice Plane*)

**Helen Jones**                      **July 15, 1907**                      **age 96**  
Fifth generation descendant of **James Peel & Nancy** of Virginia (*Mother of Viola Ogle*)

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

**Margaret Peele Mitchell**    **May 11**                      **age 91**  
*Horace's Aunt*

**NEW!**    **Ethel Seaman**                      **June 20, 1913**                      **age 90**  
*(Great aunt of Jason Rusbult)*

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## **Mailing Addresses For Our Senior Citizens**

**Helen Jones**  
752 South Anderson Road  
Choctaw, OK 73020.

**Maurine Jones**  
5050 Lincoln Avenue, Apt. 24  
Evansville, IN 47715

**Ms. Ruby Duggins**  
Elm Towers, Apt 207  
701 South Elm Street  
High Point, NC 27370  
336-889-3739

**Margaret Peele Mitchell**  
2200 Elm Ave, Scotia Village  
Laurinburg, NC 28352

**Ethel Seaman**  
10117 NE 190<sup>th</sup> Street  
Bothell, WA 98011



***What a terrific opportunity to brighten the day by sending the above wonderful people a card or note today!***

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

# Presidential Memorial Certificate

A *Presidential Memorial Certificate* (PMC) is an engraved paper certificate, signed by the current President, to honor the memory of honorably discharged deceased veterans.

This program was initiated in March 1962 by President John F. Kennedy and has been continued by all subsequent Presidents. Statutory authority for the program is Section 112, Title 38, of the United States Code.

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) administers the PMC program by preparing the certificates that bear the President's signature expressing the country's grateful recognition of the veteran's service in the United States Armed Forces.

Eligible recipients include the deceased veteran's next of kin and loved ones. More than one certificate may be provided.

Eligible recipients, or someone acting on their behalf, may apply for a *PMC* in person at any VA regional office or by U.S. mail only. Requests cannot be sent via email. There is no form to use when requesting a *PMC*. Please be sure to include a return mailing address with your request and a copy of the veteran's discharge documents.

Please send your *Presidential Memorial Certificate* request to:

**Department of Veterans Affairs  
National Cemetery Administration (403A)  
810 Vermont Ave., NW  
Washington, DC 20420**



## *Some Do's And Don'ts With Census Records:*

*I've been doing a lot of research lately, digging through census records, land and probate records, and spending time in libraries. Lots of genealogists rely on census records to at least give them a start in finding persons who lived 100 – 200 years ago. I found this list of tips on researching census records. Keep them in mind as you go back in time to search the archives of those who lived long ago ... (and those who may live now, as you search through the 1920-1930 census records).*

- Do not stop with **Soundex** finds -- do look at the original record.
- Do copy the information at the top of the page in the header.
- Do not assume census indexes are correct or complete.
- Do not assume spellings are as you think.
- Do not assume relationships are exactly as stated.
- Do not assume a wife is the mother of all or any of the listed children.
- Do not assume ages listed are correct.
- Don't forget to copy all of the entries for the surname in the county. And better look over the neighbors too!

*Four Smiths in a row with a Jones in between could mean Jones is married to a daughter.*

- Don't think the records before 1850 can't help. They may only have one name listed, but at least you'll know how many to look for in a family.
- Do believe that all census records are important -- even the earlier ones.
- Do make use of the Veteran's column in the 1840 census.
- Do use the 1890 Veterans (and widows of Veterans) Schedules.



- Do use the state census records.
- Do not believe all census data to be true and correct.
- Do study the enumerator's handwriting so you can make comparisons.
- Do watch for families split onto two pages with the surname not repeated at the top of the next page.
- Do try to find your ancestors in every census taken in their lifetime.
- Do check family histories and other sources of neighbors who might have come from the same state to locate a town of residence if you cannot determine that information on your ancestor.
- Do remember that when searching an entire town for ancestor, the town enumeration may be split and not be kept together on the film --- cities are often listed separately from the town they are connected with.
- Do take note of real estate and personal property values to determine if a deed or will search is appropriate.
- Do use maps in conjunction with your census searching.
- Do search across state, county, and town lines if your ancestors lived near a border.
- Do go back and look again at census records to see what you might have missed -- especially if you have learned of new surnames (maiden names) or other family connections.
- Do consider typographical errors when using indexes -- know the keyboard and what letters could have been punched in by mistake.
- Don't think census information gives all the answers.
- Don't forget the 1900 veterans census if your ancestor was in the military. Widows are also listed.
- Don't forget about state census records.
- Be careful - "IA" on some census means Indiana and not Iowa.

## **I Am the USA**, *continued from page 1*

You can look at me and see Ben Franklin walking down the streets of Philadelphia with his bread loaf under his arm. You can see Betsy Ross with her needle. You can see the lights of Christmas and hear the strains of "*Auld Lang Syne*" as the calendar turns.

I am Babe Ruth and the World Series, 170,000 schools and colleges, and more than 300,000 churches where my people worship God as they choose. I am a ballot dropped into a box, the roar of a crowd in a stadium, the voice of a choir in a cathedral. I am an editorial in a newspaper and a letter to Congress. I am John Glenn and Neil Armstrong and their fellow astronauts who whirl through the spaces above my head. I am Eli Whitney and Stephen Foster, Tom Edison, Albert Einstein and Billy Graham.

Yes, I am the nation and these are the things that I am. I was conceived in freedom and, God willing, in freedom I shall spend the rest of my days.

May I always possess the integrity, the courage and the strength to keep myself unshackled, to remain a citadel of freedom and a beacon of hope for all the world.

**-AUTHOR UNKNOWN.**

# Bertie County, NC Marriages (Peele)

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Transcribed from Bertie Co. Marriages from Court House records.

Peel, William-  
Rhodes, Lucy  
Aug. 11, 1800

Peele, Drew-  
Pritchard, Lousia  
Dec. 28, 1853

Peele, Exum-  
Wilkes, Elizabeth  
May 3, 1831

Peele, Hezekial-  
Pulley, Barbara  
Oct. 25, 1809

Peele, James B.  
Acre, Harriet  
Dec. 17, 1827

Peele, Jr., John  
Harrell, Renny  
Aug. 23, 1794

Peele, Thomas  
Acre, Frances  
Feb. 14, 1853

Peele, Celia  
Bazemore, Edward  
Apr. 19, 1851

Peele, Celia  
Brown, Rowan  
Mar. 5, 1821

Peele, Mary  
Cox, Ezekial Smith  
Sept. 25, 1806

Peal, Betsy  
Cox, John  
Nov. 19, 1804

Peele, Judah  
Harrell, Isom  
Jan. 1, 1800

Peele, Martha  
Moore, Benton K.  
Jan. 28, 1840

Peele, Mary  
Harrell, James H.  
Jan. 3, 1859

Peele, Mary  
Saddler, Bennet  
Jan. 3, 1855

Peele, Emily Jane  
Burden, Zadok Jackson  
Dec. 29, 1853

Peele, Emma (a.21)  
Harrell, George D. (a.23)  
Jan. 31, 1894

Peele, Adelina R  
Liverman, William C.  
Mar. 21, 1867

Peele, Hellen V. (a.15-  
Mizell, William G. (a.25)  
Dec. 22, 1885

Peele, Virginia (a.20) -  
Colerain, NC  
Murphy, George T. (a.37) VA  
Oct. 13, 1886

Peele, Charles  
Moore, Jane  
Dec. 20, 1866

Peele, Calvin  
Harrell, Mary W.  
Nov. 14, 1867

Peele, Rubin J.  
Bazemore, Sarah F.  
May 29, 1869

Peele, William E.  
Acre, Sara A.  
Jul. 26, 1868

Peele, Drew  
Morris, Mary E.  
Feb. 18, 1870

Peel, J. T.  
Brown, Fillis  
Aug. 26, 1869

Peel, George T.  
Throwen, Sarah  
May 29, 1869

Peele, Lewis  
Peele, Francis  
Aug. 31, 1866

Peele, Tempy  
Bazemore, ?  
Aug. 11, 1866

Peele, Thomas  
Johnson, Dolly  
Feb. 3, 1872

Peele, Olive  
Thompson, Joseph  
Mar. 5, 1871

Peele, Joseph H. (a.21)(B) Union, NC  
Bunch, Elizabeth (a.21)(B)  
May 4, 1901

Peele, D. (David) H. (Haywood)  
Roxobel, NC  
Burkett, Roxie Roxobel, NC  
Oct. 29, 1901

Peele, Claude B. (a.30)  
Bazemore, M. F. (a.31)  
Dec. 21, 1910

Peele, Joseph J. (Jackson) (a.28)  
Cherry, Pauline (a.22)  
Apr. 20, 1911

Peele, Joseph J. (Jackson) (a.30)  
Hoggard, Lina (a.29)  
Jun. 12, 1913



Peele, William E. Acre, Sarah A. Jul. 26, 1868	Peele, William Joseph (a.39) Jones, Louise (a.37) Jan. 13, 1892	Peele, W.A. (a.28) Northampton Co. Bazemore, Nettie J, (a.26) Apr. 26, 1900
Peele, Thomas Biggs, Sarah Jan. 25, 1868	Peele, Walter T. (a.21) Wilkins, Mary J. (a.20) May 13, 1894	Peele, Joanna (a.21) Burden, David J. (a.23) Dec. 23, 1874
Peele, James H. Hoggard, Willie A. May 8, 1873	Peele, William J. (a.24) Bazemore, Minnie F. (a.24) Jan. 15, 1896	Peele, Elizabeth Nicholas, Thomas <i>No Date</i>
Peele, Jackson (Jack)(a.30) Hoggard, Celia E. (a.26) Mar. 17, 1878	Peele, Okie (a.20) Holloman, Lonnie (a.23) Sept. 19, 1896	Peele, Celia (a.28) Nowell, John H. (a.28) 1875
Peele, Willie (a.55)(B) Wiggins, Morriah (a.26)(B) Mar 2, 1878	Peele, William M. (a.29) Saunders, Eva R. (a.21) Feb. 16, 1896	Peele, Lizzie (a.17) Shaw, James T. (a.28) Apr. 9, 1891
Peele, Jackson (Jack)(a.34) Hoggard, Laura A.J.(a.23) Dec. 22, 1881	Peele, J.S. (a.22) Burkett, Nellie E. (a.21) Jan. 26, 1898	Peele, Willie L. (a.17) Roxobel, NC Vick, William T. (a.22) Roxobel, NC Dec. 30, 1875
Peele, John F.(a.30) Joyner, Mary E.(a.21) Roxobel, NC Mar. 15, 1885	Peele, Jr., A. Cal (a.24) Peele, Georgie T. (a.23) Jun. 5, 1900	Peale, Richard Cook, Sarah Mar. 6, 1852
Peele, Drew (a.69) Barber, Rowena (a.29) Oct. 21, 1891	Peele, Robert (a.21) Miller, Mary (a.22) Jan. 7, 1900	Peele, Roscoe Vernon Barnes, Margaret Lois Jan. 2, 1936 (Emporia, VA)

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## ***“Dumb Laws” That Still Exist Today*** ***(In South Carolina)***

It is a capital offense to inadvertently kill someone while attempting suicide.

Every adult male must bring a rifle to church on Sunday in order to ward off Indian attacks.

It is perfectly legal to beat your wife on the courthouse steps on Sundays.

When approaching a four way or blind intersection in a non-horse driven vehicle you must stop 100 ft from the intersection and discharge a firearm into the air to warn horse traffic.

It is illegal to sell any alcoholic beverages on Sunday, unless you own a private club.

Horses may not be kept in bathtubs.

It is considered an offense to get a tattoo.

Performing a U-turn within 1,000 feet of an intersection is illegal.

Musical instruments may not be sold on Sunday.

No work may be done on Sunday.

An exception to the above law is that light bulbs may be sold.

*"Dumb Laws" cont'd*

All schools must prepare a suitable program for Francis Willard Day.  
Dance halls may not operate on Sundays.  
Merchandise may not be sold within a half mile of a church unless fruit is being sold.  
Fortune tellers are required to obtain a special permit from the state.  
A railroad may not remove itself from a town of more than five hundred people.  
Railroad companies may be held liable in some instances for scaring horses.  
By law, if a man promises to marry an unmarried woman, the marriage must take place.  
It is illegal to communicate with a woman using obscene messages.  
It is illegal to display a confederate flag on a courthouse.

***In Georgia***

It is illegal to use profanity in front of a dead body that lies in a funeral home or in a coroners office.  
You have the right to commit simple battery if provoked by "fighting" words.  
Members of the state assembly cannot be ticketed for speeding while the state assembly is in session.  
Donkeys may not be kept in bathtubs.  
Signs are required to be written in English.  
No one may carry an ice cream cone in his or her back pocket if it is Sunday

***Acworth***

All citizens must own a rake.

***Atlanta***

It's against the law to tie a giraffe to a telephone pole or street lamp.  
One man may not be on another man's back.

***Columbus***

You can't cut off a chicken's head on Sunday.  
It is illegal to carry a chicken by its feet down Broadway on Sunday.

***Gainesville***

Chicken must be eaten with the hands.

***Charleston***

It is against the law to drive a motorized vehicle on King Street.  
The Fire Department may blow up your house. This law was made so that the fire department could create a fire brake.

***Fountain Inn***

Horses are to wear pants at all times.

***Lancaster County***

It is illegal to dance in public in Lancaster.

***Spartanburg***

Eating watermelons in the Magnolia Street cemetery is forbidden.



***Jonesboro***

It is illegal to say "Oh, Boy"

***Kennesaw***

Every head of household must possess a firearm of some kind.

***Marietta***

Though it is illegal to spit from a car or bus, citizens may spit from a truck.

***St. Mary's***

No spitting on the sidewalk is permitted after dark.

***Quitman***

It is illegal for a chicken to cross the road.  
Cars are not to drive on sidewalks.

# WILLS

**John Dickinson** was the father in law of **Robert Peelle**, (2<sup>nd</sup> great grandson of **Lawrence Peelle**) born 29 Jun 1709 in Nansemond Co., VA, and died 3 Jul 1782 in Rich Square, Northampton County, NC. **Robert** married (first) **Elizabeth Edgerton** in Jan 1729. She was born in 1712 in Nansemond County, VA, and died 26 Apr 1749 in Northampton County, NC. He married (second) **Charity Dickinson**, who was born about 1730 in Nansemond County, VA and died in Northampton County, NC, on 11 Nov 1774.



Robert Peelle's second marriage to **Charity Dickinson** was on June 1, 1750 in Bertie County, North Carolina. She was the daughter of **John and Rebecca Dickinson**. She presented Robert with nine children for a total of fourteen. All the children, except two, reached maturity and married.

**Isaac Parker** was also related to the Peelle's and Dickinson's.

*Spelling and grammar is as found. dpw*

*Below are the wills of **Rebecca and John Dickinson**.*

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## ***Northampton County NC Will of Rebecca Dickinson - 1750***

In the Name of God Amen the first Day of July in the year of our Lord God 1750. I **REBECAH DICKINSON** of Northampton County In North Carolina being in health of body and of perfect mind and Memory thanks be Given to God therefore and Calling unto mind the Mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to Dye do make and Ordain this my Last will and testament

That is to Say Principally and first of all I Recomend my Soul into the hands of God that gave it and for my body I recomend it to the Earth to be buried in a Christian Like and Decent Manner at the Discretion of my Executors Nothing Doubting but at the Generall Resurrection I Shall Receive the Same Again by the Mighty power of God and as touching Such worldly Estate wherewith it hath Pleas'd God to bless me in this Life

I Give Devise and Dispose of the Same in the following Manner and form.

**Item** I Give and bequeath unto my Daughter **SARAH DANIEL** two Cows and Calves.

**Item** I Give and bequeath unto my Daughter **ELIZABETH FUTURELL** five Shillings Current Money of Virginia.

**Item** I Give and Bequeath to my Daughter **REBECAH NEWSOM** two Cows and Calves.

**Item** I Give and bequeath to my Son **JOHN DICKINSON** Six pounds Current money of Virginia and feather bed and furniture.

**Item** I Give and bequeath to my Daughter **CHARITY DICKINSON** three Sheep.

**Item** I Give and bequeath to my Son **DANIEL DICKINSON** three Sheep.

**Item** I Give and bequeath to my Son **DAVID DICKINSON** three Sheep.

**Item** I Give and bequeath to my Daughter **MARY DICKINSON** three Sheep.

**Item** I Give and bequeath to my Son **ISAAC DICKINSON** four Negroes *Toney, Frank and Sarry and Ross* and that tract of Land bounding upon **JOSIAH BROWN**s Land and **MOOR CARTER**s Land and the Land whereon I now Live and one Strong wayter

Still and all the Rest of my Estate Except one Mare

And of this my Last will and testament I make and Constitute nominate and Appoint my two Sons **JOHN DICKINSON** and **ISAAC DICKINSON** my whole and Sole Executors Revoaking and Anuling of all former wills by me heartofore made Ratified and Confirmed this and no other to be my Last will and testament.

Signed Sealed Published pronounced and Declared by the Said testator to be my last will and testament.

**REBECKAH DICKINSON** (Seal).

ISAAC PARKER, JOHN HORTON, No, Hampton County / February Court 1753.

*The within written Will was Exhibited into Court by the Executors therein named who were Qualify'd thereon according to Law & was proved by the oaths of both subscribing witnesses; which on motion was ordered to be*  
*Cortify'd.*

*Test. L.EDWARD, Clerk.*

*(From Secretary of State, North Carolina Wills, 1663-1789, SS844, Rebecca Dickinson, 1753).*

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## ***Northampton County NC Will of Dickinson, John - 1742***

In the name of God Amen. The fourth day of February in the year of our Lord God 1742.

I, **JOHN DICKINSON** of North Hampton County in North Carolina Gentleman Planter being in health of Body & of Perfect mind & memory

Thanks be given unto God Therefore calling unto mind the Mortality of my body & knowing that it is apointed for all men once to dye do make & ordain this my Last Will & Testament

That is to say Principally & first of all I Recommend my Soul into the Hands of God that Gave it & for my Body I Recommend it to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like & decent manner at the Discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but at the Genearl Resurrection I Shall Receive the Same again by the mighty Power of God And as touching Such worldly Estate wherewith it hath Pleas'd God to bless me in this life

I Give devise & dispose of the Same in the following manner & form.

**Item** I Give & bequeath unto my loving Wife **REBECKAH DICKINSON** one feather Bed & furniture & two Horses or mares & twelve Head of Cattle of her own Choosing of my \_\_\_ hole Stock of Sheep two Iron Potts & Pott Hooks & Six Pewter Basons & three Negroes Names *Tone, Frank* and *Harry* & the use of my Plantation Whereon I now live During her natural Life & after her Decease I do Live devise & dispose of the aforesaid Negroes to my Son Isaac.

**Item** I Give & bequeath unto my Son **DANIEL DICKENSON** my Negro named *Cofee* & the plantation whereon he now lives.

**Item** I Give & bequeath unto my Son **JOHN DICKINSON** the plantation whereon he now lives & five shillings Cash.

**Item** I Give & bequeath unto my Son **DAVID DICKINSON** one Negro Girl named *Bess* & a piece of Land lying between the Reedy Branch & **JOHN HORTON'S** line up the Reedy Branch to the Road And So allong the Road to **ANDREW IRWING's** line & down the Said Line to **JOHN HORTON'S** Line; one mare & Colt & two Cows & Calves & one feather Bed & bolster & one Pair of Blankets & one old Gun.

**Item** I Give and bequeath unto my Son **ISAAC DICKINSON** the plantation whereon I now live & three Negroes named Frank, Tony and Harry after his mothers Decease.

**Item** I Give and Bequeath unto my Daughter **SARAH DANIEL** one Cow and Calf.

**Item** I Give and Bequeath unto my Daughter **ELIZABETH FUTREL** five Shillings Virginia Currency.

**Item** I Give & Bequeath unto my Daughter **REBECKAH NEWSOM** three Cows & Calves.

**Item** I Give & Bequeath unto my Daughter **CHARITY DICKINSON** one Negro Girl named *Sen*.

**Item** I Give & Bequeath unto my Daughter **MARY DICKINSON** one Negro Girl named *Dinah*.

The Rest of my Estate I Give to be Equally Divided between my wife **REBECKAH DICKENSON & DAVID DICKENSON & ISAAC DICKENSON & MARY DICKENSON & CHARITY DICKENSON**

& Of this my Last Will & Testament

I make and Constitute nominate & appoint my Sons **DANIEL DICKENSON & JOHN DICKENSON** my hole & Sole Executors Revoking & Anuling all former wills by me heretofore made ratified & Confirming this & no other to be my Last will & Testament.

**JOHN DICKINSON** (Seal) Signed Sealed Published

Pronounced & Declared by the Said Testator to be his last will & Testament in the presence of us the subscribers, viz. **JOSEPH JORDAN, ROBERT PEELLE, ISAAC PARKER.**

Northampton County / August Court 1749

*The within written Will of JOHN DICKINSON deceased was proved in open Court by the Oath & Affirmation of ISAAC PARKER and ROBERT PEELLE two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and at same time DANIEL*

*DICKINSON & JOHN DICKINSON were duly Qualified Executors thereof*

*Test. L. Edwards, Clerk Proved 24th Aug. 1749 (From Secretary of State, North Carolina Wills, 1663-1789, SS 844, John Dickinson, 1749)).*

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## ***THE FLU***

When your back is broke and your eyes are blurred,  
And your shin bones knock, and your tongue is furred,  
And your tonsils squeak, and your hair gets dry,  
And you're dog-gone sure you are going to die,  
And *your're skeered* you wait, and afraid you will,  
Just drag to bed and have your chill,  
And pray the Lord to help you thru,  
For *youve* got the flu, boy *youve* got the flu.

When your toes curl up, and your belt goes flat,  
And you are twice as mean as a Thomas Cat,  
And life is a long and dismal curse,  
And your feed tastes like a hard boiled hearse,  
And your lattice aches, and your head's a buzz,  
And nothing is as it ever *wuz*,

Here are my sad regrets to you,  
*Youve* got the flu, boy, *youve* got the flu,

What is it like, this Spanish flu?  
Ask me, Brother, I've seen it thru,  
It is misery out of *dispair*  
It pulls your teeth and curls your hair  
It thins your blood and flays your bones,  
And fills your craw with moans and groans.  
And some times, maybe, you get well,  
Some call it flu  
I call it h--l.

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