My song, save this, is little worth;  
I lay the weary pen aside,  
And wish you health, and love, and mirth,  
As fits the solemn Christmas tide.  
As fits the holy Christmas birth,  
Be this, good friends, our carol still-  
Be peace on earth, be peace on earth,  
To men of gentle will.

--William Makepeace Thackeray,  
from Dr. Birch and His Young Friends

I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year.

--Charles Dickens
Grandaughter **Ryan Willow Peel** was born 2 months’ early to parents **Chris and Aaron Peel**. Proud grandparents are **Eddie and Dodie Peel** of West Palm Beach, Florida. Ryan weighed 3 ½ pounds and was 15 inches long. She got to come home from the hospital around Thanksgiving and is now weighing about 5 pounds. Ryan is the great-granddaughter of **Walter (Buck) and Geraldine Marsh Peel**, and the great-great granddaughter of **Walter, Sr. and Lena Gertrude Peel**. She is a direct descendant of **Lawrence Peelle**.

**Kathleen Peterson**, daughter of **Pete and Pat (Peel) Peterson** married **Michael GAUGHAN**. On November 13th in McGregor, MN. Kathleen is the granddaughter of **Walter and Lena Gertrude “Trudy” Messex Peel**. She is the great granddaughter of **Bennie and Rosa Bragg Peel** of Millen, Ga. She is a direct descendant of **Lawrence Peelle**.

I will be having right knee replacement surgery on January 10th, 2005. I was supposed to have it before now, but have put it off for various reasons. I would really appreciate your prayers.

My mom, Geraldine Marsh Peel, has really had a rough year. She fell, early in the year, and broke her arm. It has been a slow recovery for her. Then she had to go in the hospital with a bout with her stomach. Later, she burned her back real bad. Seems like it’s been one thing right behind the other. Please keep her in your prayers.

Remember cousin **John Chew** in our prayers. Since 2003 he’s been fighting a battle with cancer. In 2003, they found he had lung cancer. Then, in August of this year, the Mayo Clinic removed cancer from his left kidney. He is still recovering from this. As you pray for him, maybe you could send him a get well card: **John C. Chew, 925 No. Halifax Ave, Apt 1006, Daytona Beach, FL 32018**. John is a direct descendant of Lawrence Peel though Mills and Delilah Drake Peelle who migrated from North Carolina to Burke County, GA.

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It’s hard to believe that another year has gone by! Please send in your next year’s subscription fee of only **$5.00** as soon as you can. This will be the 5th year of the **Lawrence Etc** and we are keeping the cost the same so far. The postage is 37 cents. The cost of publishing the newsletter has gone up to a little over $1.00 a copy. So each copy is about $1.40, a little more than you are paying. You will still receive four copies a year, though I have been a bit late with them. (Sorry about that.) I’d like to ask you to send in family news, research you have done, and anything else you can share with the family. This is your newsletter and I’d really like to see it expand.

Make checks out to **Lawrence Etc**.

If you’ve paid for two years, (2004 & 2005) I have that information.

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**DIANE PEEL WALLS**  **2381 WILLISTON ROAD**  **AIKEN SC  29803**
A Salute to Our Senior Citizens

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

Ruby James Peele Duggins    Nov 25, 1908    age 95
Daughter of Willis Peele and Annie Brown

Margaret Peele Mitchell      May 11, 1910    age 93
Horace’s Aunt

Ruth Dosha Lorene Gann Stephens  August 10, 1912    92
Daughter of Edward Isom & Bertha Elma Peele Gann – aunt of Charlie Gann

Carrie Mae Peel Williams   October 16, 1915 age 89
Daughter of John Franklin Peel, Granddaughter of Benjamin Franklin and Martha Caroline Underwood Peel

Mailing Addresses For Our Senior Citizens

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

Lorene Stephens
310 ½ S Independence
Sapulpa, OK 74066

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

Carrie Mae Peel Williams
6805 West Riverbend Road
Dunnellon, FL 34433

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 too. Their name will automatically be added to the newsletter list, at no charge.

If you have an update about any of the above, please let me know

Do you have some family news you’d like to share? Maybe you have a favorite person you’d like to tell everyone about. Or maybe someone is having a special birthday or anniversary? Please send me the news so I can publish it in the newsletter! Also, don’t forget to send in any queries you may have --- maybe we can help knock down that brick wall!!
The World War II Memorial opened to the public on April 29, 2004 and was dedicated one month later on May 29. It is located on 17th Street, between Constitution and Independence Avenues, and is flanked by the Washington Monument to the east and the Lincoln Memorial to the west. The memorial is now operated by the National Park Service and is open to visitors 24 hours a day, seven days a week.


Here you will find the searchable WWII Registry. The memory of America's World War II generation is preserved within the physical memorial and through the World War II Registry of Remembrances, an individual listing of Americans who contributed to the war effort. Any U.S. citizen who helped win the war, whether a veteran or someone on the home front, is eligible for the Registry. Names in the Registry will be forever linked to the memorial's bronze and granite representations of their sacrifice and achievement.

The Registry combines four distinct databases that can be searched for names of those whose service and sacrifice helped win the Second World War. The Registry includes the names of Americans who are:

- Buried in American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC) overseas military cemeteries.
- Memorialized on ABMC Tablets of the Missing.
- Listed on official War and Navy Department Killed in Service rosters now held by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).
- Honored by public enrollment in the Registry of Remembrances.

Below you will find those who are listed with the surnames of Peal, Peel, Peele, and Peelle. Information that will be provided is the honoree's name, their hometown, branch of service and the source of information. Any other information given at the time will also be listed.

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Served in the Army, 127th Infantry Regiment, 32nd Infantry Division. Was killed in action on Monday, April 23, 1945. He is buried at the Manila American Cemetery on Fort Bonifacio, Manila, Philippines. He was awarded the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster.

Franklin Porter Peal, Sr.  Rome, GA  U.S. Army  Franklin Porter Peal, Jr., son
Served with Airborne Division and medical corps in New Guinea and several other places in the South Pacific.

Franklin Porter Peal, Jr.  Forest Park, GA  U.S. Army  Franklin Porter Peal
Served with 101st Airborne Division, 58th Infantry

Robert E. Peal  Ashford, WV  U.S. Navy  Mr. Robert E. Peal
Served aboard an LST in Africa, Sicily, Salerno, Anzio, and Normandy

Served from 1946 to 1949

William Hardison Peal  Creswell, NC  U.S. Army  William Ray Peal, Son
Served with the 266th Field Artillery Battalion, Headquarters Company as a medic in Normandy and Northern France

William Peal  Rome, NY  U.S. Navy  Austin Bissonnette
Served aboard an LST 2 during Operation Overlord

Sgt. Grandville P. Peale  Los Angeles, CA  U.S. Army  National Archives KIA

Sgt. Grandville P. Peale  CA  U.S. Army  ABMC Cemeteries KIA

Sgt. Grandville Peale served with the Army with the 121st Infantry Regiment, 8th Infantry Division. He died on July 16, 1944 and is buried at the Normandy American Cemetery in Colleville-sur-Mer, France. He was awarded the Purple Heart.
Honoree    Hometown    Service   Source
James Nixon Peale, Jr.   Schenectady, NY    U.S. Army    Lisa Peale, Daughter
  Battalion Commander, 3rd Battalion, 101st Infantry Regiment, 2TH6 (sic) Infantry Division of the 3rd Army. Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia, France, and Luxembourg
Paul E. Peale    Arlington Heights, IL    U.S. Army    Rotary Club of Arlington Heights
2nd LT Randolph M. Peale    Roanoke County, VA    U.S. Army    National Archives    FOD
FLO Robert J. Peale    Marion County, IN    U.S. Army    National Archives    KIA
Sgt. Robert Peale    Philadelphia County, PA    U.S. Army    National Archives    KIA
Sgt. Robert Peale    PA    U.S. Army    ABMC Cemeteries    KIA
  Served with the U. S. Army in the 511th Parachute infantry Regt, 11th Airborne Division. Sgt. Robert Peale was killed in action on Sunday, April 8, 1945. He is buried at the Manila American Cemetery in Fort Bonifacio, Manila, Philippines. He was awarded a Purple Heart.
William Theodore Peale    Woodpeck, WV    U.S. Army    Ronnie & Linda Peale
  Persian Gulf, Presidential Citation from Russia for help in saving Russia from Hitler.
Sgt Charles J. Peel    Schuylkill County, PA    U.S. Army    National Archives    KIA; Buried in Belgium
Sgt Charles J. Peel    PA    U.S. Army    ABMC Cemeteries
  Sgt. Charles J. Peel served in the 112th Infantry Regiment, 28th Infantry Division. He died November 4, 1944 and is buried at Ardennes American Cemetery at Neupre Belgium.
Clarence E. Peel    Perry, IA    U.S. Navy    Jeannette Peel Peddicord, daughter
  Served aboard the USS Cowpens in the South Pacific. Wounded in Action.
SSgt Delbert R. Peel    Anderson County, KS    U.S. Army    National Archives    KIA
Donald Ernest Peel    Perry, IA    U.S. Army    Martha A. Peel, Spouse
  Served with Company E, 331st Engineer General Service Regiment on Adak Island in the Aleutian Island Chain from September 1943 to November 1944
Elmer Peel    Springfield, IL    U.S. Army    Anna M. Shockey Peel
Frank P. Peel    Jeffersonville, IN    U.S. Army    Dr. Malcolm L. Peel, Son
  Quarter Master Corps. Construction of Ledo Road in Northern India to Provide allies with new supply route to China. China-Burma-India Theater of Operations
PVT Frederick W. Peel    New Haven County, CT    U.S. Army    National Archives    DNB
2 LT Garland O. Peel, Jr.    Lexington County, SC    U.S. Army    National Archives    DNB
LT Gordon Leslie Peel    Oklahoma City, OK    U.S. Navy    National Archives    KIA
Herold E. Peel    Harrisburg, PA    U.S. Army    Donnmaria Killinger, daughter
  Infantryman in Company C, 1st Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment, 100th Infantry Division, 7th Army in Europe. Prisoner of War
James L. Peel    Nicholasville, KY    U.S. Navy    James L. Peel
Cpl. James R. Peel    Wise County, TX    U.S. Army    National Archives    DNB
Cpl. James R. Peel    TX    U.S. Army    ABMC Cemeteries
  With a rank of Corporal, James R. Peel served with the U. S. Army with the 211th Chemical Maintenance Company. He died on April 27, 1945 and is buried at the Netherlands American Cemetery located in Margraten, Netherlands.
John W. Peel, Jr.    Livingston, AL    U.S. Marine Corps    Joseph Peel, brother
  Served aboard USS Tuscaloosa CA-37 on convoy escort and as honor guard for President Franklin D. Roosevelt while aboard. Enlisted service in Pacific after commission as Ordnance Officer.
Kenneth Lee Peel    Salt Gap, TX    U.S. Army Air Forces    Kenneth Peel
Marcus A. Peel    Berkeley, CA    U.S. Navy    Mrs. Georgia T. Peel
  Navy Supply Corps, Pacific Area
### Honoree | Hometown | Service | Source
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Mary Eileen Camman Peel | New York City, NY | Civilian | Donnmaria Killinger, Daughter

- Worked for the U.S. Navy as a torpedo inspector at converted for war effort Durkee’s Factory in New York.

Tec 5 Norman Peel | Philadelphia, PA | U.S. Army Air Forces | Thomas Peel, Son

- Instrument specialist, 42nd second bomb wing, 17th wing group, 95th bomb squadron.

Norman W. Peel | King County, WA | U.S. Army | National Archives | DNB

- Worked for the U.S. Navy as a torpedo inspector at converted for war effort Durkee’s Factory in New York.

Norman W. Peel | WA | U.S. Army | ABMC Cemeteries

- Norman W. Peel received the rank of Technician 5th class in the Army. He served with the 672nd Amphibious Tank battalion. He died on Sunday, April 15, 1945 and is buried at the Manila America Cemetery at Fort Bonifacio, Manila, Philippines.

Orville R. Peel | Riverton, IL | U.S. Army | Anna M. Shockey Peel

- Radio Operator and Gunner on B-29. POW - Japan

Robert N. Peel | Riverton, IL | U.S. Army | Anna M. Shockey Peel

Sterling Eugene ‘Gene’ Peel | Junction City, KS | U.S. Navy | Missouri DAV Chapter 67

- With the 7th Armored Division, training at central Signal Corps Replacement Training Center, Camp Crowder, Missouri, before being sent to 7th Armored Division at Ft. Benning, Georgia.

Thomas Frederic Peel | Chicago, IL | U.S. Army | Helen A. Borgens

Thomas Peel | Spokane, WA | U.S. Army | Mr. Thomas W. Peel

- Radio Operator and Gunner on B-29. POW - Japan

Pvt. Thomas W. Peel | Screven County, GA | U.S. Army Air Forces | ABMC Tablets of the Missing

- Pvt. Thomas W. Peel served with the U.S. Army Air Forces Headquarters Squadron, 27th Bomber Group. He died on Thursday, September 7, 1944 and was memorialized at Manila American Cemetery at Fort Bonifacio, Manila, Philippines. He was awarded the Purple Heart.

Cpl. William H. Peel | Kent County, MD | U.S. Army | National Archives | KIA

Cpl. William H. Peel | MD | U.S. Army | ABMC Cemeteries

- Corporal William H. Peel, of Maryland, served in the Army with the 60th Infantry Battalion, 9th Armored Division. He died on March 16, 1945 and is buried at Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery located in Henri-Chapelle, Belgium. He was awarded the Purple Heart.

Brooks B. Peele | Fayetteville, NC | U.S. Navy | Honor Pankuch , daughter

- Diesel Engineer on a ship.

PFC Charles H. Peele | Pitt County, NC | U.S. Army | National Archives | DNB

David L. Peele | Washington, DC | U.S. Army | Ruby Louise Peele, wife

- Wounded in action 3 times. Served in the Battle of the Bulge under General Patton’s 3rd Army, 87th Infantry Division

PFC Edward R. Peele, Jr. | Norfolk, VA | U.S. Army | Samuel C. Peele, brother

- Served with the 63rd Infantry Division in France and Germany, 1944-45. Killed in action, March 16, 1945.

PFC Edward R. Peele, Jr. | Norfolk County, VA | U.S. Army | National Archives | KIA

Edward R. Peele, Jr. | Norfolk, VA | U.S. Army | Mr. Edward R. Peele, cousin

- Was killed by a German shell two weeks before the end of the war.

Pvt Frank G. Peele, Jr. | Wayne County, NC | U.S. Army | National Archives | DNB

2 LT Grady E. Peele | Scotland County, NC | U.S. Army | National Archives | DNB

Jack Peele, Jr. | Columbia, SC | U.S. Marine Corps | Carrie Mae Peele Shaw, Sister

- Pacific Theater

Joseph H. Peele | Belhaven, NC | U.S. Army | Mr. Leigh B. Peele, Nephew

Leonard Peele | Fountain, NC | U.S. Navy | Mary Anne Peele Petteway

AV C Macon S. Peele | Washington, DC | U.S. Army | National Archives | DNB
She worked at National Security Administration in Washington, DC

Assigned to the airplane carrier, WASP. A gunner reported missing in action, 1942

Reported Missing in Action, later killed in Action, Saturday, July 10, 1943. Memorialized at Honolulu, Hawaii, USA.

Second Lieutenant Robbie C. Peele served in the U. S. Army Air Forces, 10th Bomber Squadron, 42nd Bomber Group, Medium. He was killed in Action on Sunday, April 8, 1945 and is memorialized at the Manila American Cemetery at Ft. Bonifacio, Manila, Philippines. He was awarded the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster and the Purple Heart.

He was part of the occupation forces sent to Italy in 1945.

Commissioned as Ensign following V-4 program on USS Prairie State IX-15. Served on USS Enterprise CV-6, 1049-43, as propulsion officer. Later served on USS Hornet as crewmember of Commissioning Crew.

Served on Naval Supply ships in Atlantic and Pacific fleets

Private First Class William D Peele served in the US Army 358th Infantry Regiment, 90th Infantry Division. He was killed in action on December 6, 1944 and is memorialized at the Lorraine American Cemetery in St Avold (Moselle), France. He received the Bronze Star and was also awarded the Purple Heart.

28th Field Artillery. Served on the European front in Germany, France, Belgium and Great Britain.

Served with the Army’s 4454th Quartermaster Service Company. He died on March 21, 1945 and is buried at Normandy American Cemetery at Coffeville-sur-Mer, France. He was awarded a Purple Heart.

"We look forward to a world founded upon four essential human freedoms. The first is freedom of speech and expression. The second is freedom of every person to worship God in his own way. The third is freedom from want. The fourth is freedom from fear.”

~Franklin D. Roosevelt
It was just this for the three Austin Brothers who were GRANDSONS OF Debra Arabella Peele Austin and 9th GREAT GRAND SONS of Lawrence Peelle. All three traveled the seven seas during World War II at Uncle Sam’s expense.

My two older brothers had signed into the V-5 program and allowed to finish their college education at Wake Forest College before being assigned to active duty. James Louis was assigned to the Pacific US Naval Air Corp. and Irving was in the Naval Amphibian Service. I, Hobart Lyon “Pete” was assigned to the Amphibian Corp and served in the Atlantic, African and Pacific Theater. Later, all three Austin brothers served in the Pacific Theater at the same time.

James Louis the oldest was drafted into the Army and on the same day received a commissioned into the U S Navy. In the Naval Air Corp his crew made history when their aircraft made a reconnaissance flight - up, over, through and into the eye of a typhoon and observed the center core of the storm. While Jim was stationed in Guam our paths crossed and I was able to visit with him and take off on a flight with his crew on a PB4Y2 Liberator while I flew as an un-ticketed passenger over the East Marianna’s, Enewetok, Pohnpie, Turk and Caroline’s in the Pacific Theater while island hopping on a 1200 miles reconnaissance tour.

Irving Douglas “Bro” was Executive Officer aboard a LCIR. A converted Landing Craft Infantry that was transformed into a mighty Rocket Launching Vessel with the fire power equal to a light Curser. His ship was part of the invasion forces at Okinawa.

While in transit from the Atlantic Theater to the Pacific I had the surprise of my life when I came face to face with brother Irving Douglas and his new wife Hazel Roane Bland while walking down Gramby Street. I had just returned to Norfolk, VA after the invasion of Normandy and Southern France while serving on the LST #495 in the European and African Theater. A LST was the abbreviation for a Landing Ship Tanks that had a ships company of 123 sailors and officers and had the carrying capacity for 50 Sherman Tanks. I had no idea where any of my brothers were during this time in the War. I guess it was acceptable to hug and kiss your brother even if he was an officer and I was at that time a Boatman Mate 2nd Class.

Martha Helen Lyon Austin never enlisted into the armed services but served diligently on the home front with her frequent letters. My mother repeatedly wrote all the local boys and girls from the community who served Our Nation during the War. Many of these soldiers, Sailors, Coast Guard and Marines have sent me many of her letters that were written to them. The letters always gave timely hometown information while offering praise and encouragement. They never forgot her expression of love and concern for them while they were thousands of miles from home and far away from their love ones and families.

Pete Austin, BM 1st Class US Navy Reserve. LST #123, #495, USS Stentor
**World War II and More Peele’s Who Served**

From Naomi Smith Plett, Liberal Kansas:

My mother was Cannie Peele Smith, daughter of Wm. Franklin Peele, son of Alex Peele. Cannie was married to Jefferson Davis Smith, and they lived in Liberal, Kansas, from 1936 until they passed away, Dad in 1989, Mom in 1990.

Dad was called J. D. and was an auto mechanic for Ford Motor Company for 40 years. During WWII, there was an Army Air Force base in Liberal, Kansas, and Dad worked there as an airplane mechanic and served his country for five years. He is listed on the memorial as Jefferson Davis Smith, Civilian.

The City of Liberal now owns the air base, and the Liberal Air Museum, the 4th largest airplane museum in the U.S., is located there.

My brother J. D. Smith, Jr. enlisted in the Air Force and was home on his first leave when word came that Pearl Harbor had been attacked, and he left at once. My brother Barten H. Smith served in the Air Force and served as B-24 radio operator-gunner in the 15th Division.

J. D., Jr., passed away in 1993; Barten lives in Coffeyville, Kansas.

I was in grade school during WWII, and am proud of my dad and brothers for their service to our country.

**From Marvin Peele**

**PEELE, WILLIAM EVERETT**  
US Navy  Born July 6, 1912  Died March 13, 1977  Son of Mr. & Mrs. George R. Peele, near Gibson NC.

**PEELE, EDWARD FRANCIS**  
US Army in Europe Born Nov. 8, 1918  Died Dec. 24, 1997  Son of Mr. & Mrs. Merritt Peele, near Gibson, NC.

**PEELE, EUNICE BROWN**  
V5 US Army (OSS) Born Dec. 3, 1922  Entered service Feb, 1944, Camp Crowder, MO; India, China  Awarded BS  Attended N. C. State Col.  Methodist  Son of Mr. & Mrs. W. P Peele, Bailey, NC  Husband of Mrs. Francis L. Bissette Peele, R. 2, Bailey, NC

**PEELE, WILLIAM S., JR.**  
Sgt, US Army  Born July 15, 1920  Entered service, Sept 30, 1944  Ft. Bragg, NC; Camp Wheeler, GA; Ft. Meade, MD; Camp Kilmer NJ; France; Germany; Rhineland; Central Europe  Awarded 2 BS; Good Conduct M.  Attended Williamston H. S.  Baptist  Son of Mrs. W. S. Peele, Williamston, NC  Husband of Mrs. Magdaline Peele, R. 2, Williamston.

**PEEL, WILLIAM HENRY**  
T/4 US Army  Born Dec 1, 1912  Entered service May 28, 1945  Ft. Bragg, NC; Aberdeen, MD; Camps Shenango, PA, Patrick Henry, VA; N. Africa; Miami, Fla  Awarded G. Cond. M.  Attended Williamston H. S.  Protestant  Son of Mr. & Mrs. Lewis H. Peel, Williamston, NC  Husband of Mrs. Louise Grimes Peel, Rt. 1, Williamston.
PEELE, ALTON F.


PEELE, BRUCE L.


PEELE, EDGAR, JR.


PEELE, LAWRENCE EVERETTE


PEELE, MATHEW VICK

T/5 US Army. Born July 24, 1918. Entered service May 27, 1944, Camp Wheeler, Ft. Benning, Camp Gordon, GA; England; France; Belgium; Germany; Luxembourg. Awarded 5 BS, CIB, Unit Cit., G. Con. M. Attended Rock Ridge H. S. Baptist. Son of Mr. & Mrs. O. W. Peele, Wilson, NC. Husband of Mrs. Ethel Mae Ethridge Peele, Rt. 2, Wilson, NC.

PEELE, EARL CURTIS

SC I/C US Navy. Born July 22, 1926. Entered service Sept 18, 1944, Bainbridge, MD; Norfolk, VA; Cuba; Panama; Mexico. Attended Hamlet H.S. Methodist. Son of Mr. & Mrs. B. J. Peele, RFD 2, Hamlet, NC.

PEELE, MARVIN BURFORD, JR.

T/5, US Army, Age 22. Entered service May 7, 1943, Ft. Meade MD; Camp Chaffee, Ark; Ft. Ord, Calif.; Hawaii; Saipan; Tinian; Philippines. Awarded BSM, Unit Cit., G. Cond. M. Attended Hamlet H. S. Methodist. Son of Mr. And Mrs. M. B. Peele, Sr., RFD Hamlet, N. C. (From Marvin: I was in the 534th Amphibian Tractor Battalion of the Army. We carried in the Marines (4th division) at Saipan and Tinian. Many were killed. Everyone involved received the Naval Presidential Unit Citation. We were at Okinawa for two weeks, just leaving when the first atomic bomb was dropped; the second one was dropped on my 21st birthday, Aug. 9, 1945. All the time I served in the United States was 9 months and 11 days, with 23 months in the Pacific. I was discharged at Ft. Bragg, NC on Jan. 17, 1946.)

PEELE, WILLIAM DANZIL

The History of Lawrence Peelle and his Family

No record is found as to who Lawrence Peelle married or the name of his wife. Record shows that there were five descending generations where each son was given the name of Robert Peelle. Court records show that he owned property in Elizabeth Cittie Co, Virginia on the Western Branch of the Elizabeth River. This same area became the present County of Norfolk. This area is sandwiched next to Nansemond County that was formed in 1637 from Upper Norfolk County when a portion of County of Princess Anne was added. Data on Nansemond County can now be found in the courthouse located in Suffolk, VA. The present Princess Anne County is located due east of Norfolk County and continues to the shores of the Atlantic Ocean. The eastern boundary of that county started at the Chesapeake Bay and extends to the Currituck Sound to the south. All three of these counties border and join on the North Carolina State Line. Many of my descendants entered "The Colony" through this area of Norfolk VA.

In the "Handy Book on Genealogist" you can find information about the original Elizabeth Cittie County that was renamed and changed to New Norfolk Co. In the year 1637 New Norfolk was next changed to Lower Norfolk Co. During that same year the "Lower" was dropped from the name and it became Norfolk County. A portion of this same area in 1963 was renamed and called Chesapeake City. Prior to the present name the same area changed names four different times.

TIDEWATER VA---The first settlers sailed into the Chesapeake Bay pass what is now the cities of Norfolk, Portsmouth and Newport News via way of The Hampton Roads Waterway. They first sailed up the inlet into the mouth of the James River to establish the Jamestown Colony. Many of the settlers that landed in Jamestown and the Tidewater area later migrated southward into what is currently known as North Carolina. Most of our ancestors migrated through Norfolk before settling mainly in Bertie, Martin, Edgecombe, Halifax and Northampton Counties. Later they moved west into Tenn, KY, SC, GA, Texas, etc. We now have relatives that live in all four corners of the United States.

RETURNING BACK HOME--- It should be noted that the trend reversed itself during World War II when thousands of families from North Carolina returned and went northward again to Newport News, Norfolk and Portsmouth, Virginia to work at defense jobs at military bases, shipyards, etc, during World War II. Many of these returnees stayed in Virginia after the end of the conflict and enjoyed a new standard of living that they did not have when they lived in North Carolina. They migrated to the tidewater mainly from small towns and rural areas in the Carolina's. For many of them it had become their Promise Land. This is the same area around the Tidewater Area that our ancestors left in 1600's and 1700's for a better life when they headed south. The saying "You can't keep them down on the farm after visiting Broad Street in Norfolk" made this reverse migration a reality.

THE MOVEMENT SOUTH--- The earlier settlers who migrated from Virginia usually went by sailboat to Edenton, North Carolina. Later after the pole roads had developed and a ferry or a bridge had been constructed they could travel across the new territory much easier. The paths later became trails that were later made into roads as they were constructed throughout the territory. These Trails traveled south as they went through what is now Currituck County. Currituck was made a County in 1670 from a part of the Albemarle Prescient. They continued through Camden County that was formed in 1677 from Pasquotank County. Pasquotank was created in 1670 from a part of the original area of Albemarle Prescient. Travelers next moved south through Perquimans County [1670] that was also formed from the original Albemarle Prescient. Next they would enter Chowan County [1670] that was also formed from Albemarle County.

To help research your ancestors it is very helpful to known when and where they settled. With the many changes over the years it is important that you can know which county the historic records are now kept.

Horace Peelle, along with Pete Austin has done a tremendous amount of research, on our Peele line. Some of Pete’s information can be found online at the above web page. However, according to letters I receive, many of you do not have access to the Internet. So, with Pete’s permission, I would like to publish some of his work in the next few issues of the newsletter.
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