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Memorial Day, originally called *Decoration Day*, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service.

It was first observed on 30 May 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery.

In 1915, inspired by the poem "In Flanders Fields", came the idea to wear red poppies on Memorial Day in honor of those who died serving the nation during war.

Traditional observance of Memorial Day has diminished over the years. Many Americans nowadays have forgotten the meaning and traditions of Memorial Day. At many cemeteries, the graves of the fallen are increasingly ignored, neglected. Most people no longer remember the proper flag etiquette for the day. While there are towns and cities that still hold Memorial Day parades, many have not held a parade in decades. Some people think the day is for honoring any and all dead, and not just those fallen in service to our country.

To help re-educate and remind Americans of the true meaning of Memorial Day, the "National Moment of Remembrance" resolution was passed in Dec 2000 which asks that at 3 p.m. local time for all Americans "To voluntarily and informally observe in their own way a Moment of remembrance and respect, pausing from whatever they are doing for a moment of silence or listening to 'Taps'", to remember, reflect and honor those who have given their all in service to their country.

(On Memorial Day the flag should be displayed at half-staff until noon only, then raised to the top of the staff.)

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Neither genius, fame, nor love shows the greatness of the soul. Only kindness can do that.

-- Jean Baptiste Henri Lacordaire

Family News

Obituary of Lorene Ruth Gann Stephens



Lorene Ruth Gann Stephens was born in Coweta, Ok. August 10, 1912. Lorene died 2 May 2006 in Tulsa, OK. She was the daughter of **Edward Isom Gann** and **Bertha Elma Peele**.

She married **Ray** (**Pug**) **Stephens** in 1931 and they made their home in Coweta, OK. In 1936, they moved to Tulsa, Ok. In 1961, they moved to Ft. Gibson Lake in Wagoner, Ok.

Lorene retired from Children's Medical Center in 1972. After Ray passed away, Lorene move to Sapulpa, OK in 1995.

Lorene was the mother of three daughters and one son. Many that knew her called her 'Mom Stephens'. She was the grandmother of 17 and the great grandmother of 44 and Great-great Grandmother of 28 grandchildren. She had 3 sisters and 2 brothers all passed away before her.

Lorene was an active member of The Westside Freewill Baptist Church.

Lorene loved her church and attended services many times when she didn't feel well. Funeral services were held at Westside Freewill Baptist church.

Submitted by Janice Ruth Stephens Bunch.

Comment by Charles R. Gann, Lorene's nephew.

One of the best things I remember about Aunt Lorene and Uncle Pug. They lived in Tulsa a short distance from her sister, Lena, and Lena's family. Once a month, Bob Wills would play for a dance at *Cain's Academy of Dancing*. Don't laugh, that is what it is called. The home of Bob Wills. We lived in Coweta and it was an adventure traveling to Tulsa. Mom and Dad would load up us children for the trip to Tulsa. We would visit with our cousins and the adults went to the dance. In the summer, we slept in the yard. There wasn't any air conditioning. In the cooler time of the year, we slept on pallets throughout the house.

I never heard Aunt Lorene say anything bad about anyone. When I questioned her about my grandfather Gann, she would tell me he was a big man.

She loved her family and stayed in contact via the telephone the last few years.



A Note From Diane

Horace and I have been working on something new that might prove very interesting to some of you. I have, just in the last few months, obtained a computer program that enables me to save all newsletters to the *Acrobat Adobe* format, .pdf. In this format the newsletters can be sent to people via Internet, through their email. Also, Horace plans to place all the old newsletters, as well as future ones, on his website, where they can be obtained and downloaded for future reference.

The price of copying and printing the newsletters has been increasing with each issue. Our idea to try to help with this is to send some of the newsletters to those who have email, if they are interested, at no charge to them. Then, those who still want to receive them in regular mail, especially to those who don't have computers, they will receive the printed copy. We would cut down on the cost of printed copies this way.

We aren't sure how many would like to receive the newsletter thru email, where they would print it out themselves. If you think you would be interested, please send me an email and let me know. Maybe we will even find others who would want to receive the newsletter this way.

My email is walls2381@aikenelectric.net

Give us your input on this idea!

Diane

UPDATE:

We have had 3 or 4 send emails that they would like to receive the *pdf* format of the newsletter. If you would like to receive the newsletter in this format, just to see what it looks like, contact me; I'll send it to you. This is also a way to get old copies of the newsletter, (dating from 2000 to current) if you have lost yours or have just started receiving the newsletter and want to see some of the older copies.

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I'm Going To Follow You

Walk a little plainer, Daddy, Said a little boy so frail, For I'm following in your footsteps, And I don't want to fail. Sometimes your steps are very plain, Sometimes they're hard to see, So walk a little plainer, Daddy, For you are leading me. I know that you once walked this way Many, many years ago And what you did along the way I'd really like to know. For sometimes when I'm tempted I don't know what to do, So walk a little plainer, Daddy; You know I'm following you. Some day when I'm grown up, You are like I want to be. Then I will have a little boy Who'll want to follow me. And I would want to lead him right And help him to be true. So walk a little plainer, Daddy, I'm going to follow you.

Bed In Summer Poem

In winter I get up at night,
And dress by yellow candlelight.
In summer quite the other way,
I have to go to bed by day,

I have to go to bed and see
The birds still hopping on the tree,
Or hear the grown up people's feet
Still going past me in the street,

And does it not seem hard to you, When all the sky is clear and blue, And I should like so much to play, To have to go to bed by day?

by Robert Louis Stevenson

A Salute to Our Senior Citizens

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

Maurine Jones

March 29, 1905**

age 101



Gdaughter of Elizabeth Peelle Pidgeon,

Descended from Reuben Peelle (Mother of Alice Plane)

Ruby James Peele Duggins

Nov 25. 1908

age 97

Daughter of Willis Peele and Annie Brown

Margaret Peele Mitchell

May 11, 1910

age 96

Horace's Aunt

Carrie Mae Peel Williams

October 16, 1915

90

(Daughter of John Franklin Peel, Ggranddaughter of Mills Peele, Gggranddaughter of **Dempsey Peel**; Sister of Patricia Peel Arick)

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If you know any senior citizen (male or female) who is around 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 send it to me.

A mother is she who can take the place of all others, But who's place no one else can take.

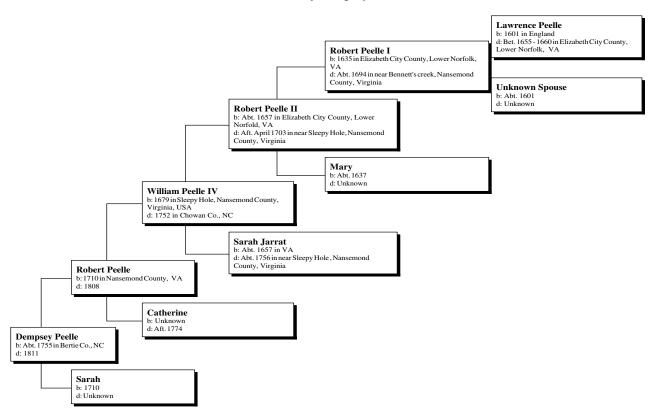


Who is the father of DEMPSEY PEELE??? Dempsey was born about 1753 and died in Oct 1811 as shown in the following deed: In Edgecombe Co., NC Deed Book # 14, page 196 we find Mills Peele and Miles Peele were sons of Dempsey Peele, decd., Oct. 1811, In Deed Book # 14-page 189 Elisha Peele and Miles Peele were sons of Dempsey Peele, decd., Oct. 1811, and In Deed Book # 14-208 Elisha Peele and Mills Peele were sons of Dempsey Peele, decd., Oct. 1811.

Below is what is thought to be an ancestor tree for Dempsey Peel; however, some think that Dempsey is actually the **grandson** of **Robert** and **Sarah Peelle**, son of their child, **William**. If anyone has any information on **Dempsey Peelle**, father of many of those who traveled to Georgia and made their home there, please contact **John W. Peel, 2231 E. Cortez Street, Phoenix, AZ 85028** (602-374-4103) E-Mail: hikerjohn@cox.net.

Or contact **Diane Walls** at addresses on back of newsletter.

Ancestors of Dempsey Peelle



Peel's of Screven & Burke Counties, GA

Source: Screven County History Published Fourth Printing 2005 Dixon Hollingsworth, Editor William Jason Brinson married Frances Zeigler on September 19, 1860. Wm Jason is the son of William and Nancy Kilpatrick Brinson. Wm Jason and Frances had a family of twelve children – eight sons and four daughters. They were: Rufus Lafayette, born June 21, 1861, married Ellen D. Peel; William Jason, born January 30, 1863, and married Annie L. Peel; Solomon "Sol" Simeon, born April 4, 11865, and married Buena Peel; John Lucius, born December 23, 1866, and married Emma Peel; Charity A. S., born December 4, 1868, and married James S. Taylor; Nancy Ann "Annie," born October 12, 1870, and married Martin Taylor; James Hamilton "Hamp", born June 15, 1872 and died December 3, 1875; Mary Rachel, born March 22, 1875 and married Cornelius Webster "Web" Frawley; Martin Luther, born April 12, 1879 and married Essie Hoover; Barney Styron, born July 17, 1881 and died at sixteen years old on March 17, 1898; Washington Kilpatrick "Pat", married Lillian Pfeiffer; and Cora Frances, born November 17,

Rufus Lafayette Brinson and Ellen D. Peel Brinson

1883 and married William Park Peel.

(no further information is known – Do you have information on **Ellen D. Peel**???)

William Jason Brinson and Annie L. Peel Brinson

William Jason Brinson was born January 30, 1863. Annie Laura Peel was born August 18, 1868 and died March 25, 1950. William and Annie were married November 28, 1889 in Burke County, GA, according to General Index to Marriage Records, Female, Burke Court of Ordinary, Book7, Page 45

Annie was also married two other times. About 1897, she married **John Wesley Bolton**. About 1920, she married **Anthony Bose Zeigler**.

Annie Laura Peel was the daughter of Dempsey and Ellender (Sasser) Peel. Dempsey was born October 18, 1818 in North Carolina and was the son of Mills and Delilah Drake Peelle of North Carolina. Mills and Delilah left North Carolina and moved their family to Burke County, Georgia. Mills is a descendant of Dempsey Peelle. (You can see his ancestor chart on the previous page.)

Solomon "Sol" Simeon Brinson and Buena Peel Brinson

Sol was born April 4, 1865, Buena was born January 17, 1875. Buena was the daughter of **Dempsey** and **Ellender** (**Sasser**) **Peel. Dempsey** was born October 18, 1818 in North Carolina and was the son of **Mills** and **Delilah Drake Peelle** of North Carolina. **Mills** and **Delilah** left North Carolina and moved their family to Burke County, Georgia. Mills is a descendant of **Dempsey Peelle**. (You can see his ancestor chart on the previous page.)

John Lucius Brinson and Emma Peel Brinson

John Lucius Brinson, son of Wm. Jason and Frances Zeigler (Zeagler) Brinson, was born on December 23, 1866 and married Emma Peel on August 2, 1888 in Screven County. Born on October 22, 1869, Emma was the daughter of Dempsey and Ellender (Sasser) Peel. Dempsey was born October 18, 1818 in North Carolina and was the son of Mills and Delilah Drake Peelle of North Carolina. Mills and Delilah left North Carolina and moved their family to Burke County, Georgia. Mills is a descendant of Dempsey Peelle. (You can see his ancestor chart on the previous page.)

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John and Emma were the parents of thirteen children – of these children, ten reached adulthood and had families. These children were: Ola Estelle Brinson Franklin, Lucius Sidney, Solomon Clifford, William Barney, John Francis, Emma Rexford Brinson Nesmith Boles, Martin Titus, Celestine Brinson Franklin, Homer, and Earl Brinson.

Cora Frances Brinson and William Park Peel.

Cora Frances was born November 17, 1883. William Peel was born November 17, 1879 in Burke County, GA., and died December 13, 1916 in Screven County, GA. Cora and William had five children: Van Dyne Peel, born July 13, 1907, married to Myrtle Evelyn Waller; Nena Peel, born February 14, 1910, married to M. Wilbur Zeigler; Melba Peel, born October 30, 1912, died February 14, 1914; Malree Peel, born January 14, 1914, married Otis Greiner; Park Theacia Peel, born November 14, 1916, married Cecil H. Williams.

William Park Peel was the son of William Mills (b. November 29, 1840) and Nancy Olive Dickey Peel of Burke County, Georgia. William Mills was the son of Levi and Harriet Atkinson Peel, who were originally from North Carolina, but traveled to Burke County before 1840. Levi was the son of Mills and Delilah Drake Peelle of North Carolina. Mills and Delilah left North Carolina and moved their family to Burke County, Georgia. Mills is a descendant of Dempsey Peelle. (You can see his ancestor chart on the previous page.)



Do you know who these Peel's are?

George Ozzie Zeagler, Sr., born April 14 1880, was a farmer. He married *Magna Peel*, born March 4, 1884 in 1903. They had nine children: Iree, Hugh, Amanda, Blanche, Rother, Warren, Wilburn Peel, George Ozzie, Jr., and Bernard C. "Ham". Who is Magna Peel???

Ira D. Zeigler, born July 19, 1879, died Feb 6, 1919, married *Floy Peel*. Ira is the son of **George M. Zeigler** and **Permelia A. R. Cail Zeigler**. (This family changed the spelling of the name to Zeigler.) Children of Ira D. Zeigler and Floy Peel Zeigler are: **W. Ralph**, born Dec. 24, 1906, died May 15, 1934; **Amelia**, born August 30, 1908; **Garnett Edward**, born November 30, 1912, died January 25, 1961.

Who is Floy Peel???

Recorded Facts about Robert Peale (Peele) and his Family who lived in Nansemond Co., VA

Compiled by Marvin Peele, Hyattsville, MD

(Source: The Peelle Family of Clinton County, published by Ruth Esther Hussey, Harriett P. Terrell, Lucile Hadley, and Susanne Kenney)

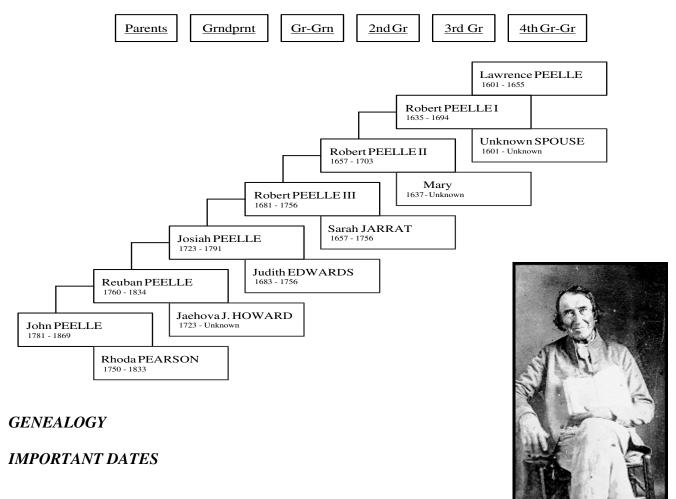
- Robert Peele was given land grant of 350 acres on Pasquotank River (now in North Carolina) for bringing over seven people.
- 1674 **Robert Peele** was appointed overseer of will of General Richard Bennett of Nansemond Co., VA
- 1679 **Robert** and **Robert Peele Jr.** patented 175 acres of land near Peele's house in Nansemond County
- Robert Peele was a witness at four Quaker weddings involving the children of Mary Belson, a neighbor who came over in 1663.
- 1690 **Robert Peele, Jr.** was at the last wedding.
- Robert Peele married Rose Yeardley Ryding who was the granddaughter of Governor Yeardley of Virginia (died in office in 1627).
- 1694 **Frances Peele** patented 700 acres in Accomack County, VA. This escheated land was formally owned by **Thomas Ryding** (first husband of **Rose Yeardley**).
- William Peele granted 580 acres of land in the upper parish of Nansemond County.
- Price of transporting across Nansemond River from Colefield Point to **Robert Peele's** near Sleepy Hole: a man-6 pence a man and horse -1 shilling
- 1703 **Robert Peele** was granted 134 acres in lower parish of Nansemond County. This land was bequested to wife **Sarah** by **Thomas Jarrat** before she married Peele.
- "Quit Rent" land records for Nansemond County:

Robert Peele 275 acres William Peele 180 acres

- 1705 **Robert Peele's** will recorded in Princess Anne County, VA. He gave to sons, **Thomas** and **Henry**, 12 pence each in ready money, it being their full share of his estate. Remainder of estate and money in England was given to his wife, **Rose**.
- 1706 Inventory of **Robert Peele**'s estate filed in Princess Anne County.
- 1711 **Efram Peele** and **Joseph Peele** patented 112 acres in upper parish of Nansemond County.
- 1714 **Robert Peele** was Justice of Peace in Nansemond County.
- 1719 **Ephraim Peele** was granted 100 acres in upper parish of Nansemond County, VA.

The spelling was **PEEL** in 1663 but **PEELE** and **PEALE** were used in other records. The 1705 will was signed, **Robert Peale**. In 1741 when the family moved to Northampton Co, NC, the spelling was **PEELLE**.

JOHN PEELE BORN JUNE 2, 1781



- 1781 Born
- 1805 To Grayson County, Virginia
- 1817 To Belmont County, Ohio married Lydia Bundy
- 1808 To Fall Creek, Highland County, Ohio (near Seven Caves)
- 1811 To Green County, Ohio
- 1813 To Clinton County, Ohio
- Settled at old home place in Clinton County, Ohio (later to become Wilson Township) where he spent the rest of his life. **Reuben and Rhoda Pearson Peelle**, parents of **John** were to eventually come here and, along with **John** and **Lydia**, are buried at the old Grass Run Cemetery.

JOHN PEELE

The family lived in an old log house built by **John Peelle** on the old home farm until about 1847 when **Mark Peelle** built the large frame house remembered by many but now gone. The log house remained on the farm for many years as a relic of days gone by.

John Peele, Sr.

Taken from a tattered copy as it was written by his granddaughter, Louisa Peelle Moon. (Source: The Peelle Family of Clinton County, published by Ruth Esther Hussey, Harriett P. Terrell, Lucile Hadley, and Susanne Kenney)

John Peelle, son of Reuben and Rhoda Peelle was born in Wayne County, North Carolina, 6th month, 2nd, 1781. He lived with his parents til his twenty-fourth year, engaged in the occupation of farming, common in that state, at that time. At that age he first began to master the English alphabet and finally acquired such an education as was of great benefit to him during his long life of usefulness in the church and community in which he lived.

About this time he went into Greyson County, VA and remained one year. He then undertook what was in those days thought to be a long and perilous journey to the far west through almost unbroken territory of Indiana as far as where the city of Richmond is now situated, then covered with dense forest and returned to North Carolina well pleased with his western trip. He was not satisfied to remain at home but a short time as the western country had a fascination for him. He soon bade adieu to parents and friends and set his face westward to find for himself a new home.

His first stopping place was in Belmont County, Ohio, where he met **Lydia Bundy**, and on 12th mo. 2nd, 1807, they were married according to the ceremony of the Society of Friends of which they were both members. Very soon after their marriage they moved to Fall Creek and settled near where the place where Boweresville stands. They remained here two years, then moved near the place where they built a new cabin and such other improvements as necessary as is now known as the Telfair land. This was the 3rd mo., 1st, 1813.

While living here they made on horseback a trip back to the old home in Belmont Co., taking with them a child one year old. Few women of the present time would be brave enough to undertake such a journey with so few of the comforts and necessarys of life by the way.

He was noted for industry and honesty, and we, his grandchildren, should walk with pride in his footsteps.

After their return home they bought 50 (?) acres of land, not intending to make this their home but buying it for the purpose of making maple sugar --?-- Buying more land joining his sugar orchard he concluded to make this their future home, which he did in 1820, building and moving into the hewed log house still standing on this farm. As a pioneer, all this farm was bought for \$3.25 an acre from **Nathan Linton**, now owned by **Mary Ellen Peelle**, widow of **Mark Peelle**. This land was paid for just a few dollars at a time, as they made no mortgage or interest.

As a pleasure he often took his rifle and fishing rod and wended his way into the forest and along the creek – always bringing back a load of meat and fish.

The nearest Friends Meeting when he settled here was at Dover, seven miles distance, and he was often found among the worshipers there, going on foot, taking his rifle with him and hunting on the way. This love for hunting and fishing lasted him through life. As a business man he was successful, accumulating enough of this world's goods to make him comfortable in his old age, having plenty and to spare to any in need of help.

Seven children were born to them, three sons and four daughters: William, Reuben, Mary, Rhoda, Emma, Mark and Lydia. Rhoda Mills and Emma Bentley are still living and with us today, aged and feeble in body but well preserved in mind for persons of their age. Our hearts are made glad by their presence and may their lives be lengthened out to meet with us again in our annual reunion.

John Peelle was a life member of the Society of Friends, always diligent in attendance, being made much use in the business transaction of the meetings and during the later part of his life he often gave words of counsel and advice in the meetings for worship.

After forty-nine years of married life he was called to give her up who had shared the toils and of pioneer life with him.

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His youngest son, **Mark**, and wife, **Mary Ellen Peelle**, with kind hands and loving heart, made comfortable his declining years. Thirteen years after the death of his companion, he too, was called home on 12th mo. 1st, 1869, aged 88 years and 6 months.

(Buried in the Old Cemetery – Back of Aunt Mollie Jane Gallimore, Lee Gordon, etc. home.)

Buried there are **John's** father and mother:

- 1. Reuben and Rhoda Pearson Peelle
- 2. John and Lydia Bundy Peelle
- Lydia Peelle Carter, daughter of John and Lydia Peelle, plus others.

The Peelle Reunion put up a double stone for **Reuben** and **Rhoda**. There is one for **Lydia Peelle Carter**

Louise Peelle Moon, 12-3-1854 - 11-26-1933

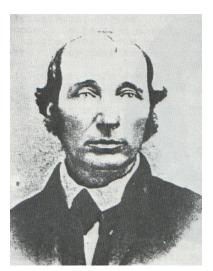
Louisa Peelle who later married Elwood Moon

He was the inventor of the wooden vinegar pump, which was manufactured in Sabina for many years by Dr. West and was said to be the only one of its kind in the United States. She took a great interest in genealogy, writing biographies about her grandparents, John and Lydia Peelle.



MARK PEELLE

(Source: *The Peelle Family of Clinton County*, published by Ruth Esther Hussey, Harriett P. Terrell, Lucile Hadley, and Susanne Kenney)



Mark Peelle was born
January 11, 1821, the first
child of John and Lydia
to be born at what was to
become known as "the old
home place." On
February 3, 1848 he
married Mary Ellen
Jessup, daughter of Emily
Jessup Peelle (Mrs.
Reuben). They built the
large frame house near the
log house of John and
Lydia, and his parents

lived with them the rest of their lives.

Mark was the businessman and was always posted on the affairs of the day. He bought and sold several farms besides those on which his children settled. He was often called upon to write wills and other legal documents. His wife, Mary Ellen, was always his loyal support in all his work. She was brpad (sic?) in her thought and interest and after her seventieth birthday visited both the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans and ten years later enjoyed the Yearly Meeting in Philadelphia.

Mark and Mary Ellen were the parents of five children. He died December 1, 1883 while Mary Ellen lived until November 17, 1920.

HICKORY NUT CAKE

RECIPE by Anna Burris Mills

Two cups sugar, one cup butter, one cup sweet milk, whites of seven eggs, and yolk of two, three cups flour, three teaspoonfuls baking powder, one pint hickory nut meets rolled in flour, beaten whites of eggs to stiff froth.

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