



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

Happy New Year 2007,

I tip my hat to Diane and Tommy!!!

Diane Peel Walls and her husband Tommy have published twenty-four quarterly publications of "Lawrence, Etc." beginning in 2001. They have graciously asked to step aside as the current editors so that they may have more time for themselves and other activities. Their request is being honored beginning with this publication.

In all sincerity, we must all thank Diane and Tommy for their endless efforts to record the history of our current family and to make the past interesting for all of us. They have done an outstanding job for all and are an example hard to follow.

But follow we must, so this New Year of 2007 starts with a new editor for "Lawrence Etc." -- yours truly, Horace Peele. I hope that I do "Lawrence, Etc." as much justice as Diane and Tommy in the past.

Thanks Diane and Tommy.

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I must apologize that in order to get this first publication out in time that I must rely upon some of my own work and research for material. I hope you find it interesting and hopefully **YOU will submit** information to be published in future editions of "Lawrence, Etc."

A Salute to Our Senior Citizens



If you know any family senior citizen, male or female, around 90 years, please send their name, date of birth, age, address, and how they are related to a Peele descendant, by what ever spelling. Their name will automatically be added to the newsletter list, at no charge. Also please send any updates that you have on our Seniors.

Maurine Jones

March 29, 1905 age 101**

(Mother of Alice Plane, Gdaughter of Elizabeth Peelle Pidgeon, descended from Reuben Peelle.)

Maurine Jones

5050 Lincoln Avenue, Apt. 24
Evansville, IN 47715

Ruth Dosh Lorene Gann Stephens

August 10, 1912, age 93

(Aunt of Charlie Gann, Daughter of Edward Isom & Bertha Elma Peele Gann.)

Lorene Stephens

310 ½ S Independence
Sapulpa, OK 74066

Carrie Mae Peel Williams

October 16, 1915, age 90

(Sister of Patricia Peel Arick, Daughter of John Franklin Peel and Lillian Belle Nelson, descended from Mills Peelle, son of Dempsey Peelle.)

Carrie Mae Peel Williams

6805 West Riverbend Road
Dunnellon, FL 34433



Hazel Peele McIntosh

December 22, 1917, age 89

(Daughter of Willis and Annie Brown Peele, Aunt Hazel of Cousin Willis Peele.)

Hazel Peele McIntosh

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Asheville, NC 28804
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Robert B. Peele

May 26, 1919, age 87

(Son of Henry Edmund Peele and Inez Emma Beatty, Father of R. B. Peele, Jr.)

We need pictures of our seniors!

Family News



*Horace and Aunt Maggie
October 31, 2005*

Aunt Maggie, the Last of the Family

How sad it is that we have to announce the death of Aunt Maggie, on 13 Jan 2007. She the last of my Dad's generation. She was the seventh child and youngest daughter of George Robinson Peele and Lina Margaret Adams who was the daughter of Joshua Adams and Flora Hubbard. Margaret Esther "Maggie" Peele, born 11 May 1910 on the Peele Farm, near Gibson, Marlboro Co., SC and died 13 Jan 2007 in Laurinburg, Scotland County NC. Aunt Maggie and her husband are buried in Laurinburg's Hillside Cemetery. My dad was the second child, Marvin.

Aunt Maggie was the 11th generation from George Robinson¹⁰ Peele, William "Bill"⁹ Peelle, Robert⁸, David⁷, Robert⁶, Robert⁵, Robert⁴, Robert³, Robert², Lawrence¹. Aunt Maggie married John Earl Mitchell, Sr. on 11 May 1935 in the Methodist Parsonage, Fletcher, SC. He was born 10 Apr 1913 in Southern Pines, Richmond Co., NC; died 02 Jan 1999 in Laurinburg. (Notice that Maggie's father George dropped the second "l" from the family spelling.)

Her siblings were:

- 1) Essie Mae Peele, born 22 Jun 1888 - died 27 Feb 1969 in Highpoint, NC.
- 2) Marvin Buford Peele, Sr., born 19 Mar 1890 - died 16 Jun 1984 in Richmond Co., NC.
- 3) Bessie Peele, born 24 Nov 1891 - died 02 Dec 1981 in Leonardtown, MD.
- 4) Carl R. Peele, born 13 Nov 1893 - NC; died 14 Apr 1968 in St. George, SC.
- 5) Merritt Peele, Sr., born 06 Jul 1895 - died 05 Jan 1969 in Scotland Co., NC.
- 6) Shuler Peele, born 11 Sep 1904 - died 21 Jun 1972 in Lake City, FL.
- 7) Margaret Esther "Maggie" Peele, born 11 May 1910 – 13 Jan 2007 in Laurinburg, Scotland Co., NC.
- 8) William Everette Peele, born 06 Jul 1912 - died 12 Mar 1977 in Scotland Co., Gibson, NC.

My wife Trish and I, visited Aunt Maggie on each occasion of being in North Carolina. In one of our last visits, I asked her "What did you do when you were young?" With a smile on her face she replied "Whatever my Daddy told me to do!"

And speaking of the last of the family, here is another item, not Peele related but noteworthy.

Last WWI Combat Veteran Laid to Rest

The echo of a 21-gun salute and bugler playing Taps seemingly marked the end of an era as a state and national treasure was laid to rest in Portland, Ore., March 2, 2007, one month before reaching his 109th birthday. Retired Army Cpl. Howard V. Ramsey, Oregon's last living World War I veteran and the last known U.S. combat veteran of WWI, died in his sleep Feb 22 in his assisted living center in Portland. He was honored in a memorial service attended by nearly 200 people at Lincoln Memorial Park.

"This is a very historic occasion; we lay to rest today our nation's oldest combat veteran," said Pastor Weber, officiating over Ramsey's memorial service. In an Associated Press report, the

Veterans Administration said there are now only seven living WWI “non-combatant” veterans on their records.

It was stated that "If we are going to end an era, I can think of no better way than to do it with a person who is a model representation of the kinds of Soldiers who served this country in WWI, and someone who would be an example to any combat Soldier serving up to, and including those who serve in Afghanistan and Iraq today. All (veterans) would be justifiably proud to have known Corporal Howard Ramsey." (Spc. April L. Dustin writes for the Oregon National Guard Public Affairs Office.)

Genealogy Happenings

Two Sons named William Everette Peele

One of the things I like best in genealogy is the challenge to solve some mystery. On January 21, 2007, I got this email from Jerry W. Peele from Eastman, Georgia. These are extracts:

Hello Horace Peele,

My name is Jerry Wayne Peele, born on September 1, 1954, in Tifton, Georgia. My father was Henry Grady Peele, the second son of William Everette Peele also of Tifton, GA. My grandfather William Everette was born in 1878 (I don't have a month/date yet but trying to locate) William Everette died in Tifton, Georgia, on May 11, 1951, and is buried in Tifton. He was born in North Carolina, I think in Bertie County, North Carolina. My father's mother was Leila Cox Peele, born in 1880 and died on May 13, 1959. William Everette's father was Amos Peele from Winston [Windsor], North Carolina.

My father, Henry Grady, was born on April 14, 1909, in Tift County (Tifton) Georgia and died there on February 8, 1983. He was married to Thena Isabell Edwards, born July 28, 1916 in Suwanne, Georgia. My mother died on March 17, 1997. My father, Grady, had an older brother named Bertie, named after the county in North Carolina. He died as a child, maybe about 12 years old, and was about 5-6 years older than my dad. I don't exactly when Bertie was born or died, but remember my dad talking about him.

Another connection with Windsor, NC and Bertie County is a letter to my parents from a cousin named Virginia Phelps Cobb, Rt 4 Box 104, Windsor, NC dated in 1972. She mentions in her letter to my parents that her uncle was William Everette Peele. I don't know if this is enough info to get me started but I would appreciate any help you can give me.

Thank you for your help and work.

Jerry W. Peele
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I started researching my records only to find that there was a major disparity in the information that Jerry sent me and what I had on file, that being the date of birth for William Everette Peele. I had William being born in 1839, he had 1878, how could this be? I called upon my friend Ken Christison in Conway, Northampton County to assist. Ken gathered copies of the 1850, 1860, 1870, and 1880 Bertie County Census records.

The 1850 Bertie County Census, Pages 33 and 33A, recorded September 4, 1850 shows the family listed below all living in Household 481. Notice that everyone is listed as having the “Peelle” surname although some omitted the ending “e”.

Amos Calvin Peelle was the 8th generation Peelle from John⁷, James⁶, Joshua⁵, Robert⁴, Robert³, Robert², Lawrence¹. Amos was born 1804 in Bertie Co., NC, and died Nov 1882 in Bertie Co., NC. He first married **Nancy Davison** 14 Feb 1828 in Bertie Co., NC. She was born 1802 in Bertie Co., NC, and died about 1862 in Bertie Co., NC. Nancy Davison’s maiden name is also reported as Davidson and Dawson.

Peelle Amos 46 M Farmer \$150 NC	Peelle Nancy 48 F NC
Peell Edy J. 21 F NC	Peell Alexander 20 M Laborer NC
Peell George T. 18 M NC	Peell Joseph S. 16 M NC
Peell Cynthia A. 13 F NC	Peell William E. 10 M NC
Peell Amos C. 9 M NC	

Notice that “William E.” was 10 years of age making him born about 1839-1840. Jerry has stated that his William Everette was born in 1878 but later found a birth date of 27 Nov 1867. This could not be Jerry’s ancestor William Everette.

The 1860 Bertie County Census Page 39 taken June 18, 1860, lists the following family members: House #316 - Amos Peele 55 \$1000; Nancy Peele 57; Jane Peele 31; Alexander Peele 28; **Averritt [Everette] Peele 20**; Calvin Peele 15; Cynthia A Peele 16; George Peele 12.

By 1870, Amos’ wife Nancy had died and Amos remarried Sarah M. Webb, widow of Newborn Newton Parker who was also killed in the civil war. The 1870 Bertie County Census page 36, taken 13 August 1870, lists the following living family members.

House #275 Peel, Amos 67 \$450, Peel, Sarah 37, Peel, Everett 3, Parker, Leary 10 [Sarah’s daughter by previous marriage to Newborn Parker].

House #276 – Empty.

House #277 Peel, Edith J. 40 \$500; Peel Alexander 38; Peel, Cynthia A 25.

House #278 Peel, Calvin 25 \$200; Peel, Nancy 25; Peel, Queenie 1.

The family had split apart - living in separate houses. They must not have liked the idea that Amos had married a woman who was 30 years younger. The 1870 census did not mention William Everette who was born in 1839.

In 1880, Amos now 77 living with Everitt, listed as 11 years of age. His second wife Sarah was not listed and presumably had died. This “Everitt” was Jerry’s ancestor William Everette Peele who died in Tifton, Georgia, 11 May 1951. But something still stood out in my old feeble mind. I searched back into my files to find that someone several years ago had sent me a scanned copy of the following picture.



William Everette Peele

William Everette Peele (1839 - 1864), son of Amos Calvin Peele and Nancy Davison. Private, enlisted in Bertie County on August 9, 1862, at the age of 21 [age difference actually 23]. Captured near Plymouth, North Carolina, on January 26, 1864, and confined at Point Lookout, Maryland, where he died on August 7, 1864. Buried in the Confederate Cemetery there.

Out of love and honor for him son, Amos named his only son and child by his second wife Sarah after his son who died in our tragic war.

Thanks to Jerry Peele for this insight into our family.

Hoe Cake Recipe

Are you old enough to have ever heard of a “Hoe Cake?” My Mother “Miss Annie” used to make the best in the world on an open griddle on top of the stove! Supposedly these were originally cooked on a hoe held over an open fire by workers in the farm fields. In case you have forgotten how to make one here is the recipe:

Hi Horace, the recipe I use is the same my grandmother used. It is as follows:

2 cups all-purpose flour,
3 teaspoons baking powder,
1/2 teaspoon salt,
1/3 cup lard (I use shortening),
1 cup milk.

Combine flour, baking powder, and salt and sift into a bowl. Mix shortening into sifted dry ingredients until it resembles coarse meal.

Pour in milk, small amount first, and stir with a fork until dough is mixed but rough-looking. Add remaining milk and work quickly. Make into a dough ball with dry sifted flour on your hands and counter top. Work dry flour into dough. Mash dough down and work into a round cake about 1/2 inch thick. Put on warm, lightly greased griddle, and cook on top of the stove until done. Rake on some butter, not margarine, and enjoy. Be careful with heat under griddle. Will burn easy so keep turning while it cooks.

Doug

Reading Old Wills

Have you ever gotten an old document written in the early 1900s or late 1800s and wondered about phrases and words used then? Well, if you ever go on-line to the Public Records Office in England and get an old document you will need a English to English translator. Here is one example of a will written in 1534 that I obtained while I was looking for possible links to our Lawrence. The picture below is the actual document I received.

It was translated by Clifford Stott, of Orem, UT, from a copy of the will obtained from the Public Records Office, KEW, Richmond, Surrey, TW94DU, England.

Date: 25 August 1534 **Recorded:** 18 December 1539 **County:** Kent, England
Deceased: Sir Robert Peele (?-1539) **Father:** Unknown

Transcription of will of Sir Robert Peele, Vicar of Chilham and Westerham, Kent, England.



It translates as:

In dei nomine amen [In the name of God Amen]. The xxvth daye of August the yere of o^r Lord god M^v XXXXIV [1534]. I Sir Robert Peele vicar of Chilham and wetherham in Kent being of good mynde and hole memory loved be Jesu[s] / make my Testament in this maner folowing /

First I give and bequethe my soule unto the hands of my creator Almighty god / to our blessed lady / and to all the holy company in hevyn / my body to be buried wⁱn [within] the churche yarde of Chilham of [off] the east parte of the pathway that goeth from the vicarage unto the churche / agenst the hawthorne there growing / and at the hed of the grave of Sir Thomas Chandeler late vicar there / yf [if] it fortune me to depart in Chilham / though not / then lay my body in the churche yarde of the pise [parish] churche where I departe / and not wⁱn the churche /

Also I give unto the repacons [“repacons” believed to be an abbreviation for reparations, i.e repairs or restoration] of the body of the churche of Chilham xiiij^s iiij^d and to the repa[ra]cions of the body of the chapell of molashe vj^s viij^d and to the repa[ra]cions of the body of the churche at westerham xiiij^s iiij^d and to the repa[ra]cions of the body of the chapell at Edenwest Bridge [Apparently the present parish of Edenbridge, which borders Westerham on the south in extreme western Kent.] vj^s viij^d

Also I give and bequeth to every of my fowre preests keping my cures above his wages vj^s viij^d /

Also I give unto S^r John Caflen vi^s viij^d /

Also I give unto the children of Robert Paine that married my sisters daughter to be dyvided amongst them xx^s that comyth of hym and of my sayd kynneswoman /

Also I give unto Robt Peele my kynesman and to his mother and every of them vi^s viij^d / and I remyt and pardon unto hym all suche detts as he oweth and ys [is] indettyd [indebted] unto me /

Item I give unto William lyllye als [alias] peelee of london Joyner xx^s / To James his sone vi^s viij^d /

And to John Russell and his wyfe x^s / and to William Johnstone and his wyfe vi^s viij^d /

Item I bequeth to every of the two children of Thomas marten of Southwell in the countie of Not [Nottingham] by hym on the body of margarete late his wyfe my kynneswoman vi^l xiiij^s iiij^d

Item I bequeth to wylliam Faireman my Svnte [servant] vj^l xiiij^s iiij^d

Witnessed: [Latin phrases at end of will loosely translated:] Thomas Wryght curate of Lymfeld appointed residual legatee. [Limpsfield, County Surrey, this parish borders Westerham on the west.] Witnessed by Joanne Stytnam resident of London and William Garard, scribe, of London.

Probate: Will was proved at London 18 December 1539.

Comment: English money mentioned, by example “vi^l xiiij^s iiij^d” is 6 Pounds, 8 shillings, 4 pence also expressed as £6/8/4.

Source: Translated by Clifford Stott, of Orem, UT, from a copy of the will obtained from the Public Records Office, KEW, Richmond, Surrey, TW94DU, England.

Documenting An Undocumented Patriot *Robert Peelle 1730- 1808*

There are many documents that contain errors regarding the early Peelle family. If anyone is applying for a membership into the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) or the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), please reference the 1976 book published by Lyle Keith Williams titled *The Batchelor – Williams Families and Related Lines*. Keith's documentation on the Peelle family is absolutely correct back to Robert-1709, the Patriot. I used his book to help prove my line back to Robert-1709 and to gain membership as the first male Peelle into the SAR. Our Robert-1709 was a Quaker.

Since I became a member, I discovered a mistake in my application by not understanding the military districts, the mistake being that there were two Robert Peelle's who were Patriots, the second still undocumented. In 1780, North Carolina was divided into six Military Districts consisting of the following counties:

- **Edenton District** - Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Gates, Hertford, Pasquotank, Perquimans, and Tyrrell.
- **Halifax District** - Edgecombe, Franklin, Halifax, Martin, Nash, Northampton, and Warren.
- **Hillsborough District** - Caswell, Chatham, Granville, Orange, Randolph and Wake.
- **New Bern District** - Beaufort, Carteret, Craven, Dobbs, Hyde, Johnston, Jones, Pitt, and Wayne.
- **Wilmington District** - Bladen, Brunswick, Cumberland, Duplin, New Hanover, and Onslow.
- **Salisbury District** - Anson, Burke, Guilford, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Richmond, Rowan, Rutherford, Sullivan, Surry, Washington, and Wilkes.

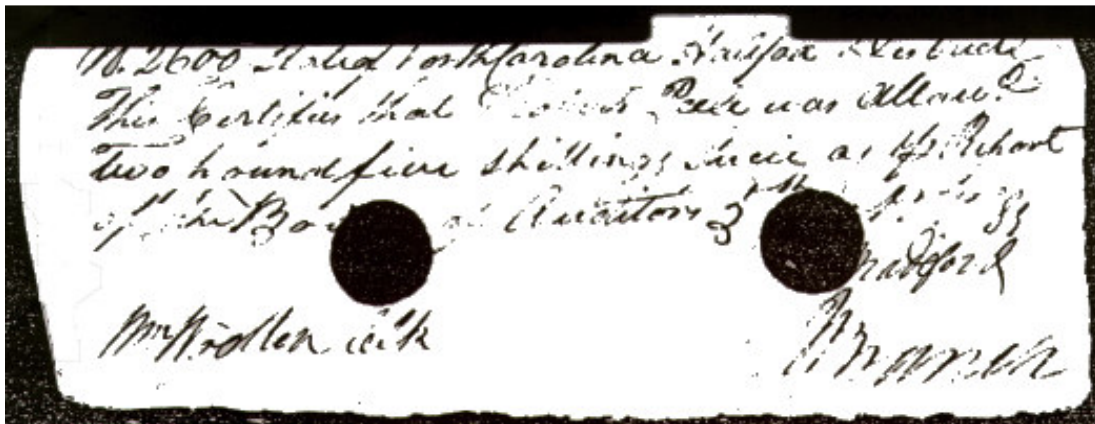
The DAR has honored Robert-1709 as a Patriot for some time, although as a Quaker he did not serve in the military. The Friends generally opposed military service during the Revolutionary War, refusing to bear arms, and suffered drafts (fines) as a consequence. There are two records of Robert-1709's participation as a Patriot, one paying fines and another providing supplies:

...but that these forced drafts on the resources of the Quakers did not impoverish them is evident from the fact that when Rich Square Monthly Meeting decided in 1781 to raise £40 in gold and silver, one man, Robert Peelle, agreed to advance the whole amount. (Pages 190-191 in the book *Southern Quakers and Slavery* written by Dr. Stephen B. Weeks in 1896.)

Quakers were traditionally passive, because of their belief, and would not fight or serve in the military, and as a result they were instead forced to pay drafts (fines) or provide supplies to support the war effort. Robert-1709 lived in the Edenton Military District, and it is recorded in *The Accounts of The United States with North Carolina in the War of the Revolution* that the auditors of Edenton Military District made payment to Robert-1709 in April 1781:

Edenton Military District, Payment No. 1216, £2.18.0 in specie to Robert Peel[le] for unspecified supplies received on Voucher No. 3815.

This payment was made before Robert died on 13 July 1782. There are two other vouchers that reveal a second Patriot, and I used them in my application thinking they belonged to Robert-1709. This is one.

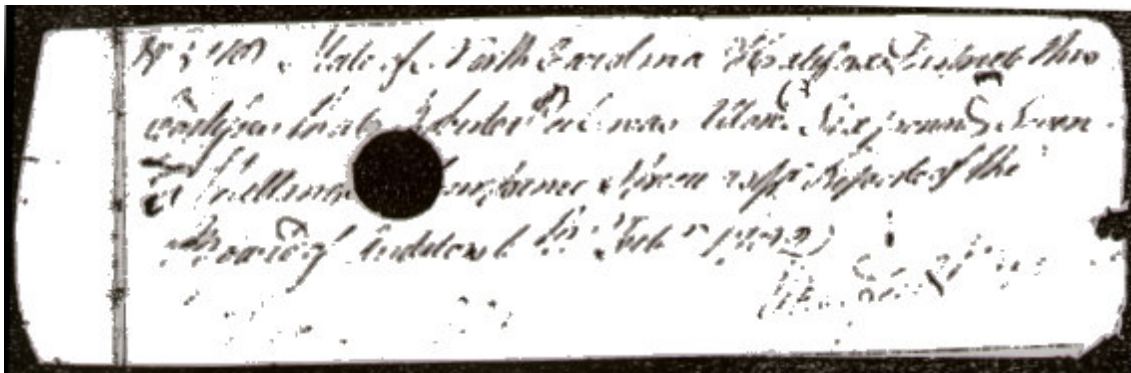


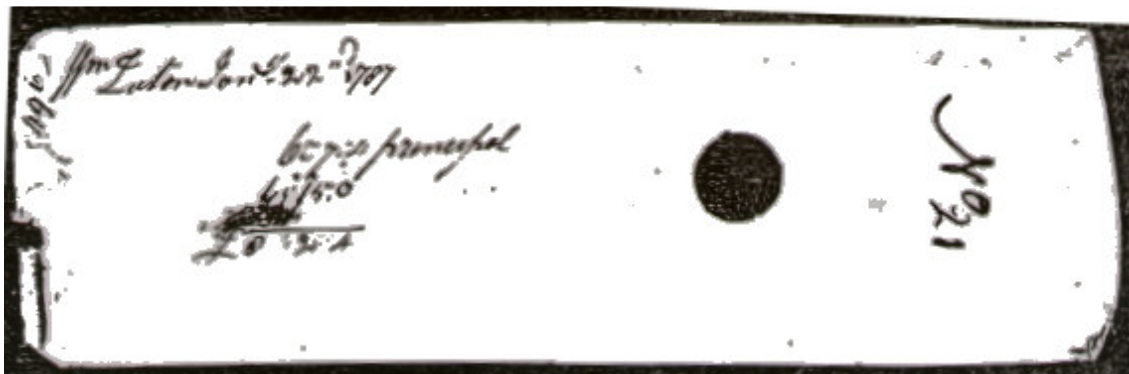
On 5 November 1781, auditors Branch and Bradford of the Halifax Military District recorded:

Halifax Military District, Payment No. 257 in Bunch No. 13, £2.5.0 in specie to Robert Peel[le] for Voucher No. 2600, no mention of the service provided.

Bunch No. 13 were all Edgecombe County certificates as shown in the *List of Certificates paid by Green Hill for Halifax District, 1783*. Then on 6 February 1782, there is another:

Halifax Military District, £6.7.4 in specie to Robert Peel[le] for unspecified claim; the endorsement to William Daniel on the reverse side is by Robert Peelle, and it was countersigned by William Tuton on 22 January 1787.





These last two vouchers prove that Robert-1730, who lived in Halifax Military District, is also a Patriot. What was my application error? I used Voucher No. 2600 and No. 5118 to support Robert-1709 as a Patriot while they belong to his son, Robert-1730. One of my incomplete tasks is to get Robert-1730 fully documented.

In 1996, there were four descendants who were registered with the DAR as direct descendants of Robert-1709. The interesting thing about these applications is that regardless of what was written as the reason Robert was qualified to be a Patriot, the DAR representative reviewing the application drew a wavy line through the words and entered **“raised to pay fines for Quakers”** or **“paid for services rendered”** instead. This confusion comes from the fact that there were two Roberts and both eligible to be Patriots. Robert-1709 did pay the fines and his son Robert-1730 was paid for services.

Earlier DAR members, claiming to be descendant of Robert-1709, were:

<u>DAR Number -</u>	<u>Individual</u>	<u>Date Approved</u>
82509	Effie Hiatt van Tuyl, Leavenworth, KS	7 Aug 1924
0649802A688	Ann Gordon Carman Peavey, Hendersville, NC	28 Apr 1989
0679977a688	Sarah Dillion Boykin Hardison, Wilson, NC	3 May 1989
723052	Darlene Holaday Burke, Valrico, FL	11 May 1989

My records do not support Mrs. Van Tuyl, who filed for membership claiming that Elizabeth Peelle (1736-1818), daughter of Robert Peelle (1709-1782), married an Elisha Parker. But when she filed in 1924, it was accepted as correct. Elizabeth did not marry Elisha Parker. Elizabeth married Arthur Bryant and was raising a family at the same time that Mrs. Van Tuyl had Elizabeth married to Elisha Parker. The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution answered my query on this subject on 02 October 1997 with the following statement: “In this case, we do agree that Elizabeth who married Elisha is probably incorrect, and we have adjusted our records accordingly.”

I later got a phone call from one of Mrs. Van Tuyl granddaughters in regards to the above error. They too had discovered the error.

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