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

#### From The Editor

In this issue:

Carrie Mae Peel Williams has her 94<sup>th</sup> birthday coming up on October the 16<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget to send a card.

Jerry Peel, Diane Walls mother is having chemo treatment for her mother Jerry Peel, see page 2.

There are two feature articles this quarter.

We give a big "Thank You!" to Cousins Marcus Norton and his son Mike Norton and wife Carol for the time they spent restoring the top portion of the Peelle Monument. Page 5 contains several detailed pictures.

Of particular interest is the article on the Peel family of the Eastern North Shore area. This is a continuation to information from a back issue Volume 8, Issue 4. We are still seeking more information on this family.

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Family Obituaries and Disconnected Families are combined in this issue since all three obits are from disconnected families. There are three mysteries within these which the Wilson County (North Carolina) researchers may be able to solve. I wish you would do that for me!

Before the next issue, we will have celebrated the birthday of Christ. May God bless you during this upcoming religious season!

# A Salute to Our Senior Citizens

We need to add a few seniors - let's add yours!!



If you know any family senior citizen around 85 to 90 years young, please send their name, picture, and date of birth, age, address, and how they are related to our Peele family, regardless of the surname spelling. They will be added to the newsletter list for free copies of *Lawrence*, *Etc*. Also please send in any updates on our Seniors list.



Carrie Mae Peel Williams October 16, 1915, age 94

(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

Mail your Birthday card!!!



Robert B. Peelle May 26, 1919, age 90

(Son of Henry Edmund Peelle and Inez Emma Beatty, Father of R. B. Peele, Jr.) **Robert B. Peelle, Sr.** Rydal Park 329H 1515 Fairway

Rydal, PA 19046



Geraldine "Jerry" Marsh Peel 11 Feb 1926, age 83

(Wife of Walter Lee "Buck" Peel, Jr. 1928-1998, Mother of Diane Peel Walls.)

Geraldine Peel St John Towers 724 Greene Street Apt. #615

Augusta, GA 30901

### Have you sent a card to our seniors lately?

**Note from Diane Walls** - My Mom (Geraldine -Jerry- Peel) will begin chemotherapy on her bladder this Friday. [10/02/09] She will have 6 treatments, one a week for 6 weeks, same day each week. It will go into her bladder, not by IV, so we're hoping she won't have the side effects that she'd get from the regular chemo treatment. She has amazing strength and faith. It has taken 6 weeks to get the medicine. She is ready to get it started and go from here.

We don't know what will happen after the six weeks of chemotherapy. We do know she will have another biopsy to see if there is more cancer in the bladder. We just pray one day at a time that God will take care of her. She stays tired a lot now. Thank you in advance for your prayers. Love you all.

Diane Walls

# Feature Articles

### Restoring the Peelle Monument.

The Peelle Monument below was erected in the Peele Ceremony on March 19, 1998. The story of monument can be seen on the web at <a href="http://www.peele.info/monument/index.htm">http://www.peele.info/monument/index.htm</a>. The cemetery was started by Robert Peelle (1801-1864) when he and his wife Mary Adams buried their son Jonathan Peelle (1832-1856) on their farm. The cemetery is in Scotland County, NC, is located on the state line between North and South Carolina just North West of Gibson, NC. The cemetery is located in North Carolina but the southwest fence is on the North Carolina - South Carolina state line. It contains 72 known graves. A list of those buried and directions to the cemetery may be found on the web site at <a href="http://www.peele.info/pgalry1/pgal1-e.htm">http://www.peele.info/pgalry1/pgal1-e.htm</a>.



It is a nicely maintained cemetery, being cared for by an established trust managed by the Pearson family who descend from Leteshia Fannie Peele (1853-1899), the youngest daughter of Robert Peelle. It is maintained with funds donated primarily by Pearsonfamily members. Peele monument contains an American Flag plus a British Flag to commemorate those nationalities of our ancestors. The oldest ancestor shown on the monument is Lawrence-1601. Several of the ancestors in my line were both British and then American having lived across that 1775 year.

Notice how the words "The First Peelle Family in America" and the flags have faded after ten years. It had been touched up once before but not totally repainted. Cousin Mike Norton, and his wife Carol (Taylor) volunteered to freshen monument. Mike is the grandson of Mamie Gertrude Peele and Daniel May Norton. Mike's father Marcus Norton also helped. The picture on the right shows Mike as he begins the scrapping and cleaning process. Look at the flags how they had faded. It is hard to keep paint on granite.





This picture shows Carol in the process of painting the gold paint on the letters "The First Peelle Family in America". Mike had already painted the black background. The flags have also been painted and everything is looking good.

At the end of the day after four hours of work, Mike is shown giving a "Thumbs Up" for the work done. Yes, indeed, it does look good. Notice the two medals, the Colonial Dames on the left and the Sons of the American Revolution on the right. Two Patriots are named on the monument, Robert Peelle (1709-1782) and his son Robert Peelle, Jr. (1730-1808).



Thanks again to Marcus, Mike and Carol Norton for a job well done!

#### The Peels of the Eastern North Shore Area.

In the Volume 8 Issue 4, last October – December, I asked if anyone had any clues as to the parents of Jonathan Flowers "John" Peele from Currituck, North Carolina. Recently Craig Austin (of Miami, FL) sent two earlier generations of John Flowers Peel's ancestors, his Grandfather John Peel and his Father Andrew Peel. He obtained his information from Austin Families Association of America, Part 5 of 5. The chart below reflects those two generations. After this chart you will find a typed copy of the recorded Last Will and Testament of John Peel #1 below, who died in 1803. If anyone reading this has more information please contact me. Craig and I would love to obtain more information.

#### **Descendants of John Peel**

Generation No. 1

**1. John<sup>1</sup> Peel** died Bef. 22 May 1803 in Currituck Co., NC<sup>1</sup>. He married **Julia [Peel]**. She died Aft. 1803 in Currituck Co., NC.

#### Notes for John Peel:

!In the 1790 census of currituck, Edenton District, the name "Peel" is used for the three Peal's on the Outer Banks, Hatteras District, namely Frances, John & Christopher. All of the Peeles born on the Outer Banks are descendants of this line.

Children of John Peel and Julia [Peel] are:

- + 2 i. Andrew<sup>2</sup> Peel, born 1781; died 1811.
  - 3 ii. Elizabeth Peel.
  - 4 iii. Angelica Peel.
  - 5 iv. Christian Peel, born Abt. 1799. She married John Barnes; born Abt. 1786.
  - 6 v. Huldah Peel.
  - 7 vi. Hettie Peel.
  - 8 vii. Kittey Peel.

#### Generation No. 2

2. Andrew<sup>2</sup> Peel (John<sup>1</sup>) was born 1781<sup>1</sup>, and died 1811.

#### Child of Andrew Peel is:

i. Jonathan Flowers "John" Peele<sup>1</sup>, born 27 Nov 1804<sup>1</sup>; died 04 Apr 1881 in John Peele Cemetery, Hatteras, Dare Co., NC. He married (1) Annie Midgett; born 1835. He married (2) Ferebie Midyett; born 1801; died 1877. He married (3) Elsey [Stowe?] Abt. 1825; born 1805.

Notes for Jonathan Flowers "John" Peele:

!Refered to as Jonathan and John by some researchers.

!In the 1850 Census Hyde Co. Hatteras District John "Peel" is listed with his family. In the Peele Cemetery in Hatteras John and his three wives had a wooden

marker made out of cedar. These markers kept rotting off at the bottom. Some years ago 20+ - Nacie Peele whose home was in front of the Cemetery replaced all 4 of them with marble, and the name "Peele" is on all three. John Peele is the only one with dates. Nacie said that his mother Beatrice "Beatie" knew most of the dates for his wives but they were never carved into the new stones.

#### **Endnotes**

1. Austin Families Association of America, Part 5 of 5 (Craig Austin).



Please analyze this information and send me your thoughts. In the 1790 Census there were Frances, John, & Christopher Peel listed in Currituck. They were listed adjacent to each other in the census (on adjacent lines) as if they are the same family. How were families recorded? Does being listed on three adjacent lines man that they lived next door to each other? If so then there must be at least a brother relationship.

Francis Peel (listed on line one) - in the 1790 census he has three females in the family. In the 1800 census he is listed as the only person over 45 indicating that his wife may have died but he now has five young females and no sons.

John Peel (listed on line two) - in the 1790 census he has one son and two females in the family. In the 1800 John has two males under 16 and another two under 26. He has three girls under 10 and one under 16 and a wife over 45. However there are no males over 45. Maybe this is a recording error. He must have been over 45 as well. He did not die until 1803. That would give him three sons and four girls in 1800.

Christopher Peel (listed on line three) - in the 1790 census he has four females in the family, presumably his wife and three girls and no sons. In 1800 he has one female over 45 and 6 girls. He is listed as over 45.

I have to laugh. It seems like the salt air did not let boys be born – the three families have a total 15 girls and only 3 boys (maybe 4) as recorded in the census.

Also interesting was that the Christopher Peel above was a witness of the Last Will and Testament of John Peel, dated February 1803, shown below. The will proves the link between John and his son Andrew, the father of Jonathan Flowers.

How do we tie these together? Does anyone have more information? Please read the will.

**Date:** 24 February 1803 **Recorded:** 22 May 1803 **County:** Currituck, NC

**Deceased:** John Peel (?-1803?) **Father**: Unknown

**Spouse(s):** Julia [Peel]

**Text:** In the name of God Amen, February the 24th one thousand eight hundred and three, I John Peel of Kennekeet in the County of Currituck and State of North Carolina, being very sick and weak of body but of perfect mind and memory Thanks be given unto God, calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament, that is to say, principally and first of all I give and

recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God, that gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to be burried in decent christian burrial at the discretion of my executors nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath been please God to bless me in this life I give dimise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form

First I give and bequeath unto Julia my beloved Wife the place where I now live, fifty acres of land with all my plantation improvements, during her natural life or widowhood and after her decease to belong to my Son Andrew Peel likewise I leave her my boat to the use of her and the children, likewise I leave her my mare cubernero and ????? net for the same purpose, I likewise leave her my sheep except three head and all my household furniture, during her life or widowhood, after that to belong to my Son Andrew Peel

Also I give unto my youngest Daughter Kittey thirty six acres of land to the north of the fifty acres belonging to my Wife joining of it

Also I give unto my Daughter Elizabeth fifty acres of land lying at the south end of the myrtle thicket likewise one feather bed.

Also I give unto my Daughter Angelica one feather bed and one cow.

Also I give unto my Daughter Christian one feather bed.

Also I give unto my Daughter Huldah one feather bed.

Also I give unto John Barnes five head of sheep.

Also I give unto my daughter Kitty one feather bed.

Also I give all my hogs unto my Wife.

Also I leave a small boat frame and one gun to be sold.

I appoint my Wife and Christopher Flowers to be executors to this my Last Will and Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

John Peel, (Seal)

**Witnessed:** Signed sealed and delivered in presence of us.

Joseph Gray, Jurat Christopher Peel

**Source:** Recorded and examined the 22 day of May 1803. Currituck Co., NC, Will Book 2, page 225. Judy Merrell Brickhouse contributed this will.

Any clues?

## Family Obits and Disconnected Families



Diane Walls sent in the following obituary. She asked "Do you know this man? He lives right here near me, but I don't know him." I checked my records and do not have any information on him. This obituary is also a *Disconnected Family*. Any clues?



Mr. Finley Wells Peel - North Augusta, S.C. - Mr. Finley Wells Peel, 89 of North Augusta, SC, beloved husband of sixty-two years to Mrs. Louise Christine Gregg Peel and son of the late Thomas and Mamie Wells Peel, died Saturday morning, May 30th, 2009. Born in Aiken County, SC, he had resided in Augusta, GA, for forty years prior to returning to Aiken County, SC, twenty years ago. A World War II Veteran, he proudly served his county in the United States Army. He was a Protestant and retired as a Maintenance Engineer after forty years of service with Southern Bakeries.

No Picture

In addition to his wife he is survived by his children, Jerry D. and Merry C. Peel, Lincolnton, GA, Marion E. and James W. King, North Augusta, SC and Patricia P. and Reverend J. Farron Duncan, Tabor City, NC, grandchildren L. Glenn and Patty Busbee, Kimberly P. and Rob Engle, Brian Finley Busbee, Amanda J. Busbee, Farrah D. and Colin Lasley and great-grandchildren, Tyler Busbee, Brad Busbee, Tyler Engle, Trevor Engle and Catherine Elizabeth Busbee. At his request, Mr. Peel will be cremated and a private family memorial service will be held at a later date at Hatcher Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Langley, SC. The family respectfully request that flowers be omitted and memorials in memory of Mr. Peel be made to Church of the Holy Trinity, P.O. Box 7773, North Augusta, SC 29861. (The Augusta Chronicle-June 1, 2009 – submitted by Daine Peel Walls.)



I was surprised to find this short obituary. As you can see below, Dalma Ray Peele, originally from Princeton, North Carolina, died in Ocean Springs, Mississippi. After several attempts I have been unable to find phone numbers of possible surviving family members. This one is especially for the folks in the Wilson County Genealogical Society folks at http://www.wcgs.org. Being from Princeton, Dalma's family has a high probability of belonging to our Peele family. Carol Forbes or Sue Powell, want to tackle this one? Who are the parents of Charles Strasse Peele? Several years ago, Dalma contacted me asking the same question. Maybe one of the Massey family researchers has the information?



No Picture

**Dalma Ray Peele, Jr.**, 49, of Ocean Springs [MS] died Tuesday, May 12, 2009, in Ocean Springs. Private services will be held at a later date. Ocean Springs Chapel, BRADFORD-O'KEEFE in charge. (Published in The Sun Herald on 5/15/2009.)

I contacted the Bradford-O'Keefe Funeral Home only to be informed that they could not give out any information nor did they have a picture.

#### Descendants of Charles Strauss Peele

#### Generation No. 1

### 1. Charles Strauss<sup>1</sup> Peele He married Carrie Mae Massey.

Notes for Charles Strauss Peele:

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1<sup>st</sup> Incoming email.

Dear Horace

My name is Dalma Ray Peele Jr. I saw your web page and I think it is really good. My father is Dalma Ray Peele Sr. from Princeton, North Carolina. I would like to know if we are related and either way would like to meet you. Please email me @ MKwong@cableone.net. Most people call me Doc because I sign my name D.R."Doc" Peele but you can call me Dal or Dalma or Ray if you would like. Looking forward to your email.

I sent an email to Dalma asking about his ancestors. This was his answer.

2<sup>nd</sup> Incoming email

DEAR HORACE,

MY GRANDFATHER IS CHARLES STRAUSS PEELE, AND MY GRANDMA'S NAME IS CARRIE MAE MASSEY. THANKS,

DALMA

Children of Charles Peele and Carrie Massey are:

- i. Dalma Ray<sup>2</sup> Peele, Sr., born in Princeton, NC.
  - 3 ii. William Peele.

Generation No. 2

### 2. Dalma Ray<sup>2</sup> Peele, Sr. (Charles Strauss<sup>1</sup>)

Children of Dalma Ray Peele, Sr. are:

- i. Dalma Ray<sup>3</sup> Peele, Jr., born 1960; died 12 May 2009.
- ii. Cheralyn Peele. She married [Mr] Songster. 5

Here is another mystery for the folks in the Wilson County Genealogical Society. This Last Will and Testament of Hannah Peele named her daughter-in-law Isabel Eatman as her sole heir, upon Isabel's death or remarrying, then passing to Duncan Eatman. One of the Wilson County Eatman family researchers must have the answer to this one. I only have the will and no further information.

**Date:** 16 April 1873 **Recorded:** 12 July 1873 **County:** Wilson, NC **Deceased:** Hannah Peele (? -1873) **Father:** Unknown **Spouse(s):** Unknown

**Text:** I, Hanner [Hannah] Peele of the County of Wilson and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and disclose this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say first that my executor hereafter named shall pay all my just debts howsoever and to whomsoever owing out of the moneys that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

Item. I give and devise to my beloved daughter in law Isabel Eatman all my property including one mule farming utensils household and kitchen furniture, to have and to hold her lifetime or widowhood, then to my beloved grandson Duncan Eatman to have and to hold to him and his heirs in fee simple forever and lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my friend Joseph Farmer my lawful executor to all details and purposes to execute this my Last Will and Testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all Wills and Testaments by me heretofore made in witness where of I the said Hannah Peele do hereunto set my hand and seal this 16th day of April AD 1873.

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Hannah Peele to be Last Will and Testament in the presence of us who at her request and in her presence do hereby subscribe our names s witnesses thereto.

Hannah (X) Peele (Seal)

Witnessed: Squire (X) Coleman Ceaser (X) Jordan

**Proved:** State of North Carolina In the Probate Court, Wilson County. A paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Hannah Peele deceased is exhibited before me the undersigned Judge of Probate for said county by Joseph Farmer the executer therein named and the execution thereof, by the said Hannah Peele by the oath and examination Squire Coleman and Ceaser Jordan the subscribing witnesses thereto being duly sworn doth depose and say and each for himself, deposeth and saith that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him pertaining to be the last Will and Testament of Hannah Peele deponent subscribed her name at the end of said paper writing which is now shown as aforesaid and which bears date of the 16th day of April 1873. And the deponent further saith, That the said Hannah Peele the testatrix aforesaid did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid, declare the said paper writing so subscribed by him and exhibited to be his last will and Testament and this deponent did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of said Will as an attesting witness thereto and at the request and in the presence of the said testator, And this deponent further saith that at the said time, when the saith testator subscribed his name to the said last Will as aforesaid, and at the time of the deponents subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto as aforesaid the said Hannah Peele was of sound mind and memory of full age, to write a Will and not under any restraint to the knowledge, information, or belief of this deponent and further these deponents say not.

Signed Sealed and delivered to the presence of

Squire (X) Coleman Ceaser (X) Jordan

#### A. Barnes, Probate Judge

State of North Carolina In the Probate Court. I Joseph Farmer do Solemnly Swear (or affirm) that I believe this writing to be and contain the Last Will and Testament of Hannah Peele, deceased and that I will well and truly execute the same by first paying his [her] debts and his [her] legacies as execute the office of an executor agreeable to the trust and confidence supposed in me and according to law so help me God. Sworn and Subscribed before me this 12th day of July, 1873.far as the said estate shall extend, in the law will charge me, and that I will well and faithfully

#### A. Barnes, Probate Judge

In the matter of the Will of Hannah Peele Wilson County State of North Carolina In the Probate Court Before Arthur Barnes Judge of Probate. Joseph Farmer being doth say That Hannah Peele late of said County is dead, having first made and published her last Will and Testament and that Joseph Farmer is the executer named therein Further that the property of the said Hannah Peele consisting of one mule farming utensils and household (and) kitchen furniture is worth about \$200.00 so far as can be ascertained at the day of this affectation and that Isabel Eatmon and Duncan Eatmon are the parties entitled under said Will to the said property. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12 day of July 1878.

Joseph Farmer A. Barnes, Probate Judge

**Source:** Wilson Co, NC, Will Book 2, pages 125-128.

Who is Hannah and who are her parents, grandparents?

# History Moments

**History Moments.** As filler I am including some chronological items of interest. Enjoy!

Mar 1621 In a London Company Muster [census] taken March 1621, there were only 843 people living in Virginia. Ten ships had arrived in Virginia since March 1620, principally in the spring and summer of 1620, which left England with 1051 emigrants. These 1051 plus the 187 newcomers that came before March 1620 made a total of 1238 newcomers. Of that total 1095 people had died, either while en route to or after their arrival in Virginia. Since the death rate of the acclimated was comparatively small, it is probable that over 80 out of 100 newcomers died within twelve months of arrival. The summer of 1620 was one of the most disastrous in the history of the colony. Of the 843 recorded in March of 1621, 240 died shortly after the muster leaving only 603 alive in the March/April timeframe. (First Republic in America, Alexander Brown, 1898., Actual London Company Records.)

More next quarter.

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