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

From The Editor

Just as in years past, Trish and I escaped the hot summer Texas days by spending 51 days on our usual summer vacation visiting her family in Europe. And once again, the heat took its toll on the vegetable garden. Those of you, who live in a climate where the garden grows all summer, be thankful---I wish I did!

Trish and I were sitting in London Gatwick on 25 July awaiting a flight to Zurich, Switzerland, when I got the news that my brother George Leroy "Roy" Peele had just passed away. His death was from Myelogenous and Eosinophilia leukemia.

We last visited him in North Carolina in March and had planned not to interrupt our European trip should he pass while we were gone. We had informed my siblings of that decision. Leukemia is vicious; Roy only survived 17 months after its discovery. Thanks to those of you who sent him cards and prayers.

Trish and I had two "once-in-a-life-time" events this year. First, you recall I mentioned Lord Peel, MP (Member of Parliament). Well, he invited us to his office in Buckingham Palace where he performs the duties of Lord Chamberlain to the Queen. We went there on the 22nd of July. See the short article on this below.

The second event occurred on August 18th when we visited Latrobe, Pennsylvania, for our annual RAF Chicksands (Military) Reunion. While on a guided tour, Trish and I met Arnold Palmer, the "King of Golf" at his office and shook his hand! He is such a nice pleasant person, now 85 with a pace maker. That was an awesome experience!

In the obituary of Mary Peele, I find it interesting that she was a great historian including family knowledge back to the 1500's. I wonder what she really knew; I can't get past Lawrence who was born in 1601.

For those of you who purchased the Peele Chronicles but have not yet purchased your Peele Heritage, I have about 40 copies left and Christmas is approaching. I just got an order for two books from Carrie Peele of Raleigh, NC. Thanks Carrie. Hint! Hint!

Enjoy your read and enjoy the cooler weather.

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Senior Citizen Birthdays

Send cards today!!!



Geneva Peele Gibson

94 on 21 December, Born 1920

(Aunt of Kelsie Peele Temples, Daughter of Merritt Peele and Sallie Pearson, descended from Robert Peelle-1801 line.)

Geneva Peele Gibson

3563 Barrington Rd
Bennettsville, SC 29512

Please send the name, picture, date of birth, address, of any senior, 80-85 or over, and how they are related to our Peal, Peel, Peele, or Peelle family. I will gladly add his/her picture in the appropriate quarterly publication. They will be sent FREE copies of ***Lawrence, Etc.***

Visiting Buckingham Palace

Rarely does a chance ever come to get invited (did I say invited?) into Buckingham Palace. This event would have never happened if it had not been for my curiosity about the Peele family. When I was searching for information back in 2004, I wrote the Lord Peel asking if he had a copy of the two Peel charts drawn by Joseph Foster in 1893. He responded by letter that he did not but if I ever found the same; that he would love to have a copy. Last year, I sent Lord Peel a copy of the two charts as well as a copy of the Peel Heritage. Through arrangements made by his secretaries, Hilary Kendall and Tracy Watkins, we talked on the telephone. It was agreed that we should meet this year. July 22nd at 11:00 AM was the time set for our meeting.

Trish and I did not know that this happened to be the day that the royalty were celebrating young Prince George's birthday at Buckingham Palace. We entered about 15 minutes early only to see the Royal Band playing in the courtyard and crowds gathering. Not knowing the significance of the band playing, we were greeted by Tracey Watkins. She informed us that the Lord would be seeing us as soon as Prince Philip left his Lordship's office. We of course waited!

In the Lord's office, we chatted for an hour. He led the conversation while pouring coffee for Trish and I on the Royal china. He complimented me on my "brilliant" work, especially the comparison of Joseph Foster and Sir Jonathan Peel works on pages 41-43. He thought that bringing these works together was well done. While there, we continued to hear the band outside. He excused us and we left but not before getting the pictures below.

Behind closed doors, we took some quick pictures. As we left the courtyard, a crowd had gathered, with many people being cordoned off by the police. One Buckingham Palace guard, took Trish and I aside standing us to the side of the North gate driveway but away from the crowds. In a few minutes, two black Land Rovers emerged from the grounds, leaving at a fairly fast rate of speed. The vehicles were driven by Kate and Prince William. Kate was first followed by William. I got a picture of the two vehicles as they swiftly exited the compound but I could not discern details. Only then did we know the significance of the day. It was little Prince George's first birthday party at the Palace. What an awesome experience!



Lord Peel and Horace Peele on left (Probable 9th Cousins)

Trish Peele and Lord Peel on right



Lord Peel is listed in the book on page 137 as entry #879. He is listed as William James Robert Peel, 3rd Earl Peel. He is now Lord Peel, Member Parliament (MP). Unfortunately, I listed his second wife first, through data entry error. He is married to the Honorable Charlotte Clementine Soames, Sir Winston Churchill's granddaughter.

Email & Letters

John Marriner Peele. Some time ago, I asked John Cartwright, grandson of John Marriner Peele, if he had any information on his grandfather. The following letter is his response. Thanks John, life is interesting.

August 22, 2014

Dear Horace,

In your recent email you requested information concerning my grandfather, John Marriner Peele of Martin County, NC. John Marriner started his adult life as a farmer in Martin County, NC, but moved to Washington, NC, Beaufort County before 1930, due to the depression and low financial returns on farming. He worked as a truck driver, purchasing agent for potatoes, mechanic, and then marine mechanic for pleasure craft. While serving the growing Eastern North Carolina pleasure boat industry in the 1950's, John Marriner became the best boat mechanic for inboard motor pleasure boats in Beaufort County.

He enjoyed his marine work although he missed working with farm animals. Because of his love for animals, he kept horses and a pony in a stable in town and he bred Dalmatians. As you know, Dalmatians and horses have a special relationship. One of the horses, Bird Flight, won many blue ribbons in local horse shows in the 1950's. When John Marriner no longer participated as a contestant in the horse shows, he became a ringmaster and judge at local shows. He loved being around horses.

John Marriner became a committed Christian in his forties which was surprising to all who knew him because he was so independent, strong, and a person that was never in doubt--just like all the Peeles that I have met. John Marriner and Sallie Bett Ward had one child, a daughter, Zola Brown born 1928. She was much like her father---independent, strong, and never in doubt. Zola Brown married Eldon Maurice Cartwright in Washington, NC, and they lived their good lives in Washington, NC. Some called Washington [NC], "Little Washington" when comparing it to Washington City [DC] but if you ever lived there in the 1950's you did not think it was little. Maurice and Zola had two sons, John and Charles, John was named for John Marriner Peele and I suspect some believe John Cartwright carries the Peele gene for being independent, strong, and never in doubt.

All the best,
(Signed) John Cartwright



Texas Peel Family

All you cousins who have roots in Martin County, North Carolina, listen up! I had quite a long email conversation with Sandy Peel, who recently purchased the Peele Heritage book. Sandy's husband Tye Ray Peel comes from the Texas line of the family who came from Martin County, NC. He comes from the John Isaac Peel line who came to Texas with his father William Isaac Peel to Texas in 1875. I asked Sandy:

I was just wondering, is there a family folklore story about John Isaac Peel? Why did he want to come to Texas etc? I could put it in the newsletter with a picture of him?

Can you complete some of the birth locations for his children other than just TX? Do you have county perhaps or full locations. Notice, I also need some death dates and locations. I don't want much, just everything!!! <haha>

Horace

Descendants of William Isaac Peel

1. **William Isaac⁸ Peel** (Isaac⁷ Peel, Thomas⁶, William⁵ Peelle, William⁴, Robert³, Robert², Lawrence¹) was born 15 Jul 1829 in Martin Co., NC¹, and died 25 May 1880 and is buried in Neal Cemetery, San Saba Co., TX. He married **Sally Ann Whitley** Abt. 1855. She was born 19 Apr 1840 in Martin Co., NC², and died 12 Dec 1899 and is buried in Koger Cemetery, Llano Co., TX.

Notes for William Isaac Peel:

!William Isaac Peel and his wife Sally Ann sold their land in Martin County, NC on 1 Jan 1875 and moved to Texas. (Martin County Deed Book)

Children of William Peel and Sally Whitley are:

- 2 i. Sarah Elizabeth "Sally"⁹ Peel, born 31 Jan 1856 in Bear Grass, Martin Co., NC²; died 20 Feb 1908 and is buried in Neal Cemetery, Spring Creek, San Saba Co., TX. She married Samuel Whitley 15 Jan 1874 in BY Levi Rogerson in William I. Peal's Residence, Martin Co., NC; born 09 Feb 1850 in Bear Grass, Martin Co., NC³; died 09 Sep 1921 and is buried in Mobley Cemetery, Near Bear Grass, Martin Co., NC.

Notes for Samuel Whitley:

!My great-grandfather was Samuel Whitley, born Feb 9, 1850 at Bear Grass, Martin Co., NC & died September 9th, 1921 at Williamston, NC. He had married his first cousin Sarah Elizabeth "Sally" Peel, daughter of William Isaac Peel & Sally Ann Whitley. They married January the 15th 1874 and moved to San Saba County, Texas, where my great-grandmother Sally Peel Whitley is buried. Samuel moved back to Williamston, NC, leaving his family behind and no one knew where he went until his son from his second marriage, Garland Whitley, who married Amanda Coltrain hitch hiked to Texas to meet his half brothers and sisters including my mother Mary Bell Whitley Rawls. (Bobby Rawls, Big Spring, Texas.)

- 3 ii. William Thomas "Billy" Peel, born 25 May 1859 in Martin Co., NC⁴; died 28 Feb 1896 and is buried in Koger Cemetery, TX. He married Modie C. Bowen; born Abt. 1860.
- 4 iii. Samuel McDonald "Mac" Peel, born 26 Sep 1861 in Martin Co., NC⁴; died 27 Jul 1964 and is buried in Melvin Cemetery, Melvin, TX. He married Mattie C. Foster; born 26 Sep 1861; died 01 Apr 1942 and is buried in Melvin Cemetery, Melvin, TX.
- 5 iv. Jesse Peel, born 09 Sep 1864 in Bear Grass, Martin Co., NC⁴; died 1955 in Dallas Co., TX. He married Margaret Leera "Maggie" Lumbley 1890; born 10 May 1875.

Notes for Jesse Peel:

!Lived in Mason Co., TX in 1900 Census.

- 6 v. James M. Peel, born 17 Mar 1867 in Martin Co., NC⁴; died 17 Feb 1872 in Martin Co., NC.
- 7 vi. **John Isaac Peel**, born 12 Jan 1870 in Martin Co., NC⁴; died 10 Jun 1940. He married Sarah Adaline "Addie" Burrow 15 Dec 1890 in Llano Co., TX; born 09 Dec 1874 in Fair View, TX; died 27 May 1933. Both are buried in Pear Valley Cemetery, Pear Valley, TX.
- 8 vii. George Peel, born 13 Mar 1873 in Martin Co., NC⁴; died 28 Nov 1969. He married Mary Florence Newsom 20 Jul 1892 in Mason Co., TX; born 10 Nov 1877 in Hood, TX; died 20 Jul 1959. Both are buried in Rest Haven Cemetery, Brady, McCulloch Co., TX.
- 9 viii. James Etter Peel, born 01 Nov 1876 in TX (Died Young)⁴; died 16 Mar 1877 in TX.
- 10 ix. Robert Edward "Ebb" Peel, born 10 Jan 1878 in TX⁴; died 05 Jan 1981 in Melvin Cemetery, Melvin, TX. He married Mollie Denson 10 Dec 1897 in Llano Co., TX; born Abt. 1880.
- 11 x. Susan Ann Mary Francis Peel, born 06 Aug 1880 in Columbus, Colorado Co., TX⁴; died 10 Mar 1964 buried in Eastland Cemetery, Eastland, TX. She married Albert Alfonso Branscum 11 Oct 1899 in Llano Co., TX; born Abt. 1880; died 1947 buried in Fairview Church Cemetery, Nacogdoches, TX.

Endnotes

1. Bobby Ray Rawls (1957).
2. Don Wallace Kincaid.
3. Easter R. Mizell.
4. Don Wallace Kincaid.

Descendants of John Isaac Peel

1. **John Isaac⁹ Peel** (William Isaac⁸, Isaac⁷ Peal, Thomas⁶, William⁵ Peelle, William⁴, Robert³, Robert², Lawrence¹) was born 12 Jan 1870 in Martin Co., NC¹, and died 10 Jun 1940. He married **Sarah Adaline "Addie" Burrow** 15 Dec 1890 in Llano Co., TX, daughter of Phillip Sterling Burrow (1833-1891) and Susan Jane Beadle (1846-1931). She was born 09 Dec 1874 in Fair View, TX, and died 27 May 1933. Both are buried in Pear Valley Cemetery, Pear Valley, TX.

Children of John Peel and Sarah Burrow are:

- 2 i. Arthur Phillip¹⁰ Peel, born 20 Apr 1894 in TX. He married Myrtle [Peel]; born Abt. 1894.
- 3 ii. Nettie Peel, born 16 Jun 1895 in TX; died 07 Dec 1961 in Amarillo, TX.
- 4 iii. Ethel Jane Peel, born 15 Sep 1896 in TX; died 28 May 1979 in Lufkin, TX². She married Hubert Aven.
- 5 iv. Lonnie Lonzo Peel, born 24 Aug 1898 in TX; died 30 May 1983 in Brady, McCulloch Co. TX. He married Leba Viola Jackson; died in Brady, TX.
- 6 v. Lucille T. Peel, born 1898 in TX.
- 7 vi. Myrtle Fay Peel, born 18 Mar 1900 in LLano, TX; died 20 Oct 2003. She married Quincey Weldon.
- 8 vii. Lydia Mae Peel, born 02 Oct 1902 in TX; died 1996, buried in Pear Valley Cemetery, Pear Valley, TX. She married [Mr] Smith.
- 9 viii. Bertie Lee Peel, born 02 Jan 1905 in TX; died 01 May 1986 in McCulloch Co., TX. She married Hugh M Cowen.
- 10 ix. Ada Merle Peel, born 28 Aug 1908 in TX.
- 11 x. Artie Ray Peel, born 29 Apr 1911 in Salt Gap, TX; died 18 Jul 1970 in San Angelo, TX. He married Auda Faye Bowman.
- 12 xi. Lucille Marie Peel, born 23 Sep 1914; died 01 Oct 2003. She married Tommie Lee Harper Abt. 1944; born 14 Jul 1909 in OK; died 1969. Both are buried in Greenleaf Cemetery, Brownwood, TX.

Endnotes

1. Don Wallace Kincaid.
2. Sandy Peel.

Hi Horace.

You had previously asked me if there were any family stories about why John Isaac Peel moved to TX. I still don't have the answer, but my sister in law did find a book/paper that Linda Peel wrote as a senior in high school. Looks like a school project. Anyway, she outlined her family history and tells that William Isaac Peel moved to TX after John Isaac was born. He was about 3 years old. She doesn't say why they moved, just that they traveled by covered wagon, stopping along the way to find work when their supplies ran out. Didn't tell me much, but thought it was an interesting find.

Sandy Peel

Sandy sent several pictures of which I include the following two which together show four generations of Peels: Ray, Larry, Tye, and Eli. The one on the right was taken at Black Warrior River in Tuscaloosa, AL, this year. My Family Tree Maker program tells me that Larry Gene (1946) and I (1937) are 7th cousins once removed.



Artie Ray Peel and his wife Auda Faye Bowman
#11 above



Artie Ray's son Larry Gene Peel (1946) on right
Larry's son Tye Ray Peel (1976) on left and
Tye and Sandy's son Eli Jasper (2012) in the middle.

Thanks Sandy. If any readers have pictures, articles, etc., on your family line I'd be happy to put them in the newsletter.

Family Obituaries



Lucian Peele

WILLIAMSTON, NC - **Lucian Jefferson Peele, Jr.** passed away on Wednesday June 18, 2014 at his home. The funeral service will be held today at 11:00 AM in the Biggs Funeral Home Chapel with Ward Sullivan officiating; burial will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery. Lucian was born in Martin County on December 15, 1940.

He was the son of the late Lucian J. Peele Sr. and Mildred Waters Peele. He was a retired truck driver and a member of Sweet Home Church of Christ. Daughters Gigi Peele and Lisa Peele Barnes preceded him in death.

He is survived by wife Linda Phelps Peele, step daughters Beth Rogers & husband Bull of Bear Grass, Lisa Mozingo Jordan of Everetts, Amy Mozingo Wharton and husband Troy of Winston-Salem, grandchildren Marcel Barnes, Gaylord Barnes, Clifton Barnes, Jeff Jones, Haley Jones, Ian Jordan, Travis Wharton, Samantha Wharton, Cameron Wharton, Katie Rogers, and Becky Rogers.

Lucian was an avid North Carolina Tarheels fan and was well loved by everybody and he loved everybody. He had a pleasant way about him and had a great personality. He will be missed by his family and friends and all those who loved him.

The family will receive friends one hour before the service (10-11:00 AM) at the funeral home and other times at the residence 1233 Smithwick Creek Church Rd.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Sweet Home Church of Christ or the Bear Grass Fire Dept. Bear Grass NC 27892.

Arrangements by Biggs Funeral Home in Williamston with on line condolences at www.biggsfuneralswilliamston.com (Published in The Daily Reflector on June 21, 2014.)

Genealogical Line — 11th generation to Lawrence: **Lucian Jefferson¹¹ Peele, Jr.** (Lucian Jefferson¹⁰, Edwin Slade⁹, Robert Henry⁸ Peal, John⁷, John⁶, Robert⁵ Peelle, William⁴, Robert³, Robert², Lawrence¹). [Lucian was my 7th cousin once removed.]



Mary Peele

Raeford, NC. **Mary Heflin Peele** born 3/21/25 died on 8/27/14. Mary was born in Raeford, NC in the family home, daughter of Edmond Lawrence "Eddie" Peele (1877-1968) and Flora Katherine Currie (1889-1947). Mary died peacefully while residing at Open Arms in Raeford, NC. Her great grandfather [Jeptha Adams Peele] was one of the early elected elders of the Raeford Presbyterian Church (1905). Her grandfather [her uncle William Patterson Peele] was the Mayor of Raeford from 1905 to 1907. Her family had extensive farming interests in Hoke County and owned a cotton platform in Raeford from which they brokered cotton. Mary came from a pioneering family of the Cape Fear Valley region. She taught on the Fort Bragg Reservation. She was an early representative and saleswoman for Amway. She was a great historian including family knowledge back to the 1500's. She loved her church and community, dark chocolate, and the color pink.

Hospice Foundation of Hoke County took excellent care of Mary during her final months. She was predeceased by her siblings Jeptha Peele, Nancy Peele, Edmond Lawrence (Larry) Peele and Kay Worth. She is survived by nieces and nephews Cheryl Slack, Frank Peele, Sue Steele, Kathy Brackett, Mary Pauline Peele, Anna Furshong and Barbara White.

Funeral service will be 11:00am Thursday, September 4, 2014 at Raeford Presbyterian Church 128 W. Edinborough Avenue, Raeford, with the Reverend Michael McGehee officiating. Interment will be in the Raeford Cemetery. Following the graveside service family, friends and church members are invited back to the church for a luncheon. Donations in her memory may be made to Hospice Foundation of Hoke County, Inc., P.O. Box 1584, Raeford, NC 28376.

Genealogical Line — 11th generation to Lawrence: **Mary Heflin¹¹ Peele** (Edmond Lawrence "Eddie"¹⁰, Jeptha Adams⁹, Robert⁸ Peelle, David⁷, Robert⁶, Robert⁵, Robert⁴, Robert³, Robert², Lawrence¹). [Mary was my 2nd cousin once removed, and half 5th cousin once removed of Elsie Faye Ingram (Cameron).]

[Cousin Elsie Cameron sent me the above obituary in a nice letter. Elsie asked me to clarify the names of Mary's ancestors in the obituary, see [...] above. Thanks Elise for your help and thanks for the letter. Thanks to Cheryl Peele Slack, Mary's niece, for the picture.]



George Leroy Peele

George Leroy "Roy" Peele of Rockingham, formerly of Hamlet and Gibson, NC, passed away at the age of 82 on Friday, 25 July 2014. Funeral services will be at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, 29 July 2014 at the Richard Boles Funeral Service Chapel, officiated by Rev. Stephen Peele. Entombment with military honors will follow the service in the Peele Cemetery just north of Gibson, NC.

George was born July 24, 1932 on the Peele farm south of Hamlet in Richmond County, NC. He was the fifth child of the late Marvin Buford Peele, Sr. (1890-1984) and Annie Elizabeth Bullard (1902-2002). He attended Hamlet schools. He proudly served in the United States Army for two years (1953-1954), stationed in France during the Korean War era. He loved his work as a farmer and raising cattle, even giving names to each cow and bull. He also enjoyed fishing and spending time at the beach. George was a unique, kind and compassionate man; he loved living and lived with love and concern for

his family and friends.

In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by a brother Cecil Pate Peele Sr., step-granddaughter Tina Goude Monroe; nephews - Louis Milo Peele of Maryland, Leland Wade Peele of Maryland, Cecil Pate Peele Jr. of Gibson, NC, and Corbin Phillip Peele of Hamlet, NC.

He is survived by his newlywed of 25 days, Sarah Caudle Peele of their home in Rockingham, she being his caretaker for his last years; stepson Mitchell Goude and wife Sharon of Laurel Hill; brothers - Marvin Peele and wife Mattie of Monroe, VA; Horace Peele and wife Trish of San Antonio, TX; sister, Elizabeth "Lib" White of Hamlet, NC. He was first married to Pauline Goodwin, mother of his stepson Mitchell.

He is also survived by many Peele relatives; nieces - Pamela Fae Messiah of Florida, Diana Gale Burgess of Virginia, Kathy Elizabeth Rosser of Raleigh, NC; Susan Hope Peele of Rockingham, NC; Julie Gaye Hensley of Ingram, TX, Susan Kay Blucher of San Antonio, TX; nephews, Alton Lannis Ethridge, Jr. of Rockingham, NC; Richard Marvin Ethridge of Hamlet, NC; Jerry Lynn Ethridge of Hamlet, NC; Stephen Douglas Peele of Easley, SC; Guy Dean Peele of LaVernia, TX; seventeen grand-nephews; ten Grand-nieces; and, fifteen grand-grand nephews and nieces.

Visitation will be from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. on Monday, July 28th at Richard Boles Funeral Service and other times at the Windy Hill Farm. If any one wishes to make a memorial gift, please send it to the Peele family church that we all attended as children, Tabernacle Methodist Church, 1081 NC Hwy 381, Hamlet, NC 28345. The family wishes to acknowledge with appreciation the special care given by Richmond County Hospice.

Genealogical Line -- 12th generation to Lawrence: **George Leroy¹² Peele** (Marvin Buford¹¹, George Robinson¹⁰, William "Bill"⁹ Peelle, Robert⁸, David⁷, Robert⁶, Robert⁵, Robert⁴, Robert³, Robert², Lawrence¹) [Roy was my brother, the third to die of my Mother's six children.]

Note from Horace. This is a rewritten obituary to clarify mistakes and omissions in the original. The original stated that my brother Roy served in Korea, he did not, he was only ever in France. The cemetery where Roy is buried is the same one where the Peele monument is located at <http://www.peele.info/monument/picture.htm>. Roy helped in paying for the monument and assisted in hosting the ensuing 1998 ceremony. In his memory, Cousin Diane Peel Walls has donated a copy of the Peele Heritage to the Hamlet Public Library in Hamlet, NC.

Roy did well as a farmer like his parents and many generations of grandparents before him. After returning from France in 1954, he enrolled in some farming courses through the GI Bill. In 1960, I returned from England with my beautiful wife Trish. By that time, he had purchased some of my Grandfather's original home place which belonged to two of my Aunts; Aunt Essie and Bessie. He was already quite proud of his accomplishments in raising cotton, other crops, and gaining a financial foothold on life.

But what he did to really make it big financially was not farming but something else. He started a program to finance land for people. He would purchase a farm from an older family and then divide all the farmland adjacent to the paved highways into one acre tracts. He would farm all the land away from the road while he sold those one acre tracts to people who wanted to buy a lot for building a house. He especially endeavored to help those folks with bad credit and who could not otherwise qualify for a loan. He

was not cheap interest rate wise but he offered people something that they could not get otherwise. People would ask me what he was worth and I would say at least a couple of million.

Boastfully, one day, he told me that he had a payment coming for every day of the month from his buyers. At that time, he had more than 30 people who were buying land from him. In his Last Will and Testament, Roy forgave any indebtedness owed to him by his remaining buyers. I understand there were only a few, but this was his gesture to those who had helped him succeed.



Marvin, Roy, and Roy's mausoleum.

Years ago, when Roy and I were visiting some of the local cemeteries, he spotted a mausoleum. He always said he wanted to be buried above the ground with an electric heater so he would not get cold. Well, he built himself a very nice marble mausoleum but it does not have a heater. That, of course, was a joke of ours right to the end.

I took this picture on 12 July 2013. Roy had already begun to prepare for the end even though he still had hope in those days. He had not yet lost his physical capabilities. My brother Marvin is standing on the left side as they talked. Marvin is now 90 years of age.

In the end, Roy left his estate in a mess. While he had started planning on the disposal of all his worldly goods well enough in advance, he just could not seem to finalize his will. At the last minute, ten days before he died, he signed a new simplified will that was not what he had previously planned. Sad!

In his will, Roy left me (Horace) our parent's home place on 1.9 acres of the original 175 (approximately) acre farm Mom and Dad bought in 1923 for \$35 an acre. Except for an occasional visitor, the house has not been occupied since Mother died in 2002. When Trish and I visited in mid-September, the house was still full of mother's clothes, boxes, can goods -- some exploded, etc. We disposed of a lot of "stuff." Roy had left it like a time capsule, after all it was his birthplace.

Three of my siblings, Cecil, Phyllis, and Roy were born there. Marvin and Elizabeth were born in other houses. I was born in Hamlet Hospital.



The Peele Home Place, built 1927, kitchen added in 1941.

The house needs some major repair. First order of business is to get hooked to county water and off of a well water system, already scheduled for early October.

Next, replace the old rotting wooden framed windows. Then retrofit a modern bathroom. Finally, redesign the kitchen and add laminate flooring. After some painting, it will be a nice vacation home.

We all learn lessons, so if you have not been planning for the eventuality, get with it, and write that will. Let your Last Will and Testament state that your personal effects will be distributed in accordance with your codicil to be found in a sealed envelope located somewhere. Then itemize all those things that you want to give to someone and place that in your codicil.

An Item could be as simple as a ring, a gun, a vehicle, a tractor, golf clubs, fishing rod, etc. Or it could be a division of money like \$100,000 to one child, \$10,000 to a nephew, etc. Or it could be that 100 acres down by the creek, etc. The point is that you can change your codicil yourself without a lawyer and the will itself does not have to be changed, but the will must document that you have a codicil and where it is located. Your codicil should be witnessed by two people, two of your best friends.

My problem with wills, and you know I read a bunch of them as shown in the Peele Chronicles, is that the testator (author) (person writing it) often does not really identify the deceased in the document. Many read something like: "I, Horace Peele, leave.....", but who is this Horace Peele? I think we should all use a big paragraph to introduce ourselves to those who look at our wills one hundred years from now, one something like this if you are a strong Christian:

In the name of God, Amen. I, Horace Bullard Peele, of Bexar County and State of Texas, born on 2 June 1937 in Hamlet, North Carolina, son of Marvin Buford Peele, Sr., of Richmond County, North Carolina, deceased, and Annie Elizabeth Bullard of Richmond County, North Carolina, deceased, husband of my lifelong loving spouse and friend Patricia Ann Harritt of Hertfordshire, England, retired Government Civil servant and retired Warrant Officer of the United States Army, being in perfect health mind and memory, thanks be given unto God for the same; calling unto 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 & 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 buried in a decent Christian burial, at the discretion of my executors; nothing doubting but at the resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God. And as such worldly estates wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life, demise, and dispose of the same, in the manner and form following:

Or like this if you want a shorter introduction to your reader:

I, Horace Bullard Peele, of Bexar County and State of Texas, born on 2 June 1937 in Hamlet, North Carolina, son of Marvin Buford Peele, Sr., of Richmond County, North Carolina, deceased, and Annie Elizabeth Bullard of Richmond County, North Carolina, deceased, husband of my lifelong loving spouse and friend Patricia Ann Harritt of Hertfordshire, England, retired Government Civil servant and retired Warrant Officer of the United States Army, being in perfect health mind and memory, do make and ordain this my last will & testament to dispose of my worldly estate in the manner and form following:

An introduction like this leaves no doubt as to whom you were. Remember there are a million names that are the same like "John Smith" but the above paragraph really identifies you in detail. Not made your will yet? Think about it.

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