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

## From The Editor

Greetings from Europe! No, we are not there. But that is where Trish and I eluded the Texas heat again. When we left Texas, the temperature it was 100 degrees and we had a great garden beginning to produce all sorts of vegetables. My daughter Susie gave most of it away saying it looked like a big vegetable market.

On vacation, we spent 56 days in England, Italy, and England. While there, England had the hottest summer since 1976. The newspaper's headlines of the Daily Mail said "Britain's in Meltdown", it further claimed: "Heatwave shuts GP surgeries, Hospitals in chaos, Rail lines buckle, Sun cream's running out" Is that a grammar error, twice on the front page (misuse of 's for is), or am I just old?

We returned home to find the heat still sweltering and no rain in sight. It rained just once in England during the time there. The grass was brown. Is that global warming? Hot and dry? I don't believe so, just another hot summer. The glaciers in the Ice Age did not melt from global warming, they just melted. The Glacier Garden in Lucerne is very interesting.

After returning from Europe, I got a message from my nephew in North Carolina that my brother Marvin Peele has stomach cancer. I called and talked with him and it is true. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of August I sent an email to our peelee.info list about his condition. Many of you have been in personal contact with Marvin over the years since we both started our genealogy journey together. Your response to my request has been tremendous. Thanks to all and also for your prayers. The Bible says "Honor your Father and your Mother so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you."



Trish Peele

Well, Marvin has done that by honoring not only his parents but through genealogy he has honored the entire Peele family. Pray for all afflicted family members, names are not necessary - God knows.

My father's meal blessing was a very short and clear one: "Our Heavenly Father, we thank you for these and all other blessings. Amen." I still use it today and so do some of our grandchildren.



H.B. Peele

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# Senior Citizen Birthdays

Send them cards today – belated or not!!!

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**Marvin Buford Peele, Jr.**  
94 on August 9, born 1924

*(Son of Marvin B. Peele, Sr. and Annie Elizabeth Bullard, (Horace's brother) and Husband of Mattie Isabelle Smith.)*

**Marvin B. Peele, Jr.**  
183 Rothwood Road  
Monroe, VA 24574-3211

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**Linda Peelle Haddeman**  
86 on August 15, born 1932

*(Daughter of Elbert Moore Peelle, the son of Morris Peelle who moved to California as a young man, son of Rev. Isaiah Peelle of Wilmington, Ohio.)*

**Linda Peelle Haddeman**  
1826 Greenway Lane  
Paradise, CA 95969

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## Information From Cousins

### My Preacher Cousin

You just never know how small the world becomes as you go on your daily walks. On the 23rd of May, Trish and I attended the funeral of one of older Alamo Heights United Methodist Church members, Hazel Catherine (Adams) Lee who was 99 years old. Her daughter, Donna (Lee) Strieb, is a very special Reverend of our church. We have been members since the 1980s and I have always thought of Reverend Donna Strieb as a very special person. In fact I tend to do a foolish-kid's thing each time we meet in that I touch my index finger to her shoulder and say "I just wat to touch someone wonderful!" Donna always smiles.

After the funeral, we went through the typical reception line to speak to the family members. While in the line, we viewed family mementos which had been placed on along table. These included many pictures, and several books. Among the books were a couple of genealogy books, one titled "Adams and Hubbards". I felt something as I looked quickly through the book. I spoke to Donna and informed her that I would send her an email with my family connections to these same family tree lines. I sent her the following:

Donna, I was really surprised that we traveled such direct paths. Maybe who knows...

On the Hubbard side...

### **Direct Descendants of Robert Hubbard**

1	Robert Hubbard	b: Abt. 1602	d: Bef. 09 Feb 1662
2	Matthew Hubbard	b: Abt. 1627	d: 1667
.....	+Sibella Caynhoo	b: Abt. 1630	

. 3 John Hubbard b: Abt. 1653  
 ..... +Elizabeth [Hubbard] b: Bet. 1653 - 1657  
 .. 4 John Hubbard b: Bef. 1700 d: 12 May 1745  
 ..... +Mary Harrison b: Bet. 1700 - 1705 d: Abt. 1730  
 ... 5 Peter Hubbard b: Abt. 1724 d: Bef. Jan 1773  
 ..... +Agnes Chiles b: Abt. 1725 d: Bef. 1773  
 .... 6 Peter Hubbard b: 31 Jul 1756 d: 26 Aug 1844  
 ..... +Mary Ann Odom b: 15 May 1761 d: 21 May 1826  
 ..... 7 John Carraway Hubbard b: 24 May 1779 d: Bef. 12 Feb 1850  
 ..... +Jane McNatt b: Abt. 1780 d: Bef. 1850  
 ..... 8 Peter S. Hubbard b: 20 Sep 1815 d: 01 Jul 1882  
 ..... +Matilda Jane Goodwin b: 13 Jun 1819 d: 02 Dec 1883  
 ..... 9 Flora Ellen Hubbard b: 22 Nov 1846 d: 10 Sep 1901  
 ..... +Joshua D. Adams b: 02 Dec 1843 d: 05 Jun 1905  
 ..... 10 Lina Margaret Adams b: 16 Feb 1868 d: 22 Jan 1934  
 ..... +George Robinson Peele b: 08 Dec 1865 d: 13 Nov 1948  
 ..... 11 Marvin Buford Peele, Sr. b: 19 Mar 1890 d: 16 Jun 1984  
 ..... +Annie Elizabeth Bullard b: 26 Mar 1902 d: 05 Jun 2002  
 ..... 12 **Horace Bullard Peele** b: 02 Jun 1937

On the Adams side....

### ***Direct Descendants of John Adams***

1 John Adams b: Abt. 1625  
 2 Abraham Adams b: Abt. 1686 d: Abt. 1734  
 .... +Bathia/Barthia [Adams]  
 . 3 Richard Adams b: Abt. 1715 d: 1782  
 ..... +Amy Shockley  
 .. 4 William Adams b: Bet. 1740 - 1745 d: Abt. 1780  
 ..... +Obedience Leggett b: Bet. 1740 - 1745  
 ... 5 William M. Adams b: 18 Jan 1764 d: 18 Jan 1860  
 ..... +Mary Marine b: 20 Aug 1775 d: 1812  
 .... 6 Mary Adams b: 09 Feb 1806 d: 17 Apr 1895  
 ..... +Robert Peelle b: 25 Feb 1801 d: 28 May 1864  
 ..... 7 William "Bill" Peelle b: 19 Jun 1825 d: 25 Mar 1909  
 ..... +Emily Wright b: 1842 d: 15 Oct 1872  
 ..... 8 [5] George Robinson Peele b: 08 Dec 1865 d: 13 Nov 1948  
 ..... +[4] Lina Margaret Adams b: 16 Feb 1868 d: 22 Jan 1934  
 ..... 9 [2] Marvin Buford Peele, Sr. b: 19 Mar 1890 d: 16 Jun 1984  
 ..... +[1] Annie Elizabeth Bullard b: 26 Mar 1902 d: 05 Jun 2002  
 ..... 10 [3] **Horace Bullard Peele** b: 02 Jun 1937  
 ..... +Julah "Julia" Bullard b: Abt. 1790 d: Bef. 11 Dec 1821  
 .... 6 Robertson C. Adams b: 17 Jul 1813 d: 24 Oct 1894  
 ..... +Elizabeth "Betsy" Fletcher b: 13 Dec 1813 d: 22 May 1899  
 ..... 7 Nancy Adams b: 12 Aug 1839 d: 07 Sep 1918  
 ..... +Joel Bullard b: 03 Oct 1823 d: 01 Oct 1879  
 ..... 8 George Robertson Bullard b: 30 Jul 1874 d: 18 Jan 1941  
 ..... +Jeretta Isabella "Belle" Wright b: 16 Nov 1873 d: 26 Dec 1945  
 ..... 9 [1] Annie Elizabeth Bullard b: 26 Mar 1902 d: 05 Jun 2002  
 ..... +[2] Marvin Buford Peele, Sr. b: 19 Mar 1890 d: 16 Jun 1984  
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[Question to all: How many of you are related to these lines?]

Donna's response:

Hi Cousin!

It's distant but it is official! Mom's family line goes back to John Adams (b. 1-21-1625, d. 5-7-1698) whose son was Abraham Adams (married Barthia) and our line came down through Wiloby (b. 1720), Richard's younger brother. So there you have it! We have the same 7th & 8th Great-Grandfathers! (I think I counted that right!) This isn't complete with dates as I don't have that in my computer at present. Mom had all the info recorded in notebooks. Here is a quick run-down.

1. John Adams
2. Abraham Adams (Barthia)
3. Wiloby Adams, b. 1720; d. 1793 - married Elizabeth Weeks [5 children - Sally, Abraham, Ezekiel, William, Wiloby Jr]
4. Abraham Adams, b. 1-1-1755 - married Celia Elizabeth Brooks [12 children, youngest David]
5. David Adams, b. 1779 - married Argint Chapman [11 children, Bryant was #4]
6. Bryant Adams (b. 12-5-1808) m. Susan Stokes (b. 3-190-1811) [4 children]
7. McDonel Adams m. Drusilla Hubbard (daughter of Rev. Lemmuell Hubbard) [3 children]
8. Paul Adams m. Rubye Gray (father of Hazel Adams Lee) [4 children]
9. Hazel Catherine Adams Lee (m. Chester Lee) b. 2-4-1919
10. Donna Lee Strieb - b. 2-27-1946

Blessings!

Donna

Rev. Donna Strieb  
 Pastor of Prayer & Spiritual Formation  
 Alamo Heights United Methodist Church

Although Donna's mother Hazel is not a Peele, I have included her obituary in the newsletter. Please see it below.



## Dialog with Jean Guice

Back in January, I started a dialog with Cousin Jean Guice about newspaper clippings.

-----Jean's Email-----

Do you subscribe to Newspapers.com? I was on there several days ago and found the Rocky Mount Telegram. There are many, many articles on Peeles, Braswells, Dickinsons, Daniels, etc. (all "my people") I will be happy to forward any or all of these articles, if you are interested. However, I'm sure that with all your research, you have probably already read these. Just let me know. Or, let me know if there is a name I can search for. (As a retired English teacher, I realize I shouldn't end a sentence in a preposition; however, "a name for which I can search" just doesn't sound right, although I know it is!)

Jean Guice

-----My Response-----

Thanks for the email. No, I do not subscribe to the newspapers.com. Maybe I should? But if it is not difficult to select an object news clip and forward it, please do. I would love to read them and see if I can add information to my database. Some I could use in the newsletter.

As far as the issue of ending a sentence with a preposition, do we teach that anymore or is it like not teaching cursive and proper ways to hold pens/pencils – gone? ... I too avoid improper sentence structures when possible. It bothers me when my school teacher daughter sends improper wording on text, etc. She does not understand.

I still like to challenge those who think they are smart by asking them to write the following which can be spoken correctly but not written correctly -- "there are three twos in the English language." It can't be written correctly, what do you use for the word "twos" or "toos" or "tos." Did you ever use that as a teaching quiz item?

-----Jean's Response-----

Horace,

Regarding grammar, I remember I used to ask my students if they would go to a doctor or dentist who used bad grammar? What if they said, "This ain't going to hurt much." They would think they were dumb no matter how smart they were! My kids tell me that when I corrected their grammar when they were young, I also corrected the grammar of all their friends! With all the emails and texts now, young people, especially, are ignoring grammar. It's a shame since English is the only language most of them know.

Now, I will get back to Newspapers.com. This site is the first thing I check every day. They add new newspapers every night. I will be happy to send you any or all of the clippings I have for Peeles and Peels. I also have clippings for Braswells, Dickinsons, Daniels etc. I have about 28 for Peeles, 19 for Peels, and some for the others. It is no trouble to send them. I just go to the Newspapers.com site and click "Share" for the ones I have saved. I just don't want to overwhelm you. And if there are others I haven't mentioned, let me know, and I will look for them. ...

Let me know if you want them all (it's no problem), and I will send them.

Jean

## ***Family Obituaries***

Jean has sent many, most of which I have yet to use. But I can't remember who sent these two clippings shown below. It is not memory, it is just that things get tossed about and tracking gets lost as to their origin. (Believe that?) These 1981 articles tell much of the life the story of my 4th Cousin once removed - **Talmadge Lee Peele**.

#### DR. T.L. PEELE

Dr. Talmage L. Peele, 73, professor emeritus of anatomy and neurology at Duke University Medical Center, died Friday apparently of a heart attack while vacationing in Pirgos, Greece. Arrangements are being made through the American Embassy in Athens for the return of the body.

He was a faculty member at Duke for 42 years. He received his A.B. degree from Duke in 1929 and his M.D. in 1934. He held an internship and residency at Bellevue Hospital in New York, and did research in infantile paralysis at Johns Hopkins University.

Peele returned to Duke in 1939. Between 1947 and 1967, he headed the Duke Medical Alumni office. He became a professor emeritus in 1978.

Dr. Peele was best known for his textbook, *The Neuroanatomic Basis for Clinical Neurology*, published in 1954. His research in how neuroanatomy affects behavior laid the groundwork for later discoveries in nervous system chemistry.

Surviving are a sister, Mrs. J.M. Poole of Raleigh; three half-sisters, Miss Dorothy Peele of Raleigh, Mrs. Mary Scott of Greenfield, Ind., and Mrs. Betty May of Fremont; and a half-brother, Warren Jones Peele of Richmond.

## Duke Professor T. L. Peele Dies

Dr. Talmage L. Peele, professor emeritus of anatomy and neurology at Duke University, died Friday of an apparent heart attack while on vacation in Pirgos, Greece. He was 73.

Peele had been a Duke faculty member for 42 years. He received his A.B. degree from Duke in 1929 and his M.D. in 1934. After serving as an intern and assistant resident in medicine at Duke, he left Durham for four years for an internship and residency at Bellevue Hospital, for research in infantile paralysis at Johns Hopkins University and for a junior faculty position at the University of Rochester.

After Peele returned to Duke in 1939, he rose through the academic ranks from associate in anatomy to professor of anatomy in 1963 and professor of neurology in 1973. He was also appointed assistant professor of pediatrics in 1958.

Between 1947 and 1967, he headed the Duke Medical Alumni office. He became a professor emeritus in 1978.

Dr. Peele was best known for his textbook, *The Neuroanatomic Basis for Clinical Neurology*, first published in 1954. His research in how neuroanatomy affects behavior laid the groundwork for later discoveries in nervous system chemistry.

Peele was elected to four honor societies—Phi Beta Kappa, Alpha Omega Alpha, Theta Alpha Phi and Phi Beta Pi. He won the Golden Apple Award for teaching excellence at Duke in 1966 and received the Distinguished Teaching Award of the Duke Medical Alumni Association in 1974.

He was a member of numerous medical associations.

Surviving are a sister, Mrs. J.M. Poole of Raleigh; three half-sisters, Miss Dorothy Peele of Raleigh, Ms. Mary Scott of Greenfield, Ind., and Ms. Betty May of Fremont; and a half-brother, Warren Jones Peele of Richmond.

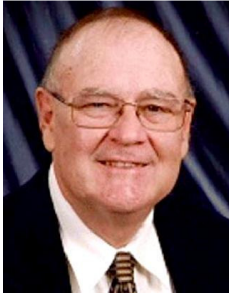
Funeral arrangements were incomplete.

*Friday, Sept 11, 1981*



DR. PEELE

Genealogical Line -- 11<sup>th</sup> generation to Lawrence: **Talmadge Lee<sup>11</sup> Peele** (Ichabod "Bud"<sup>10</sup>, Addison<sup>9</sup>, Willis<sup>8</sup> Peelle, Willis<sup>7</sup>, Robert<sup>6</sup>, Robert<sup>5</sup>, Robert<sup>4</sup>, Robert<sup>3</sup>, Robert<sup>2</sup>, Lawrence<sup>1</sup>) was born 16 Aug 1908 in NC, and died 11 Sep 1981 in Raleigh, Wake Co., NC.



*Tommy Peele*

ROCKY MOUNT - **Kerney Thomas "Tommy" Peele**, age 72, passed away on Thursday, May 31, 2018. Born in Nash County, NC on July 18, 1945, he was the son of the late Luther Turner Peele and Arlene Batchelor Peele. He was also preceded in death by his brother, William "Butch" Peele.

Tommy was a retired Rocky Mount Fireman. He was a longtime member of Southside Baptist Church. Tommy was also a member of the Rocky Mount Evening Optimist. He was a diehard member of the East Carolina University (ECU) Pirate Club. Tommy was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend. He will be dearly missed by all those who knew him.

Tommy leaves behind to cherish his memory, wife of 26 years, Voloria Todd Peele; children, Chris Peele of Wilson, Brian Peele (Angela) of Nashville, NC, Carol Anne Peele of Rocky Mount, NC; step-children, Cathy Bird of Rocky Mount, and David Vick of Rocky Mount. He is also survived by grandchildren, Ashley Peele, Devin Peele, Dustin Peele, Skyler Jackson, Kaitlyn Peele, Makayla Peele, SIRR Albert Sharpe, Dillan Sharpe; and several nieces and nephews.

A Funeral Service will be held on Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at 2:00 PM at Southside Baptist Church, 4948 Carter Road, Elm City, NC 27822, with the Pastor CJ Cauble officiating. Burial will follow the service at Rocky Mount Memorial Park. The family will receive friends and relatives on Monday, June 4, 2018 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Wheeler & Woodlief Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to at Southside Baptist Church, 4948 Carter Road, Elm City, NC 27822.

Arrangements entrusted to Wheeler & Woodlief Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 1130 N. Winstead Avenue, Rocky Mount, NC 27804. You may share memories and condolences with the family by visiting [www.wheelerwoodlief.com](http://www.wheelerwoodlief.com). As published in the Rocky Mount Telegram.

Genealogical Line -- 11<sup>th</sup> generation to Lawrence: **Kerney Thomas "Tommy"<sup>11</sup> Peele** (Luther Turner<sup>10</sup>, Louis Albert<sup>9</sup> Peel, John R.<sup>8</sup>, John<sup>7</sup>, John<sup>6</sup> Peele, Sr., Joshua<sup>5</sup> Peelle, Robert<sup>4</sup>, Robert<sup>3</sup>, Robert<sup>2</sup>, Lawrence<sup>1</sup>) [Tommy was my 6<sup>th</sup> cousin once removed.]



*Hazel Lee*

**Hazel Catherine Adams Lee**, age 99, went to be with the Lord on May 13, 2018 in San Antonio, TX. Born February 4, 1919 in Iuka, MS to Paul & Rubye Adams, the second of four children, the family moved to Memphis, TN in 1936 several years after her father's death. There she met and married the love of her life, J. Chester Lee, on April 19, 1941.

In 1948, they moved to San Antonio, TX with their one daughter, Donna, along with Hazel's mother Rubye Adams, sister Lorayne & husband Tony Fleet & baby daughter Susan (now Middleton). All the family joined Alamo Heights Methodist Church in May, 1948 and became active members. Hazel and Chester were charter members of the Kum-Doublers Sunday School Class, remaining members until their deaths.

During her 70 years at our church, Hazel served in a wide variety of leadership roles. She organized a Mothers Club and served as President for 2 years (an early precursor to our Weekday School), taught Sunday School for 12 years, helped with VBS, chaperoned youth retreats, and cooked and supported MYF meetings and activities. One of her passions was missions, and Hazel became very active in the Womans Society of Christian Service (now known as United Methodist Women), holding every office several times over a 62 year period.

Hazel taught many mission lessons, attended UMW Schools of Missions, and represented our Conference UMW at the 1968 General Conference of the Methodist Church where she witness the birth of the United Methodist Church of today. In 1967, she helped organize a college class known as the Young Adult Seminar (now Adult Seminar) and sponsored it for 27 years period

For 26 years, Hazel and assistants including her sister, Lorayne Fleet, updated and decorated the 9 bulletin boards in the church on Broadway. When Hazel was asked by Dr. Calvin Froehner to serve on the Administrative Board, she became the first woman at AHUMC to do so, and did several times after that. Along with Chester, they served as President of the Emmaus Board from 1989-1991.

When plans were underway to move the church to Basse Rd., Dick Harder (then Business Manager) asked Hazel to collect any history or items that needed preserving to take with us when our Broadway Church moved to the new church. In 1993, Hazel established a wonderful committee with Earl and Jerry Odell, Lorayne Fleet, and Betty Picard. Together they researched and published our AHUMC Church History book in August, 1994, an accomplishment of which Hazel was very proud.

From 1993 to 2014, Hazel served as Church Historian and Archivist, spending every Tuesday working here at the church. Hazel was also wrote histories of her family lines, enjoyed genealogy, history, travel, and reading her Bible. She was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, aunt, and homemaker. She also loved supporting Chester during his years with the Chordsmen Barbershop Chorus from 1950 to 2003, and his quartet - The Freeloaders. She was very proud that Donna became a pastor here at AHUMC. Hazel wanted to be remembered as the mother of one precious daughter, wife of a wonderful man, a loving grandmother and aunt, and her love for Jesus Christ and her church.

Preceded in death by her husband J. Chester Lee & grandson Peter L. Strieb. She is survived by her daughter, Rev. Donna Lee Strieb & husband John (San Antonio), and grandson Lawrence Lee Strieb (Austin), plus numerous nieces, nephews & their children. The Funeral Service will be 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 23, 2018 at Alamo Heights United Methodist Church, 825 E. Basse Rd., SAT 78209 with graveside at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, May 24, 2018 at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Alamo Heights United Methodist Church.

Genealogical Line – Hazel Catherine (Adams) Lee is not a direct Peele line descendent, please read her Adams line above as shown by Preacher Cousin Donna.



# Zion's Landmark

Zion's Landmark is The Primitive Baptist newsletter published from 1867-2012 by the P. D. Gold Publishing Company in Wilson, NC. Articles from Zions have been contributed by Cousin J. Robert "Bobby" Boykin of Wilson. The style of writing in Zion's Landmark is filled with neat old symbolisms.

The following article was published in Zion's landmark on August 1, 1939.

## **Mrs. Martha Godwin Peele.**

Just a few words in memory of a very dear friend and sister, Mrs. Martha Godwin Peele, born April 22, 1856, died May 17, 1939, age 83 years, and 25 days.

In 1876 she was married to Jesse Biggs Peele. She leaves seven children, five sons and two daughters, eighteen grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

In 1917 she joined the Primitive Baptist Church with her husband at Bear Grass, and in the years that followed she was an obedient follower of that faith. Her life was marked by its friendliness, and there was a liberal understanding for the rights and feelings of others. Her daily walk through life exemplified the finer ideals, and in the kindly and thoughtful acts done for others she found a great happiness. Sister Peele was appreciative of the opportunities of life and seemed to enjoy life itself so much.

She was unusually alert and active until about a year ago when she experienced declining health. However she was fairly active most of the time until her last illness, three days before her death.

Her husband has lost a good mother, her neighborhood a good neighbor and the church a faithful member.

We feel our loss keenly, but try to be submissive to God's will and hope to profit by the memory of a faithful, good woman, and sister in the church.

Mrs. Beulah Mobley, Committee.

Genealogical Line — 8<sup>th</sup> generation to Lawrence: Spouse of **Jesse Biggs<sup>8</sup> Peele** (Abijah Sylvester<sup>7</sup> Peal, Thomas<sup>6</sup>, William<sup>5</sup> Peelle, William<sup>4</sup>, Robert<sup>3</sup>, Robert<sup>2</sup>, Lawrence<sup>1</sup>) was born 04 Jan 1833 in Martin Co., NC<sup>1</sup>, and died 12 Sep 1918. He married **Martha Jane Godwin** 04 Jun 1874 in Bride Father's Residence, Martin Co., NC, daughter of William Godwin and Sarah Robertson. She was born 22 Apr 1856 in Martin Co., NC, and died 17 May 1939. Both are buried in the Peele Cemetery, Bear Grass, Martin Co., NC. [Jesse and I are 4<sup>th</sup> cousins four times removed, wow!



The following article was published in Zion's landmark on June 1, 1954.

## When God Called Me

Elder Floyd Adams  
Willow Springs, N. C.  
Dear Brother Adams

For many years I have had the desire to write my experience, but I have never felt worthy to do this, however now I am willing to try. I wish to leave it for my children, grandchildren, my brethren, and my sisters to read after I am gone. I was eighty-two years old on Christmas Day, and as I am very feeble, I feel that I will not be here very much longer.

When I was a very small child, I has serious thoughts of the hereafter. I loved my mother and father very much indeed, and above all things, I desired to do good so I could go to Heaven where I felt they would surely go. I would try to be good but I failed. I would promise the Lord I would do better, but it seemed I could not keep my promise. This caused me much trouble.

I had a dream when I was about twenty years old. I thought I went around the house to the front porch and saw a large box sitting on a shelf across the end of the porch. I looked into the large box and saw a smaller box and in the smaller box was a tiny hill of corn. As I view this small plant it came to me that I too, would have to be made new and come again as a hill of corn. I was made to know I would have to be born again before I could go through this change.

I was married about two years after this, but I continued to be troubled and felt I was carrying a heavy burden. I would beg my husband to pray for me as I felt like he was more fit to pray for me than I was for myself. One night I dreamed of seeing him kneeling behind my bed praying. As I looked at him I saw a light in the corner of our room shining so beautifully.

I went about day after day with a choking and a burning in my breasts. I thought surely, surely I was going to die. I would ask my mother what was the matter with me. I had a desire to go to Church, and I would try to pray that God would make my husband willing to go so I would have a way to go also.

One night I saw in a dream the most beautiful light in Upper Black Creek Church right beside where I was sitting. As I looked at it, it rose and floated up to the stand. I could not tell this to my mother or to my husband, but I told it to an old colored woman who was Primitive Baptist. She told me I should join the Church. I did not feel worthy to do this for fear that I would deceive the brothers and sisters of the Church. However, on the fourth Saturday of November of 1900 my husband and I went to Upper Back Church and as they were singing the last song, I saw him going up to the stand. MY mother was standing beside me and she told me to go too if I wished. Before I knew what I was doing, I was up there with him.

That night tied to pray if I was not fit to be baptized, that the Lord would in some way prevent me from going the next day.

The next morning it was raining. I heard my mother say to my husband that it was too bad for me to take the baby out. I thought surely this was the way that God had of preventing my being baptized. I went out on the porch and all in a moment it quit raining and the sun began to peel from behind the clouds. We soon started on our way to church. My mother said she thought I was ready for the Church, but she didn't know about my husband. Brother George Boswell baptized both of us. When I came up out of the water I felt as light as a feather. I had left the

heavy burden in the water. I have had many troubles since then, but it has never been in the same way.

Above five years ago, I heard a voice say, "Arise, go home, rejoicing. This is enough." If God said, "This is enough," then it is all right, and I am content.

I loved the people at Upper Black Creek Church the day I asked for a home there and I love them today.

Brother Adams, if you think this is a true experience of grace, please print it in the Landmark; if not, the just throw it away.

A sister in Christ. I Hope,  
Mrs. Lula Peele  
Route 1  
Lucama, N. C.

The individual testifying in this article was **Cherry Ann "Lula" Evans**, the second wife of Jesse A. Peele. Since Lula was the second wife of Jesse, she got her wish in calling the Black Creek Church home, she is buried in its cemetery.

Genealogical Line — 9<sup>th</sup> generation to Lawrence: **Jesse A.<sup>9</sup> Peele** (Jesse<sup>8</sup>, Jesse<sup>7</sup>, Robert<sup>6</sup>, Robert<sup>5</sup>, Robert<sup>4</sup>, Robert<sup>3</sup>, Robert<sup>2</sup>, Lawrence<sup>1</sup>) was born 1852 in Johnston Co., NC<sup>1</sup>, and died 02 Aug 1902 in Revell/Peel Cemetery, Spring Hill Twp., Wilson Co., NC. He married **(1) Martha Watkins** 01 Dec 1878. She was born 1852, and died 10 Sep 1894 and is buried in the Revell/Peel Cemetery, Spring Hill Twp., Wilson Co., NC. He married **(2) Cherry Ann "Lula" Evans** 06 Dec 1894 in his home in Wilson Co., NC. She was the daughter of Caston Evans and Betsy Kirby. She was born 25 Dec 1871 in Johnston Co., NC, and died 09 Mar 1954 and is buried in the Upper Black Creek Baptist Church Cemetery, Wilson Co., NC. [This Jesse was my second cousin three times removed.]



The next edition will include information on a newly connected link into the Peele family. It is interesting how the federal census can hide people right in front of your face!

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