



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

From The Editor

We hope that your 2018 Christmas was your best ever. Ours was not. With Marvin dying on the 18th of December, Christmas at our house in Texas was cancelled.

On January the 9th, I am speaking with my 1st cousin Pete Adams about Adams family tree information after sending him 300 pages on the Adams family. I am on the computer with one hand holding the phone. Up pops a window saying that there is a "JAVA" update available. I clicked "ok" without unchecking the "checked box" saying that I would like other free software to be loaded.

The Java update and others are notorious for this. I got two unwanted malware programs loaded. One was **Webdiscover Browser** and the other was **Opera**. Webdiscover took over my machine. I kicked myself for being so stupid, I knew better. So, I went into correction mode to get rid of these critters.

As a semi-geek in my prior real-world occupations, I thought I'll just edit the registry and eliminate the references, clean it up, and it will go away. I have done this before many times with no problem. It seems that the programmers for this malware were smarter and had modified some critical registry entries which had to do with loading Windows 10. One or more registry entries were flagged as belonging to the malware so I deleted it. I rebooted and I lost the battle. Windows 10 was gone. Now I was in true recovery mode. I kicked myself again.

On the 13th I recovered my data, and reloaded Windows 10. The Geek Squad wanted \$200 plus to do the same, I walked out with my computer in hand, went home, and finally accomplished the same. Lesson: when updating existing add-on download programs **ALWAYS UNCHECK ANY CHECKED BOXES!** I am just now getting my computer fully operative.



Trish Peele

My replacement knee operation on the 14th stopped a lot of things. It is been two weeks now and I can walk around the house unaided but still the pain is there and will be for several more weeks. But God has given me a new knee through our great medical technology.

We pray that 2019 will be a great year for all of us and that you will be safe in whatever you undertake. Peace be with you until the next time. Enjoy each day God has given us.



H.B. Peele

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Marvin B. Peele, Jr.

I have never liked to use the newsletter for my immediate family personal articles other than articles about my Mother "Miss Annie" several years ago. But I guess it is time to honor my last sibling Marvin Buford Peele, Jr.



This family picture was taken in April 1973 at our parent's their 50th wedding anniversary. It was taken at the time that Marvin and I started our genealogy sojourn at that same occasion. On the front row; Marvin Buford Peele Sr. (Dad – nickname "Bud"), Annie Elizabeth Bullard (Mom – nickname "Miss Annie") and sister Elizabeth "Lib" Jeanette. On the back row from the left; Marvin Buford (M.B.) Peele, Jr., Cecil Pate Peele, George Leroy "Roy" Peele, and finally Horace Bullard Peele.

Dad was a farmer having some 350 acres to his disposal between what he owned and rented. He had six tenant houses where share croppers, both black and white, raised massive amounts of vegetables, cotton and tobacco. We never went hungry. Dad was 94 when he died.

Mom was the real farmer's wife, putting hot meals on the table, washing clothes in primitive conditions, and generally taking care of raising the children. Methodist church members and a

strong believers in God. She did a great job raising us in the small Peele house south of Hamlet, North Carolina. Mom lived to be 100 years of age.

Elizabeth married Alton Ethridge, a railroading blacksmith, and they raised a family of four wonderful children, Lannis, Richard, Jerry and Kathy. Elizabeth was 90.

Cecil was a railroader all the way, he and his wife Bobby Starling had four children, Cecil, Hope, Phillip, and Stephen. Cecil served in the Army in Alaska. He died at a young age of 68, liver cancer.

Roy was a farmer businessman. After a three-year hitch in the Army in France, he came home to continue the family farming traditions. But he made his money buying out older farms, dividing the land, and reselling individual home plots to people wanting to move to the country. Roy had two different leukemias which took him at the age of 82.

The last of course is yours truly, a renegade at the least, leaving North Carolina for sights unknown as soon as I graduated from High School. But back to Marvin.

Back in the summer, I asked all my cousins and friends on our Peele list to send prayers for Marvin since it was determined that he had Adenocarcinoma which had settled on the bowels. Marvin got lots of cards and prayers sent his way. He even got a map and put map pins to show where they came from. He loved them all.

Last September, Trish and I attended the 20th and last "Chicksands" reunion for those military members who were stationed at the electronic spy station at the Royal Air Force base in England called RAF Chicksands. The reunion was held in Annapolis, Maryland. On the way up to the reunion, we stopped to see Marvin and his wife Mattie. It was obvious at that time that he was failing. The treatment for his Adenocarcinoma was unbearable for him so he stopped taking chemo. We stayed three days and went on to the reunion. On the way back we stopped for one more day. I did what I could in the form of helping get things ready around his house, etc., while I was there. Then we went back to Texas.

Then on the 18th of December, the telephone rang in the early morning and instinctively I knew what it was. I looked at the clock since I was not out of bed. My niece Diana had called to tell me that Marvin had died at 6:39 AM. I shed a tear, it was the news I did not want to hear. The funeral was set for the 22nd of December. On December 18, I became the last of a generation.

It was hectic just getting to Virginia to the funeral. There were lots of travelers and flight cancellations. The winds were too strong at some airports for small regional jets to land. Our flight from Charlotte to Roanoke on the 21st was canceled. We flew into Lynchburg the next morning, driving up to the church just as the crowd was gathering for the funeral. Not a moment to spare.

Marvin had a very nice funeral; the church was full as my nephew Steve Peele read the scripture and also spoke of Marvin's devotion to the family. Marvin was well respected in his neighborhood. I spoke the "Remembrance" part of the program in my military uniform. At graveside, it was a military funeral. I honored Marvin by wearing my military uniform. Yes, we retirees may dress in uniform for such occasions. Mine still fits. It was difficult to write notes on Marvin since he was 13 years older than I. My remembrances were not that of a "close" brother but of a bigger brother who was off in the distance. But I mustered these words.

Brother Marvin Peele

PEACE BE WITH YOU and all of GOD's children say "AMEN!" (all the church responded).

I want you to know that Mattie and I have a special relationship. Whenever I call, Mattie always answers the phone. Without introducing myself, I always asked "you got any grits? She knew it was me. Cheesy grits were Marvin's favorite.

Marvin was the oldest of six children of Marvin Buford Peele, Sr., and Annie Elizabeth Bullard. In order, they were Marvin, Elizabeth, Cecil, Corine, Leroy, and Horace. Marvin was born on the Bullard farm in Scotland County owned by Mother's parents. Corine only lived nine hours. I was the baby of the family and mother always jokingly said I was a mistake. But where did she ever get the name Horace?

Marvin was a young man when I was born. He was 13 years older. He was probably already interested in girls by that time.

My first remembrance of Marvin was when I was 4 years old - Marvin was 17. He had gotten his first job other than working on the farm. He was a school bus driver and the bus was parked in our yard. The reason I remember this is that Marvin would not let me play in the bus.

Marvin was very studious. He took his studies seriously. As a junior in High School, Marvin had already earned enough points to graduate, but the school would not let him graduate a year early. The war was on and Marvin joined the Army before graduation. By the time Mother received his diploma, Marvin had been in service about six months.

In the Army, Marvin's outfit got attached to the Navy in the Pacific front. He drove an amphibious tractor during beach landing invasions on the islands of Saipan and Titian near Guam. He told me the tractor next to him was blown out of the water. He was very proud of the Navy medal that his unit received for its service.

Toward the end of war, Mother mailed Marvin one of her fantastic homemade southern style fruit cakes. He never received it while in service. I remember the war being over and how happy I was that my older brother was coming home. Several months after Marvin got home we received this very beaten up well-travelled box. It had been rewrapped and patched with tape. It was the fruit cake. We ate it, it was still good!

After being discharged, Marvin settled in Hyattsville Maryland where he and Mattie raised their family. While still young I went to Washington with Mother on the Silver Meteor and Silver Comet. These two trains were stainless steel and while one was traveling north to New York the other was traveling south to Florida. Does anyone Remember?

In 1955 I had joined the Air Force and in 1956 I went to England. On my way back in 1960 with my wife Trish and our first child Julie, we stayed with Marvin and Mattie for several days. They showed us the Washington DC sights. It was a great time.

In January 1972, Marvin and Mattie hosted Trish's parents for about a week. They had come over from England to visit us in Texas and then to North Carolina to visit my parents and then on to Marvin and Mattie's house to sightsee Washington DC.

But my biggest and most important relationship with Marvin started in 1973. We had gathered at home in North Carolina for our parent's 50th wedding anniversary. During that visit, Marvin and I started our adventure in Genealogy. We bought two spiral notebooks and visited some local Peele cemeteries. We documented every tombstone and began the effort of constructing the Peele family tree. Little did we know how this project would expand.

For the next twenty years Marvin gathered, collected, organized and reorganized his data on the family. In 1994 I retired from my civil service job. In February 1995 Marvin and I met down home in Carolina where we spent endless hours, in fact several days entering his data into my computer. At the end of this work we had 5K people in our data base. Today that same data base has grown to 84k people and over 28k marriages.

The results of that work is shown in these two books the Peele Chronicles and the Peele Heritage. There were 300 copies printed. Marvin and I were co-authors for the Chronicles. He was the proof reader for my terrible typing. Copies of these two books are in 25 different libraries in the United States and elsewhere. From local libraries to universities, Duke, the library for the Daughters of the American Revolution, and in the library for London Society of Genealogists. Even the Lord Chamberlain to the Queen of England has a copy of the Peele Heritage. Why, because he is also Peel, Lord Peel.

We received a lot of wonderful compliments on our work. One of the best was from Cousin and Professor Milton Schroth of Berkeley University and I quote:

You have made an outstanding contribution through your ... excellent books increasing our knowledge of history and the past. The Peele family is an interesting study for historical purposes. I would wager that your work is a greater contribution to society than that made by 99.9% of the populace. In fact most university scientists will have no name recognition in 100 years, their publications will matter little, but your work will live on into perpetuity. Having been an editor and written many articles, book chapters etc, I recognize excellent work when I read it. Cousin Milt

These books were from the inspiration that I got from Marvin - to know my family, to research the family, and to document that knowledge. Marvin our legacy will live on thanks to you and your inspiration! As your brother and a retired military officer, I salute you! [I saluted.]

MARVIN, GOD BLESS YOUR SOUL and all of GODs children say "AMEN!" (the church responded).

The grave side service was supported by the local Lynchburg American Legion chapter. We returned home on the 24th of December.

Here is Marvin's obituary. He wrote it himself.



Marvin - WWII

MONROE, VA — **Marvin B. Peele, Jr.**, 94, of Monroe, died on Tuesday, December 18, 2018 surrounded by his family. Marvin was born on August 9, 1924 in Scotland County, [North Carolina].

He was the oldest son of the late Marvin B. Peele, Sr. and Annie Elizabeth Bullard. He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Mattie Funk Peele.



Marvin Peele

Marvin served three years in the U.S. Army during World War II in the Pacific Theater. After returning from service, Marvin was self-employed as a truck driver hauling sand for bricklayers in Maryland for 41 years before retiring in 1989. Marvin was a member of First Baptist Church of Monroe and the Amherst-Monroe Ruritan Club.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Pamela Peele Massiah (Tony) and Diana Peele Burgess (David); daughters-in-law, Nan Lewis and Mimie Peele; four grandchildren, Laura Burgess, Colton Peele, Rebecca Peele and Rachael Peele; and three great grandchildren, Kerstin, Kaleb, and Genevieve; one brother, Horace (Patricia) Peele, and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Marvin was preceded in death by his two sons, Leland Peele and Louis Peele; his sister Elizabeth White and brothers, Cecil Peele and LeRoy Peele.

A Celebration of Marvin's Life will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 22, 2018 at the First Baptist Church of Monroe with the Reverend Glynn Coleman officiating. The family will receive friends at the church one hour prior to the service. Burial will follow in Fort Hill Memorial Park with Military Honors provided by American Legion Post #16.

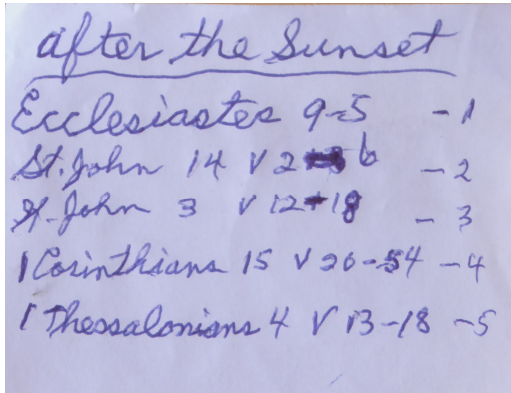
Please consider a memorial contribution to the First Baptist Church of Monroe, Building Fund, P. O. Box 247, Monroe VA, 24574.

Tharp Funeral Home & Crematory, Madison Heights, is assisting the family. Please send online condolences to www.tharpfuneralhome.com.

Genealogical Line — 12th generation to Lawrence: **Marvin Buford¹² Peele, Jr.** (Marvin Buford¹¹, George Robinson¹⁰, William "Bill"⁹ Peelle, Robert⁸, David⁷, Robert⁶, Robert⁵, Robert⁴, Robert³, Robert², Lawrence¹) was born 09 Aug 1924 on the George Robertson Bullard Farm, Near Gibson, Scotland Co., NC⁷, and died 18 Dec 2018 at home in Monroe, VA. He is buried in the Fort Mill Cemetery, Lynchburg, VA. He married **Mattie Isabelle Smith** 11 Jun 1949 in Washington, DC, daughter of Thomas Smith and Isabelle Morrison. She was born 02 Sep 1928 in Faber, Nelson Co., VA. Mattie was adopted by the Funk family.

Marvin planned more of his own funeral. He left a handwritten note which listed five Bible references. From this handwritten document, the Officiating Reverend Glynn Coleman prepared his sermon. Marvin titled his short document "After the Sunset." These extracts from the Bible confirm Marvin's belief in our Lord and Savior, the resurrection, and being born again.

I am sure that he is now with the rest of my family and Jesus. Praise the Lord. My day will come. Please get out your Bible and follow Marvin through his "After the Sunset." Thank You.



after the sunset
Ecclesiastes 9-5 -1
St. John 14 V 2-6 -2
St. John 3 V 12-18 -3
1 Corinthians 15 V 20-54 -4
1 Thessalonians 4 V 13-18 -5

Marvin's note

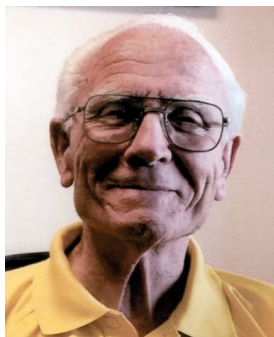
Marvin was also instrumental in the development of the monument that we (Marvin, Roy, and I) placed in our Peele Cemetery in North Carolina back in 1998. If you have not read about the monument or seen pictures of it, please visit my old web site at www.peele.info. You will find a link there to the monument and the story of its creation. The monument shows the first eleven generations of our particular line of the Peele family tree in America.



Mattie Peele at graveside with her twin granddaughters, Rachael and Rebecca Peele, picture taken on 23 December 2018.

Family Obits

Unusual this time, but the obituaries contain three different spellings of our same family name, Peel, Peele, and Peelle.



Donald Peele

Mabank TX - **Donald Carson Peele** was born on June 8, 1933 in Richmond County, North Carolina to parents Thomas Edmond and Pearle (Smith) Peele and entered into eternal rest on December 1, 2018 at the age of 85.

Dr. Peele began his career as a practicing chiropractor upon his graduation from Lincoln Chiropractic College in 1958. He has practiced chiropractic in North Carolina, Canada, Louisiana, and lastly here in Gun Barrel City from 1992-2018.

He enjoyed going for long walks, studying his Bible, and visiting with everyone he met. Donald was an active member of Central Baptist Church in Mabank, Texas. Known to many, Dr. Peele was an exceptional man. He was a wonderful father, grandfather, great-grandfather and brother. Donald will be missed tremendously by those who knew and loved him.

Donald was preceded in death by his parents, wife, Nellie Peele, brothers; Pete, his twin Wayne, and Ernie.

He is survived by his brother Charles Peele of Aberdeen, WA, his loving children; Donald Wayne "Rusty" Peele and wife Dana of Galveston, Dr. Timothy Edward Peele and wife Barbie of Mabank, Dr. Patrick Homer Peele and wife Pam of Shreveport and Wendy Louise Peele of Athens, grandchildren; Jennifer, Rebecca, Cory, Trevor, Tyler, Darien, Amanda, Shelby, Malore, Chance and Dalton, 14 great-grandchildren; step-children; Pat Ivey and husband Don, Charles and Glenda Harley, other loving family members and many more lifelong friends.

Services will be held in Mabank, TX at Eubanks Funeral home. Visitation is Thursday, Dec 6th from 4-6 pm and funeral service Friday at 10 am following with graveside service at 2 pm in Frankston, TX

Genealogical Line — 12th generation to Lawrence: **Donald Carson¹² Peele** (Thomas Edmond "Tom"¹¹, John J.¹⁰ Peelle, William "Bill"⁹, Robert⁸, David⁷, Robert⁶, Robert⁵, Robert⁴, Robert³, Robert², Lawrence¹) was born 08 Jun 1933 in Hamlet, Richmond Co., NC, and died 01 Dec 2018 in Frankston, TX. He married (1) **Hazel Virginia Dapp** 13 Jan 1956. She was born 26 Feb 1937 in Punxautawany, PA. He married (2) **Nellie Ellis** 17 May 1978 in Mabank, Kaufman Co., TX, daughter of Lee Ellis and Nell [Ellis]. She was born 26 Mar 1928 in Frankston, Anderson Co., TX, and died 23 Sep 2014.

[Comment from Horace: Donald was my second cousin. I communicated with Donald a few times in the last couple of years. Our families lived just south of Hamlet, NC. As a youngster, I rode the same school bus with Donald & Wayne (twins), and his brothers Ernest and Charles, into town to the Hamlet High School. Donald was an inspiration to our Peele family. His success as a doctor with two of his sons following in his footsteps and becoming doctors. Proud family, it seems the trend in so many Peele families to obtain higher degrees of education.]



Marie Peel

Arlington, TN. **Martha "Marie" Britton Peel**, born October 28, 1921 - died December 3, 2018. Marie Peel 97, of Arlington, Tennessee, Affectionately known as "Mama" or "Grandma" or "Aunt Marie" Graduated to glory on Monday morning.

She has now joined her late husband, Chaffee Peel, who passed in 1999 and her oldest son, Dr. William C. Peel, Jr., who died in 2009.

Born Martha Marie Britton on October 28, 1921, to the late Guy Britton and Tiny Vanderford In Kerrville, Tennessee, she married William Chaffee Peel, on June 29, 1940 and raised two sons.

She is Survived by her youngest son, Robert Britton Peel and his wife Barbara, who treated her like a queen and took excellent care of sacrificially, along with Barbara's children Tasha and Patti.

She is also survived by her only Grandson, David Britton Peel (the only child of Dr. Billy Peel and Brenda Jo Griffin Peel) and David's wife, Tricia, and their children (her Great Grandchildren) Megan, Collin and Britton Peel, whose wife Delaney just delivered her Great-Great Grandson, Camdyn Britton Peel, just 4 days before she passed.

Her beloved nephews include Mike Wiseman (Peggy), Dickie Wiseman (Debra), David Wiseman, Rodger Wiseman (Sandy), Dr. Thomas Peel, Jeff Peel, and Richard Peel.

And she also leaves her only surviving sibling, her sister, Tina Ruth Britton Abramowitz of Ft. Myers, Florida.

Marie Peel survived the remainder of her siblings, Arnold Britton, William Herschel Britton, Lorene Britton, Lucian Britton and Mildred Britton Herndon.

Throughout her life, Marie loved and cooked for much of Arlington. She loved her two boys and grandson and was always glad to see all of her nephews, their wives and their kids. She was never without a story to share. When Millie joined her in Arlington they became Arlington's "Golden Girls" and perfected the sibling rivalry they had been practicing for almost nine decades. She was the most giving soul most will ever meet. Services provided by Memphis Funeral Home and Memorial Gardens. (Contributed by Cousin Dr. Jennifer Peel of San Antonio, Texas.)

Genealogical Line — 11th generation to Lawrence through her spouse: **William Chaffee¹¹ Peel** (Thomas Carroll¹⁰, William Carroll⁹, James M.⁸, Richard⁷ Peele, John⁶, Joshua⁵ Peelle, Robert⁴, Robert³, Robert², Lawrence¹) was born 25 Aug 1910 in Shelby Co., TN, and died 12 Jun 1999 in Arlington, Shelby Co., TN. He married **Martha Marie Britton**, daughter of Guy Britton and Tina Vanderford. She was born 25 Oct 1921 in TN, and died 03 Dec 2018 in Arlington, Shelby Co., TN. [Notice that this line of our family has three spellings from Peel to Peele to Peelle. Martha Marie was the Great Aunt to cousin Jennifer Peel.]



Robert "Bob" Peelle

Oak Ridge, TN. **Robert William Peelle** died, at 89.8 years old, in his home on November 19, 2018 due to complications of congestive heart failure. Bob is fondly remembered for his dry wit and sense of humor; his warm, engaging smile; and as a beloved family member.

A memorial service will be held at the Oak Ridge Unitarian Universalist Church, 809 Oak Ridge Turnpike, at 1:30pm on Sunday February 17, 2019. Reception following service.

Bob is survived by his wife of 63 years, Elizabeth Brown Peelle, his two daughters Evelyn (Gary Jerauld) of Houston TX and Annette (Eric) Sargent of Birmingham MI, and grandson William Sargent. Loved ones include the children of his late brother Harold (Faithe) Peelle; David (Baiba) Peelle, Kathy Douds, Karyl (Tony) Petruccione, Doug (Darla) Peelle, Karen (Tim) Stone, Tina (Bill) Onion, and Derek Peelle. Also the wife and children of his late brother-in-law Richard (Marina) Brown; Lara Brown (John Wakeman) and Marco Brown (Ellen Rowe). Born in Toledo, Ohio on January 13, 1929 to William Ruskin Peelle and Nellie "Marie" Mitchell Peelle.

Bob enjoyed playing ball with neighborhood kids and his father, played the flute and piano, had a paper route, loved reading, and excelled in school. He graduated high school at 16 and entered the University of Rochester in NY where he received a bachelor's degree in Physics. Bob earned his Ph.D. in Physics from Princeton University. Moving to Oak Ridge in 1954, he began work in nuclear physics at Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) while still completing his thesis on Experimental Nuclear Documentation (1958). Bob and Beth met in Oak Ridge and married in 1955 at Beth's alma mater Western College for Women in Oxford, Ohio. At home in Oak Ridge; they grew their family, pursued professional interests, and became deeply involved in the social, political and environmental life of their community. They have been members of Oak Ridge Unitarian Universalist Church for over 55 years.

Bob retired from his position as Head of Nuclear Data Measurement and Evaluation at ORNL in 1991 due to declining health. He was widely recognized in his field for the accuracy and significance of his team's research data into reactor design, shielding, and other nuclear

applications from ORELA (Oak Ridge Electron Linear Accelerator). Bob received a liver transplant in December 1992 and after a lengthy recovery, enjoyed 26 bonus years with family and continued pursuing his many interests. Throughout his life Bob Peelle enjoyed photography, birding, tennis, classical music, and the natural world. He photographed family, grand landscapes and tiny ephemeral spring wildflowers during dozens of trips to National Parks and wilderness areas across the USA and in the woods near his home. Even as his mobility declined, necessitating the use of a walker, Bob preferred walking where he could "see something"! With his trademark modesty, Bob would deny being good at any sport. Yet he joined and greatly enjoyed playing on various teams with work friends in bowling, volleyball, and basketball. His favorite sport, by far, was tennis which he began playing in college and continued playing into the early 1980's in the Oak Ridge Summer Tennis Leagues.

Bob was deeply committed to public service and volunteered innumerable hours to improve and protect his community and the environment. Combining his scientific knowledge, analytic yet thoughtful approach, and listening skills, Bob worked towards constructive solutions in complex and often contentious situations. He was the first Oak Ridge resident elected to the Roane County Commission where he represented Oak Hills, Oliver Springs and Orchard View for 22 years, worked to desegregate Oak Ridge in the 1950's, was an officer and worked on the interracial Community Relations Council, helped found and worked with Tenn. Citizens for Wilderness Planning on strip mine regulation and reclamation, chaired the Health and Safety Committee of the Clinch River Monitored Retrievable Storage Task Force, was elected to the Oak Ridge Charter Commission in 2003, was the first chairperson of the DOE Site Specific Advisory Board for mercury clean-up in East Fork Poplar Creek, and worked on the TN State Health Department: Oak Ridge Health Agreement Studies Panel to examine local environmental contamination and health impacts. Bob has been recognized with numerous community service awards and honors. The family requests memorial contributions, in lieu of flowers, to The Nature Conservancy's Tennessee Chapter or Aid to Distressed Families of Appalachian Counties (ADFAC, PO Box 5953, Oak Ridge, TN 37831-5953). Please visit the online guestbook at www.weatherformortuary.com to sign and share memories.

Genealogical Line -- 11th generation to Lawrence: **Robert William¹¹ Peelle** (William Ruskin¹⁰, Jesse⁹, William⁸, John⁷, Reuben⁶, Josiah⁵, Robert⁴, Robert³, Robert², Lawrence¹) was born 13 Jan 1929 in Toledo, OH, and died 19 Nov 2018 in Oak Ridge, TN. He married **Elizabeth Ann "Beth" Brown** 24 Sep 1955³. She was born 03 Jun 1932. [Bob was the second cousin once removed to Susanne Peelle Kenny of Sabina, Ohio. He is part of the family that migrated from Wayne County, North Carolina to that area around Clinton County, Ohio. That family line has kept the original spelling of the family name "Peelle" since the 1600s.]

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, and contributed by Cousin J. Robert "Bobby" Boykin of Wilson. The style of writing in Zion's Landmark is a neat old style of phrases. The following article was from October 1, 1970.

OBITUARY OF SISTER LYDIA MARGARET PEELE

In complying with the request of the Skewarkey Primitive Baptist Church, I, the Lord willing, will attempt to pen down a few words of memory of our departed Sister Lydia Margaret Peele. Sister Peele was born January 30, 1873, and was called from our midst on April 17, 1970, thus

her sojourn upon this earth was 97 years, 2 months and 18 days. She was the widow of the late Ephriam Peele and the daughter of the late Harmon Thomas and Clementine Roberson.

Our beloved sister was received into our little flock by letter from Hayes Swamp Church in May, 1960. Therefore her membership among the primitive Baptist was approximately forty years,

It was the writer's privilege to be blessed with many hours of association with this dear one and many times I was blessed to share in her experience as she related evidence of a hope of life beyond this vale of tears. Yes, our dear sister possessed a hope of a rebirth and regeneration not of herself but by the revealing power of her God. She was blessed to rejoice in a hope of faith that was anchored within the vale of a redeeming Savior, an inherited gift by the mercy and grace of God.

Our dear sister had an eye of faith, waited patiently and faithfully upon her God, trusting in His divine promises to His little ones until the end. She was blessed to manifest much love for her church and brethren and her associations with them from time to time were her meat and her drink here in this life. I cannot find fitting expressions to describe the esteem in which she was held but may I conclude by stating, this dear sister bore a wonderful name among brethren and friends and of her community as well, truly an evidence of the rebirth wherein she trusted.

Surviving are one son, two daughters, nine grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren. Also surviving is one sister.

Resolved that a copy of this obituary be sent to Zion's Landmark for publication and one to Signs of the Times for publication and a copy be sent to the family and one placed in the church record.

Done by order of the church in conference, second Saturday in May, 1970.

Elder E. C. Harrison, Moderator
Johnny Ray Gardner, Committee

Genealogical Line – spouse of 9th generation to Lawrence: **George Ephraim⁹ Peele** (Noah⁸ Peal, Colonel, Thomas⁷, John⁶, Robert⁵ Peelle, William⁴, Robert³, Robert², Lawrence¹) was born 22 Jun 1872 in Martin Co., NC¹, and died 20 Apr 1947, buried in Tice Cemetery, Near Piney Grove Church, Martin Co., NC. He married **Lydia Margaret Roberson** 15 Jan 1896, daughter of Harmon Roberson and Clementine Coltrain. She was born 30 Jan 1873 in Martin Co., NC, and died 17 Apr 1970, buried in Tice Cemetery, Near Piney Grove Church, Martin Co., NC.

Children of George Peele and Lydia Roberson are:

- 2 i. Caddie M.¹⁰ Peele, born 08 Oct 1899. She married Noah Reddick Peel; born 26 Nov 1888 in Martin Co., NC; died 18 Jan 1957 in Tice Cemetery, Near Piney Grove Church, Martin Co., NC.
- 3 ii. [Ms] Peele, born Abt. 1900. She married [Mr] Griffin.
- 4 iii. George Marion Peel, born 06 Jun 1905 in Griffins Twp., Martin Co., NC; died 23 Oct 2001 in Tice Cemetery, Near Piney Grove Church, Martin Co., NC. He married Lillian Melissa Peele 13 Sep 1925; born 05 Mar 1908 in Griffins Twp., Martin Co., NC; died 08 Oct 2002 in Tice Cemetery, Near Piney Grove Church, Martin Co., NC.
- 5 iv. Essie Marie Peel, born 10 Nov 1911; died 20 Nov 1986. She married Elbert Wilson Griffin 28 Dec 1935; born 10 Feb 1908; died 06 Dec 1963.

If anyone reading this newsletter can add information to this family, please contact me.

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