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ANCESTRY

*When speaking of our Ancestry
My mother's eyes would shine,
And proudly she would tell us all,
"You're of the Tudor line."
But Father with a smile would say,
"While bearing that in mind,
You keep your eyes on goals ahead;
Not those that lie behind."
"You have a noble ancestry,
But all are dead and gone,
'Tis you who have to prove your worth,
Not those who've journeyed on.
And back along that Tudor line,
'Tis sorry truth I state,
There may be some you can't approve,
And even some you'd hate.
The way to prove your ancestry
Is what you are yourself;
Not by the charted Family Tree
In book upon the shelf.
So try to be an ancestor
Within the time allowed,
Of whom your children's children
In the future can be proud."*

Author: Unknown

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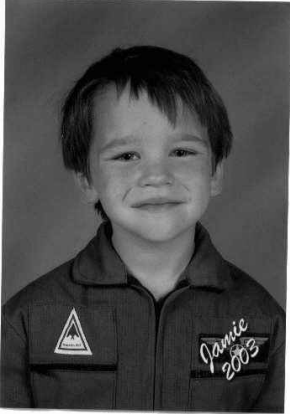
AN IRISH BLESSING

*May there always be work for your hands to do;
may your purse always hold a coin or two;
may the sun always shine on your windowpane;
may a rainbow be certain to follow each rain;
may the hand of a friend always be near you;
may God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you*

Family News

Civil War Re-enactor

Jamie Peele lives in Chesterfield, SC with his parents,



William Henry and Patti F. Peele. His grandparents are Howard Lee and Louise Peele of Bennettsville, SC, and his great-grandparents were Merritt Peele, Sr. and Sallie Pearson Peele of Scotland Co, NC, who are buried in the Peele Cemetery. Jamie is in Kindergarten. His parents, William and Patti, are in the Civil War Reenactment, and Jamie also goes to reenactments with his parents.

He is learning about his ancestors of the Civil War. He is a very bright young fellow!

Thanks to Jamie's aunt, Kelsie Tempels, for sending in this

article about Jamie

Horace & Family

Horace Peele had surgery recently but is now doing well. He and his wife and family planned a trip to England to visit Trish's family.

New Baby for the Fountain's

Wes and Sheila Walls Fountain are the proud new parents of son **Jonah Tage Fountain**. Jonah was born July 21, 2004. Sheila is the daughter of Tommy M. and Diane Peel



Walls. Sheila, Wes, and baby Jonah live in Steamboat Springs, CO. Tommy and Diane got to take a quick trip to see their new grandson the end of August. And we add a new limb to the Peele tree!

Remember in your prayers

Bobby W. Baker (Horace's 1st cousin, his mother's sister's son)

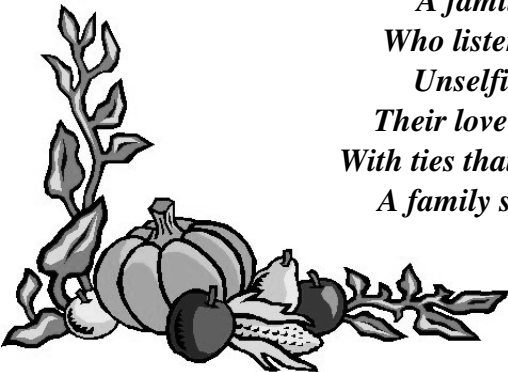
Bobby W. Baker, 69, of Laurinburg, died Thursday, July 15, 2004, in his home.

Mr. Baker was an Army veteran and a fleet maintenance sanitation supervisor for the city of Laurinburg for 18 years before retiring. He was a member of Stewartsville Baptist Church.

The funeral was July 18 at Stewartsville Baptist Church by the Revs. Stephen Owenby and Lewis McLean. Burial was in Hillside Memorial Park. Richard Boles Funeral Service of Laurinburg is handling arrangements.

Mr. Baker is survived by his wife, Rose N. Baker of the home; a son Wayne Baker of Washington; two daughters, Kimberly B. Craig of Raleigh and Karen B. Morris of Columbia, SC; his mother, Josie Bullard Baker of Laurinburg; two brothers, Jesse L. Baker of Rockingham and Clyde B. Baker of Jacksonville, FL; and four grandchildren.

*A family's a circle of people, who care,
Who listen, encourage, and lovingly share...
Unselfish and ready, extending a hand,
Their love is a gift that all hearts understand.
With ties that are strong and support that's secure,
A family shares love that will always endure.*



A Salute to Our Senior Citizens

(These are the ones we know about who are over 90. If you have a relative who is 90 or older please contact me with the information so we can add their name here.



Maurine Jones **March 29, 1905** **age 99**
*Granddaughter of Elizabeth Peele Pidgeon,
Descended from Reuben Peele (Mother of Alice Plane)*

Ruby James Peele Duggins **Nov 25** **age 95**
Daughter of Willis Peele and Annie Brown

Margaret Peele Mitchell **May 11, 1910** **age 93**
Horace's Aunt

Ruth Dosha Lorene Gann Stephens **August 10, 1912** **92**
Daughter of Edward Isom & Bertha Elma Peele Gann – aunt of Charlie Gann

Mailing Addresses For Our Senior Citizens

Maurine Jones
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Evansville, IN 47715

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Elm Towers, Apt 207
701 South Elm Street
High Point, NC 27370
336-889-3739



Margaret Peele Mitchell
2200 Elm Ave, Scotia Village
Laurinburg, NC 28352

Lorene Stephens
310 ½ S Independence
Sapulpa, OK 74066

If you know any senior citizen (male or female) who is 90 years or older, please drop me a note, give me a call or send me an email and let me know their name, date of birth and age. I'd love to have their address too. Their name will automatically be added to the newsletter list, at no charge.

If you have an **update** about any of the above, please let me know

Do you have some family news you'd like to share? Maybe you have a favorite person you'd like to tell everyone about. Or maybe someone is having a special birthday or anniversary? Please send me the news so I can publish it in the newsletter! Also, don't forget to send in any queries you may have --- maybe we can help knock down that brick wall!!

Queries ... do you know?



From: **Horace B Peele** <horace@peelee.info>

Date: Wednesday, April 07, 2004 7:24 PM

Please Identify this Sarah Ellen Peele

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Nash County, NC - Obituary of Sarah Ellen Peele, 1902

On April 11, 1902, at 11:30 o'clock **Miss Sarah Ellen Peele**, aged 13 years, 11 months, 23 days, the eldest daughter of **Mr. Joel E. Peel** and **Mrs. Anna C. Peele** was fatally burned by her clothing catching on fire from some burning straw.

She was an industrious child, and ever on the alert to help papa and mama, as she thought she was doing on that fatal morning.

She was with her father and brother in the field (because she liked to be with them.) When was sent to another part of the field after their (her father and brother's) coats which was about a hundred yards away. On her way back she noticed a ditch bank full of brushes, and she thought she would burn it and save her papa the trouble, so she found a match in a pocket of the coat and set fire to the straw, which caught her clothing and before her father and brother could reach her she was in a light blaze. From her waist down was almost cooked, while her sufferings must have been intense, she was patient, never murmuring nor complaining. Sometimes she would scream and beg her nurse to kill her. Then again you might ask her if she was in pain and she would say, "no, I am better."

She only lived thirteen days in her sufferings when death came to her relief on the 24th of April, 1901. [sic]

When death struck her she asked her father and the nurse to go with her, and told them that she was happy, and was going home.

Father, mother, brother and sister what a blessed thought "going home" is. Have you thought how much is conveyed in those two words? Jesus, you know, said to His disciples that He was going to prepare a home for them. Won't you from this day so live that you, too, can go to that home?

God "moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform." He is calling, tenderly calling, come home, come home.

And Mother, do not weep for your darling any more, for she has gone to meet her little brother on the other shore.

Aunt Bettie

Smithfield Herald

From: **Horace B Peele** <horace@peelee.info>

Date: Saturday, April 03, 2004 9:51 PM

Anyone know this Peele family?

Lloyd D.* PEELE died in Apr 1992.

Published: 04/27/92 in LOCAL section, page D3

A memorial service was held today for Lloyd D. Peele, regional president of the Huntington National Bank, who died Thursday of cancer at age 53. A native of Portsmouth, Mr. Peele was vice president and zone manager of First & Merchants National Bank in Portsmouth from 1966 to 1973 and was named Portsmouth's Outstanding Young Man of 1969. The following year he was named an "Outstanding Young Man in Virginia."

Published: 05/17/92 in PORTSMOUTH CURRENTS section, page 07

Last month one of Portsmouth's distinguished sons was lost to cancer. Lloyd D. Peele's contributions to his community and to his chosen career greatly distinguished his life. Lloyd grew up in Portsmouth and attended high school at Wilson. He attended college at the Norfolk Division of William and Mary, now Old Dominion University. He worked for Fred Aaron at Rogers Clothes and after college began a 30-year banking career at the Bank of Cradock.

From: **Horace B Peele** <horace@peelee.info>

Date: Saturday, April 03, 2004 9:19 PM

Anyone Know this Peele Family?

Irish Willis (Mike) PEELE died on 10 Jun 1997.

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Irish "Mike" Willis Peele, 61, of the 200 block of E. 41st St., died peacefully June 10, 1997, in his home surrounded by his family and close friends. Mike courageously fought cancer for 5 1/2 years. A native of Hatteras, N.C., he was the youngest son of the late Frazier and Viola Peele. Mike taught marine biology in the Norfolk Public School System for 28 years. He was an exceptional teacher who excited his students and shared his enthusiasm for an insatiable curiosity about the marine environment.

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Berry, Dickinson, Peel Papers

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Berry, Dickinson, Peel Family Papers

(1833...1890-1960...1977)

Manuscript Collection 1372

INFORMATION ABOUT THE BERRY, DICKINSON AND PEEL FAMILIES

The Berry, Dickinson, Peel Family Papers were donated to Special Collections by William Preston, husband of Mary Berry Preston.

The materials in this collection are primarily items collected by Ruth Dickinson Berry (1880-1973) and her daughter, Mary Berry Preston (1914-1997).

Ruth Dickinson Berry was born at Oakland Farm in Calhoun County, on February 8, 1880 and died in Fort Smith on February 1, 1973. She was the daughter of George Ware Dickinson (1843-1912) and Cordelia Barker Dickinson (1848-1943). The Dickinsons came to Arkansas from Mississippi and Georgia in 1844. G. W. (as he was known) was in Cabell's Brigade during the Civil War. He and Cordelia Barker were married in 1869 and lived at the Dickinson home place, Oakland Farm, until 1881 when they moved their family to Little Rock. Cordelia Barker's family came to Drew County from Tennessee in 1855 and established a plantation home, Barkada. Members of this family were active in the Confederate cause.

Children of George Ware Dickinson and Cordelia Barker Dickinson were: James Barker (1870-1947), Harvey Thompson (1871-1888), Thomas Tillar (1876-1963), Catherine Evelyn (1877-1893), Ruth Anne (1880-1973), and Georgia May (1882-1960). In the late 1890s, Mrs. G.W. Dickinson moved temporarily to Fayetteville. Her children, Thomas Tillar, Ruth Anne, and Georgia May, were enrolled at Arkansas Industrial University, soon to be the University of Arkansas. Ruth and Thomas graduated from the University in 1900. Mrs. Dickinson kept a rooming house, "The Dickinson Ranch," on Dickson Street where one of her boarders was Elliott Rosson Berry of Bentonville (1879-1953). He and Ruth were married in Little Rock in 1902. Their children were Ruth (1910-1988) and Mary Cordelia (1914-1997).

The branch of the Berry family represented in these papers was descended from James McFerrin Berry and Isabella Jane Orr, who came to Carroll County in 1847. Of their ten children, **Mary Emeline** (1835-1902) married **Samuel West Peel** (1831-1924). He is often referred to as **Colonel Sam Peel**. The branch of the Peel family represented here came to Independence County in the 1830s and moved to

Carroll County by 1840.

Samuel W. Peel began a distinguished career when he was elected Carroll County Clerk in 1858. He became an officer in the Fourth Arkansas Infantry, CSA, during the Civil War. In 1867 he moved his family to Bentonville where he practiced law. He was elected to the U.S. Congress in 1882 and served for ten years. He remained influential in Arkansas business and politics throughout his life.

The fifth child of James F. and Jane O. Berry was James Henderson (1841-1913). He also had a long distinguished career in Arkansas politics. He served in Company E, Sixteenth Arkansas Infantry, CSA, during the Civil War. In 1866 he was elected to the Arkansas state legislature from Carroll County. In 1869 he moved to Bentonville and practiced law with his brother-in-law, **Samuel W. Peel**. In 1872 Berry was elected to the Arkansas State Legislature from Benton County. He became Circuit Court Judge in 1878. From 1883 to 1885 he served as Governor of Arkansas. From 1885 to 1907 he served as a U.S. Senator from Arkansas.

James Henderson Berry married Elizabeth "Lizzie" Quaile (1848-1932) in 1865. He met her in her home town of Ozark while recuperating from battle wounds that resulted in the loss of his right leg. Their children were: Nell Frank (1876-1900), Albert Josephine (1870-?), Jennie Blackburn (1872-1918), Bessie Pittman (1872-1882), Elliott Rosson (1879-1953), and Fredrick Hugh (1884-1968). Nell married William Hyatt. Their children, Berry and William, were raised in the James H. Berry household after their mother died in 1900.

Ruth Dickinson Berry, while related to, and associated with, many well-known individuals, had an active life of her own as a wife, mother, grandmother, clubwoman, and newspaper correspondent. For over thirty years she wrote local interest pieces for the Arkansas Gazette and other regional papers. She was a national officer in Chi Omega and edited their national publication. She was active in the Red Cross, D.A.R., U.D.C., Benton County's Apple Blossom Festivals, the Pea Ridge Battlefield Association, and the Methodist Church. She remained in close contact

with her mother in Little Rock, and her sister Mrs. Georgia Bunn, in Memphis. Her daughter (sometimes designated Ruth Strawn and sometimes Ruth, Jr.) married Paige Mulhollan and was the mother of Paige and Jimmy. Ruth D. Berry's daughter Mary Cordelia married William Preston. Their daughters were Ann and Polly.

Mary Berry Preston, one of the principals in the collection, graduated from Bentonville Public Schools in 1931. She attended Missouri Valley College and the University of Arkansas. In 1935 she was elected the University Campus Queen. She graduated in 1936. In 1941, she married William Preston and moved with him to military bases in the United States. After the war they moved to Fort Smith.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE COLLECTION

The materials in the Berry, Dickinson, Peel Family Papers (1833-1977) are a diverse accumulation of records which include family correspondence; political, legal, and financial documents; school records; scrapbooks, albums, and notebooks; greeting cards; clipping files; notes for newspaper articles; records of institutions, clubs, and agencies; notes on family genealogy; a few bound volumes kept by family members, and photographs and postcards.

Subjects of special interest, aside from family matters, include: James Henderson Berry's later professional life, Arkansas Industrial University/University of Arkansas, and files for Bentonville and Benton County in the 1920s to the 1950s. The Benton County material contains information on the Confederate Memorial Statue in Bentonville's town square, construction of the Benton County Courthouse, Bella Vista, Pea Ridge Battlefield, Bentonville Public Schools, Louis McPhetridge Thaden, and Apple Blossom Tours in the 1930s. Of special interest are items related to the Civil War in Arkansas, including a CSA Company C, Third Arkansas Infantryman's memoir from 1863, a company roster, and information on Confederate veterans and veteran's groups.

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Do You Know this Person?

Kenneth R. Peelle - North Andover Citizen (5/16/2004)
Peelle elected VP of Massachusetts Medical Society

Kenneth R. Peelle, M.D., a North Andover resident and board-certified radiologist at Saints Memorial Medical Center in Lowell, was elected vice president of the Massachusetts Medical Society at the organization's annual meeting Thursday, May 13 at the Seaport Hotel in Boston. He will serve a one-year term as one of the top officers of the statewide membership organization representing some 18,000 physicians, residents, and medical students.

Peelle joined the Massachusetts Medical Society in 1975. From 2000-2003, he served as the Speaker of the House of Delegates, the Society's governing body, and from 1997-2000 he was Vice Speaker of the House. He is a member and past president of the Middlesex North District Medical Society, one of 20 district societies comprising the state organization.

At Saints Memorial Medical Center, he has been active in the leadership of the hospital since its formation in 1992 by the merger of St. Joseph's and St. John's hospitals. He has served as the chief and vice chief of the Radiology Department at Saints and as president and vice president of the medical staff. At St. Joseph's Hospital he also served as radiology chief and medical staff president.

In his medical specialty of radiology, Peelle is a member and past president of the Massachusetts Radiological Society and a member of the American Roentgen Ray Society, the Radiological Society of North America. Peelle was accepted into the American College of Radiology in 1975, serving as a councilor and alternate councilor. He became a fellow of the College in 1990.

A native of Rock Stream and current resident of North Andover, Peelle earned his B.A. and M.D. from Cornell University, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He served his internship at the University of Vermont Medical Center, and his residency in diagnostic radiology at the New York Hospital

Mary's sister, Ruth Berry Mulhollan lived in Fort Smith at the time and the sisters saw each other frequently and made frequent trips back to Bentonville to visit their parents. In Fort Smith, Mary B. Preston was active with Sparks Hospital, the Free Ferry Garden Club, the Fort Smith Rose Society, the American Cancer Society, the Democratic Women's Club, the Arkansas Alumni Association, the Methodist Church, and, especially, Chi Omega. Mary Berry Preston continued in the tradition of her grandmother, Mrs. G.W. Dickinson, and her mother, Ruth Dickinson Berry, as family record keeper. The items in the Berry, Dickinson, Peel Family Papers were stored in her home at the time of her death in 1997.

World War II and the Peel/Peele's who Served

I recently received the following letter from **Naomi Smith Plett**:

Hello Diane:

My dad and two brothers are listed on the WWII Memorial that was recently dedicated. I think it would be interesting to see how many "cousins" were in WWII.



My mother was Cannie Peele Smith, daughter of Wm. Franklin Peele, son of Alex Peele. Cannie was married to Jefferson Davis Smith, and they lived in Liberal, Kansas, from 1936 until they passed away, Dad in 1989, Mom in 1990.

Dad was called J. D. and was an auto mechanic for Ford Motor Company for 40 years. During WWII, there was an Army Air Force base in Liberal, Kansas, and Dad worked there as an airplane mechanic and served his country for five years. He is listed on the memorial as Jefferson Davis Smith, Civilian.

The City of Liberal now owns the air base, and the Liberal Air Museum, the 4th largest airplane museum in the U.S., is located there.

My bother J. D. Smith, Jr. enlisted in the Air Force and was home on his first leave when word came that Pearl Harbor had been attacked, and he left at once. My brother Barten H. Smith served in the Air Force and served as B-24 radio operator-gunner in the 15th Division.

J. D., Jr., passed away in 1993; Barten lives in Coffeyville, Kansas.

I was in grade school during WWII, and am proud of my dad and brothers for their service to our country.

Naomi Smith Plett

Liberal, Kansas

Because of Naomi's letter, I did some research on my own to see how many Peel, Peele, Peelle's served during World War II. I knew my dad served, in the Coast Guards. My research was limited this time, as I haven't felt very well during the last couple of months. So, most of my searching was on the Internet. Unfortunately, not a lot was there, in lists of those who served. There was a list, though, of those who died and are buried over seas. I will include this list in the next newsletter, a special Veterans Day Newsletter honoring our ancestors. There is also a list, www.wwiimemorial.com, which is a memorial of America's World War II generation. If you get a chance, check it out. It's a Registry that includes the names of Americans who are buried in American Battle Monuments Commission overseas military cemeteries; those who are memorialized on ABMC Tablets of the Missing, those who are listed on official War and Navy Department Killed in service rosters now held by the National Archive and Records Administration (NARA) and those who are honored by public enrollment in the Registry of Remembrances. When I last did a search on the Peel's listed, there were 54 with the surname of Peel, or Peele and one with the name of Peelle. I will list these in the next newsletter.

I would like to ask you to do something, though. If you have a relative who served in World War II, would you send me his or her name and military service they served in. If you served during World War II, please let me know that, too. If you have any information, like awards or honors about your relatives or yourself, please include this. In the next two newsletters I will list all those who send in the information in a special article, honoring our Veterans. Thank you so much.

Edward Isom Gann And Bertha Elma Peele



Bertha was born October 4, 1886 in Longlane, Dallas County, Missouri. She was about 18 when she and Ed Gann were courting. Ed probably knew Bertha or she was introduced to him at a church function. According to the article for Ed's and Bertha's 50th wedding anniversary they met at a Baptist Church, quite possibly the Missionary Baptist Church mentioned in Sarah's obituary. They were married October 29, 1905, in Dallas County, Missouri.

The Gann family lived on South Street in Coweta Wagoner County, Oklahoma for at least two or more years. The place was just across South Street from the Black Cemetery. Harlan Raymond (Rabbit) Gann was born in this house on February 25, 1914, and Orven Hugh (Doggie) Gann was born in the same house November 23, 1916.

Bertha had several spells with her heart and had a fatal heart attack early in the morning of May 24, 1981. She spent the last few years of her life in a nursing home. Bertha's mind was always sharp. She could remember the names of all of her children, grand children, etc. That is better than I could. I would visit her at least once a week and we would talk about the family. Sometimes she would have to explain just whom it was she was talking about. Bertha was buried next to Ed in Floral Haven Cemetery.

Ed and Bertha had eight children. All except Lelia Viola

Continued from Issue 1 & 2, 2004 this is the final installment in the life of Bertha Elma Peele and her family.

Bertha Elma Peele, daughter of John Hare and Harriet Taylor Peele, was the granddaughter of James and Ruth Hare Peelle of Northhampton County, North Carolina. She was a direct descendant of Lawrence Peelle.

survived their parents. Since Bertha's death all except Lorene have passed on.

Lelia Viola died while an infant.

Letha Arizona married Howard Morton and lived on the Indian land south of Coweta, Oklahoma until 1954. They sold the land and moved to Broken Arrow. Howard died June 6, 1960 of a heat stroke. Letha died July 23, 2000. They had three children, Howard Lee (Jack) Jr., Archie Lynn, and Donald Wayne. Only Donald Wayne survives.

Lena Etolia married Rufus (Blackie) Rosser and they lived most of their married life in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Rufus was a truck driver and was fatally injured in a truck accident February 4, 1954. Lena died January 15, 1991. Lena worked at Children's Medical Center in Tulsa after Rufus died. They had ten children.

Lorene married Ray (Pug) Stephens. Ray died May 30, 1982 at Rocky Point, Oklahoma. Lorene survives and is the only child of Ed and Bertha living today. They had three children. Their first daughter is Bonnie Bilby, who was a charter member of the Gann organization when Dick Fox was getting the newsletters together. Bonnie always passed on the information to me to whet my appetite to learn more about our ancestors. Florene Gann

Ragsdale begin collecting information about the family, Peeles and Ganns, and that information was passed on to Bonnie who worked long hours to sort out just who belonged to whom.

Harlan Raymond (Rabbit) Gann was Ed and Bertha's first son. He married Edith Wilson in October 1936. Harlan died August 11, 1981 in Broken Arrow. Edith died May 22, 2000 in Broken Arrow. They had five children all boys, Charles Raymond being the eldest. After they married Harlan, and Edith went to California to work. Edith discovered she was pregnant and told Harlan she wasn't going to have a child in California. That is the reason I (Charles Raymond Gann) was born in Oklahoma.

Orven Hugh (Doggie) Gann married Loeta Smith. Orven died March 27, 2003 in Broken Arrow. This couple had three children and were divorced.

Florene Gann first married Don Smith. They had one daughter Patsy Gann Smith. Don died January 11, 1942. Florene married Herman (Buck) Ragsdale. They had two sons and were divorced. Florene died April 9, 1984 in Broken Arrow. Herman died March 12, 1993.

Jeanette Gann married Verneal (Chief) Forbes. They had three children. Jeanette died October 6,

1994 in Tallahassee, FL.

The Gann registry has 169 descendants from this couple and that list is not up to date. This includes spouses and sometimes 2nd

and third spouses. I talked to several old timers in Coweta and Broken Arrow trying to find out just what my grandparents did before I came on the scene. I especially

want to thank Aunt Lorene, Uncle Doggie (who passed away in March) and Patsy Brewer for giving me much of the information about Ed and Bertha.

Lorene Gann Stephens's Thoughts on Ed and Bertha Peele Gann



My mother, Bertha Elma Peele Gann, was a wonderful Christian woman; also a hard worker. She helped my Papa in the fields when we children were small. She also did her housework. After the children got big enough, they helped my Papa, Edward Gann. When I was in the third grade of school, my papa hurt one of his hands. After that he did not do much farming; he worked for the city and county of Wagoner. He also worked in a grocery store.

My mother, (Bertha Peele Gann) cleaned houses and worked at the Coweta Hotel at this time. We children were growing to be teenagers; we all worked at different places and went to school.

We moved to Coweta town. My mother was always going to visit the sick and praying for them. If the doctor, Dr. Riddle, couldn't get to the sick, he would call my mother to go to see what she could do. Many times I would go with her. I wanted to tag along to see everything.

Now, at this time, I, Lorene Gann Stephens, Bertha's fourth daughter, am the only one of the family of Bertha Peele Gann and Edward Gann living. I wish everyone could of known my mother. I hope after I leave this world that people that know me, that I will be thought of as my mother is. My mother was 94 years of age when she passed, and I was 92 years old in August of this year.



Census Records

1810 United States Federal Census United States.

Source:United States Federal Census. M252, 71 roll. National Archives and Records Administration, Washington D.C.

Name Residence (City, County, State)Year

- Edmond Peele Not Stated, Northampton, NC 1810
- Jethroe Peele Not Stated, Northampton, NC 1810
- Joel Peele Not Stated, Northampton, NC 1810
- John Peele Not Stated, Northampton, NC 1810
- Thomas Peele Not Stated, Northampton, NC 1810

1820 United States Federal Census

Source: 1820 United States Federal Census. M33, 142 roll. National Archives and Records Administration, Washington D.C.

Name Residence (City,County,State) Year

- James Peele Edgecombe, Edgecombe, NC1820
- John Peele Edgecombe, Edgecombe, NC1820
- Miles Peele Edgecombe, Edgecombe, NC1820
- Thomas Peele Not Stated, Northampton, NC1820
- Thomas Peele Not Stated, Northampton, NC1820

The History of Lawrence Peelle and his Family

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You can read this in its entirety on <http://www.rootsweb.com/~usgenweb/nc/bertie.htm>

Lawrence Peelle* (Pete Austins') 9th g.grandfather, b. 1601, British Kingdom, England. He married unknown. Lawrence died c1664, Elizabeth Cittie Co VA, buried: Western Branch of Elizabeth River. Lawrence Peelle who was born 1601 in the British Kingdom, England, His town of birth is unknown or is the person he married as his wife. As there are no ship records to support that he was traveling with his wife it stands to reason he met his mate after he arrived in the Virginia Colony.

Lawrence established a household on Western Branch of the Elizabeth River in Elizabeth Cittie Co in VA. He died sometime after the year 1664.

DEPARTURE FROM ENGLAND---Lawrence Peelle sailed from England December 1620 on the ship Margaret & John with a total of 85 persons. The ship arrived five months later at Norfolk in late April or early May 1621. The ship was under the command of Captain James Chester. Records from the "London Company" listed in their 1624 muster a Lawrence Peale. He was given as being 23 years of age and living in Elizabeth Cittie County, Virginia Colony. A friend by the name of William Smith was living in the household with him at that time. William was listed as 30 years of age and had arrived aboard the ship "Jacob" in 1624. The combined inventory of Lawrence and William was four barrels of corn, two Brussels of peas. 300 count of fish, 1 house, 2 pieces of arms, 6 pounds of powder and 6 pounds of lead. From the inventory one must assume they were fisherman, farmer, trader, hunter or combinations of these.

No record is found as to who Lawrence Peelle married or the name of his wife. Record shows that there were five descending generations where each son was given the name of Robert Peelle. Lawrence Peelle was my (Pete Austin #1) 9th great grandfather. Court records show that he owned property in Elizabeth Cittie Co, Virginia on the Western Branch of the Elizabeth River. This same area became the present County of Norfolk. This area is sandwiched next to Nansemond County that was formed in 1637 from Upper Norfolk County when a portion of County of Princess Anne was added. Data on Nansemond County can now be found in the courthouse located in Suffolk, VA. . The present Princess Anne County is located due east of Norfolk County and continues to the

shores of the Atlantic Ocean. The eastern boundary of that county started at the Chesapeake Bay and extends to the Currituck Sound to the south. All three of these counties border and join on the North Carolina State Line. Many of my descendants entered "The Colony" through this area of Norfolk VA.

I. **Robert Peelle** b.c1635, Elizabeth Cittie Co VA (Norfolk Co). He married unknown*

Robert died c1694, Nansemond Co VA. Robert was born about 1635 in Elizabeth Cittie (City) VA. He purchased property on the Western Branch of the Elizabeth River adjoining Captain Tucker in 1856. In 1663 he with his son moved about 15 miles into Nansemond Co. He settled on 100 acres on the "Mill Run" which was part of Bennett's Creek. Data from VA Land Patent Book 6, page 678 and recorded Apr.30.1679. This area reported to have adjoined at the south the property of VA Gov. Richard Bennett. Both father and son thrived as farmers. When George Fox came to Virginia he formed the Chuckatuck Meeting House that was situated just across the nearby Nansemond River. They both became Quakers. In 1679 Robert Peelle Sr and Junior bought an additional 175 acres adjoining his property on Bennett's Creek near the VA State Line. Robert 1st is my (Pete Austin #1) 8th great grandfather. In the will of Gov. Richard Bennett, Nansemond Co VA March 15, 1674 probated Aug 3, 1676 in England he named Robert Peele as his "overseer". Records found in the VA. Higher Court dated 1670-1696, p.193 Nov. 13,1694, gives Robert Peele as the Justice of Peace, Nansemond Co VA with the Power of Attorney by James Alexander of Nansemond Co VA to Gov. Alexander Lillington of NC. This information came from Horace Peele.

Pete Austin has done a lot of work, along with Horace Peele, on our Peele line. Some of his information can be found online at the above web page. However, according to letters I receive, many of you do not have access to the Internet. So, with Pete's permission, I would like to publish some of his work in the next few issues of the newsletter.

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