



Just Folks

I am like him, so they say,
Who was dead before I came.
Cheeks and mouth and eyes of gray
Have been fashioned much the same.

I am like her, so they say,
Who was dead ere I was born,
And I walk the self-same way
On the paths her feet have worn.

There is that within my face
And the way I hold my head
Which seems strangely to replace
Those who long have joined the dead.

Thus across the distance far
In the body housing me
Both my great-grandparents are
Kept alive in memory.

Edgar A. Guest 1934

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Christmas waves a magic wand
over this world, and behold,
everything is softer and more
beautiful.

Norman Vincent Peale



Family News

From *Jason Rusbult*:

Jason's cousin, **Tom McCall**, Great grandson of **George and Effie Peele**, died in a car accident on August 18, 2005. He is survived by his daughter **Patty McCall** and son, **Tommy McCall, Jr**, as well as a granddaughter and 2 grandsons. He was preceded in death by his father and mother **Aubrey and Lucy McCall** and 3 brothers, **Jerry, Pat and Tim McCall**.

REMINDER:

It's hard to believe that a year is up. With the New Year comes the time to renew your membership dues so you can continue to receive *The Lawrence, Etc.*

If you haven't done so yet, please send in your subscription fee of only \$5.00. This covers the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter. Though printing costs have gone up, we will continue to only ask you to pay \$5.00.

Please mail your check to:

**DIANE P. WALLS
2381 WILLISTON ROAD
AIKEN SC 29803**

Make your check payable to *The Lawrence Etc.*, or *Diane Walls*.

Your check will be credited to your account and a receipt will sent to you with the next issue of the newsletter.

Thanks so much,
Diane, Tommy, and Horace

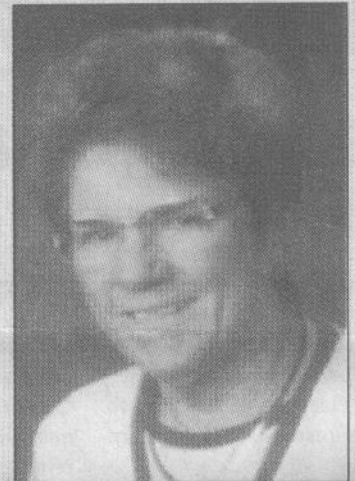
I can depend on **Ms. Harriett (Peelle) Terrell** of Wilmington, OH to keep me informed of any news that is occurring out her way. She let me know of this Peel who is the descendant of the first Peele in Ohio who married a Bentley. **Janet Austen** and her sister attended the big family reunion that is held in Harriett's area every year. Our congratulations go out to Janet and thank you, Harriett for letting us know.

Austen named national president of retired postmasters organization

The National Association of Postmasters of the United States (NAPUS) announces that Janet Austen will assume the position of National President of the Postmasters Retired of NAPUS Jan. 1. She was elected National President of the Retirees on Aug. 4 at the NAPUS national convention in Milwaukee, Wis.

Janet is the retired postmaster of Leesburg having retired in October 1992 after serving as postmaster in Leesburg for 13 years. Prior to that she served as postmaster at Lees Creek for 21 years. Janet and her husband Jim still reside in Leesburg. Jim is also a retired postmaster.

Prior to being elected National President of the Retirees she had served three years as chaplain and two years as national secretary/treasurer of the retirees. As national president she will represent associate members and retired postmasters totaling 19,745 and will



JANET AUSTEN

also be working with active postmasters over the United States.

NAPUS represents the approximately 27,000 postmasters throughout the United States and has a total membership of 42,000 including retirees.

My dear family,

It was good to hear from many of our family members during Christmas. Many of you commented on how you enjoy receiving the newsletter and look forward to continuing to receive it in 2006. You must have been reading my mind. This past year has really been a difficult one for Tommy and me. In January, I had my right knee replaced and it just hasn't healed yet! I had had the left one done in June of 2004 and expected the right one to heal much like that one. Surprise! I guess my age is catching up with me. Tommy had a "small" heart attack (if there is one?) right before Easter and after a series of tests we found he has congestive heart failure and one of his valves isn't working right. This along with the cardiovascular heart disease he already has, and his diabetes that we haven't been able to get under control, even with the insulin, has really put a strain on his body. My mom got real sick in April and we had to put her in a nursing home. She kept going down hill, mainly because she was so unhappy in the nursing home, so we moved her in with us the middle of June. Surprisingly this has worked out real well. She is doing amazingly well and has been a big help for me!

It seems like each newsletter has been later and later getting out. Not because I haven't been doing them, but that I had other things that took precedence over them. Just like this issue... Because mom is here with us, all my brothers and sister came to our house for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, which put a big strain on me. We usually just have our children over. But we went from 14 to 30! Big difference! And we went from one celebration to 3 different ones!

Anyway, I had about decided that it would be better to give up on the newsletter. But, after all the cards and notes sent from all of you, I guess you understand how things are.

I will really try my best to get the newsletter out on time during this next year if you will try to do something for me. I could really use your help in getting news from you. Articles on your family or your ancestors would be a tremendous help. This is the hardest thing for me ... finding things to put in the newsletter. That and finding the time to get the newsletter completed. So, we'll stick with the newsletter, if you will send in some articles and help me out.

I do apologize that this last issue of 2005 is so late. I'll do my best not to let that happen again. I haven't been my usual chipper self and am just getting it on the working board.

Thanks for your support and for your love. Remember it's time to send in your \$5.00 for the small fee for the newsletter cost for the 2006 newsletter. We lost a lot of members this past year and can't figure out why. Do you know a way to get them back? Send me some ideas; I could sure use them.

Til later.

Love to all, your cousin,
Diane Peel Walls

A Salute to Our Senior Citizens

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



Maurine Jones **March 29, 1905**** **age 100**

*Gdaughter of Elizabeth Peele Pidgeon,
Descended from Reuben Peele (Mother of Alice Plane)*

Ruby James Peele Duggins **Nov 25, 1908** **age 97**

Daughter of Willis Peele and Annie Brown

Margaret Peele Mitchell **May 11, 1910** **age 95**

Horace's Aunt

Ruth Dosha Lorene Gann Stephens **August 10, 1912** **93**

(Daughter of Edward Isom & Bertha Elma Peele Gann – aunt of Charlie Gann)

Carrie Mae Peel Williams **October 16, 1915** **90**

*(Daughter of John Franklin Peel, Ggranddaughter of Mills Peele, Gggranddaughter of Dempsey Peel;
Sister of Patricia Peel Arick)*

Mailing Addresses For Our Senior Citizens

Ruby P. Duggins

Mizpah Manor
Room 124

11325 St. Charles Rock Road
Bridgeton, MO 63044

Margaret Peele Mitchell

2200 Elm Ave, Scotia Village
Laurinburg, NC 28352

Lorene Stephens

310 ½ S Independence
Sapulpa, OK 74066

Maurine Jones

5050 Lincoln Avenue, Apt. 24
Evansville, IN 47715

Carrie Mae Peel Williams

6805 West Riverbend Road
Dunnellon, FL 34433

If you know any senior citizen (male or female) who is around 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 send it to me.

Note update on Ruby Peele Duggins address. Her daughter recently moved her to Missouri to be closer to her. Why not drop our special ladies a card and let them know they are being thought of!

Voices In My Heart

It was the first day of census and all through the land each pollster was ready...a black book in hand. He mounted his horse for a long dusty ride, his books and his quills were tucked close by his side.

A long dusty ride down a road barely there, toward the smell of fresh bread wafting up through the air. The woman was tired, with lines on her face and wisps of brown hair she tucked back into place.

She gave him some water as they sat at the table, and she answered his questions the best she was able. He asked her of Children. Yes, she had quite a few. The oldest was twenty, the youngest not two.

She held up a toddler with cheeks round and red. His sister, she whispered, was napping in bed. She noted each person who lived there with pride, and she felt the faint stirrings of the wee one inside.

He noted the sex, the color, the age, the marks from the quill soon filled up the page. At the number of Children, she nodded her head, and he saw her lips quiver for the ones that were dead.

The places of birth she "never forgot"... Was it Carolina, or Tennessee, or Georgia or not? They came from Scotland, on that she was clear, But she wasn't quite sure just how long they'd been here.

They spoke of employment, of schooling and such. They could read some and write some...though really not much. When the questions were answered, his job there was done, so he mounted his horse and he rode toward the sun.

We can almost imagine his voice loud and clear, "May God bless you all for another ten years." Now picture a time warp...it's now you and me as we search for the people on our family tree.

We squint at the census, and scroll down so slow, as we search for that entry from long, long ago. Could they only imagine on that long ago day that the entries they made would affect us this way.

If they knew, would they wonder at the yearning we feel and the searching that makes them so increasingly real? We can hear if we listen, the words they impart through their blood in our veins and their voice in our heart.

Darlene Stevens

PERSON	FATHER		MOTHER		OCCUPATION
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Mysterious Peele Obits

Do you know any of these people?

Dennis Peele Jr. Norfolk, VA

Dec. 31, 2003

The Virginian-Pilot (1/2/2004)

Dennis Peele Jr., 47, passed away Dec. 28, 2003, at his home. He was born in Boykins, Va., to the late Dennis Peele Sr. and Doris Hicks Peele and was a member of Shallop Baptist Church in Boykins. He was a woodworker and a packer for DDNV at the Naval Base. He honorably served in the U.S. Army. He leaves behind to cherish his memory his devoted wife of 28 years, Ruth R. Peele; two sons, Dennis Peele III and Derrick D. Peele, both of Norfolk; a daughter, Denita K. Peele of Norfolk; two grandchildren, Devonte Sheffield and DaShawn Peele, both of Norfolk; two sisters, Linda Peele and Diane Miller, both of Portsmouth; three brothers, Johnnie Peele of Boykins, Clyde Peele of Emporia and Freddie Peele of Washington, D.C.; a half brother, Shawn Wilkerson of Boykins; his father-in-law, James Holloway Sr. of Norfolk; three sisters-in-law, Betty Smith of Virginia Beach and Mirian Porter and Katina Holloway, both of Norfolk; four brothers-in-law, James Holloway Jr., Conney Holloway, Jerome Holloway and Matthew Holloway, all of Norfolk; an uncle, three aunts, and a host of nieces and nephews. Burial with military honors was held at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens.

Evelyn C. Peele Raeford, NC

April 26, 2004

The News-Journal, NC (4/30/2004)

Evelyn C. Peele, 87, of 1206 N. Fulton Street, Raeford, NC, died Monday, April 26, 2004 in Autumn Care of Raeford.

Mrs. Peele was born in Scotland County on January 18, 1917 to the late Thomas Cleveland Chavis and Betty Caulder Chavis. Her husband, Marshall Vester Peele Sr., and her son Marshall Vester Peele Jr. preceded her in death.

Mrs. Peele was a member of the Pearl S. Cole Sunday School class at Raeford United Methodist Church. She

retired from Burlington Industries in the late 70's and was a homemaker.

Survivors include one daughter, Nora E. Scull and her husband David of Raeford; one son, Harry E. Peele and his wife, Teresa of Raeford; one daughter-in-law, Lillian Peele of North Hampton, New Hampshire; one sister, Essie Bowyer of Laurel Hill; six grandchildren, Mike Peckham, Delaine Macdonald, Judy Newsome, Randy Scull, Steve Peele and Leah Peele; seven great-grandchildren, Samantha and Kristen Peckham, Jaimison Peckham, Caleb and Rebekah Macdonald, Jessica Willard, and Patrick Newsome.

Memorials may be made to Raeford United Methodist Church, 308 N. Main Street, Raeford, NC 28376.

Crumpler Funeral Home and Cremation Services Inc. of Raeford served the family.

Identified! Evelyn's husband Marshall was the son of Joseph Lyle Peele (1869-1932) of Marlboro County, SC. This line ties into Horace's line back with Robert Peele who came in that area came from Wayne County, NC with Joshua Fletcher about 1817. He married Mary, daughter of William Adams. This couple had sixteen children. They originally lived in the upper part of Marlboro County, SC and in the lower part of Richmond and Scotland Counties, NC. Former Quakers, the Fletcher, Adams, and Peele families became Methodist.

William F. Peel Myrtle Beach, SC

April 9, 2004

Augusta Chronicle, GA

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. - **William F. Peel**, age 75, of Myrtle Beach, S.C., entered into rest on April 9, 2004 at Grandstand Regional Hospital in Myrtle Beach, S.C. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, April 14, 2004, from the Chapel of Elliott Sons Funeral Home with Dr. Bobby E. Coleman officiating. Interment followed in Westview Cemetery in Augusta, Ga. with full military honors. A native of Coffee County, Ga., Mr. Peel had resided in Augusta for over 30 years, but most recently had lived in Myrtle Beach, S.C. He was a retired Master Sergeant in the United States Army where he served 20 years. He was a Baptist. Survivors include: A

son, Daniel A. Peel, of Myrtle Beach, S.C.; three daughters, Janis Helper, of Dallas, Ga., Sherry Harrell, of Thomson, Ga., and Paula Williams, of Cary, N.C.; one brother, Finley Peel, of Clearwater, S.C.; one sister, Virginia Cooper, of Evans, Ga.; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Published in *The Augusta Chronicle* on 4/12/2004.

Lincoln's 1863 Thanksgiving Proclamation

Lincoln's Thanksgiving Proclamation that follows is taken from the collection of Lincoln's papers in *the Library of America series, Vol II*, pp. 520-521.

The year that is drawing towards its close has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature, that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever watchful providence of Almighty God. In the midst of a civil war of unequalled magnitude and severity, which has sometimes seemed to foreign States to invite and to provoke their aggression, peace has been preserved with all nations, order has been maintained, the laws have been respected and obeyed, and harmony has prevailed everywhere except in the theatre of military conflict; while that theatre has been greatly contracted by the advancing armies and navies of the Union. Needful diversions of wealth and of strength from the fields of peaceful industry to the national defense have not arrested the plough, the shuttle, or the ship; the axe had enlarged the borders of our settlements, and the mines, as well of iron and coal as of the precious metals, have yielded even more abundantly than heretofore. Population has steadily increased, notwithstanding the waste that has been made in the camp, the siege and the battle-field; and the country, rejoicing in the consciousness of augmented strength and vigor, is permitted to expect continuance of years with large increase of freedom.

No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy. It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and voice by the whole American People. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens. And I recommend to them that while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to his tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility and Union.

Abraham Lincoln



1905-2005

What a difference a century makes! Here are some of the U.S. statistics for 1905:

The average life expectancy in the U.S. was 47 years old.

Only 14 percent of the homes in the U.S. had a bathtub.

Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone.

A three-minute call from Denver to New York City cost eleven dollars.

There were only 8,000 cars in the U.S., and only 144 miles of paved roads.

The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.

Alabama, Mississippi, Iowa, and Tennessee were each more heavily populated than California.

With a mere 1.4 million residents, California was only the 21st most populous state in the Union.

The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower!

The average wage in the U.S. was 22 cents an hour.

The average U.S. worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year.

A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2000 per year, a dentist \$2,500 per year, a veterinarian between \$1,500 and \$4,000 per year, and a mechanical engineer about \$5,000 per year.

More than 95 percent of all births in the U.S. took place at home.

Ninety percent of all U.S. physicians had no college education.

Instead, they attended medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press and by the government as "*substandard.*"

Sugar cost four cents a pound.

Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen.

Coffee was fifteen cents a pound.

Most women only washed their hair once a month, and used borax or egg yolks for shampoo.

Canada passed a law prohibiting poor people from entering the country for any reason.

The five leading causes of death in the U.S. were:

1. Pneumonia and influenza
2. Tuberculosis
3. Diarrhea
4. Heart disease
5. Stroke

The American flag had 45 stars.

Arizona, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Hawaii, and Alaska hadn't been admitted to the Union yet.

The population of Las Vegas, Nevada, was 30!!!

Crossword puzzles, canned beer, and iced tea hadn't been invented.

There was no Mother's Day or Father's Day.

Two of 10 U.S. adults couldn't read or write.

Only 6 percent of all Americans had graduated high school.

Marijuana, heroin, and morphine were all available over the counter at corner drugstores.

According to one pharmacist, "*Heroin clears the complexion, gives buoyancy to the mind, regulates the stomach and bowels, and is, in fact, a perfect guardian of health.*"

Eighteen percent of households in the U.S had at least one full-time servant or domestic.

There were only about 230 reported murders in the entire U.S.

The History of Lawrence Peelle and his Family

File contributed for use in USGenWeb Archives by Author: **Pete Austin** <pete.austin@worldnet.att.net>
You can read this in its entirety on <http://www.rootsweb.com/~usgenweb/nc/bertie.htm>

Horace Peelle, along with **Pete Austin**, has done a tremendous amount of research, on our Peelle line. Some of Pete's information, with acknowledgment to Horace, 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 I would like to publish some of this work in the next few issues of the newsletter.

The last issue of *The Lawrence, Etc* contained errors in the **History of Lawrence Peelle**. Marvin Peelle sent me the corrections. Here they are as they should be.

From Marvin Peelle: *You cannot believe every thing you read, even in the old Quaker records. A good example, **Robert Peelle**, born 2-25-1801 was my great-great-grandfather. He died 5-28-1864, had 16 children by one wife, who died 4-17-1895. The Quaker record showed he died in 1811. Since his parents died in 1807 and his uncle, **Joshua Fletcher**, was raising him, the Quaker Meeting House could have removed his name in 1811. We'll never know but there have been a lot of people (over 3800) to prove that he lived.*

*I am also a descendant of **Mary Peelle** (2-2-1742) who married **Raiford "Ralph" Fletcher** on 3-12-1785. This line comes down to **Nancy Adams** and **Joshua Adams**, sister and brother, who were grandparents for my mother and father.*

In the last issue, we ended with Joshua Peelle (b1720), who married Sarah. Joshua died aft 1790 in Bertie Co, NC. According to census records he had 8 children that were born between 1743 to 1752. In issue 2 you read about Joshua and his children there. Here I list the children.

(1) **Absolutely "Abosley" Peelle**, b. c1741, Bertie Co. NC.

(2) **James Peelle**, b. 03 Jan 1743, Bertie Co. NC. He married Ann Home, c1766, and James died in 1822, Pitt Co, NC. Ann: Ann was the daughter of Charles Home and Honour (Home)?

(a) **Henry Peelle**, b. 1769, Bertie Co. NC.
Received a Deed of consideration from his grandfather Joshua Peelle in 1 Nov 1777 for 60 acres whereon William Rogers now lives. See Joshua for full details of Deed dated May Court 1778 in Bk M page 352.

(b) **Hillary Peelle**, b. 1771, Bertie Co. NC.
He married Anne Hart, bef 1799, (daughter of Colonel Henry and Priscilla Hart). Hillary died 1853, Edgecombe Co., NC. Record gives name as Peel not Peelle.

(c) **Willis Peelle**, b. c1775. Willis Peelle of

Jones Co GA gave a power of attorney in Edge Co. NC Deed Book 17, page 236. Willis reported to have moved to GA or TN, no further information.

(d) **Sarah Peelle**, b. 1787. She married Edward Long.

(e) **John Peelle**, b. 11 Jul 1789. He married Rebeckah Gray, c1814, (daughter of Benjamin and Molly Grey). John died abt 1823.

(3) **Elizabeth Peelle**, b. c1746, Bertie Co. NC.

(4) **John Peelle Sr**, b. 1747, Bertie Co. NC. His first wives name is unknown, but he married widow Lucy Griffin, widow of Shadrack Stephens after his death in 1790. John died 07-1818, Edgecombe Co. NC.

(a) **John Peel Jr**, b. c1774. He married Patsey

Griffin, (daughter of William Griffin and Oney). John died c01-1847, Edgecombe Co.NC.

(b) **Elizabeth Peele**, b. c1776. She married George Moore.

(c) **Rachel Peele**, b. c1778. She married Robert Ruffin and had 3 sons and 1 daughter by 1820, need information on this family.

(d) **Wrightson Peele**, b. c1780, d. bef 1818.

(e) **Lewis Peele**, b. c1785, d. 1815.

(f) **Phereby Peel**, b. 1789, Edgecombe Co.NC. She apparently had two children, Temperence and Lydia out of wedlock.

(g) **Richard Peele**, b. c1790. He married Viney Bottom.

(h) **Peggy Peele**, b. 1798, the only child by the second marriage.

(5) **Mary Peelle**, b. c1749, Bertie Co. NC, d. aft 1774.

(6) **Jethro Peelle**, b. c1750, Bertie Co. NC. He married Anna, d. c1830, Northampton Co NC. Jethro died c1815, Northampton Co NC.

(a) **Hezekiah Peele**, b. c1787. He married Barbara Pulley, 10-25-1809, b. c1787, and had three know children, Emily, Richard, and William.

(b) **Avey "Asa" Peele**, b. c1791.

(7) **Peninah "Penny" Peelle**, b. c1751, Bertie Co. NC, d. aft 1774.

(8) **Josiah Peelle Sr** b. 1752, Bertie Co. NC. He married Milley Higgs*, b. 1752, Bertie Co NC, d. bef 1841, Bertie Co NC. Josiah died before 13 April 1843, Bertie Co. NC. Josiah Peelle lived on the Moore Road that

went from Lewiston towards Kelford. This gravel road went from the intersection of the Lewiston-Aulander highway to the Harrell siding road that came from Kelford. He lived to be 92 years of age. Josiah had nine issues that were born from c1775 until 1803. His son William Peele, born 1780, was Pete Austin's 4th g.grandfather. (Diane – I disagree with Pete in that I do not believe that William was the second child), delete this note please.) Josiah's father was born in Nansemond Co, VA and moved to Bertie Co, NC where he raised his family. He settled on land that is now near Rhodes Place Crossroad located about three miles north of Lewiston. The crossroad is about three miles northeast from Kelford. Note: Pete Austin's birth place is also about three miles from the town of Aulander.

This is the same area that Josiah Peelle (b1751), William Peele (b1780) who married first Lucy Rhoads (two known female issues) and then married 2nd Sarah "Salley" Young. They had a son Jarrod Peele who married Louisa "Lura" Bazemore and had a son James W Peele (b.1837) who married Elizabeth Watson Rawls. Their daughter Mary Debra Arabella Peele (1872) married Jacob Lafayette Austin who are Pete's grandparents. Pete's father, Hobart Garrett Austin was born in the Rhodes Place Crossroad area, as were all of the other children. John Austin (b.1805) and his son Uriah Austin migrated from Nansemond Co., VA to Rhodes Place Crossroad, Bertie Co NC where his son Jacob was born. John Rawls (b.1710) moved from Nansemond Co., VA to Bertie Co. NC and settle in this area near Rhodes Place Crossroads. John's son William Rawls II (b.1737) was born here in Bertie, Jonas Rawls (b. 1760) was buried in Rawls Cemetery near the Peele School on the William Moore Road in Mulberry Grove section. His son Moore Rawls (b.1811) had a daughter Elizabeth Watson Rawls (b.1844) that married James W. Peele listed above, both were born here at Rhodes Place Crossroads area.

Josiah Peelle wrote his Will that was dated the 6th day of November 1841. Text of this wills follows

In the name of God, Amen. I, Josiah Peelle, Senior of the County of Bertie, State of North Carolina, being in sound mind, memory and understanding make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following. Viz.

Item the 1st. I give and bequeath to my son Josiah Peelle Junr all my lands lying between Wartom [Wattom] Pecosin and Cashie Branch it being the land which my dwelling house stands on, also one black walnut table and one hand mill, to him and his heirs and assigns forever. Also one bed and furniture.

Item the 2nd. I give and bequeath to my son James Peelle the land whereon he now lives, also the Masons Tract containing one hundred acres more or less to him, his heirs and assigns forever.

Item the 3rd. I give and bequeath all my property not herebefore given away to be equally divided between Dempsey Peelles Heirs, William Peelles Heirs, Mary Cox, Elizabeth Cox, Lydia Cox, Josiah Peelle and James Peelle to them, their heirs and assigns forever.

Lastly, I nominate constitute and appoint Josiah Peele, Junr and William Cox Executors to this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former wills by me heretofore made in witness whereof. I have set my hand and affixed my seal this the 6th day of November 1841.

Josiah (X) Peelle Senr

Witnessed: Signed Sealed and acknowledged in presence of

Richard Cox

George W. Cox

Josiah's family lived near a large Cox family. Three daughters married a Cox and two son-in laws above witnessed his will.

Comment from Horace Peele: Josiah received this land through a Deed of Gift from his father Joshua Peelle, dated 7 February 1774 and filed in Bertie County, NC. The deed read "...150 acres which I purchased from William Grimes between Cashi Branch & Wattom Marsh, reserving it for my lifetime...." Josiah was not a Quaker, a Quaker will would not use the phrase "In the Name of God, Amen." as shown above. His daughters Judith and Celia were not named in the will. It is also believed by Horace Peele that Josiah possibly had three other sons also not named in the will, namely Exum, Lawrence, and Dempsey. This is not proven.

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