



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

From The Editor

This issue is dedicated to the memory of Frederick Henry Powell, Jr. of Wilson County, North Carolina. Henry passed away on January 28th after a long illness. Henry's legacy will be that the Wilson County Genealogy is one of the most active in the United States.

Henry and his wife Sue Evans' untiring work to assist anyone researching the Wilson area and adjacent counties has been a great gift to many people. As the primary authorities of the Wilson County Genealogy Society, Henry and Sue provided brother Marvin and I the opportunity to review the Hugh Buckner Johnston papers on the Peele family. After Hugh's death, Mrs. Edna Johnston entrusted these papers with the Wilson County society until they could be placed in the North Carolina State Archives in accordance with the terms of Hugh's Last Will and Testament. The first hand analysis of these papers was invaluable in gathering information on many individual Peele families. Both Sue and Henry are my 5th cousins once removed.

This quarter's ***Feature Article*** stems from conversations with Cousins Paul Peel, of Rocky Mount, NC, and from Pate Austin of Matthews, NC. The discussion centered on how to explain away the myth that John Peal (1750-1836), of the Smithwick Community of Martin County, NC, had come to that area directly from England. Paul Peel stated to me that he has a personal family knowledge that John came to North Carolina in 1768. His info came from his and Pete Austin's cousin Elbert Peele, a Superior Judge from Williamston, NC. He may have obtained the information through a professional researcher. Hopefully the article will shed light on the family relationships of John Peal and principally his father Robert Peelle (1712-1782) along with several other Peelles who were in Virginia.

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A Salute to Our Senior Citizens

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If you know any family senior citizen around 85 to 90 years young, please send their name, picture, and date of birth, age, address, and how they are related to our Peele family, regardless of the surname spelling. They will be added to the newsletter list for free copies of *Lawrence, Etc.* Also please send in any updates on our Seniors list.



Carrie Mae Peel Williams

October 16, 1915, age 93

(Sister of Patricia Peel Arick, Daughter of John Franklin Peel and Lillian Belle Nelson, descended from Mills Peelle, son of Dempsey Peelle.)

Carrie Mae Peel Williams

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Robert B. Peelle

May 26, 1919, age 89

(Son of Henry Edmund Peelle and Inez Emma Beatty, Father of R. B. Peele, Jr.)

Robert B. Peelle, Sr.

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Feature Article

Robert Peelle (1712-1782) and his son John Peal (1750-1830).

From 1997 through 2007, I worked as a consultant for the US Customs Service (1997-2001) and for the Federal Bureau of Investigation (2001-2007). During those years, I commuted to Washington, DC from San Antonio, TX where I stayed in various hotels in the DC/VA area. A couple of these hotels were my semi-permanent home away from home. In these hotels, I had the luxury of being able to keep the same room most of the time, thereby setting up some sort of

housekeeping. I had my computer and genealogy records with me – genealogy was my usual evening and weekend activity.

Needless to say, I spent many an hour gathering data, inputting data, analyzing data, and solving mysteries as I like to call them. Over those years, I had many experiences where I connected cousins to cousins that each did not know the other existed. There are some great rewards in genealogy.

One of my biggest and longest term puzzles was the existence of two Robert Peelles in my data base who seemed to co-exist in Virginia and North Carolina same time. I could not rationalize the parents of these two Roberts or who they were. One day, after about two years of gathering records and studying this puzzle, I realized that the two Roberts were in fact the same Robert along with his brother Jesse who seemed to be in both locations. What confused the issue were their movements from Virginia into North Carolina and back to Virginia.

Traditionally, in the early 1700s as the land all become occupied, the younger generation would move on south or west to get land that was available where they would settle. This happened in the case of Robert-1712 when he moved into Chowan County in 1739, following his older brother William-1705 who had become the first Peelle to purchase land in North Carolina in 1727 and to live there. There are earlier records of Peelles who had land in the *Carolina Territory* but they never actually moved onto the land to live. The following is an extract from my pending book.



Robert Peelle (1712-1782), son of William Peelle (1679-1755) and Sarah, was born on his father's Virginia plantation in the Upper Parish of Nansemond County on Myry Meddow Branch close to the North Carolina state line around 1712. Robert followed his brother William into Chowan County, formed in 1739, where he purchased land from the estate of Robert Coleman, land which was close to his brother William on Bennett's Creek.

15 Dec 1739 - William Coleman, son of Robert Coleman of the Upper Parish of Nansemond Co., Virginia, deeded to Robert Peale son of William Peale of Parish and Co., aforesaid in consideration for 20 Pounds, 167 acres in Chowan Precinct, NC near Bennetts Creek, lately purchased by Robert Coleman father of William Coleman, 16 July 1734, & willed by the said Robert Coleman to son William Coleman, land adjoining William Spires, Olive Morgan, Thomas Norfleet, Capt. Dan Pugh, John Joanes. Signed William (his W mark) Coleman and Jain (her J mark) Dickinson. Witnessed: John (his X mark) More, Jesse (his J mark) Peele, William Peele. Recorded Oct 1758. (Chowan County, NC, Deed Book M, Page 60.)

William Coleman and his sister Jane who had married a Dickinson signed this Deed of Sale, recorded by the court clerk Thomas Jones. William and Jesse Peelle were witnesses. This deed was recorded Oct 1758, 19 years after the purchase. It places Robert-1712 in Chowan County from 1739 until about 1758. Jesse appears to have lived with Robert from the time he witnessed Robert's purchase until he buys the same land from Robert in 1758, as shown in the following deed:

29 Sep 1758 - Robert Peele of Nansemond Co., Virginia, deeded to Jesse Peele of Chowan Co., NC, in consideration for 20 Pounds, 167 acres (which was conveyed to said Robert Peele by William Coleman, 15 Dec 1739) where said Jesse Peele now liveth. Signed: Robert (his "RP" mark) Peele. Witnessed: Hillary Taylor, William Sumner, Dempsey Sumner, Esqr. Recorded Oct 1758. (Chowan County, NC, Deed Book M, Page 20.)

The actual deed is very difficult to read, due to the old style writing. But what is interesting is that it contains the signature of Dempsey Sumner, Esquire. Captain Dempsey Sumner and the Peelle family were neighbors for several years in both Nansemond County, Virginia, and in Chowan County, North Carolina.

Robert apparently held his original deed until he needed to register it in order to sell the land to his brother Jesse. The original purchase and subsequent sale were recorded together in October 1758. The description of the land is the same, 167 acres, and the price. Jesse now owns the land that Robert bought. Robert is back in Nansemond County, Virginia.

What is Robert doing in Virginia? Here is what happened. Robert's father William-1679 died and Robert moved back home to take care of his mother and the estate. The confusing part now is that a Robert and Jesse appear to be living in the Upper Parish of Virginia, while another Robert and Jesse are living in Chowan County. These two are the same brothers.

Here are the clues. Robert-1712 could not write his full name. He used "RP" as his mark on the 1758 deed, giving us the first clue to identifying William's family. By the sale of the land to Jesse, we have proven that Robert-1712 had returned to Virginia. The 1739 purchase and the 1758 sale prove that Robert of Chowan and Robert of Nansemond were one in the same. Robert's children now had lived in two places, with the older ones being born in North Carolina and younger ones born in Virginia, further adding confusion for researchers.

The *Vestry Book of the Upper Parish Nansemond County, Virginia 1743-1793*, also known as *Vestry Book*, shows that Robert and his brother Jesse were in the Upper Parish in 1768 but only Jesses was there in 1772. Robert had returned to Chowan County before 1772.

1 Mar 1768 **Bounds No 22 Report.** "A return to the Vestry of the Mens Lands in our bounds processioned Dempsie Sumner land done Robert Peal & Jesse Peal present Robert Peals land done Jese & Robert Peal present Jesse Peals land done Robert Peal & Jesse Peal present Thomas Frasure land done Thomas Frasure present Ephraim Peal land done Ephraim & Jesse Peal present Jacob Sumner Land done Kedar Raiby & Dempsey Wiggins present Kedar Raiby land done Jacob Sumner Dempsey Wiggins present Willis Wiggins land done Jacob Sumner present William Jones land done Joseph Peal & Jacob Sumner present Jese Peal land done Ephraim Peal & Joseph Peal present Joseph Peal land done present Ephraim Peal & Joseph Peal present Norman Ellis Land done John Baker & Ephraim Peal present John Bakers land done John Baker & Ephraim Peal present Samuel Bakers land done Samuel Baker & John Smith present Nicholas Harmon Land done the said Harmon present Moses Harrel land done Richard Turley present Amos Rawls Land done Moses Harrel & Amos Rawls present Job Harrel Land done Edward Baker & Job Harrel present John Smith Junr Land done Amos Rawls Job Harrel Edward Baker John Smith present John Smith Senr Land done John Smith present

Edward Baker Land done Edward Baker & Job Harrel present Samuel Baker Land done **Samuel Smith** & William Pearce present William Pearce Land done Samuel Smith & William Pearce present all done in peace & Quiteness as our order directed March the 1st 1768.

[Signed] Moses Horton
Robt Smith”

(Vestry Book, Page 193.)

There are three other records that prove this movement and also prove the name of William-1679's wife, Sarah, the mother of William, Robert and Jesse.

The following tax record lists a "Sarah" who has a son named William living in Chowan.

1772 - The original Chowan Tax List of Jethro Benton lists Sarah Peel - 1 white poll and her son William - 1 white poll. (Chowan Tax List.)

This is William-1705 and his mother Sarah. She had moved from the Upper Parish to Chowan County with Robert after Robert settled the estate. She was living with her son William at the time of the tax levy. Her move to Chowan County coincides with Robert's return according to the *Vestry Book*. The next tax record indicates that William had died and that his son Thomas was now lived on the land that William was taxed on in 1772, but there is no mention of Sarah.

1774 - The original Chowan Tax List of Jethro Benton lists Thomas Peelle - 1 white poll. (Chowan Tax List.)

In 1774, Thomas was single. He married Sarah Reddick shortly after inheriting the land from his father William-1705. They had at least 12 children. Note that the spelling of the surname changed to Peal. He and Sarah remained in Hertford County until 1794. On 17 Sep 1794, Thomas received a deed of land from John Smithwick and Benjamin Robason of Martin County, NC. (Martin County Deed Book C, Page 198.) He died in Martin County in 1824. Thomas uses the name **“Peal”** for all of his children written in his 1822 will.

After her son William-1705 died, Sarah went to live with her son Robert-1712. The next deed connects William and Robert as brothers, as having the same mother, and proves that Robert had moved back to Chowan County.

15 Jun 1774 - Robert Peele of Chowan Co., NC, deeded to Luke Sumner of the same, in consideration for 25 Pounds, 3 shillings, & 11 pence, 100 acres near a branch out of Bennetts Creek, called Flatt branch, the plantation whereon said Robert and his Mother Sarah Peel now liveth. Signed: Robert (his **“RP”** mark) Peele. Witnessed: John (his X mark) Millar, James (his X mark) Jones alias Sketo, David & Seth Sumner. Recorded March 1775. (Chowan County, NC, Deed Book Q, Page 173.)

The **“RP”** in this deed connects the three children and their mother, Sarah. It gives an insight to at least three members of William-1679's family, all born in Virginia.

Robert lived in Chowan for about 19 years (1739-1758) before he returned to Virginia to settle the family estate, although the Vestry Book shows both Robert and Jesse owning land there in

1752. He married and had at least four children. His wife's name is not known. He returns to Chowan County in 1768 to live there until he dies around 1782.

Dempsey Peelle, son of Robert, was named after Captain Dempsey Sumner, who lived adjacent to many of the Peelle family members in the Upper Parish of Nansemond County, Virginia, and later in Chowan County, North Carolina. Both families had multiple land holdings in each of these counties and were next door neighbors in some cases. Robert Peelle is proven to be the son of William-1679 and both he and his brother William moved to Chowan County on Bennett's Creek. Both raised their families in this area. Based upon the time frame, references in the 1700s tax rolls, and witnesses of land purchases, we have solved the mystery about the parent of Dempsey-1753. He is the son of Robert-1712 and grandson of William-1679.

Descendents of Robert Peelle			
Robert Peelle		Married	Location
			Unknown
Born Abt 1712	Location Nansemond Co., VA		Born Location
Died Abt 1782	Location Hertford Co., NC		Died Location
Child's Name	Born	Died	Spouse(s)
William	Abt 1747, NC	Unknown	Unknown
John	Abt 1750, NC	Abt Oct 1836, NC	Unknown
Edward	Abt 1751, NC	Bef 1810, NC	Sarah
Dempsey	Abt 1753, NC	Oct 1811, NC	Unknown

Eastern North Carolina Connections. The Chowan-Hertford County records provide important information. As North Carolina grew, the formation of new counties made a few unscheduled changes in the addresses for our Peelle ancestors. Bennett's Creek was in Chowan Precinct in 1727, but moved into Hertford County in 1759; it finally ended up in Gates County in 1779, all due to county lines changing. The tax rolls for 1779 and 1782 show that the descendents of William and Robert increase in number with many Peelles living first in Hertford and then Martin County. They settled in the boundary area of Gates and Hertford near the Chowan River, close to Martin County.

In 1731, when George Barrington became the first Royal Governor of North Carolina, the state had a small population, estimated at only 36,000. Other than the sons of William-1679 who settled in the Chowan-Hertford area, and the children of his brother Robert-1681 who settled in Northampton-Bertie area, there were no other Peelles in "Carolina" at that time. The family of Robert-1681 is very well documented through the Quaker records. They were not living in the Chowan-Hertford area, although they were only a few miles away in the Northampton-Bertie area.

William-1705 moved to Chowan and never returned to Virginia. All of his children were born in North Carolina. Robert-1712, on the other hand, lived in Chowan for 19 years, moved back to the Upper Parish for about 12-16 years and returned again to Chowan just after 1768. He could have had children born in both states. Jesse moved back to the Upper Parish before 1768, so his

older children would have been born in Chowan County, North Carolina, while the younger ones would have been born in the Upper Parish in Virginia.

Studying these moves and proving that these were the children of William-1679 has led us to connect several Peele lines that originated, according to their contributors, in either North Carolina or Virginia. In some cases the person giving me the information has both "NC? - VA?" as the possible birthplace of the oldest ancestor. Let's unravel part of the mystery of William-1679's grandchildren.

There are several Peelle families whose connections have been difficult to prove. Four of these are Thomas-1755, son of William-1705, and his three cousins John-1750, Edward-1751, and Dempsey-1753, who are the sons of Robert-1712. Some of these are also listed as **Peal** or **Peel** with the best one documented being John Peal (1750-1836).

The Martin County Heritage book states that John Peal came from Nansemond County, Virginia. Let's verify that statement. His father Robert-1712 was born in Upper Parish of Nansemond County just across the state line west of the Dismal Swamp. He moved from Virginia into Chowan County in 1739, leaving Chowan around 1758 to go back to Nansemond to take care of his mother after his father died. He would have taken his children with him, and at that time John would have been about eight years of age. Robert is proven to be a landholder in the Vestry Book of the Upper Parish from the years of 1764 through 1768 but then he moved back in Chowan before 1772. In 1774, Robert and his mother Sarah were living in Chowan on Bennett's Creek when he sold land to Luke Sumner. Later, he and his family lived in Hertford County. Robert and his son John are taxed in District Number 4 in 1779 along with two other Peelles, William and Thomas. John was born in North Carolina but as the Heritage book states, "he came from Virginia," a true statement. Paul Peel stated that he came to North Carolina in 1768, another true statement

John Peal is mystified by the story that he came from England. It is the same story as was told about John Jellary Peele (1729-1804) who lived in the same area and owned a ferry that he operated crossing the Roanoke River. John-1729 is proven by Quaker records to be a member of the family all the way back to its beginning, yet it is stated in many family letters that he was from England. Yes, these gentlemen were English. Everyone born before 1775 in the colonies was English by birth. They were not yet Americans.

Another indicator that these four cousins are all in the same family is the names of their children "**Mills**" and "**Miles**." John's oldest son is named Mills. His 1st cousin Thomas, son of William, has a son named Miles. John's brother Dempsey had twins named Mills and Miles. No other family line has these names. If John had come directly from England of a different family as told by tradition, this similarity of children's names in the same geographical area would not have happened. It is too coincidental. Dempsey, son of Robert-1712, was named after Colonel Dempsey Sumner, who had been a neighbor of the family in both Nansemond County and Chowan-Hertford County area.

The 1782 Hertford tax records show that William-1705 and Robert-1712 had died leaving only a Thomas, John, William, and Dempsey in that county. John had moved from Hertford to Bladen, and then to Martin County where he bought 100 acres from John Reddick for 25 pounds in Griffins Township, Martin Co., NC, on 10 November 1787. Dempsey and Edward were listed in

Hertford County in the 1790 Census.

The following chart was prepared to show those who were living North Carolina and the years that they were known to be in the specified counties or locations. The children entered here are, for the most part, either the children or grandchildren of William-1705 and Robert-1712. I believe that most of the Hertford entries are primarily Robert-1712's descendents.

Individual Birth Year	Known County Location by Year												
	1753	1757	1768	1769	1770	1772	1774	1779	1782	1784	1789	1790	1800
William-1705	Cho					Cho							
Robert-1712	Cho						Cho	Her					
Jesse -1720	Cho		VA										
Daniel		Ber			Her								
William			Her	Her	Her			Her	Her	Her			
John				Gra				Her		Bla	Her	Mar	
Joseph				Gra	Her								
Thomas							Cho	Her	Her	Her	Her		Mar
Edward								Her	Her	Her		Her	Mar
Dempsey									Her	Her		Her	Edg
Edward										Her			
Robert										Her	Her		
Moses										Her			

Legend: Ber = Bertie Bla = Bladen Cho = Chowan
 Edg = Edgecombe Gra = Granville Her = Hertford Mar = Martin

For the future researcher, the Eastern North Carolina area is one of the biggest challenges. The Peeles living there had not followed the Quaker discipline; rather, they were Primitive Baptist or Methodist. Neither kept precise records or prized education as did their Quaker cousins just a few miles west in Northampton County. There are so many mysteries.

Family Obits

In addition to losing a great cousin and friend in Henry Powell, we also have the loss of my half Second Cousin James Andrew Peele, Sr. on January 31, 2009 and just like in the love story immediately followed by his wife Mary Delores "Dee" (Seward) on March 19, 2009. We also lost Mildred Peele, wife of my half 2nd Cousin Edward Vernon Peele.



Henry Powell, Jr. Frederick Henry Powell, Jr. - WILSON died Wednesday, January 28th, 2009 at Wilson Medical Center. He was born August 9, 1936, in Wilson. He was the son of the late Frederick Henry Powell and Laura Cox Powell but also a Peele descendent. Educated in the Wilson Schools, he graduated from Atlantic Christian College and did post graduate studies at North Carolina State University, James Madison University, and received his master's degree in Education from the University of Virginia. He taught science in Hampton, Va., and in Fairfax County, Va., served as Head of the Science Department, then Science Supervisor for the Fairfax County, Va., school system. He ultimately became Assistant Superintendent of Falls Church, Va., schools. Leaving the public school sector, he worked in the emerging computer science support

field and operated Doorways to Britain, a tour company, for several years. Later he moved to California and joined the faculties of two private schools, where he taught science and served as international recruiter. Henry returned to Wilson in 1990 and operated a computer sales and service business. He also taught computer software courses at Wilson Technical Community College.

An avid traveler, he enjoyed arranging and conducting tours, particularly to Great Britain, where he had lived for two years. Also an enthusiastic genealogist, he combined the two interests in "Ancestours," planning and conducting privately arranged heritage tours in England, Scotland and Ireland. He served as president and treasurer of the Wilson County Genealogical Society and wrote a column on the genealogy of Wilson County families for the Wilson Daily Times. He conceived of and co-edited a book about the founding fathers of Wilson County that will be published by the Wilson County Genealogical Society in the near future. He also served on the board of Preservation of Wilson.

Henry is survived by his wife, Sue Evans Powell; daughters, Lisa Broitman and husband, Henry, of Kensington, MD., and Elizabeth Cathel and husband, John, of Richmond, Va.; a son, Timothy A. Powell and wife, Nancy, of Richmond, VA.; grandchildren, Georgia Broitman, Lindsey Broitman, Declan Cathel, Marley Cathel and Anna Powell; two uncles, Guy O. Cox and wife, Maxine of Wilson and William Cox of Charleston, SC.

A memorial service will be held at Joyner's Funeral Home, 4100 Raleigh Road Parkway at 2 p.m. Sunday. Visitation will be 1 – 2 p.m. Sunday at Joyner's Funeral Home and at other times at the home. In lieu of flowers, memorials in his memory may be directed to Wilson County Genealogical Society, PO Box 802, Wilson, NC 27894, or to the Local History Collection of the Wilson County Public Library, 249 Nash St., W., Wilson, NC 27893. (Obituary taken from the Joyner's Funeral Home on 1/29/2009 - Contributed by Carol Forbes of the Wilson County Genealogy Society. Picture contributed by his wife Sue Evans Powell.)

Genealogical Line -- 13th Generation to Lawrence: Frederick Henry¹³ Powell, Jr., (Laura Olivia¹² Cox, Elizabeth "Lizzie"¹¹ Hill, Sarah Elizabeth¹⁰ Ellis, Josiah Robert Peele "Josie"⁹, Mary "Polly"⁸ Peelle, Robert⁷, Robert⁶, Robert⁵, Robert⁴, Robert³, Robert², Lawrence¹)



James Peele, Sr.

James Andrew Peele, Sr., a resident of Dothan, AL passed away on Saturday, January 31, 2009 at his home. He was 85.

Funeral services, with Military Honors provided by the U.S. Navy, were held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, February 2, 2009 at Sunset Memorial Park with the Rev. William Gerald Peele officiating and Robert Byrd directing. After a release of Doves interment was held in the Freedom Park Veterans Garden at Sunset Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Southern Care Hospice, 2620 Montgomery Hwy, Suite 2, Dothan, AL, 36303.

Mr. Peele was born on July 9, 1923 in Farmville, NC and was raised on a family farm in Gibson, NC. He was a veteran of WWII serving in the U.S. Navy for several years receiving the WWII Victory Medal, the American Area Ribbon and the Asiatic Pacific Area Ribbon. Following his service he worked for Seaboard Railroad for 14 years and later as a letter carrier with the U.S.

Postal Service for over 25 years. A 50 year resident of Athens, GA, he was a member of the Prospect United Methodist Church and a die hard Georgia Bulldog supporter.

Mr. Peele was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond and Mary, and by his brothers Lyon and Bobby.

Survivors include his wife Mary Delores Peele of Dothan; sons, James Peele, Jr. (Christy) of Dothan, William Gerald Peele (Rachel) of Rock Spring, GA; daughters, Sharon Butcher (Frank) of Valdosta, GA, Robin Dobbins (David) of Knoxville, TN; 9 grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren; brothers, Jack Peele of Loveland, CO, Hubert Peele of North Carolina; sisters, Frances Keener (Bill) of North Carolina, Janet Peele of Albuquerque, NM; a host of nieces and nephews. (Contributed by Cousin Willis Peele. Published in the Dothan Eagle on 1/31/2009)

Genealogical Line -- 12th Generation to Lawrence Peelle. **James Andrew "Jim"¹² Peele, Sr.** (Raymond¹¹, Andrew Hardred¹⁰ Peelle, William "Bill"⁹, Robert⁸, David⁷, Robert⁶, Robert⁵, Robert⁴, Robert³, Robert², Lawrence¹).



Mary Delores "Dee" Peele, of Dothan, passed away Thursday, March 19, 2009 at Flowers Hospital. She was 81.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, March 21, 2009 at 1 p.m. in the Sunset Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. William Gerald Peele officiating. Burial will follow in Sunset Memorial Park with Robert Byrd directing. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 12:30 until 1 on Saturday. Mrs. Peele was born in New Haven, Kentucky on January 22,

1928 and grew up in Louisville, KY. She was married in 1948 and raised 2 sons and 2 daughters. She was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother. Her family was her greatest strength and love. Mrs. Peele was a 50 year resident of Athens, Georgia and was a member of Prospect United Methodist Church. She enjoyed cooking, sewing, bird watching, and gardening. Her yard was registered with the Audubon Society.

Mrs. Peele was preceded in death by her husband James Andrew Peele, Sr. and by her parents, Luke McKinley Seward and Hester Agness Despain.

Survivors include her sons, James Peele, Jr. (Christy), Dothan, William Gerald Peele (Rachel), Rock Spring, GA; her daughters, Sharon Butcher (Frank), Valdosta, GA, Robin Dobbins (David), Knoxville, TN; 9 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren; her brother, Sonny (Ann) Seward, Louisville, KY; and her sister, Yvonne Cook, Cincinnati, OH; a host of nieces and nephews also survive.

(Contributed by Cousin Willis Peele. Published in the Dothan Eagle on 3/20/2009)

Genealogical Line -- 12th Generation to Lawrence Peelle through her spouse. **James Andrew "Jim"¹² Peele, Sr.** (Raymond¹¹, Andrew Hardred¹⁰ Peelle, William "Bill"⁹, Robert⁸, David⁷, Robert⁶, Robert⁵, Robert⁴, Robert³, Robert², Lawrence¹).



Mildred G. Peele, NORFOLK - Mildred Guilds Peele, 95, died Feb. 9, 2009. Millie was born in Bamberg, S.C., Aug. 5, 1913, and was the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John Caldwell Guilds. She was predeceased by her husband of 50 years, E. Vernon Peele in 1990. She was a graduate of Columbia College and received her master's degree in English from Duke University. Millie loved teaching English and taught in Norfolk at the now Williams School, Granby High School, Norfolk Academy and at Old Dominion University where she retired. During the 90s, Millie spent nine summers teaching at the Limerick Youth Center for disadvantaged youth in Limerick, Ireland, living in the school convent. She did volunteer work with Norfolk Juvenile Courts, the Larchmont United Methodist Church and with numerous reading and writing programs offered by Norfolk Public Schools and Old Dominion University. In the late 60s, Millie was a co-founder of the NATO Book Club which still meets regularly. She belonged to a number of educational organizations and was a member of the Kiwanis Club of Norfolk. Suggest traveling, and Millie was ready to go.

Mildred Peele

Her travels included much of Europe, Alaska, several visits to Churchill, Canada to view the polar bears, and to Akulivik, Canada near the Arctic Circle, to observe the Inuit Indians and their way of life. She loved animals and spending time observing nature. She was a lifelong member and supporter of the Audubon Society and enjoyed taking trips with Elderhostel tours. Millie was a member of the Larchmont United Church for 60 years. She found good in all people and in almost any situation. Millie was never one to complain.

She is survived by her brother, Dr. John Caldwell Guilds Jr. of Fayetteville, Ark.; her daughter, Ruth E. Peele; her son, Edward V. Peele Jr. and partner, Crystal Wass, all of Norfolk; and extended family members, Marge Reed and Gilda Chavis. Gilda, Millie's devoted and faithful friend, became her personal caregiver for her last seven years and is truly one of God's special people. The family wishes to thank Millie's friends at Harbour Pointe for their care and support over the last five years. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. in Larchmont United Methodist Church Thursday by the Rev. Scott Rimer. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Larchmont United Methodist Church Education Fund, 1101 Jamestown Crescent, Norfolk, VA 23508 or to the ODU College Writing Center, c/o ODU Office of Development, 4417 Monarch Way, 4th Floor, Norfolk, VA 23529. H.D. Oliver Funeral Apts., Norfolk Chapel, is handling arrangements. Online condolences may be made through www.hdoliver.com. (Published in the Virginia Pilot, February 10, 2009.)

Genealogical Line -- 12th Generation to Lawrence through her spouse: **Edward Vernon¹² Peele, Sr.** (Clarence Edward¹¹, Andrew Hardred¹⁰ Peelle, William "Bill"⁹, Robert⁸, David⁷, Robert⁶, Robert⁵, Robert⁴, Robert³, Robert², Lawrence¹)

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