



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

From The Editor

In this *Lawrence, Etc.*, we have the pleasure to document an author of a song for the first time. Although *William Franklin Peele's* work is not the most renown, it is still worthwhile to set the record straight and to give him credit due.

How many of our relatives have businesses or companies? The *Peele Company* owned and operated by our cousins R. B. Peele and Hank Peele celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2005. We highlight information on their company, graciously sent to me by R.B. Peele. Also R.B. sent me a new picture of his father in *Our Senior Citizen* section.

Just like a flash summer is now gone and autumn is arriving. We had the wettest spring and summer ever recorded in San Antonio, doubling our annual rainfall of 33 inches in just seven months. And then it went dry. On the temperature side, it is also one of the coolest years with the highs being in the low 90s. We did not reach the usual 100 degree marks.

Trish and I have been on vacation to Switzerland, England, Scotland, and New York. Trish's mother, "Margaritha Bertha Willemina Mary Scheuber", was born in Ebikon, Switzerland in 1906. As part of our vacation, we wanted to visit the area where she was born and feel part of her past. But what was not planned was the accidental meeting of two 7th Scheuber family cousins. Franz and Alois Scheuber were super helpful in gaining information on the Scheuber family. We located and went to Mass in the Catholic church where Mother was baptized. We also saw the building where Trish's grandfather Alois Scheuber lived as a young boy before he immigrated to England. It turns out that Trish is the descendent of the Patron Saint of Switzerland, St. Nicholas von Flue. One of his daughters, Dorothea, married into the Scheuber family but that is another very interesting story.

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Help Wanted!!!

Send your articles to Horace via email at horace@peelee.info or to the San Antonio address on the back page.

A Salute to Our Senior Citizens



If you know any family senior citizen, male or female, around 90 years, please send their name, picture, date of birth, age, address, and how they are related to a Peele descendant, by what ever spelling. Their name will automatically be added to the newsletter list, at no charge. Also please send any updates that you have on our Seniors.

Maurine Jones

March 29, 1905 age 102**

(Mother of Alice Plane, Gdaughter of Elizabeth Peele Pidgeon, descended from Reuben Peele.)

Maurine Jones

5050 Lincoln Avenue, Apt. 24
Evansville, IN 47715

Carrie Mae Peel Williams

October 16, 1915, age 92 (soon)

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

Carrie Mae Peel Williams

6805 West Riverbend Road
Dunnellon, FL 34433



Hazel Peele McIntosh
December 22, 1917, age 90
(soon)

(Daughter of Willis and Annie Brown Peele, Aunt Hazel of Cousin Willis Peele.)

Hazel Peele McIntosh

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Robert B. Peele
May 26, 1919, age 88

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

Robert B. Peele, Sr.

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Rydal, PA 19046

***Have you sent a card to our seniors lately?
Two Birthdays coming up soon!!!***

We need a picture of Maurine and Carrie!

Do you have someone to add to this page?

Feature Article

Documenting an Author of a Song – William Franklin Peele

William Franklin Peele (1869-1952), the son of Alexander Foy "Alec" Peelle (1840-1927) and Dianah Hannah "Dicy" Marsh (1844-1919), was born in Surry County, North Carolina, where he married twice and had eleven children. His 10th generation genealogical line to Lawrence is: William Franklin¹⁰, Alexander Foy "Alec"⁹ Peelle, James H.⁸, Margaret "Peggy"⁷, Reuben⁶, Josiah⁵, Robert⁴, Robert³, Robert², Lawrence¹.

One of his grandchildren, Robert Franklin "Frank" Brown, contacted me by email stating that he had found the words to a song in a family Bible owned by his Mother, Ethel Mae Peele (1908-1984). She was the daughter of William Franklin Peele.

Unfortunately Frank died on July 6, 2002, before we got to know each other. Out of respect for Frank and to credit his grandfather with authorship to the song, I am including information that I learned about the song. Frank sent me the three images that are on the next three pages. These were written by William Franklin Peele. He signed the last page and dated it on November 28, 1903. He was living in Wesley, NC at that time as shown under his signature.

I tried several sites on the Internet to determine who is listed as the author of the current song but failed on each attempt. I knew that Wink Martindale had recorded the song since I had heard him sing it so I contacted him to enlist his help. I asked him if he could determine the listed author of credit. Wink was very graceful in trying to determine the same, this was his answer:

"Deck of Cards" was purportedly written by the late singer/songwriter/minister T. Texas Tyler following WWII. I made my recording in 1959. That's about all I know regarding the narrative, except that I have just re-recorded it in my new CD titled, "Winking At Life" - God, Country, Mom & Apple Pie.

In return, I sent Wink a digital copy the last - third page of the manuscript and he responded:

Thanks for e-mailing a copy of what looks to be yet another version [perhaps the first for all I know] of "Deck of Cards".

I know nothing about the reading other than what I mentioned in my first response to you. The parchment from your family Bible is very interesting. Thanks for the trouble of sending it to me.

Blessings,

Wink Martindale

Here are the three images, please read them carefully. Notice the signature, location, and date signed on the bottom of the third page.

A Pack of cards

When I see the ace, it reminds me there is but one god. When I see the deuce it reminds me of father & son. When I see the three it reminds me of father, son & Holy ghost. When I see 4 spot it reminds me of the four Evangelists that preached, Matthew, Mark, Luke & John. When I meet the 5 it reminds me of the five wise virgins that trimmed their lamps, there were ten, but 5 were wise & 5 were foolish & were cast out. When I see the 6 it reminds me that in six days God made heaven & earth. When I see the 7 it reminds me on the 7 day he rested from ~~all his works~~.

The great work he had created & hallowed it. The 8 reminds me of the 8 righteous persons that were ^{saved} when God destroyed the world. Noah & his wife with three sons & three ~~daughters~~ ^{daughters}. When I see the 9 it reminds me of the 9 lepers that were cleansed by our savior. There were 9 out

+0
out of ten

who never returned thanks.
When I see the 10 it reminds me of
the 10 commandments which were
handed down to Moses on tablets
of stone. When I see the king
I am reminded of the king
of heaven which is God almighty
when I see the queen I am
reminded of the queen of Sheba
for she was as wise a woman
as Solomon was a man. She
brought her fifty boys & fifty
girls, all dressed in boys
apparel for King Solomon to
tell which were boys & which
were girls. King Solomon sent
for water for them to wash
the girls washed to their elbows
the boys to their wrists. So King
Solomon told by that
The knave term to the tiger
fool. when I count how many spots
there are in a pack I find 365
as many days as there are in a
year. on counting the number of
cards in a pack I find 52 the
number of weeks in a year
and I find 4 suits the number

Weeks in a month. I find
there are 12 picture cards
representing the number of
months in a year. and on count-
ing the number of tricks I find
13 the number of weeks in a quarter

So you see Sir a pack of
cards serves for a bible, a
almanac & a common prayer
Book

W. F. Peelle.

Wesley me

Nov 2. 8. 1903

W. F. Peelle

W. F. Peelle

The spoken narrative recorded by T. Texas Tyler and Wink Martindale is slightly different than the words written.

NARRATIVE:

During the North African campaign, a bunch of soldier boys had been on a long hike and they arrived in a little town called Casino. The next morning being Sunday, several of the boys went to Church. A sergeant commanded the boys in Church and after the Chaplain had read the prayer, the text was taken up next. Those of the boys who had a prayer book took them out, but this one boy had only a deck of cards, and so he spread them out. The Sergeant saw the cards and said, "Soldier, put away those cards." After the service was over, the soldier was taken prisoner and brought before the Provost Marshall.

The Marshall said, "Sergeant, why have you brought this man here?" "For playing cards in church, Sir." "And what have you to say for yourself, son?" "Much, Sir," replied the soldier. The Marshall said, "I hope so, for if not I shall punish you more than any man was ever punished." The soldier said, "Sir, I have been on the march for about six days. I have neither a Bible nor a prayer book, but I hope to satisfy you, Sir, with the purity of my intentions." And with that, the boy started his story:

"You see Sir, when I look at the "Ace," it reminds me that there is but one God. And the "Deuce" reminds me that the Bible is divided into two parts, the Old and the New Testaments. When I see the "Trey," I think of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. And when I see the "Four," I think of the four Evangelists who preached the Gospel; there was Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. And when I see the "Five," it reminds me of the five wise virgins who trimmed their lamps; there were ten of them: five were wise and were saved, five were foolish and were shut out. When I see the "Six," it reminds me that in six days, God made this great heaven and earth. When I see the "Seven," it reminds me that on the seventh day, God rested from His great work. And when I see the "Eight," I think of the eight righteous persons God saved when He destroyed this earth; there was Noah, his wife, their sons and their wives. And when I see the "Nine," I think of the lepers our Savior cleansed, and nine out of the ten didn't even thank Him. When I see the "Ten," I think of the Ten Commandments God handed down to Moses on a table of stone. When I see the "King," it reminds me that there is but one King of Heaven, God Almighty. And when I see the "Queen," I think of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who is Queen of Heaven. And the "Jack" or "Knave" is the Devil. When I count the number of spots on a deck of cards, I find 365, the number of days in a year. There are 52 cards, the number of weeks in a year. There are 4 suits, the number of weeks in a month. There are 12 picture cards, the number of months in a year. There are 13 tricks, the number of weeks in a quarter. So you see, Sir, my pack of cards serves me as a Bible, an Almanac and a Prayer Book."

"And friends, the story is true. I know, I was that soldier."

(Deck of Cards, Wink Martindale, Dot 45-15968, (T. Texas Tyler) American Music BMI. These above lyrics are for the specific recording referenced above, and are for personal use and research interest only.)

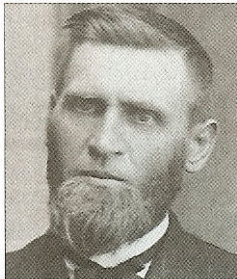
The Peelle Company – 100 Years

The following article was sent to me by “RB” Peelle who genealogical line is as follows.

Beatty "R.B."¹² Peelle, Jr. (1945), the son of Robert Beatty "Bob" Peelle (1919) and Gertrude "Gemmy" Maginniss (1918) was born in New York. He is married to Ann Christine "Susie" Gach and has four children. His 12th generation genealogical line to Lawrence is: Robert Beatty "R.B."¹² Peelle, Jr., Robert Beatty "Bob"¹¹, Henry Edmund¹⁰, John⁹, Henry Edmond⁸, James⁷, Edmund⁶, John Jellary⁵, Robert⁴, Robert³, Robert², Lawrence¹.

The article below is quoted directly from RB’s advertisement.

As Peelle begins to celebrate their 100-year anniversary (1905-2005) in the elevator industry, it’s reminded that no other supplier company in the elevator industry has remained under the same ownership. Peelle recognizes its 100-year anniversary as the date it incorporated in the State of New York, however, its manufacturing roots are much older and spread to the Midwest. Charles Peelle helped organize the Richmond Safety Gate Company in 1891 located in Richmond, Indiana, to manufacture hoistway covers, safety gates, fire doors and fire shutters; the earliest for of elevator hoistway opening protection.



Caleb Peelle
Founder
1905-1911

It was the Richmond Safety Gate that inspired Charles’ brother Caleb to develop a more secure barrier in the form of a counterbalanced freight elevator hoistway door, designed to protect a building in case of a hoistway fires. This door was fire proof with a wood core and steel cladding on both sides. With this product, the Peelle Door, Caleb incorporated the Peelle Company in 1905 in New York City. He was the company’s first president. The door also entitled Peelle to lay claim to pioneering freight elevator doors, since no other company manufactured a rugged, bi-parting hoistway door for freight application during the early 1900s.



Henry Peelle
Peelle Co. President
1907-1949

By 1907, Henry Peelle, Caleb’s nephew, joined the company, and The Peelle Company received UL approval. With Otis Elevator Company manufacturing in Yonkers, New York, just upriver from Peelle’s Brooklyn factory, the two companies began to work on several projects together, a relationship that continues this day. Just two years later, in 1909, The Peelle Company received the first of its 214 patents, and the Richmond Safe Gate Company changed its name to the Richmond Fireproof Door Company.

Henry took over the president reins when Caleb died in 1911 and remained president until 1949. During his tenure, The Peelle Company expanded nationally by mass producing freight doors, increasing the number of patents and broadening the product line by introducing individually power-operated doors, safety interlocks, electric controls, doors that “self sealed,” a hoistway opening, a penthouse operator that could open doors one at a time from a single machine located in the overhead space, and even escalators.

Henry also instigated the purchase of the Richmond Fireproof Door Company by the Peelle

Company in 1921. That company continued to manufacture horizontal sliding fire doors and swing elevator doors. He also made sure that Peelle was part of the war effort during World War II by manufacturing aircraft arresting hooks, gun chest assemblies, machinegun silencers, trailer hitches, flame seals, ship bulkhead doors, watertight and explosion-proof doors, and even hangar doors.



Bob Peelle
Peelle Co. President
1946-1989



Ed Peelle
Peelle Co. Executive VP
1948-1989

Henry's sons, Bob and Ed, took over management of the company after their father retired in 1950. That same year, The Peelle Company was awarded the largest domestic contract at the time for 31 escalators for the New York Port Authority Bus Terminal. Henry died in 1977 at the age of 85 in Florida. He and his wife Inez had proudly raised four children, 23 grandchildren and 64 great-grandchildren.

Bob and Ed took the Peelle Company even further by entering the Canadian market, first with a sale office and later a manufacturing facility. The Peelle Company products at the time were sold with the help of manufacturer representatives located in most major metropolitan cities outside of New York City area. The Peelle Company also ventured into many areas not affiliated with the elevator business, but which offered new opportunities to improve manufacturing techniques, stream-line internal processes and develop a sales force that was well-versed on all aspects of building construction. Some of these areas included: Pass Through Windows (stainless-steel shutters found between industrial kitchens and dining rooms, designed to close in event of fire), Horizontal Sliding Fire Doors, Swing Elevator Doors, Industrial Doors and Blast Doors for highly dangerous venues like paint manufacturing, aircraft hangers and nuclear power plants.

Also, during this period, there were five operating facilities located in Bay Shore, New York; Mississauga, Ontario, Canada; Liberty, Indiana; Monroe, North Carolina; and Poughkeepsie, New York. Additionally, The Peelle Company had Philadelphia and Chicago sales offices. At one time, The Peelle Company had over 300 employees.



RB Peelle
Peelle Co. Chairman
1967-

The next generation took the reins in 1990. R.B., Bob's son, and Hank, Ed's son became chairman of the board and president, respectfully. Unlike their fathers (who are happily enjoying retirement), they decided to focus The Peelle Company's core competency, freight elevator products, so in 1996, they divested the company of all non-elevator related businesses to focus on vertically sliding freight elevator doors for the global elevator market. Today, The Peelle Company operates a new manufacturing facility in Brampton, Ontario, Canada and remains headquartered in Hauppauge, New York with a sales office in Singapore.



Hank Peelle
Peelle Co. President
1977-

The Peelle Company is proud of its employees, who average 20 years of experience. Seven retirees served more than 50 years. The company and its employees look forward to the next 100 years of service to the elevator industry.

End of article.

I personally remember the first “Peelle” escalator that I rode. It was at the National Security Agency. I saw the name on the plate at the end of the escalator and wondered who had misspelled my name! Of course, I had not yet determined that my grandfather was also born a “Peelle” but dropped the second “l”.

In reading the literature that R.B. sent, I found a couple of very interesting installations. In 1999 The Peelle Company provided the doors for the world tallest building, the Petronas Tower in Kuala Lumpur. In 2000, they provided doors to the White House. Their “Peelle Team 2005” documentation names 116 employees including R.B., Hank, and Christopher, R.B.’s son. Congratulations to *The Peelle Company, R.B., Hank, et al!*

Disconnected Families

Puzzle Time!! I have a three inch binder of what I like to call my *Ancient Orphans*. Of course these entries in my book are not orphans, it is just that we do not have any more information to connect them into the family. Every once in a while, I get a new clue and something connects. I am listing a couple of these here. Maybe you have some clues or maybe you would like to solve a mystery. If you do, let me know please. It is always fun to solve a **mystery**.



With the help of Cousin Claudia J. Williams, I compiled the following family through several obituaries that were dated back in 2006. The funeral home was the Caughman-Harman Funeral Homes in Lexington, SC. They were not willing to divulge any information on the family. If you live close to that area and you can research this family for me, I would appreciate it. Who are the parents of James Blaine Peele, Sr?

Descendants of James Blaine Peele, Sr.

Generation No. 1

1. James Blaine¹ Peele, Sr. He married **Lilla Roof**.

Child of James Peele and Lilla Roof is:

+ 2 i. James Blaine² Peele, Jr., born 1928; died 25 Jan 2005 in Lexington, SC.

Generation No. 2

2. James Blaine² Peele, Jr. (James Blaine¹) was born 1928, and died 25 Jan 2005 in Lexington, SC. He married **Bobbie Jean Kleckley**, daughter of Virgil Kleckley and Annie Martin. She was born in Lexington, SC, and died 15 Jan 2006 in Lexington, SC.

Children of James Peele and Bobbie Kleckley are:

- 3 i. Dorothy J.³ Peele, born in Twin.
- + 4 ii. Glenda Peele, born in Twin.
- + 5 iii. Mona Lisa Peele.
- 6 iv. James Buel Peele, born 31 Oct 1956 in Fort Bragg, NC; died 20 Nov 2006 in Gaston, SC. He married Sonja Renee Whisennant.

Generation No. 3

4. Glenda³ Peele (James Blaine², James Blaine¹) was born in Twin. She married **[Mr] Asbill**.

Children of Glenda Peele and [Mr] Asbill are:

- 7 i. Mynnda⁴ Asbill.
- 8 ii. Alex Asbill.

5. Mona Lisa³ Peele (James Blaine², James Blaine¹) She married **Barry Holcombe**.

Child of Mona Peele and Barry Holcombe is:

- 9 i. Jessica Ann⁴ Holcombe.



Looking back at some older email I found this entry in my binder. Dalma did not provide any more information. But I somehow got the name William Strauss Peele so I do not know the correct name for this individual, is it William Strauss Peele or Charles Strauss Peele? Can anyone in the Princeton, NC, area help solve this one?

Descendants of William Strauss Peele

Generation No. 1

1. William Strauss¹ Peele He married **Carrie Mae Massey**.

Notes for William Strauss Peele:

!My name is Dalma Ray Peele Jr, I saw your web page and I think it is really good. My father is Dalma Ray Peele Sr from Princeton N.Carolina. I would like to know if we are related and either way would like to meet you.... Most people call me Doc because I sign my name D.R."Doc" Peele but you can call me Dal Or Dalma or Ray if you would like. Looking forward to your email.

!DEAR HORACE,

MY GRANDFATHER IS CHARLES STRAUSS PEELE, AND MY GRANDMA'S NAME IS CARRIE MAE MASSEY. THANKS,
DALMA

Children of William Peele and Carrie Massey are:

- + 2 i. Dalma Ray² Peele, Sr.
Child of Dalma Ray Peele, Sr. is Dalma Ray Peele, Jr..
- 3 ii. William Peele.

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