



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

From The Editor

Robert B. Peelle celebrated his 80th birthday on May the 26th. Congratulations Robert, we all hope that you can shoot your age in golf!!!

I heard from Diane Peel Walls and her mother has been placed into a care facility and Diane says she loves it very much! I added her picture to our senior's page so please send her a card.

Things have been going astray for me. My heart had been in sinus rhythm for the last 14 months until April. Then out of the blue it goes again. The electro physiologist gave me the paddle to shock it back into rhythm for the fourth time. In May it went out for the fifth time.

On the 14th of July, I had an ablation where the doctor inserted six catheters in the groin leading to my heart. He eliminated over 40 extra "short circuits" in the left atrium which was making me out of rhythm. Then he shocked me back into rhythm, shock number five.

Twelve hours later and I am out of rhythm. Now I am on a rhythm pill until 1 September when they will shock me for the sixth time. Being out of rhythm

has not really bothered me except for being tired with achy legs. What does bother me is taking more pills to try to keep the old ticker in rhythm. I hate pills (not Peeles).

This quarter's *Feature Articles*, "*The Tale of Two Dempsey Peelles*" attempts to straighten out some errors in previous records and the one on "*Joshua W. Peele*" honors a 25 year old cousin who has done himself and the family proud in his National Park Service adventure.

Thanks to Barbara Strickland, Chipley, FL, for the nicely written biography on her father Charles Brown Peel.

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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

*Have you sent a card to our seniors lately?
We need to add a few seniors – let's add yours!!*



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

6805 West Riverbend Road
Dunnellon, FL 34433



Robert B. Peelle

May 26, 1919, age 90

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

Robert B. Peelle, Sr.

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Rydal, PA 19046

Happy Birthday!!



Geraldine "Jerry" Marsh Peel

11 Feb 1926, age 84

(Wife of Walter Lee "Buck" Peel, Jr. 1928-1998, Mother of Diane Peel Walls.)

Geraldine Peel

St John Towers
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***Have you sent a card to our seniors lately?
Do you have someone to add to this page?***

Feature Article

The Tale of Two Dempsey Peelles. For more information on this article please refer to the article *Robert Peelle (1712-1782) and his son John Peal (1750-1830)* in the January-March quarterly for this year. In that article, you will notice that Robert-1712 had a son named Dempsey-1753. The other Dempsey-1777 is the son Josiah Peelle-1752. The year behind their name is my generally accepted birth year for them since actual dates are unknown. They are 2nd cousins once removed.

The reason that I have included this material is actually to straighten out some records. Maybe you are one of those who have wrong information and if you are and if I mislead you then I sincerely apologize. If I remember right, Cousin John Chew really helped validate the family of Dempsey-1777. This article today started because I received an email from Diane Peel Walls about the conflict that exists on these two Dempseys. This is the email I received:

Horace, would you look at this family report I got from someone on Dempsey Peelle and tell me what you think of it, please. It is not at all what I have on "my" Dempsey yet this is the same names as she has. She has Josiah Peelle as the father of Dempsey Peelle, where I have **Robert Peelle (b 1712) & Sarah** as the parents of **Dempsey**. Then I have **William (b 1679)** as the **grandfather of Dempsey** where she has Joshua Peelle (b 1720). And she has Joshua as the son of Robert and Elizabeth Edgerton Peelle, which I didn't have, either. She has Dempsey's children correct.

The someone Diane referred to is Carmen Jean Beazley, now Jean Guice, whom both she and Diane are descendents of Dempsey-1755. Back in 1998 Jean wrote to Diane stating the following:

I have been working on my family tree for about 30 years. About ten years ago began corresponding with a distant cousin in Meridian, MS who was also a descendant of Dempsey Peel. She passed away several years ago, but I wrote her husband and got a copy of a manuscript she put together on the family. Horace Peele also has some information in it.

In a simple short story, there were two Dempsey's born about the around the same time. Back in the 1990s and from data given me, we had some of the children listed under the wrong Dempsey. Much of it was given to me by others who I can't remember at this time. But the problem was that Robert-1712 had not been documented back then so we did not know his family had a Dempsey-1753.

Dempsey Peelle-1755 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 also in Chowan County, NC after their families moved. Both families had multiple land holdings in each of these counties and were next door neighbors in some cases. Robert Peelle is proven by deeds to be the son of William Peelle (1679) and both he and his brother William moved into the Chowan County area. Both raised their families in this area. There are many references to

Peelle family members in this area in the late 1700 tax rolls. See the last *Lawrence, Etc.* but shows that Dempsey-1755 is the son of Robert-1712.

Dempsey Sumner moved to Hertford County probably in the 1760s. He appears in the 1768, 1769, and 1770 Hertford Co. tax lists with considerable property. He is listed as "Col." Dempsey Sumner. The Sumner's remained a prominent family in the St. John neighborhood near Ahoskie for many years. Considering the records from Chowan County on Dempsey Sumner, and the fact that he, too was near Daniel Peelle and Robert Peelle in the Hertford tax lists, he was the source of the name Dempsey Peelle, with Robert naming his son after someone he greatly admired.

Descendants of Robert Peelle

1. Robert⁵ Peelle (William⁴, Robert³, Robert², Lawrence¹) was born Abt. 1712 in Upper Parish, Nansemond Co., VA, and died Abt. 1782 in Hertford Co., NC.

The four Children of Robert Peelle are:

- 2 i. William M.⁶ Peele, born Abt. 1747 in Chowan Co., NC; died Abt. 1819 in Nansemond Co., VA.
- 3 ii. John Peal, born 1750 in Chowan Co., NC; died 21 Nov 1830 in Buried on his own land near Smithwick's Creek, Martin Co., NC. He married Elizabeth Reddick?; born Abt. 1755 in Perquimans Co., NC.
- 4 iii. Edward Peelle, born Abt. 1751 in Chowan Co., NC; died Bef. 1810 in Bear Grass Area, Martin Co., NC. He married Sarah [Peelle]; born Abt. 1752; died Aug 1829 in Bear Grass Area, Martin Co., NC.
- 5 iv. **Dempsey Peelle**, born 1755 in Chowan Co., NC; died Oct 1811 in Edgecombe Co., NC. He married Bashaba State; born Abt. 1777.

The three known Children of Dempsey Peelle and Bashaba State are:

- 1 i. Mills⁷ Peelle, born Abt. 1784 in Edgecombe Co., NC; died Abt. 1865 in In "The Old Homeplace", Millen, GA. He married Delilah "Dillie" Drake Abt. 1811 in NC; born Abt. 1790 in Edgecombe Co., NC; died Abt. 1875 in Family Farm, Burke Co., GA.
- 2 ii. Miles Peelle, born Abt. 1784 in NC (Lived 1850: Burke Co., GA). He married Fruny Farless 02 Dec 1828 in Edgecombe Co., NC; born Abt. 1800.
- 3 iii. Elijah "Elisha" Peelle, born 1790 in Hertford Co., NC. He married (1) Matilda Loyd; born Abt. 1790 in VA. He married (2) Frocha Farris; born Abt. 1782.

A Bastardy Bond is filed on Dempsey Peelle by a Bashaba State in 1797 in the State Of North Carolina, Bastardly Bonds Records, 14 Pages, Bertie County 1739 to 1879. This would lead to the speculation that she was the mother of his children. Who was born in 1797 is unknown. Also please note that the children of this Dempsey moved to Georgia. Now the other Dempsey.

I have quite a few references on this family as far as deeds, etc, showing a chronology of events. If you are interested contact me and I'll send them either by email or by printed copy. I have a total of 109 pages of material printed in the National Genealogical Society Quarterly Descendent Ordered format.

On the second Dempsey-1777, Pete Austin is one of the main descendants of this line. He provide valuable information on the family tree. For this line, I have a total of 80 pages of material printed in the National Genealogical Society Quarterly Descendent Ordered format. Pete descends from William H. Peele, number 6 below.

Descendants of Josiah Peelle, Sr.

1. Josiah⁶ Peelle, Sr. (Joshua⁵, Robert⁴, Robert³, Robert², Lawrence¹) was born 1752 in Bertie Co., NC, and died Bef. 13 Apr 1843 in Bertie Co., NC. He married **Judah "Milley" Higgs** Abt. 1772, daughter of John Higgs and Judah Harrell. She was born 1752 in Bertie Co., NC, and died Bef. 1841 in Bertie Co., NC.

Children of Josiah Peelle and Judah Higgs are:

- 2 i. Exum⁷ Peelle, born 1774 in Bertie Co., NC; died Abt. Feb 1857 in Bertie Co., NC. He married (1) Rhody Harrell 08 Nov 1804 in Bertie Co., NC; born Abt. 1780 in Bertie Co., NC; died Abt. 1830. He married (2) Elizabeth Wilkes 03 May 1831 in Bertie Co., NC; born Abt. 1811.
- 3 ii. Lawrence Peelle, born Abt. 1775 in Bertie Co., NC.
- 4 iii. Dempsey Peelle, born Abt. 1777 in Bertie Co., NC; died 1838 in Near Kelford, Bertie Co., NC. He married Judith Baker Seay 24 Feb 1799; born Abt. 1780. **(See children below)**
- 5 iv. Judah "Judith" Peelle, born Abt. 1779 in Bertie Co., NC. She married Isom Harrell 01 Jan 1800 in Bertie Co., NC; born Abt. 1779.
- 6 v. William H. Peelle, born Abt. 1780 in Bertie Co., NC; died Abt. Nov 1829 in Bertie Co., NC. He married (1) Lucy Rhodes 11 Aug 1800 in Bertie Co., NC; born Abt. 1780 in Bertie Co., NC; died Bet. 1805 - 1807. He married (2) Sarah "Salley" Young Abt. 1810; born 1792; died Aft. 1860 in Bertie Co., NC.
- 7 vi. Mary Peelle, born Abt. 1782 in Bertie Co., NC; died in Bertie Co., NC. She married Ezekial Smith Cox 25 Sep 1806 in Bertie Co., NC; born 1772 in NC; died 1836 in Bertie Co., NC.
- 8 vii. Elizabeth "Betsy" Peelle, born Abt. 1784 in Bertie Co., NC; died Aft. 1850 in Bertie Co., NC. She married John Cox 19 Nov 1804 in Bertie Co., NC; born 1770 in NC; died Bet. 1830 - 1840 in Bertie Co., NC.
- 9 viii. Lydia Peelle, born Abt. 1792 in Rhode's Place Crossroads, Bertie Co., NC; died Bet. 1850 - 1860 in Bertie Co., NC. She married George W. Cox; born 1784 in NC; died 1840 in Bertie Co., NC.
- 10 ix. Josiah Peelle, Jr., born 1795 in Bertie Co., NC; died Bef. 07 Aug 1857 in Bertie Co., NC. He married Patience Peelle Abt. 1836; born 11 Nov 1816 in Nash Co., NC.
- 11 x. James B. Peelle, born 1799 in Bertie Co., NC; died Aft. 1886 in Bertie Co., NC. He married (1) Elizabeth Harriet Acree 17 Dec 1827 in Bertie Co., NC; born Abt. 1806 in Bertie Co., NC; died Bef. 1838 in Bertie Co., NC. He married (2) Emerline "Emily" Cox Abt. 1838; born 1816 in Northampton Co., NC; died Aft. 1900.
- 12 xi. Celia Peelle, born Abt. 1803 in Bertie Co., NC. She married Rowan Brown 05 Mar 1821 in Bertie Co., NC; born Abt. 1800.

The five known Children of Dempsey Peelle and Judith Seay are:

- 1 i. Mary⁸ Peelle, born Abt. 1800; died 1840 in Bertie Co., NC. She married John Patrick Abt. 1830; born Abt. 1800.
- 2 ii. Lennie M. Peelle, born 06 Dec 1801; died 31 Aug 1892 in St. Francis Methodist Cemetery, Woodville, Bertie Co., NC. She married Edmund Garrett 1816; born 1796 in Williamsburg, VA; died Abt. 1845.
- 3 iii. Margaret B. Peelle, born 1803; died 1888 in Bertie Co., NC. She married (1) Henry Hancock; born Abt. 1805. She married (2) Edwin Womble 1857; born Abt. 1805.
- 4 iv. Eliza Lucinda Peelle, born Abt. 1812; died 1855 in Bertie Co., NC. She married John H. Powell Abt. 1838 in Bertie Co., NC; born 1810; died 1846.
- 5 v. Martha R. Peelle, born Abt. 1815.

Now to the next article.

Additional Feature

Joshua W. Peele. The next article on Joshua W. Peele was sent to me by Cousin Wanda Carolyn Phillips McCann, daughter of Lula Frances Peele, in the following email:

“Haven't heard from me for awhile. I thought you might like to put this in your newsletter. Josh is the son of Donal Peele, who is the son of L. Wayne Peele, who is the son of Henry Edmond Peele. You will have to add my grand-dad Henry Edmond Peele's dad. I think it was William? Josh, is Henry Edmond Peele's great grandson. Keep up the good work. Wanda McCann”

Joshua's Genealogical Line -- 14th Generation to Lawrence: **Joshua W.¹⁴ Peele** (Donal Wayne¹³, Luther Wayne¹², Henry Edmond¹¹, James Edmond¹⁰, William "Bill"⁹ Peelle, Robert⁸, David⁷, Robert⁶, Robert⁵, Robert⁴, Robert³, Robert², Lawrence¹). He was born was born 04 Oct 1982 in Sunrise, Florida. Joshua is my half second cousin twice removed.

Key West, Florida Keys - With activities ranging from a “drag” race for female impersonators to a lighthearted sea battle featuring tall ships, the Conch Republic's 10-day birthday party is set to take place Friday, April 17, through Sunday, April 26.

Showcasing the republic's eccentric spirit, the 27th annual Conch Republic Independence Celebration commemorates the Florida Keys' secession from the United States following a 1982 U.S. Border Patrol blockade that virtually stopped traffic on the only road to the mainland.

In protest, local officials staged the secession. After proclaiming the Conch Republic, they declared war on the mother country, pelted federal agents with stale Cuban bread, surrendered after 60 seconds and demanded \$1 billion in foreign aid.

Today patriots throughout the Keys fly the royal blue flag of the republic, whose motto is “We Seceded Where Others Failed,” and the secession's anniversary is marked by an annual 10-day party.

Coinciding with the 27th annual Conch Republic Independence Celebration, officials from the faux nation unveiled the Conch Republic National Park Service on Saturday.

The new branch of the Conch Republic is looking to set aside land for endangered species, partner with a local nonprofit and create an economic boon, all while having as much fun as possible.

"I thought of the idea and I realized this type of thing couldn't be done without being a part of the Conch Republic," says Joshua Peele, founding director of the Conch Republic National Park Service.

Peele has a background in conservation, formerly working for the Florida Department of Environmental Protection in resource permit and submerged land leases. His first Conch Republic endeavor is in the National Key Deer Refuge on Big Pine Key. For sale: 720,000 one-inch-square pieces of land for \$10 each. They're on a lot of just under an acre just east of Key Deer Boulevard in the Pine Crest subdivision.

The \$10 allows you to own a piece of the rock and receive a quite officious-looking deed suitable for framing (actually, \$9.95 for a uniform deed and \$19.95 for a personalized deed). And a dollar of that goes to Habitat for Humanity of the Lower Keys and Key West.

Late last year, Peele approached Bob Calhoun, executive director of the Lower Keys Habitat chapter, about a potential collaboration. Calhoun was receptive.

So the Conch Republic, acting as Conch Republic Squires LLC, of which Peele is the registered agent, purchased the land, which was originally donated to Habitat but was later deemed environmentally sensitive and unbuildable, for \$100.

Now it's been dubbed the Conch Republic National Key Deer Refuge. It's within the U.S. National Key Deer Refuge, which was established in 1957.

Calhoun says Habitat was "pleased to take a piece of surplus land we had and put it to a special conservation use to protect the endangered Key deer, among other species."

"It's placed under conservation and it will remain there for the Key deer forever," Peele says. The deer, which are the smallest white-tailed deer, are between 45 and 75 pounds fully grown. Habitat destruction and hunting put their numbers down to around 50 in the 1940s. After the refuge was established, the endangered species' numbers have jumped to between 600 and 800.

Other than the money donated to Habitat for Humanity, the rest of the proceeds go toward finding and acquiring other properties for conservation, and toward retail ventures; the Conch Republic is working with local retailers to offer wholesale prices and profit, splitting the



By SEAN KINNEY

Unveiling Florida's latest land scheme in Key West Saturday are (from left) **Joshua Peele**, Conch Republic Secretary General Peter Anderson and Bob Calhoun of Habitat for Humanity.

proceeds of the sale of the deeds.

"It's giving a new product to our local economy," Peele says. And it *is* a product. With 720,000 square inches for sale at \$10 a pop, minus 10 percent for Habitat for Humanity, that's a potential profit of \$6.4 million. But that figure does not include deeds sold wholesale to retailers -- and it's not likely all 720,000 squares will be sold. (End of article)

Oddly enough, Joshua is doing something in selling the one inch squares of land that I had thought about doing for another reason. I have visited the oldest known piece of Peele land which Robert Peele-1635 owned purchased in 1663. I often thought of acquiring an acre on what was then Sledgy Creek and building a park on it near the peaceful waters of Western Branch of the Elizabeth River. I thought of selling a titled foot square for about \$10 to construct the park with a statue of a man in honor of the family. But what did Robert look like? Part of this land today is in a subdivision called Raleigh Place in the town of Chesapeake, Virginia. I wonder if a project like that would work and what would be involved? Maybe Joshua knows.

Family Obits

This quarter we lost several Peele family members, some of which will be in the next Lawrence, Etc. In addition to the Genealogical Line to Lawrence for each of these, I am also showing our relationship: Seems I am related to everyone, even 7th Cousins.



*Sarah Jean Peele
Walters*

Sarah Jean Peele Walters, of Bennettsville, S.C. passed away on Thursday, April 30, 2009 at the age of 81. The funeral service will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 3, 2009 at the Tabernacle United Methodist Church in Bennettsville with burial following in the Peele Cemetery.

Mrs. Walters was born in Richmond County on January 5, 1928. She was the daughter of the late Merritt Peele, Sr. and Sallie Pearson Peele. She was a devoted homemaker and a loving wife, mother, grandmother and sister. She served as a faithful longtime member of the Tabernacle

United Methodist Church. Jean loved sharing and spending time with her family and church family. In addition to her parents, Mrs. Peele was also preceded in death by her brothers, Bob Peele and Pete Peele and a sister, Dorothy Adams.

She is survived by her husband of 42 years, James Clarence "J.C." Walters, Jr., of their home; sons Joseph Dwight Cashwell, Jr. of Fayetteville, Allan L. Walters of Jacksonville, Fla., and Joey N. Walters of Virginia Beach, Va.; her daughter, Janet L. Wright of King George, Va.; a brother, Howard Peele of Bennettsville; and sisters Christine Johnson of Swansboro and Geneva Gibson of Bennettsville; five grandchildren; six great grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; and a host of family and friends.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, May 2 at Richard Boles Funeral Service in Laurinburg, and at other times at the home of Pete and Carolyn Paul, 3576 Barrington Road, Bennettsville.

The family requests that memorials be made in memory of Mrs. Peele to Hospice of Scotland County, P.O. Box 1033, Laurinburg, N.C. 28353.

Services entrusted to Richard Boles Funeral Service. (Published in The Laurinburg Exchange, May 2, 2009, contributed by Joyce Braswell.)

Genealogical Line -- 12th Generation to Lawrence: **Sarah Jean¹² Peele** (Merritt¹¹, George Robinson¹⁰, William "Bill"⁹ Peelle, Robert⁸, David⁷, Robert⁶, Robert⁵, Robert⁴, Robert³, Robert², Lawrence¹). Sarah Jean Peele was my 1st Cousin.



Edward Pond

P. Edward Pond Mar. 18, 1932 - Apr. 29, 2009 Prentiss Edward Pond of Pflugerville, Texas passed on April 29, 2009 at the age of 77. He was born in Bennettsville, South Carolina, to Charlie McLendon and Ruth Wynn Pond. Ed proudly served his country in the United States Air Force during the years 1949-1954. Ed was President of Austin Typographical Union Local No. 138 during the late 1960s. His career in the printing industry in Austin included the American Statesman, co-ownership of Pond Typesetting from 1972-1986, Capital Spectrum and Thomas Graphics. Ed was preceded in death by the love of his life, **Patricia Ann Peal Pond**.

Ed is survived by his daughter, Dyana Pond Thomas; grandchildren, Ben Thomas, Jacob Thomas and Emily Thomas; son, Gordon Windol Pond and his wife Kathy, grandchildren, Zachary Pond and Gloria Pond; and son, Scott Peal Pond and his wife Kelly; grandchildren, Brandy Simpson and her husband Josh, Bradley Fowles and his wife Krista, Lauren Pond and Dustin Pond; great-grandson, Greysen Simpson; and nephews, Edward, Johnny, Terry and Ronnie LaTouf and their families. Adopted Perry family members, Claudia, Doreen, Michael and Joshua, survive Ed. The family extends heartfelt gratitude to Austin's Christopher House, with particular thanks to Dr. Felicia Stonedale and Chaplain Melissa Russell. In lieu of flowers send donations to Hospice Austin's Christopher House, 4107 Spicewood Springs Road, Ste 100, Austin, 78759. The Ed Pond family will receive condolences and celebratory stories of the life and times of Ed Pond on Tuesday, May 5, 2009, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. in the evening at Cook-Walden, Pflugerville.

(Published in the Austin American-Statesman on 5/4/2009. Contributed by Edye Marvin.)

[What is interesting about this obituary is his wife's line. Patricia Ann Peal is connected back to the **John Peal (1750-1830)** who was the feature article in the **Lawrence, Etc.**, for the first quarter of 2009, Volume 9, Issue 1. Her ancestor John Bennett Peal (1833-1888) moved from Martin County, NC to Hays County, TX.]

Genealogical Line of spouse **Patricia Ann¹¹ Peal** (Milton Elmer¹⁰, Henry Thomas⁹, John Bennett⁸, Henry⁷, John⁶, Robert⁵ Peelle, William⁴, Robert³, Robert², Lawrence¹). Patricia Ann Peal was my 7th Cousin once removed.



Charles Brown Peel

Charles Brown Peel, age 93, of Chipley, [Florida] died Wednesday, May 13, in the Washington County Convalescent Center in Chipley. He was a native and lifelong resident of Washington County. A U.S. Army veteran of WWII, he had worked as a heavy equipment mechanic with Couch Construction Company. He was a Mason and was of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include one daughter, Barbara and husband Harold Milton Strickland of Chipley; one sister, Marie Henry of Crystal Beach; two grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Thursday, May 14, at the graveside in Glenwood Cemetery under the direction of Brown Funeral Home of Chipley. Friends and family may sign the online register at brownfh.net. (Obituary submitted by Jackie Peel)

I contacted his daughter, Barbara Strickland, to get a picture of Charles and she wrote this very nice biography of her father.

Charles B. Peel was born June 9, 1915 in Washington County, Florida, to John and Rachel Newsom Peel. He was one of four children – three boys and a girl. He also had 5 older half-brothers and sisters. His father died when Charles was 16 years old and he worked for various farmers in the area to support his mother and siblings. Then they moved to the St. Petersburg area and he worked in the orange groves there for a few years. He worked in the CC camp for one year. He also worked for Coggin and Deermont for a period of time.

On Dec. 24, 1939, he married Leonia Nichols, the daughter of A.J. and Mary Nichols. He had worked for Mr. Nichols on the farm. They had one daughter, Barbara, who was born Oct. 5, 1941. Charles and Leonia moved back to Chipley and he worked as a welder in the shipyard at Panama City when World War II started. When he was drafted he went to Louisiana for basic training, and then was sent to Europe. After the war, he returned to Chipley and worked in the auto mechanic business. Later they farmed for a few years.

IN 1952 the family moved to Lynn Haven, Florida and Charles worked for Borden Dairy as a salesman. In 1959 they moved to Dothan, Alabama, where he was employed by Sanitary Dairy as a mechanic. After several years he left there and worked for Couch Construction as a heavy duty mechanic.

In 1971 Mr. Peel had to retire for health reasons. They continued to live in Dothan until Leonia retired in 1981. Then they moved to Chipley to be near their daughter and her family. Barbara married Milton Strickland in 1965. Charles and Leonia attended First Assembly of God Church and New Life Assembly of God Church. Leonia died in Feb. 1999. Charles became a resident of Washington County Rehab and Convalescent Center on Oct 5, 2004. His hobbies are gardening, reading and fishing. Mr. Peel has two grandchildren, Max and Ann Marie, and two great-grandchildren, Matthew and Thomas.

Charles has seen a lot of change in this time. He is a great story-teller and made the past alive with his stories. He remembers when the courthouse was built in Chipley and told us about the celebration when it completed, even what they ate that day. He told us about his childhood, how his dog was bitten by a cottonmouth snake, and how he nursed him back to health, how they

made trips to Panama City to get oysters with a mule and wagon before there was a paved road. They took a whole day to get there. He told us about the first automobile his family had and how they had to turn around and back up Orange Hill because it had more pulling power in reverse. He helped build Highway 77. He walked from his home in Wausau to the job, and as the highway progressed he had to walk further and further. When it got so far he couldn't get there by worktime, he had to quit. We heard about his escapades in the Army (or some of them), about life in the CC Camp, etc. He told us about getting married, they were married in Chipley and then drove to St. Petersburg. They had 25 cents when they got there. Mr. Peel had a strong work ethic; he believed in giving his employer a day's work for a day's pay. His employers always thought high of him. He believed in treating people honestly and fairly. I am proud to say that Charles Peel is my Father. (Submitted by Barbara Strickland, Chipley, FL 32428)

Genealogical Line -- 11th Generation to Lawrence: **Charles Brown¹¹ Peel** (John W.¹⁰, Ransom "Mac"⁹, James Mack Edmund⁸, Mills⁷ Peelle, Dempsey⁶, Robert⁵, William⁴, Robert³, Robert², Lawrence¹) Charles Brown Peel was my 7th Cousin once removed.

History Moments

History Moments. As filler I am including some chronological items of interest. Enjoy!

- 994 **Ligulf**, a Danish Chieftain and **the earliest known English Peel ancestor**, came to England with Sweyn, King of Denmark, in the year 994.
- 1607 **The first marriage in Virginia** was that of John Laydon (1569) then 38 years of age to Anne Burrows (1593) age 14. Their child, Virginia Laydon, was the first white child born in Virginia.
- 1620 A **one-way trip** to Virginia or England **was £6/0/0**. (First Republic in America, Alexander Brown, 1898.)
- 1620 The price of **honey** in Virginia **was 2 shillings per gallon**.
- Mar 1620 In a London Company Muster [census] taken **March 1620, there were 887 people living in Virginia**; of these 700 had passed through the seasoning and had become acclimated [been there over the winter], leaving 187 newcomers that had already arrived that spring before March. (First Republic in America, Alexander Brown, 1898.)
- Dec 1620 **Laurence Peele (1601)** departed England on a ship named the "Margaret and John" for Virginia. (Kingsbury Vol 3, Page 239.)
- 30 Mar 1621 The ship "**Margaret and John**" was attacked by two Spanish Galleons near the island of Nevis, about 100 miles North West of Guadeloupe. (Kingsbury Vol 3, Page 239.)

More of these next quarter.

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