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

## ***From The Editor***

It is Easter! Time to tell the grandkids that the Easter bunny lays eggs! (Awesome...) For us in Texas, spring is here and the garden is planted! The peach tree and the fig tree have small fruit. There may be one last cold snap. I can imagine our forefathers getting ready to plant their fields of cotton and tobacco about now. I remember my father using mules to till the soil and get everything ready. He did not have a tractor until he inherited one from my grandfather. A few Purple Martins have arrived.

My first book, the ***Peele Chronicles*** sold 294 copies. Proudly, 23 of those went into various state, organizational, college, university, and local genealogical or historical libraries all over the United States to include the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and the library of the Society of Genealogists in London, England. I am very thankful to those who placed them in these libraries.

In February, I announced the genealogy book, the ***Peele Heritage***. As of this writing, I have received 117 pre-publication orders. Some individual orders for the second book were not as large in number as the orders for the first book. Hopefully more orders will come in since I think of the two books as a set, one for history and one for genealogy, you just can't have one without the other. Thank you for your order.

Often as we get older, we hear the news about some relative coming down with some disease and how the family suffers. I know that Diane Peel Walls has had her share of family medical troubles as I suspect a lot of you. On January 16th, my brother George Peele (79), of North Carolina, was admitted to the hospital for three days. He had a non-habilitating stroke while driving and was diagnosed with leukemia with a very high reading of white cells as the cause of the stroke. About that same time my daughter Susie's husband, George Blucher, was diagnosed with Squamous Cell cancer found in his tonsils. Both are now receiving treatment and with God's help both will recover. Prayers are accepted in their names. Why not just say a prayer for all afflicted Peeles everywhere. Thank you.

Odd but my brother was in the hospital the same days that I was in the hospital. My lingering heart rhythm problem is now being stabilized with the use of a drug named Tikosyn. In order to take this drug, I had to go into the hospital for three days which I did on January 16th. If the body can tolerate the drug and if it works individually for you, then you will have a cardio-version to put you in rhythm and be sent home. It worked for me! Modern medicine is amazing. I have to take the drug for the rest of my life but that beats the alternative of damaging the heart muscles due to a bad rhythm. Thank you Jesus!



*HB Peele*

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# Senior Citizen Birthdays

The birthdays listed here are for the next calendar quarter so that you can send cards. I will gladly add people to the birthday list. Just send the name, picture, date of birth, address, of any senior, 80-85 or over, and how they are related to our Peal, Peel, Peele, or Peelle family. They will get FREE copies of *Lawrence, Etc.*

**Don't forget to send them cards!!!**

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**Dolores "Lorene" Peele Smith**  
88 on May 06, Born 1925

*(Daughter of Daniel Bennett Peele from the John Peal (1750-1836) line.)*

**Dolores "Lorene" Peele Smith**  
910 Bonner Street  
Washington, NC 27889

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**Robert B. Peele**  
94 on May 26, Born 1919

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

**Robert B. Peele, Sr.**  
Rydal Park 4272  
1515 Fairway  
Rydal, PA 19046

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## Notes from Cousins

Cousin Raymond Caleb Peele (b 12-24-32) informed me in his book order that he had just turned 80 last December. Ray, Happy 80th Birthday and send me a picture so I can put it in the newsletter.



For those of you who know Diane Peel Walls, the first editor of *Lawrence Etc.*, I received a note from her that her husband Tommy is not doing well. She had to take Tommy to the ER on Tuesday the 12th of March about 2 am. She said:

"We thought he was having a heart attack, from all the symptoms. His blood pressure was through the roof and he was having super duper pain in his chest. Nausea, too. .... Thank the Lord, Tommy did not have another heart attack. The doctor said the tests were not conclusive as to what it was, but he thought it was maybe his stomach or acid reflux. ... The only other thing that he had a problem with was he has shingles on his FACE!!! Yes, on his forehead on the right hand side. What a night! Say a little prayer for him that he'll feel better soon. Oh, and he had another fall yesterday too, of all things!!! That was two falls in two days!" Diane P. Walls.



Often when I get an obituary, it does not have a picture so I try to contact a relative. In order to get a picture of Tom Peele for his obituary below, I contacted his sister Sandra Peele Cress named in the obituary. She gracefully sent me a picture and the following note:

"Dear Horace,

Here's the picture of my brother Tom Peele. He passed on 2-20-13. He's buried at the Wheelock Cemetery by the Nashville UCC Church on rt 571, West Milton, Ohio 45383. My parents Jean & Eugene Peele are buried there also along with my two other brothers Ron and Terry.

My Mother passed 3-25-80

My Father 8-2-92

Ronald H. Peele - 1-9-85

Terry A. Peele - 3-1-2000

Thomas D. Peele - 2-20-13

The Nashville Church is built on land donated by my Grandmothers family, the Wheelock's - hence the Wheelock Cemetery is named for them.

I enjoyed speaking with you and look forward to reviewing the Peele family history. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Sandra J. Cress"

Thank you Sandra for the picture.

## ***DNA Continued***

If you are new to the newsletter, we started articles on DNA in the 2012 newsletters. In the last newsletter, and with the help of Susie Wood and Don Kincaid, we had gotten the DNA sample from Michael Oden Peele submitted. The results came back in January and I was very surprised and sadden to learn that Michael Oden Peele is not related to our main line of the Peelle family.

In comparing **Y-DNA37** markers, which show **10 mismatches**, the probability that **(256680) Michael Oden Peele** and **(220264) Horace Bullard Peele** shared a common ancestor within the last 4 generations is 0.00%, within the last 8 generations is 0.01%, and within the last 12 generations is 0.20%, all less than one percent chance. Since I am the 12th generation from Lawrence Peelle, there is no chance the Michael is my cousin, at least not from Lawrence.

Don Kincaid is much more into DNA than I. He did some comparisons on Michael's results and found him possible related to the Bell family.

"Since Michael Oden Peele has 3 Bell/Beall Surname matches, I wonder if somewhere back up the line a clerk heard Peel as Beall and many Bealls later spelled their name Bell. It is a shame two of them are marked as "Private" but Family Tree DNA will send your message to them if you request it. If we could find out where their ancestors lived we might be able to come up with more than a possibility. Don"

With all that said, I have spoken to Michael several times and he is a well known commercial fisherman on the eastern shore. I would love to take a one day work trip on his boat. He is a very interesting person. With Susie Wood's help, we were able to add one other generation on Michaels' line back to a Francis Peele born about 1734. He was the father of at least two sons, a John and a Christopher, Michael descends from the son John.

That still leaves three on my wish list. I'll be working these later this year after the book gets mailed. Unfortunately, in the first column, Mark Edward's father Merritt Edward passed on this last quarter. His obituary is included herein. Mark, we are sorry to hear of your loss.

- 1) Mark Edward Peele to prove his line back through Amos Calvin Peele.
- 2) Still looking for a descendent of William Isaac Peel for Don Kincaid and his line.
- 3) Walter Peel to prove the link through Amos Peal-1777 to Robert-1712.

1	Lawrence Peelle 1601		
2	Robert 1635		
3	Robert 1657		
4	Robert 1681	William 1679	
5	Joshua 1720	William 1705	Robert 1712
6	James 1743	Thomas Peal 1755	=> <b>Edward 1750</b>
7	=> <b>John 1789</b>	Isaac 1784	=> <b>Amos Peal 1777</b>
8	=> <b>Amos Calvin Peele 1804</b>	William Isaac Peel 1829	Stanley 1800
9	Amos Calvin 1841	Susan Ann Mary Francis 1880	Stanley, Jr. 1846
10	Mark Edward 1872	Flora Elizabeth Branscum 1900	James Stephen 1871
11	Merritt Edward 1924	<b>Don Wallace Kincaid 1932</b>	Dillon Charlie Peel 1905
12	<b>Mark Edward 1958</b>		Charles Taylor 1936
13			<b>Walter 1966</b>
14			

There will be more to follow on DNA, it is just a matter of time getting all the pieces together to prove more lines.

## ***Cemetery Clean-up***

Some of you have been to the Peele Cemetery, just north of Gibson, in Scotland County, North Carolina, where my brothers Marvin, George, and I erected the Peelle Monument in 1998. It is documented on page 163 of the *Peele Chronicles*. There are several very large and very old pin oak trees in the cemetery that may have been planted by my great-great-grandfather Robert Peelle (1801-1864) since he started the cemetery in 1858. These trees age just like us older folks and there comes a time in the life of every tree that a little pruning needs to be done.

One old tree had become a threat to the tombstones nestled below its enormous dead limbs. Those large limbs were about 12 inches in diameter and had begun falling. It was decided that the tree should come down since much of it was dead or dying as well. The picture shows the size of the trunk which was cut into pieces by my brother George Peele and our nephew Lannis Ethridge, son of my sister Elizabeth. You can see the size of the trunk, as high as my brother's

waist. Lannis is in the background with the green baseball cap. You can see the back of the Peele Monument off in the distance just right of the large oak on the left.



*George Peele and Lannis Ethridge after the cutting.*

If you have a cemetery in your family, please make sure that it does not have trees that pose a damaging threat to the tombstones of your beloved relatives and ancestors. Please preserve your heritage. Get that old saw out and take you grandson with you to do the work. He will enjoy the day he spends with you.

## ***Family Obituaries***

It seems a lot of good Peele relatives died this last quarter. Maybe it was a bad winter or just their time. God calls you when it is your time. I found more than the usual number of obituaries and some were sent to me. I also have some old ones sent by Bobby Boykin through Sue Powell that date back a few years, these being published in the Zion's Landmark.



*Verla Peele*

Mrs. **Verla Elizabeth Key Peele**, age 92 of Mt. Airy, passed away peacefully on Friday, February 08, 2013 at Walnut Ridge Assisted Living. Mrs. Peele was born in Surry County on April 3, 1920 to John Gabriel and Ida Mae Boyles Key. She was a dedicated mother. She enjoyed oil painting, crochet, bead work and especially her family and friends.

According to her four sons, she must have been the example God had in mind when he created moms. She was a long time member of New Hope United Methodist Church. Surviving are four loving sons and daughters-in-law, Gilmer and Linda Peele of Mt. Airy; Clyde and Barbara Peele of

Pilot Mountain; Wayne and Shirley Peele of Kernersville; Charlie and Lisa Peele of Pilot Mountain; her beloved grandchildren; Anita Snow, Kevin Peele, Tracy Weatherford, Amy Harpe,

Holly Shields, Melanie Page, Jessica Shouse and Lindsay Peele; twenty great grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; sisters and a brother-in-law, Eva Armstrong of Ararat, NC; Ruth and Louie Stack of Albany, GA and Betty Linthicum of Sophia.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Peele was preceded in death by her husband, Junior Peele, sisters, Sadie Harris and Myrtle Peele, an infant sister Annie Lou Key and brothers, Paul Key, Sam Key, Frank Key and John Key. Funeral services will be held 3:00 PM, Sunday, February 10, 2013 at Moody Funeral Home Chapel by Rev. Ted Turman, Rev. Marion Fulk and Rev. Steve Johnson. The family will receive friends immediately following the service. Burial will be in New Hope United Methodist Church Cemetery. The family would like to express a special thanks to Walnut Ridge Assisted Living Center in Walnut Cove, Pioneer Hospital in Danbury and Dr. Sam Newsome of King, for the excellent care they provided, "On a scale of 1 to 10, they are at least a 12!" (Published in Winston-Salem Journal on February 9, 2013.)

Genealogical Line — Spouse of 11<sup>th</sup> generation to Lawrence: **Charlie Junior<sup>11</sup> Peele** (Charlie Edgar<sup>10</sup>, Columbus Washington<sup>9</sup>, John W.<sup>8</sup>, Timothy<sup>7</sup>, Jesse<sup>6</sup> Peel, Jesse<sup>5</sup> Peelle, William<sup>4</sup>, Robert<sup>3</sup>, Robert<sup>2</sup>, Lawrence<sup>1</sup>) [Charlie Junior was my 7th cousin once removed.]



Annie Peele

**Mrs. Annie Kirkman Peele**, of Greensboro, age 93 went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Wednesday, January 16, 2013 at her residence, surrounded by her family. A funeral service will be 2 p.m. Sunday at Rehobeth United Methodist Church. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Peele was born in Guilford County to the late Numa Reid and Cora Layton Kirkman. She always enjoyed being with family members, cooking and entertaining for others, gardening, and camping. She was a graduate of Sumner High School, and has been a life-long member of Rehobeth United Methodist Church, United Methodist Womens Circle, Meals on Wheels, and many other church activities through the years.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Joseph Peele, Jr. and brother Herbert Kirkman. She is survived by her children Brenda Metz, JoAnne Hanel, Miriam Jimerson and husband Tom, Joey Peele and wife Theresa, and Debbie Player and husband Ronnie. Also surviving are eleven grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Saturday at George Brothers Funeral Service. Memorials may be directed to the Family Life Center of Rehobeth United Methodist Church, 4475 Rehobeth Church Rd. Greensboro, NC 27406, or to Hospice and Palliative Care of Greensboro, 2500 Summit Ave. Greensboro, NC 27405.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to Mrs. Peele's caregivers, Erica Langley and Hospice & Palliative Care of Greensboro, for the love and care they provided to Annie during her time of illness. Please offer condolences at [www.news-record.com/obituaries/](http://www.news-record.com/obituaries/). (Published in News Record on January 18, 2013.)

Genealogical Line — Spouse of 10<sup>th</sup> generation to Lawrence: **Joseph Herbert<sup>10</sup> Peele, Jr.** (Joseph Herbert<sup>9</sup>, Albert<sup>8</sup>, Thomas<sup>7</sup>, Edmund<sup>6</sup> Peelle, John Jellary<sup>5</sup>, Robert<sup>4</sup>, Robert<sup>3</sup>, Robert<sup>2</sup>, Lawrence<sup>1</sup>) [Joseph Herbert was my 5th cousin twice removed.]



Merritt Peele

**Merritt Edward Peele**, 88, of 2629 NC Hwy. 45 North, Colerain, NC, died Saturday, January 26, 2013 in Vidant Inpatient Hospice, Greenville, ending an extended struggle with cancer. Mr. Peele was a native of Bertie County, the son of Mark Edward and Ruth Pratt Peele.

A veteran of World War II, Korea, and Vietnam, he first served in the United States Navy before beginning a military career in the United States Army, retiring in 1970 as a Master Sergeant with 24 years of service. During that period of service he was awarded several commendations and medals and saw action in both the Asiatic-Pacific and European-African Theatres.

After retirement, he was a longtime employee of Beasley Oil Company, and was a lifetime member of Colerain Baptist Church.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his five brothers, Claude, Sidney, Louvelle, Calvin, and William. Merritt was a loving husband, father, and Papa. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Betty Mizelle Peele; his son, Dr. Mark Edward Peele (JoAnne) of San Antonio, TX; his daughter, Lydia Peele Barber (Anthony) of Waldorf, MD; five grandchildren, Merritt Edward Peele of Winston-Salem, Sarabeth Peele of Chicago, IL, Brynn Butts of Knoxville, TN, Victoria Barber of Durango, CO and Alec Cianfichi of Vilseck, Germany; and nieces and nephews, Linda Hefner, Ruth Kollath, Larry Peele and Wayne Peele. Special extended family members include Amanda and Chris Greene and their children, Camden (godson), Sydney Merritt, and Logan of Durham; and longtime family friends, Joseph and Mildred Lang of Kerrville, TX.

A Celebration of Life service will be held Saturday, February 2, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. in Colerain Baptist Church by the Rev. Donald G. Roberts, Jr., pastor. A private inurnment will be held at a later date in the Hillcrest Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the home at any time. The family asks, in lieu of flowers, that contributions in his memory be made to Colerain Baptist Church, P.O. Box 126, Colerain, NC 27924. Miller Funeral Home & Crematory of Edenton is handling the arrangements, and online condolences may be made by visiting [www.millerfhc.com](http://www.millerfhc.com). (Published in The News & Observer on January 29, 2013.) (This obituary was received first from Nancy Edgecomb who received it from Walter O'Berry.)

Genealogical Line -- 11<sup>th</sup> generation to Lawrence: **Merritt Edward<sup>11</sup> Peele** (Mark Edward<sup>10</sup>, Amos Calvin<sup>9</sup>, Amos Calvin<sup>8</sup> Peelle, John<sup>7</sup>, James<sup>6</sup>, Joshua<sup>5</sup>, Robert<sup>4</sup>, Robert<sup>3</sup>, Robert<sup>2</sup>, Lawrence<sup>1</sup>) [Merritt Edward was my 6th cousin once removed.]



Nancy Peel

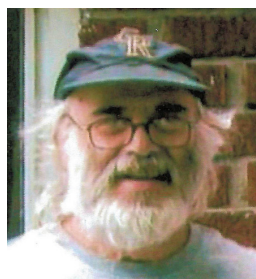
**Dr. Nancy Dale Peel**, 80, of Winchester, passed away on Sunday, Feb. 17, 2013 at her home. Dr. Peel was born in Nicholasville, KY on April 28, 1932 to the late Bob and Bonnie Hatton Peel. She earned a Bachelor of Science and Master of Science Degree in Elementary Education from the University of Kentucky, a PhD in Elementary Education from [Indiana University](#), and the Doctorate of Divinity Degree from [Harvard University](#).

She was a distinguished Professor of Elementary Education at Eastern Kentucky University, an active member of the ECU Alumni Association, a member of the ECU Hall of Fame, a member of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society, a sponsor of Kappa Delta Tau, a member of the Hart Chapter of the D.A.R., a member of the Nicholasville Christian Church, and served as President of the Clark County Teacher's

Association. Survivors include her sister, Margaret Ann (Butch) Fugate of Lexington; her brother, Joe (Jane) Peel of Nicholasville; five nieces and nephews, Brenda Staggs, Bruce Warner, Barry Peel, John Peel, and Deanna Taylor; and numerous great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by sister and brother-in-law, Barbara and Billy J. Warner, and her special friend, Dr. Martha Sudduth. Visitation will be held from 11am-1pm Wednesday, Feb. 20 at Scobee Funeral Home. Funeral services will be conducted at 1pm by Rev. Lee Cruse and Rev. Jeff Mandrell. Burial will be in the Maple Grove Cemetery in Nicholasville. Memorial contributions are suggested to Hospice East, 407 Shoppers Dr., Winchester, KY 40391 or to the Nicholasville Christian Church, 104 S 2nd St, Nicholasville, KY 40356. [www.ScobeeFuneralHome.com](http://www.ScobeeFuneralHome.com) (Published in Lexington Herald-Leader on February 19, 2013)

[This is interesting in that the Kentucky Senate passed a State resolution honoring Dr. Nancy Peele for her outstanding work in education. I spoke to her sister Margaret Fugate. Margaret informed me that her sister Nancy went to Ireland where she traced the family. I have known a long time that there is an Irish Peel family living in the United States. The Peeles by any name are just great people for which we can all be proud.]



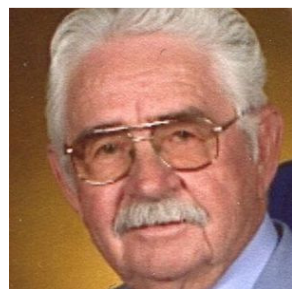
*Tom Peele*

**Thomas Dean (Tom) Peele**, age 68 of Potsdam passed away on Wednesday, February 20, 2013 at his residence. He was born November 30, 1944 in Dayton, Ohio. Preceded in death by his parents Eugene E. and Mary Jean ((Huntsberger) Peele, brothers Ron and Terry Peele.

He is survived by his wife Brenda J. (Loper) Peele, son Harold Peele and Special Friend Linda Atkins-Pleasant Hill, daughter and son-in-law Candy and James Bucholtz-Laura, grandchildren Kaitlyn, Holly and Deanna Bucholtz, sister Sandra (Peele) Cress-London, OH., sisters-in-law Judy Peele Sellers-VA., Cecelia Peele-West Milton.

Funeral services will be held at 4:00 P.M. on Sunday, February 24, 2013 at the Nashville United Church of Christ, 4540 W. St. Rt. 571, West Milton. Friends may call on Sunday one hour prior to the service (3:00-4:00) P.M. at the church. Arrangements are being handled by the Hale-Sarver Family Funeral Home, West Milton. If so desired, contributions may be made to Nashville U.C.C. Scholarship Fund. (Published in Dayton Daily News on February 22, 2013)

Genealogical Line — 13<sup>h</sup> generation to Lawrence: **Thomas Dean "Tom"<sup>13</sup> Peele** (Eugene Ellsworth<sup>12</sup>, Albert Ellsworth<sup>11</sup>, Henry E.<sup>10</sup> Peelle, John "Red"<sup>9</sup>, William<sup>8</sup>, John<sup>7</sup>, Reuben<sup>6</sup>, Josiah<sup>5</sup>, Robert<sup>4</sup>, Robert<sup>3</sup>, Robert<sup>2</sup>, Lawrence<sup>1</sup>) [Tom was my 7th cousin once removed.] [Picture from his sister Sandra Peele Cress, see **Notes from Cousins** above.]



*Frank "Hoss" Peele*

**George Franklin "Hoss" Peele, Jr.**, 79, went home to be with his Lord on Wednesday, March 6, 2013 at Wayne Memorial Hospital surrounded by his family. George was born in Wayne County, NC, on October 14, 1933 to the late George Franklin Peele and Clyde Smith Peele. He lived a life of dedication to his family and friends, and to his community. For over 24 years, George and his wife owned and operated George's Grill on Hwy 13 North. He was a life-long member of Woods Grove Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church. George was a true sportsman, most comfortable outdoors, on the water or in the woods.

He was a hunter of big and small game and loved walking in the woods and fields with a gun and with one of his beagles he had trained.



A service to celebrate Frank's life will be held on Friday, March 8, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the chapel of Seymour Funeral Home with Rev. Ronnie Weaver, Rev. Morris Smith and Rev. Cory Bolduc officiating. Interment will be Saturday, March 9, 2013 at the Peele Family Cemetery, near the home, with Rev. Barry Teague officiating.

Frank is survived by his wife of 61 years, Mary Lee Peele; his children, Mike Peele and wife Teresa; Pam Smith and husband Mark; Bonnie Bledsoe and husband Richard; and Daryl Peele; sister, Shirley Peele Colley; grandchildren, Misty Deese and husband Jeff; Jason Bolduc and wife Ashley, Cory Bolduc and wife Krystal, Brock Henderson and wife Nely; and Brandon Bledsoe and wife Akenia; great-grandchildren, Ethan Bolduc, Bryton Bolduc, Allison Bolduc, Jordan Henderson, Brooklyn Henderson, Kaitlyn Henderson, and Elijah Bledsoe; step-grandchildren, Crystal S. Hepburn and Travis Smith; and two step-great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends Friday, March 8, 2013 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. and following the service at Seymour Funeral Home and other times at his home.

The family would like to express their appreciation for the compassionate care provided by Willow Creek Nursing Home. Love and heartfelt thanks is expressed to his caregivers, GiGi and Betsy, for their special love and care. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.seymourfuneralhome.com](http://www.seymourfuneralhome.com). (Published in The News & Observer on March 7, 2013.)

Genealogical Line — 12<sup>th</sup> generation to Lawrence: **George Franklin "Hoss"<sup>12</sup> Peele, Jr.** (George Franklin<sup>11</sup>, George<sup>10</sup>, Sally<sup>9</sup> Peelle, John<sup>8</sup>, Willis<sup>7</sup>, Robert<sup>6</sup>, Robert<sup>5</sup>, Robert<sup>4</sup>, Robert<sup>3</sup>, Robert<sup>2</sup>, Lawrence<sup>1</sup>) [George Franklin was my 5th cousin.]



*Pearl Griffin*

REIDSVILLE — **Pearl Peele Griffin**, 92, formerly of Bethany Road died peacefully after a long courageous battle with Alzheimer's disease on Thursday, March 14, 2013 at Jacob's Creek Nursing Home of Madison, NC. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Sunday, March 17, 2013, at New Lebanon Congregational Christian Church. Pallbearers will be Kody Jones, Kevin Jones, Mike Clowney, Hal Griffin, Harry Sharp, Clay Barham and David Norman.

Pearl was born in Surry County to the late Robert and Ollie Peele. She was a member of New Lebanon Congregational Christian Church and enjoyed a long career as a Licensed Practical Nurse, a sitter, and a farm wife. She enjoyed reading her Bible and was a loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

In addition to her parents, Pearl was preceded in death by her husband, John L. Griffin; daughter, Rebecca Sue Griffin; sisters, Mae P. Freeman, Ruth P. Cain, Delia P. Venable and Mattie P. Hastings; brothers, Roy Peele, Coy Peele and Arthur Peele.

She is survived by her daughters, Sylvia Branz (Claude), Marcia Jones (Doug), Linda Ryan (Bill), Cindy Farmer (Keith); grandchildren, Rebecca Branz (Mike Clowney), Diana Branz, Kody Jones (Lindsay), Kevin Jones (Corinne), David Norman (Alison), Caroline F. Comer (Chris), Ariel and Elijah Farmer; great grandchildren, Carson Branz, Griffin Jones, Eloise Jones, Cadence Clowney, Avery Norman and Foster Jones; sisters, Hazel P. York of Waynesboro, Va., Faye P. Yow of Greensboro.

The family will receive friends following the service in the fellowship hall and other times at the home of Sylvia Branz. The family would like to express their appreciation to the staff of Jacob's Creek of Madison for the love and care shown to Mrs. Griffin.

Memorial contributions may be made to the [Alzheimer's Association](#) , 4615 Dundas Drive, Suite 103, Greensboro, NC 27407. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.wilkersonfuneral.com](#) (Published in News Record on March 15, 2013. Send to me by Cousin Bob Carter.) [Picture sent by Sylvia Branz.]

Genealogical Line — Spouse of 11<sup>th</sup> generation to Lawrence: **Pearl Annie<sup>11</sup> Peele** (Robert Lee<sup>10</sup>, Hillary Anderson<sup>9</sup> Peelle, James H.<sup>8</sup>, Margaret "Peggy"<sup>7</sup>, Reuben<sup>6</sup>, Josiah<sup>5</sup>, Robert<sup>4</sup>, Robert<sup>3</sup>, Robert<sup>2</sup>, Lawrence<sup>1</sup>) [Pearl was my 6th cousin once removed.]



*Richard Peele*

**Richard Donald Peele**, 80 of Sanford died Monday January 28, 2013 of complications from Parkinsons Disease. A Memorial service will be held at 11:00am Friday at First Baptist Church. Mr. Peele was born in Roxobel, NC, on March 29, 1932, the son of the late Leon Charles Peele and Lois Jacobs Peele. He was preceded in death by his brother, Leon C Peele Jr, and a nephew, Dr Leon C Peele III. Mr. Peele attended Roxobel-Kelford High School graduating in 1950.

After high school he attended NC State University where he walked onto the Jr Varsity Basketball team. Later Don transferred to University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he graduated in 1955 with a BS degree in Business Administration.

After graduating from UNC Chapel Hill, Don and Gloria moved to Tachikawa, Japan, where he served as an Auditor with the US Air Force from 1955 until 1959, and where his first two children were born. In February 1959 they moved to Sanford where Don was employed with Roberts Company for 19 years then, employed with Trion Inc. until 1995. Don was active in the community, serving the Sanford Jaycees, Kiwanis Club and the Elks Club. He was an avid Tar Heel fan, loved his family especially watching them play their sports, playing golf with his sons, and Line Dancing with Gloria. His real love, other than Gloria, was fishing and spent much of his time fishing on piers at Emerald Isle. Don was known by family and friends for some of his famous quotes including, "Thank You Very Much Please" and "Glad You Got To See Me".

Mr. Peel is survived by his wife, Gloria Huss Peele; daughter, Debbie Peele Estrada; sons, Rick Peele and wife Katherine, Rob Peele and wife Stephanie, and Marshall Peele and friend Shannon Floyd; grandchildren, Jennifer Estrada, Taylor Estrada, Carter Estrada, Jessica Peele, Samantha Peele, Cressler Peele, Cameron Peele, Morgan Peele, Hillary Floyd, and Haley Floyd; sister, Florette Peele Moore and husband Henry Moore; and many nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends from 6-8 pm Thursday in the Fellowship Hall at First Baptist Church. (Published in The News & Observer on January 31, 2013.)

Genealogical Line — 11<sup>th</sup> generation to Lawrence: **Richard Donald<sup>11</sup> Peele** (Leon Charles<sup>10</sup>, John Elmo<sup>9</sup>, James H.<sup>8</sup>, James B.<sup>7</sup> Peelle, Josiah<sup>6</sup>, Joshua<sup>5</sup>, Robert<sup>4</sup>, Robert<sup>3</sup>, Robert<sup>2</sup>, Lawrence<sup>1</sup>) [Richard was my 6th cousin once removed.]

In each of the above obituaries, you see that I have determined my relationship to the deceased. I would like to use other people but do not want to offend anyone. Do you want to volunteer to know how the deceased are related to you? Let me know and I'll use you as a basis for comparison.

### EPHRAIM PEEL

Ephraim Peel, son of Noah and Millie Ann Roberson Peel, was born June 22, 1872, and died April 20, 1947, making his stay on earth 74 years, 10 months and 28 days.

He united with the church Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1928, and was baptized by Elder J. W. Rogerson.

He was married in early manhood to Lydia Margaret Roberson. To this union were born three children, Caddie, George and Essie Peel.

Brother Peel, following a line of worthy ancestors, lived a noble life, one above reproach, a man useful in his neighborhood, his church and his county, hating no one and loving everybody, ever regarding himself as a stranger and a pilgrim on earth, and looking for a city which has foundations whose maker and builder is God.

He often expressed himself to the writer that he knew his journey on earth was almost ended, but he would not have it otherwise, and would not change it if he could, that he felt to be as well prepared to go as he ever would be, and that God was all his salvation and all his desire.

Brother Peel was badly afflicted in his last years, from having a broken thigh which never healed sufficiently so that he could ever walk without crutches. This affliction impaired his usefulness in visiting the churches, which he loved so much to do. With this affliction, which seemed so grievous, he did not murmur nor complain, but like a true Soldier of the Cross he endured all things as seeing Him who is invisible.

A great man in Israel has fallen, one with whom we did not want to part company with, but he had served his generation faithfully, lovingly, without reward or hope of reward, but with him it was a labor of love. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, yea, henceforth, sayeth the Spirit—they rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

B. S. Cowin

*Zion's Landmark (Bobby Boykin)  
September 1, 1947*

Genealogical Line -- 9<sup>th</sup> generation to Lawrence:  
**George Ephraim<sup>9</sup> Peel** (Noah<sup>8</sup> Peel, Thomas<sup>7</sup>, John<sup>6</sup>, Robert<sup>5</sup> Peelle, William<sup>4</sup>, Robert<sup>3</sup>, Robert<sup>2</sup>, Lawrence<sup>1</sup>)

### MISS SALLIE PEEL THORN

It is with joy and sadness mingled I attempt to write the death of our sister, Miss Sallie Peel Thorn. Sallie was born, Nov. 5, 1884, died July 24, 1928. She lived on the earth 43 years, eight months, 19 days.

She lost her mind over religious affairs and was carried to State Hospital, Raleigh, N. C. She stayed there 15 months and died there. None of us knew she was any worse off until we got the telegram that she was dead. Sallie was a Christian little lady. She wouldn't have done anything wrong when she was in her right mind. She would often say she wanted to see Jesus and be with him. Elder Amos Crisp of Pinetops conducted the funeral and spoke very comforting words to we brothers and sisters. She was buried near Elm City at the family burying ground. The floral offerings were beautiful. The mound was nearly covered.

Sallie leaves behind to mourn, four sisters, two brothers, five nieces, four nephews, aunts, and uncles, Messrs. W. A. and Ernest W. Thorn, Misses Fannie and Angie Thorn, Mrs. Margaret Wiggins, Mrs. Bessie Sharpe, Misses Nellie and Magdalene Sharpe, Master William M. Sharp, Misses Anna and Maggie Wiggins, Mr. Charlie W. Wiggins, Clifton N. Wiggins, and little Horace, baby Doris Thorn.

Saviour has this precious one  
Safely gathered for his own  
Now she waits for us above  
Resting in the Savior's love  
Jesus grant that we may meet  
There adoring at Thy feet.

But all her toil and care is over  
And she is freed from pain  
Her face on earth we will see no more  
But hope we will meet again.

All the years we've spent together,  
All the happy golden hours  
Shall be cherished in remembrance  
Fragrance sweet for memory flowers.

Written by her oldest sister,  
MRS. MARGARET WIGGINS,  
Elm City, N. C., R. F. D. 3, Box 106.

*Zion's Landmark (Bobby Boykin)  
November 15, 1928*

Genealogical Line -- 11<sup>th</sup> generation to Lawrence:  
**Sally Peele<sup>11</sup> Thorne**, (Sarah Peel "Sallie"<sup>10</sup> Batts, Margaret Peelle "Jude"<sup>9</sup> Woodard, Sarah Howell "Sally"<sup>8</sup> Peelle, John Jossey<sup>7</sup>, Robert<sup>6</sup>, Robert<sup>5</sup>, Robert<sup>4</sup>, Robert<sup>3</sup>, Robert<sup>2</sup>, Lawrence<sup>1</sup>)

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