

THE PEACH TREE

*Celebrating 27 years of bringing the
Peach heritage into homes throughout the
world.*

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The Bridge Builders

This author's passion for the rest of his life is to help folks to be able to trace their roots back to the original Peche of 1066. To help him with this, he has built a team he calls, "The Bridge Builders".

Each one who invests in this latest book will be considered a member of this team. This will give him or her direct contact with yours truly to help build his bridge from present day to 1066. This may be through personal visits, Bridge-Builder conferences, or direct emails.

100 people have become the first Bridge Builders. They are listed on page 2. These are those who have ordered the new book. Contact John H. Peach if you want to join the team.



Peach/Peachey Bridges

My newest book, subtitled *In the Presence of the King* was just sent to the press. This will begin a new series of books called *The Peach/Peachey Bridges*. The book begins with Guillaume Peche in 1066 AD and takes its readers on a journey through medieval England for over 500 years.

There are three priorities of the book.

1. To show the details of how our noble Peche knights, barons and ladies lived so that children, as well as adults, can enjoy and appreciate their rich heritage.
2. To trace the genealogy of our Peche ancestors showing how they became Peach and Peachey in England history.
3. To build bridges of each of the Peach and Peachey families back to the original Guillaume Peche of 1066.

This new book plans to be published in July, 2010. You can order this directly from me. It is approximately 175 pages, soft cover, fully indexed, for \$29.95 plus shipping. (\$7 in USA).

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If you want a book and your name is not on the list, please notify John H. Peach. Name and Branch They Represent

Tennia	Cole	TX
John	Trujillo	TX
Joyce	Prall	Thurlow
Shelley	Thurlow	Thurlow
Deron	Peach	Somerset
Sunny	Adams	SoMD
Dorothy	Asmus	SoMD
Ardis	Dashiell	SoMD
Willa Mae	Davis	SoMD
Cherri	Ethridge	SoMD
Pamela	Fossum	SoMD
Brenda	Gardner	SoMD
Maureen	McGowan	SoMD
Hershel	Parker	SoMD
Bob	Peach	SoMD
Bob	Peach	SoMD
James	Peach	SoMD
Scott	Williams	SoMD
Dennis	Butler	SoAfrica
Michelle	Nicolai	SoAfrica
Yvonne	Nieuwoudt	SoAfrica
Kathy	Johnson	SC
Judy	Kemper	SC
Theresa	Maloney	SC
Amanda	Mason	SC
Charles	Parnell	SC
Elaine	Peach	SC
Ron	Peach	SC
Sammy	Peach	SC
Deb	Quentin	SC
Dolores	Strum	SC
Joan	Sutton	SC
Shirley	Thybault	SC
Mark	Tippett	SC
Cindy	Williams	SC
Hamp	Williams	SC
Ann	Woodson	SC
Claire	Butler	Peterborough
Tyler	Bates	Penn.
Dan	Giffin	Penn.
Theresa	River	Penn.
Susan J.	Hannah	Peachey
Carla	Horne	Peachey
Chris	Peachey	Peachey
Ed	Peachey	Peachey
Ann	Taylor	Peachey
Michael	Bates	PA
Meg	Klingaman	NoMD
Jocelyn	Peach	NewZealand
Kevin	Sartorelli	New Zealand
Marjorie	Ayo	MN
Pat	Carlson	MN
Wendy	Ruggeri	MN
Ruth	Davey	Mhead
Tom	Giger	Mhead

Emily	Hamilton	Mhead
Joyce	Jordan	Mhead
Phil	Loper	Mhead
Billie	McKenna	Mhead
Harry	Peach	Mhead
Rosalyn	Peach	Mhead
Todd	Peach	Mhead
Beverly	Phillips	Mhead
Naomi	Roberts	Mhead
Mary	Tibbetts	Mhead
Bruce	White	Mhead
Connie	Mincy	Kansas
Terry	Peach	Kansas
Bev	Callery	IOW
Leslie	Peach	IoW
Helene	James	French
Ed	Peach	Dorset
Roslyn	Garden	Dorset
Fran	Ellis	Derby
Kimberly	Peach	Derby
Wendy	Stringer	Derby
Charlotte	McDowell	DE
Cindy	Anderson	Canada
Steve	Peach	Bristol, ENG
Gabriela	Peach	Brazil
Nadia	D'Souza	Australia
David	Hath	
Iris	Woodworth	Watson
Linda	Hendrickson	Kansas
Dan	Peach	Mhead
Arden	Peach	Mhead

When the book is published, I am planning Bridge Builder forums where folks in the same area can meet to discuss ways to build their bridges. The first meeting is being planned for Nashville, Tennessee. So far, there are five Bridge Builders in this vicinity. If you want to sign up for the forum, please contact yours truly. Other Bridge Builder forums are being planned in Kentucky, Illinois, and Texas. As the number of Bridge Builders increase in a particular area, this will warrant a forum.

The sole mission of the Bridge Builders will be to work as a team to trace their family's genealogy back to one common ancestor in 1066 AD. This author will make himself available full time to help each of his Bridge Builders pursue his or her ambition. Whether this is done by forums, by personal meetings, or by emails, this author will have regular contact with each of his Bridge Builders.

The Peachey Bridges

The primary purpose of this series of books is to build bridges from the present Peach and Peachey back to the original Guillaume Peche of Normandy in 1066. Since the Peche became "Peachey" before it became "Peach," the Peachey Bridges have been easier to build and will be featured in this chapter.

As a result of the research accomplished in this book, TWELVE PEACHEY BRIDGES now have the ability to span their ancestry back to the original Peche. Hopefully, many more families will be able to attach themselves to one of these bridges as this project continues.

All those who come from the British Isles who bear the surname "Peachey" should be able to trace their lineage to Guillaume Peche of Normandy. However, it was not as simple as one person changing his name one day from "Peche" to "Peachey". Hundreds of years and a myriad of events took place before the modification of the name.

In 1989 this author went on an arduous research trip to England for the purpose of discovering the rich noble heritage of Guillaume Peche and his descendants. Among the vast gold mine of records he accumulated was one that creates the foundation of the Peachey Bridge from the original Peche to the Peacheys of today. For 20 years he has treasured this document, but he failed to realize how valuable it was until now.

"The visitation of the county of Leicester in the year 1619" by William Camden,

etc. provides the foundation for the Peachey Bridges. This was one of what was called "Heralds' Visitations of England". During the sixteenth and seventeenth century the Royal Commission by Kings of Arms was disbursed throughout England to verify the validity of claims to certain coats of arms and noble descent.

Each county's sheriff made a list of all its citizens of nobility and rank. These were then visited or summoned to appear before the heralds to prove that they were entitled to their claim to hold certain arms. The arms proved their genealogy traced back to a common ancestor of nobility. The College of Heralds in London was the depository for all these visitations.

"The visitation of the county of Leicester in the year 1619" showed the Peacheys coming from John Peche of Kingsthorpe and Sherow Hall in the counties of Leicestershire and Derbyshire. That John Peche had a son also named John Peche, who in turn had a son, William Peche, of Kingsthorpe.

The arms of John Peche of Leicestershire was described as: "Azure, a lion rampant double queuee ermine, on a canton or, a mullet gules". This is graphically illustrated shown below.



So. Carolina Bridge

Because many of those who initially invested in this book are from the South Carolina Branch, their passion to trace their roots in England is intense. The branch goes back as far as 1750 in Virginia with John and William Peach, believed to be brothers. The early history of this family in Virginia is found on pp. 167-172 of *The Peach/Peachey Migrations*.

The first detailed records available on any of the early Virginia Peach settlers refer to Thomas and William Peach, both of whom landed in Lancaster County, VA. Thomas, the father, and William, the son, were transported to America with three other persons by Dennis Coniers on 30 March 1653. When yours truly was in England in 1989 doing intensive research, he searched every record he could find on a Dennis Coniers thinking he must have come from the same county and on the same boat as the Peaches. However, this initial attempt was futile.

John Peach, one of the two founders of this branch, was called in one legal record "John Peach alias Shropshire". This led some to think he may have come from the county of Shropshire in England. However, all attempts to find him there also failed.

Nevertheless, one of the most intense efforts yet will be garnered to complete the South Carolina Peach Bridge back to Guillaume Peche of 1066. This will take a team effort, but we have those on board as Bridge Builders who are up to the challenge.

Pennsylvania - Kansas Peach Bridge

As this book goes to press, this author believes that both the Pennsylvania Branch and the Kansas Branch of Peaches have the same founding father. If so, then this would consolidate both these branches into one. With this in mind, if a bridge can be built tracing one of these families to England, then the same bridge can be followed for the other Peach family.

In this author's book, *The Peach Heroes*, for the first time he attempts to show the complete genealogy of both these branches in America up to the present generation. On page 71, he strongly suggests the possibility of how these branches may be traced to one common ancestor.

In 1763 Joseph Peach was born in Virginia and possibly could be the father of Charles Peach, who started the Kansas Branch. Charles was born in 1787 and Jacob Peach, founder of the Pennsylvania Branch was born in 1785. Both were believed to be born in Virginia. There is a possibility these two were brothers, and if so, Joseph Peach would have been the father of both. Charles and Jacob as farmers followed the migration trail to Ohio, both being firmly planted there no later than 1840.

For this bridge to be completed, the Bridge Builders will need to find the links from Joseph Peach of Virginia in 1763 to those in England. Hopefully, this will soon be accomplished.

Marblehead Bridge

There's an entire chapter in this new book devoted to those on this bridge. It all began in Dorset in 1236 when King Henry III made Bartholomew Peche the guardian of Powerstock, Dorset, and Knighton Manor, Isle of Wight, before Ralph and Ellen de Gorges came of age to inherit this from their parents. Powerstock is a neighboring village of Symondsburry, only six miles between them. Therefore, his family could have stayed in this area as the ancestors of Richard Peach, forefather of the Marbleheaders.

After that the king gave him lands in Dorset and Somerset. In 1240 Peche became the Constable of Corfe Castle in Dorset, where he lived until 1253. Between 1246 and 1250, he held the powerful position of Sheriff of Dorset and Somerset. Bartholomew's son, Aymer Peche, followed in his father's footsteps also, later becoming Sheriff of the same two counties.

Next there was in Dorset a third cousin of Bartholomew named Sir Nicholas Peche I. Between 1297 and 1319 he continued the family tradition of being Sheriff of Dorset and Somerset. Along with this powerful position, Nicholas became the Keeper of Selwood Forest in Somerset. He and his family continued with authority over Selwood until about 1350. With Nicholas having three sons and with their continued involvement in Somerset and Dorset, there's a strong possibility this family may be the direct ancestors of the Peaches of Dorset. If so, this would only leave a 150-year span between this family and Richard Peach of Dorset.

So. Maryland Bridge



St. Mary the Virgin, West Cowes, Isle of Wight

Johnathan Peach, a wealthy merchant on the Isle of Wight, was the church warden at West Cowes Chappell (now "St. Mary the Virgin Church") in 1673, 1674 and again in 1689. The West Cowes Church Booke, the oldest in possession by the church, according to the inscription in the book was purchased by Johnathan on 13 Oct. 1674. Johnathan's brother, Robert, was baptized at this church 11 Dec. 1650. Besides Robert, he had another brother, Thomas Peach of Yarmouth, a neighboring village on the Isle of Wight. He died and was buried in this church's cemetery on 7 May 1669.

Johnathan Peach married Dorathy Morss on 11 Oct 1664 on the Isle of Wight, and they had three children: Thomas, Johnathan and Joseph Peach. When Joseph was about 19 years old, he made his way to America, becoming the immigrant ancestor of what is known as the Southern Maryland Branch of Peaches. Since his father was the church warden, this would have been the place where Joseph Peach was christened.

Coming and Going

Charley W. Dearing of Fresno, CA, went to be with the Lord on May 20, 2010. He was the dear husband of **Betty Dearing**, who has cared for him for many years during his poor health. She is a **Marbleheader** and is an ardent genealogist, writing several books on her family. All who were at our National Peach Reunion in Knoxville in 2003 will remember this dear couple. Betty, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during your loss. We are so thankful that Charley knew the Lord and thus is in a much better place.

Olin James Peach of Spangle, WA, went to meet his maker on Apr. 9, 2010. He was a faithful member of Spangle Seventh-Day Adventist Church. He was also a **Marbleheader**, born July 29, 1933. Thanks to **Joyce Jordan** for sending this information to me.

Bonnie Peach Kennedy of Louisville, KY, passed away on Jan. 12, 2010. She was a member of the **Kentucky Branch** and was a long-time supporter of *The Peach Tree* and the sister of **Leland Peach**, another one of our faithful subscribers. At 87, she was the co-owner of St. Matthews Optical. She was reported in last issue, but since then I was sent her obituary with this info.

While some of our fondest people are leaving us, we are thankful for new ones being added to the Peach tree. **Willa Mae Peach** of Kentucky has a new great grandson, **Brent Davis Hardison**, born Oct. 26, 2009, in Paducah, KY. He is added to the **Southern Maryland Branch**, and we rejoice in his birth.

For your Bookshelf

1. The Peach Genealogies, Volume I - \$39.95 + \$7 shipping. Latest book on the Southern Maryland Branch.
2. The Peach Genealogies, Volume 2 - \$49.95 + \$7 shipping. Latest book on the South Carolina Branch.
3. The Peach/Peachey Migrations, 1066-1990 - \$39.95 + \$7 shipping. Tracing all the Peach/Peacheys back to William de Peche I in 1066 A.D.
4. The Peach Tree Handbook, Vol. II, Southern Maryland Branch - \$29.95 + \$7 shipping. First book on this branch.
5. The Peach Tree Handbook, Vol.III, Marblehead - \$62.95 + \$7 shipping. Only a few copies left. When they are gone, this will not be reprinted.
6. The Peach Heroes - \$59.95 + \$7 shipping. This is 740 pages hard bound, fully indexed, and includes all the Peaches in the Revolutionary and Civil Wars and the War of 1812. All known descendants of the Kansas, Kentucky, Minnesota, Pennsylvania and Texas Branches are included. Also, detailed updates of the Marblehead, South Carolina and the So. Maryland branches are included.

Website and Peach Trees

You can access our website at <http://www.thepeaches.com/genealogy/> I plan on putting each of the upcoming *Peach Trees* online so that they will be accessible to all who enter the website. If you want a hard copy delivered to you for 18 months, please send \$15.