

THE PEACH TREE

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Peach Books No Longer

The Peach Tree Handbook, Vol. III, Marblehead Branch will soon be out of print. That means I have only a few copies left, and they won't be reprinted. This book is the only book that gives the detailed history of the Marbleheaders from Symondsbury, Dorset, England through fourteen generations of Peaches in America. It's chocked full of photos of the original homes of the Peaches in Marblehead, still standing after 300 years. This shows the migration patterns of the Marbleheaders as they moved north and west. It shows how every descendant is directly related to John Peach, Jr. of Marblehead. This is your last call if you want a copy.

My Next Historical Novel

I have nearly completed the rough draft of the second historical novel in this series. For those of you who invested in a copy of *On the Banks of the Rappahannock*, you have been able to see how the **Peach** and **Peachey** family roots were intertwined in colonial Virginia history. For those thirsting for more, you will need my next book: *Thomas Jefferson's Dream that Captured the West* to take you to the next level.

What did Thomas Jefferson have to do with our genealogy? First, his next door neighbor and eventual guardian was Dr. Thomas Walker, the son of Susanna **Peachey**. In my first book, I showed how the Peachey's immigrant ancestor, Samuel, came to Virginia in 1688. He would have been the great grandfather of Dr. Thomas Walker. Secondly, the **Peacheys** are from the same lineage of the **Peaches**, traced back to the same common ancestor, William de Peche I. They are all one and the same.

Dr. Thomas Walker and his Peachey relatives in my new book are shown in their regular social encounters with the third President of the USA. Thomas Jefferson's best friend was Jack Walker, son of Dr. Thomas Walker. This new book shows how they were involved in each other's lives on a daily basis, even through their college years.

The more I learn about Jefferson, the more I find out how the Peaches and Peachey's in all their branches fit in the annals of American history. A major focus of this book is the Lewis and Clark Expedition. This paved the way for Marbleheaders, Southern Marylanders, South Carolinians and other branches to begin their westward migrations. We can thank Thomas Jefferson for that.

New Ohio Branch

Becky Ewing recently contacted me for the first time, wanting to know more about her family. What I found is that she was well versed in her roots from England to America. Hopefully, some of those who aren't sure where you hang on the Peach Tree can find a connection here. Since this one comes from Dorset, England, as do the Marbleheaders, I would venture to guess they are related somehow back in Dorset. Mmm! Here is what Becky Ewing sent me on this.

"**James Peach** was born 27 Jun 1870 in West Knighton-England and died 10 Aug 1941 in Dayton, Ohio. He married Margaret E. Woodall on 11 Nov 1898 in Dayton, Ohio, daughter of Mary Smith. He is the son of Mathias Peach (Birth Date: 1829; Birthplace: Corseven, Dorset, England; Death Date: About 1909; Death Place: Dorset, Wimborne, England; Occupation: Farm Laborer) and Martha Selina Whiting (Birth Date: 29 Jul 1835; Birthplace: Puddletown, Dorset, England; Death Date: 22 Aug 1913; Death Place: Dayton, Montgomery, Ohio; Occupation: Laundress). James birth certificate was done in Dorcheoten; the birth in the sub district of Puddletown in the county of Dorset. He arrived in the US on 27 Jan 1885 on the Lord Gough Ship, in Philadelphia, PA; Port of Departure was Liverpool, England.

"He was 14 years old and became a US citizen October 14, 1892 in Montgomery County, Ohio. Mathias parents were Matthew Peach born about 1787 in Dorset, England, and date of death unknown. He married Elizabeth Peach on 28 Mar 1815 in Dorset. Elizabeth Peach was born 1788 in Dorset and died 1843."

Williamson Co., TN

Dottie Cousin has a fire burning within her about her ancestry and cries out for our help. She writes, "I am 81 years old so I must hurry to get the answers. Anything that anyone has on this Johnson Hollow settlement would be greatly appreciated. I do not have time to complete the task without help. Thanks again."

Tony Johnson is trying to help her, sending a copy of his response to her, part of which is as follows. "Jeffery Johnson; I only show a Jeffery Johnson in 1850 marrying one ? Peaches. More then likely with Rachel Johnson PARKS dying in Williamson Co Tn this will connect back to Jeffery Johnson and Rachel Walker of Loudon Co Va to Halifax Co Va then on to the Yadkin River Johnson and Allied families of Jeffery Johnson and Rachel Walker.

"Some how this Peaches surname is a cousin line of the **Shropshire** families connected to me and Peg, sending to the **Shropshire-Peach** researchers on this matter.

"Now there is other mentions in the Tn Williamson Co Files on how Rachel JOHNSON Parks died in 1834 there in Williamson Co Tn. SHE is the daughter of Jeffery Johnson and wife Rachel Walker. It would help if I knew where she was buried at or where her husband John Parks owned lands in Williamson Co. Tn

"Rachel Johnson's sister Winnifred Johnson married Rev. William Dodson: Their son Elijah Dodson is the neighbor of mine and Pegs, Anne Johnson in 1835 era of Humphreys Co. Tn coming off HUDSON Johnson and wife Anne who in 1803 was in lands of Williamson Co. Tn.

"Now you mentioned Meredith Johnson he was married to one Rachel Pace whose families go right back to 1720 ERA Byrd Creek JOHNSON families..."

Editor's Note: Please let me know if there is anyone who can help with this query or if you are related to these folks.

Marblehead Musings

Carl N. Tongberg of Houston, Texas, is one of our latest Marblehead descendants to join our Peach Tree project. Although most Marbleheaders chose to stay further north, there have been some stragglers who wandered south, with Tongberg going about as far south as one can get and still be in the USA. After acquiring *The Peach Tree Handbook, Vol.III, Marblehead Branch and The Peach Heroes* books, he wrote with this correction/update. Please note this for your records.

"Remarkable job. One fixup, if you'll permit me. Book "Heroes" – pg 550. Generation No. 1, number 2 is Robert William Carey (not Albert B.). This was my grandfather and I do remember that he was referred to as "Bert" by family and friends. Also, his second marriage was to Grace Mansfield rather than Russell – no children. I haven't found a reference to Russell in my explorations. The Kalloch family tree refers to Mansfield and the Carey gravestone is inscribed Grace M. If she had a prior marriage I haven't found it. Would you be interested in descendants of Annie Eleanor Carey? Carl"

Editor's Note: I have notified Carl that we would be interested in any and all descendants of Annie Eleanor Carey, which was the daughter of Robert Wm. Carey. Would the individual who sent me the genealogy on this Carey family for *The Peach Heroes* please help us verify this record change. If you have Albert B. Carey and his wife as Grace M. Russell, please help us identify the source for this. If none, then Carl Tongberg's record will stand as the new official name for his grandfather. After all, he has personal knowledge of this.

A Marblehead Okie

Naomi Roberts is another Marbleheader who wound up in Texas. San Antonio is even further south than Houston, it seems. However, she's still an Okie at heart, being born in Beggs, OK. As one of our faithful supporters forever, she sent an exciting lengthy article about her 91-year old uncle Don Hamilton, which was published in the *Muskogee Phoenix* news.

Naomi says Don Hamilton is the fourth son of Pansy Peach Pharis and Grover Cleveland Hamilton, born in Beggs, OK. Here is an excerpt from the newspaper.

Don Hamilton was born Aug. 5, 1920. During the Great Depression he traveled to California with \$18 in his pocket. His photograph became an icon of the World War II infantryman. Sgt. Don Hamilton received the rifleman's badge for being an infantryman in combat in 1944. "Gen. McNare OK'd the idea that infantrymen needed a distinction," Hamilton said. "You can bomb a place till it's level, but unless the dog-faced infantrymen go in there and hold it, you may not own the place." He wooed and wed the Beggs High School homecoming queen (Mollie Goodman) shortly after she graduated. "I thought, "That is the prettiest gal I ever saw." (They celebrated their 50th Anniversary with their five sons in 1996.)

DON TOLD ABOUT LIFE DURING THE GREAT DEPRESSION.

"When you live as long as I have and you see the Depression, the recovery and everything since then, it reminds me of a Johnny Cash song," Hamilton said. "Well, I was there when it happened, and so I guess I oughta know." Closing his eyes, Hamilton leaned back in his chair and described snippets of memories from early in his life. "Growing up on our family farm in Beggs, I remember no running water and no electricity. You'd study with a kerosene

lamp. Drag the mattress out into the yard in the summertime because it was too hot in the house. I remember my grandpa, who was blind, so I'd lead him out and set him down under the shade of a tree. He'd say, 'Come here,' and he'd pick me up and say, 'I think you've gained two pounds since yesterday!' Going through everything, it was hard to endure at the time," Hamilton said. "But I have so many beautiful memories."

THE GRAPES OF WRATH

Like many people from Oklahoma, Don Hamilton traveled west in 1936. With just \$18 in his pocket, he was hoping to find work in California during the Great Depression. "I wasn't there long, because I would have starved to death. I worked some, but you'd only get a day's work planting grapes, and then they'd have to hire someone else. There were hundreds of people looking for work." North of Bakersfield, Calif., Hamilton said he lucked upon a man who needed help building tourist cabins out of adobe bricks. "He said, 'I don't hire anybody but Okies,'" Hamilton recalled. "I said, 'Most people out here will hire everybody except Okies.'" After a few days of work, the man told Hamilton he could go down to the train depot for a free ticket back to Oklahoma. Hamilton took up the man on his offer, but only had \$4 left in his pocket. I wasn't going to spend that \$4. I wasn't going to home broke. At the train depot, they gave me a huge bag of figs when I got my ticket, so that's all I ate on the whole trip home."

VETERAN OF WORLD WAR II

After returning from Europe, Hamilton was stationed for a year and a half at the Army War College, at Fort McNair in Washington, D.C. In 1944, a photographer and journalist from the National Rifle Association's "American Rifleman" magazine visited the post and learned Hamilton was one of seven remaining members from a company of 192 men from Beggs. "The writer who wrote the article misunderstood," Hamilton said. "Yes,

there were seven members left of the original company, but they weren't all killed. Some were transferred or wounded. Others left for different reasons. There wasn't anything heroic about my record," he said humbly. "I got a couple of purple hearts for two bullet wounds."



A photograph of Hamilton wearing his brown uniform, gazing off into the distance with blue sky behind him and rifle in hand, graced the July 1944 cover of the magazine, along with an

article about his service. The photograph became an icon of the World War II infantryman, reappearing in a 1945 issue of "The Link" magazine and recently in the November/December 2000 issue of "America's First Freedom." Hamilton said he was flattered to pose for the photograph but discarded the article. "My grandkids were reading the gory details of why that picture was taken in the first place, so I cut out the article and threw it away," he said. "I didn't want them to remember me that way. I've relived that enough without being reminded every time somebody reads it."

After Hamilton was discharged from the Army National Guard, he left Washington, D.C., and returned to Beggs. One night in the fall of 1945, he went to a football game at Beggs High School. "They were crowning the homecoming queen," he said. "I saw her picture in my program and thought, 'That is the prettiest gal I ever saw.'" They got married June 23, 1946. See the article for the rest of the story.

You can get the entire article on line at:
[http:// muskogeephoenix.com/local/x1818105498/OKIE-Life-is-like-a-Johnny-Cash-song-for-vet](http://muskogeephoenix.com/local/x1818105498/OKIE-Life-is-like-a-Johnny-Cash-song-for-vet)

Indiana Peaches

Ken Reel contacted me for the first time recently regarding his Indiana Peach roots. He was originally looking for a Ronald E. Peach who married Laura Reel. He was born Apr 16, 1949, Knox Co., IN, son of Alfred and Veronica (Fairhurst) Peach. He was thinking this family came from England by way of Canada. Although I quickly realized his family was of the Southern Maryland Branch from the Isle of Wight, I wasn't aware of any Reels or the present generations of the family. Through a process of emails, we have added the following to the Southern Maryland Branch that exists in *The Peach Genealogies, Vol. 1*, p. 69.

Ellis "Peck" and Audie (Alcorn) Peach had a son, Alfred, born Nov. 25, 1913, who married Veronica Fairhurst in 1940. They in turn had a son, Ronald Edward Peach.

Children of ALFRED PEACH and VERONICA FAIRHURST are:

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 - i. PATRICIA LOU² PEACH, b. 20 Dec 1940; d. 31 Dec 1992.
 - ii. PAULA PEACH.
 - iii. LINDA PEACH.
3.
 - iv. RONALD EDWARD PEACH, b. 16 Apr 1949, Knox Co., IN; d. 19 Oct 1991, Indiana.

Generation No. 2

2. PATRICIA LOU² was born 20 Dec 1940, and died 31 Dec 1992. She married (1) ANDY C. SMITH. He was born in Indiana, and died Bef. Feb 2007. She married (2) FLOYD STANGLE 07 Sep 1991 in 1. He was born 25 Jan 1942 in Illinois.

Children of PATRICIA PEACH and ANDY SMITH are:

- i. PAMELA ELAINE³ SMITH, b. 20 Feb 1965, Indiana; m. (1) MR. NOBLE, Bef. 1985; m. (2) CLYDE RUSKIN WESTFALL, 23 Feb 2007, Indiana; b. 07 Feb 1969, Indiana.

- ii. PATSY LYNN SMITH, b. 20 Feb 1959, Indiana; m. LARRY JOE RUSSELL, 08 Nov 1986, Knox Co., IN; b. 07 Feb 1959, Indiana.

3. RONALD EDWARD² PEACH (ALFRED¹, ELLIS "PECK"^A, JOHN HENRY^B, JAMES^{*C}, WILLIAM JOE^D, WILLIAM^E, WILLIAM^{**F}, JOSEPH^G, JOHNATHAN^H, JOSEPH^I) was born 16 Apr 1949 in Knox Co., IN, and died 19 Oct 1991 in Indiana. He married (1) YVONNE RAVELLETTE 09 Nov 1974 in Knox Co., IN. She was born 02 Jan 1953 in Knox Co., IN. He married (2) LAURA ANN REEL 25 Jul 1986 in Henderson, KY. She was born 1962.

Children of RONALD PEACH and LAURA REEL are:

- i. STEPHEN³ PEACH.
- ii. CARRIE ANN PEACH.
- iii. LAURA PEACH.
- iv. KRISTA NOEL PEACH.
- v. BRANNA LYNN PEACH.

Editor's Note: If you know of any of these listed above or you can help add to or verify this, please let me know.

Tennessee Roots

"Hi, John! My name is Beth Peach. I think you've talked to my dad, Otis, before. I have recently joined in the fun of family history and had a few questions.

"Right now I have our line going back from me, to my dad Otis, My grandfather Cecil and back through John and Rebecca in South Carolina. I've gotten stuck. After joining and looking through the site a bit, I see that you have tons of the work already done, but I'm just not sure the best way to search and connect. Any advice would be greatly appreciated! I'm so excited to get to work!"

Beth Peach is found on p. 158 of *The Peach Genealogies, Vol. 2*. She is the daughter of Otis Gordon and Cynthia (Albert) Peach. She is the ninth generation descendant of John Peach. Welcome aboard, Beth!

Newfoundland News

“Hi, John! My name is John Stepto and my mother's maiden name is Irene Peach. Her father was Ralph Peach and he is a direct descendant of Rev. John S. Peach from Carbonear (Newfoundland) In fact, she remembers visiting the Peach Farm in the 50's when she was a child. Which book should I purchase for following this branch of the tree?”

Editor's Note: It's always refreshing to hear from one of our neighbors to the north. We went on a cruise last September to the Atlantic Provinces of Canada, but sorry to say, we didn't get as far north as Newfoundland. I can't wait to see the old Peach Farm for myself. John Stepto descends from Rev. John Sawford Peach, who was born in 1811 in Woodford, Northamptonshire. He was the immigrant ancestor of this extensive Newfoundland Branch. He married Anna Marie Evans, who gave him seven children. If any of his descendents wish to get in contact with John Stepto, please let me know. He would be glad to hear from you.

Coincidentally, last issue I reported on this same Newfoundland Branch that included Martin Peach and Dan Peach. Please refer to that to make more connections.

Website/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.

Sale on Books

The Peach Heroes that sells for \$59.95 is what I call my monster book. With 740 pages, it is the largest book I have written. For a limited time, I am offering a \$20 discount off this book simply because I overstocked it. Since I don't have the room to store the copies, I want to make them available to my subscribers for less than what they cost me. This is only for a LIMITED TIME. Please let me know ASAP to reserve you one (or more as gifts). Please include \$9 for shipping.

This is 740 pages hard bound, fully indexed. 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.

My most popular book and a standard textbook for all Peach genealogy going back to 650 A.D. is **The Peach/Peachey Migrations, 1066-1990**. This book sells for \$39.95, but I have some embellished copies that I will sell for a \$10 discount. The only thing wrong with them is they have a few discolored marks on the edges of the pages. Please include \$7 for shipping.

If you haven't ordered one of my two latest books, please do so while I have them in stock.

The Peach/Peachey Bridges, Vol. 1 - \$29.95 + \$7 shipping. This book is in full color illustrations, fully indexed.

On the Banks of the Rappahannock - \$29.95 + \$7 shipping. This is my first historical novel. It's a captivating story of romance and mystery in colonial Virginia. This book is the first one offered in my new Peach Lending Library (see page 1 of Peach Tree 162).