

THE PEACH TREE

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Thomas Jefferson - Roots of Religious Freedom

This is my latest book that has just been released. As a biographical novel about Thomas Jefferson, it traces the details of his adventurous life from birth through his two terms as our third president. Being that it portrays him as a Christian rather than the typical "deist" most have heard him to be, this book will challenge the rethinking of most Americans. But that is what I intend to do – to shake up our consciences with a huge dose of reality.

This is the first book of mine that has its own website. You can get your personal signed copy from me for \$20 plus shipping. <http://www.jeffersonreligiousfreedom.com/> It is over 350 pages and fully indexed. Get yours in time for Christmas!!!



Soar With Me Above the Mountains

As I enter 2013, I will be embarking on my 30th year of this "Peach Tree Project." As I reflect back on all the winding trails we have travelled together over these past years, I want to congratulate you for your tenacious endurance and patience with me as your adventurous guide.

Whether you are a newcomer on our journey or an old timer, you are vigorously encouraged to continue with us for another decade uncovering new nuggets of our rich heritage and finding more fruit hanging on the ol' Peach trees. For those who have been with us for all or most of the past 29 years, our hats are off to you for your perseverance and faithful support throughout the years. It's people like you who have encouraged me to keep blazing new trails into our treasure-trove of history.

Looking back on where we have been and how we have arrived to this stage of our journey identifies a most unique method of genealogical research. This is what I call "the MOUNTAIN TOP experience."

Most who study their roots remain in the VALLEY of their individual branch of ancestors and descendants. However, I have found that when we climb to the top of the mountain and even soar above its

tips like an eagle, we can reach insurmountable heights most genealogists will never discover.

I have found that most are searching for their missing links through a *MICROSCOPE*. As such, they have narrowed their vision so they can't see the big picture.

My unique approach has been to make constant use of the *TELESCOPE*. This takes me to the tops of the mountains where I can see what's happening on yonder peaks and valleys.

Oh yes, I still keep my trusty *MICROSCOPE* handy. Most of the time, I find myself tweaking and updating individual family trees. However, I have found that my greatest delight has been realized on the mountain top. From that vantage point, I can see *FOREVER* - or at least for the past few millennia.

As I have soared to these levels, I have found myself oftentimes too innovative for my own good. Thus, most of the books I have written have been so far ahead of their time that it has taken many years for them to reach any kind of popularity.

When *The Peach/Peachey Migrations, 1066-1900* was published, most of those who bought it were concerned about only their individual branch that was included. If it didn't give details about their family, they didn't want it. However, that book has proven to be valuable over the past 22 years because it traced our ancestry back to 1066, detailed our rich noble English heritage, showed the relationship of the Peach and Peachey back to their one common ancestor, and identified the history of the various coats of arms of our ancestry. Therefore, this book eventually was warmly received by those in England, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, as well as those in the United States.

Several years ago, I published *The*

Peach/Peachey Bridges, Vol. 1 – another book apparently ahead of its time. While many copies have been sold, I have been disappointed that more of my readers haven't chosen to invest in a copy. I believe it is the most exciting book I have ever written about the Peche ancestry. Subtitled, "*In the Presence of the King*", I paint the details of the history of how the Peche nobles often were found in close proximity to the king of England. If you haven't received your copy, you can obtain one for \$29 plus shipping. These would make wonderful gifts for your parents, children and grandchildren. Let me know if you want a package deal on them.

Likewise, I find that when I wrote *On the Banks of the Rappahannock and Thomas Jefferson – Roots of Religious Freedom*, I apparently was soaring to levels higher than some were unwilling to reach.

Perhaps, some have felt that I have abandoned my Peach genealogy routine as I search for new adventures. True, these two historical novels are not my typical genealogical treatises of nonfiction. However, they are still focused primarily on my Peach Tree audience.

To see the larger picture of how the Peaches and Peachey fit into the beginnings of America, I had to take out my trusty *TELESCOPE* to view all that was happening in those colonial days. By doing this, I was able to see with finite detail how our Peche ancestors played a significant role in the development of the United States.

If you have not purchased either one of these two books, I encourage you to do so. I guarantee you that you will not be disappointed. You can get a copy of either of these for \$20 plus shipping. They make wonderful Christmas gifts. Ask me if you want a package deal.

Marbleheaders in Nebraska

Lately, for the first time I heard from **Larry and Mary Peach** of Lincoln, Nebraska. In his first email, he wrote:

"My name is Larry Peach from Lincoln, Nebraska. In researching my family history, I found that I descend from John Peach, Jr. and the William Peach that went to Vermont. I have ancestors in Indiana and Illinois. My great-grandfather, Abiel (Plummer) Peach came to Nebraska from Indiana.

"I recently was visiting Marblehead and received much information there. I was directed to **Ted Peach** and learned much from him as well as confirmed the information that I had. He told me about the books you have written. I am interested in purchasing anything that you have that would be helpful to my research. He showed us the latest one on Marblehead. Do you still have copies available? Is there anything else that you think could be of interest to me? If so, let me know how to place an order."

First of all, Larry bought the next to the last book I have on the Marblehead Branch, *The Peach Tree Handbook, Vol. III*. Whenever the next one is purchased, the book will officially be "out of print." The last one is available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Secondly, Larry sent me all his seven generations descending from William and Elizabeth (Bowden) Messervy Peach of Newbury, Vermont. Please update this in your Marblehead records.

Descendants of Abiel Plummer Peach

1. ABIEL PLUMMER¹² PEACH was born 16 Jan 1847 in Boscawen, New Hampshire, and died 19 Jul 1930 in Ingleside, NE. He married ADDIE

PHETIMA STORRS 07 Dec 1881. She was born 1858, and died 1937.

Children of ABIEL PEACH and ADDIE STORRS:

2.
 - i. HENRY HIRAM¹³ PEACH, b. 31 Oct 1882, Lowell, Lake Co., IN; d. 25 Jul 1954, Lawrence, NE.
 - ii. WILL PEACH.
 - iii. BERL PEACH.
 - iv. MAMIE PEACH.
 - v. ANNA IDA PEACH.
 - vi. HARRY ALBERT PEACH, m. OLIVE YOUNG.

Generation No. 2

2. HENRY HIRAM¹³ PEACH was born 31 Oct 1882 in Lowell, Lake Co., IN, and died 25 Jul 1954 in Lawrence, NE. He married ALMA IRENE TILBURY. She was born 24 Nov 1893 in Lawrence, NE, and died 10 Jan 1964 in Lawrence, NE.

Child of HENRY PEACH and ALMA TILBURY is:

3.
 - i. CLYDE LOWELL¹⁴ PEACH, b. 12 Aug 1915, Lawrence, NE; d. 04 Dec 1997, Lincoln, NE.

Generation No. 3

3. CLYDE LOWELL¹⁴ PEACH was born 12 Aug 1915 in Lawrence, NE, and died 04 Dec 1997 in Lincoln, NE. He married MAE LEVERNE HETHERINGTON 26 Sep 1938 in Lincoln, NE. She was born 29 May 1916 in Blue Springs, NE, and died 22 Dec 2005 in Lincoln, NE.

Children are:

- i. RICHARD LEE¹⁵ PEACH, b. 22 Jul 1939, Vermillion, KS; m. MARJORIE ANN WHITE, 12 Jun 1966, Lincoln, NE; b. 15 Sep 1941, Lincoln, NE.
4.
 - ii. LARRY MAX PEACH, b. 20 Sep 1942, Superior, NE.

Generation No. 4

4. LARRY MAX¹⁵ PEACH was born 20 Sep 1942 in Superior, NE. He married MARY LOUISE SCHWINDT 01 Sep 1963 in Lincoln, NE. She was born 11 Jan 1944 in Lincoln, NE.

Susan Murphy of Menlo Park, California also notified me of her Marblehead lineage. I am hoping to find out more from her.

*Thomas Jefferson
is going nationwide*

Since my latest book has been published, I have been interviewed on two radio programs in Texas, one in Albuquerque, NM, and one in Knoxville, TN. I have also held book signings at the University of Virginia, as well as a local Knoxville bookstore.

My plan now is to take Jefferson into the public schools and libraries, as I dress up like him and present my impersonation of this founding father. I guess you could say that I have become obsessed with him. But what better American could I emulate?

My burden is that children young and old in our nation learn the significance and personality of this father of religious liberty. Tom's pet in the White House was his mockingbird named "Dick." Thus, Dick will go with me into the schools when I present my rendition of Thomas Jefferson.

I dedicated this book to the following Americans:

- To those who educate their children to follow the principles that made our nation exceptional over others.
- To parents who dedicate themselves tirelessly to raise their children to become physically, mentally, spiritually and morally fit to become the promising future of America.
- To women who were refused the right to vote, to go to school, to own property, or to hold public office in early America.
- To African Americans who suffered the abominable

torments of slavery and to their descendants.

- To children of all ages and races in America, that they will have an intense interest in their nation's founding fathers and all they endured to establish our great nation.
- To those who are fighting to keep the truth alive that America is a Christian nation founded on the truths located in the Bible.

Please let me know if your school or library would like a personal appearance from Thomas Jefferson.

Recently, my wife and I had the privilege to visit the Dr. Thomas Walker Historic Site in Barbourville, Kentucky. This one-room cabin depicted the first house in the Blue Grass State, built by Walker and his men after they discovered Kentucky in 1750. In my latest book, I show him as Peter Jefferson's personal physician bringing baby Thomas into the world. Later, he served as his guardian.

Walker's mother was **Susanna Peachey**, a direct descendant of William de Peche I. In my book, *On the Banks of the Rappahannock*, I show the proven genealogy of Dr. Thomas Walker, as well as the details of his discovery of Kentucky.

In *Thomas Jefferson – Roots of Religious Freedom*, Walker is highlighted as the nearest neighbor to Jefferson, became his guardian at 14 when his daddy died, and played a prominent part in giving Jefferson the vision for the Louisiana Purchase.

You can have both these books for \$47 (includes shipping) if sent to an address in the USA. By buying both together, you save \$7 extra shipping. (If you want them shipped overseas, contact me).

So. Maryland Branch News

Those who were at our 1996 National Peach Reunion in Knoxville, TN, should remember Tom and Ardis Dashiell, who travelled all the way from the state of Washington to join us. Tom is a descendant of Joseph Elson and Mary (Peach) Peach, who moved their family from Maryland to Logan Co., Ohio, about 1816.

Ardis recently told me about Tom being inducted into the Hall of Fame, as shown in the following article. Congratulations, Tom.

Dashiell Inducted into Hereford Hall of Fame

"Tom Dashiell, Eltopia, Wash., was inducted into the Hereford Hall of Fame Nov. 1, in Kansas City during the American Hereford Association Annual Meeting. The Hall of Fame honor annually recognizes breeders who've dynamically influenced the direction and advancement of the Hereford breed. Tom Dashiell and his wife, Ardis, made great contributions to the Hereford industry through their highly sought-after genetics. Tom's Mark Donald cow herd produced one of the most influential bulls in the industry: DH Beau Mark Dhu 326.

Dashiell Herefords, Eltopia, Wash., started in 1945 with the purchase of one purebred cow at the Northwest Hereford Breeders sale in Spokane, Wash. More and more cows were added including 10 foundation females of Old Line Beau Donald breeding. In 1959 the herd was sold at private treaty except the yearling heifers. From only 21 heifers, the herd grew again until 1968, when Tom's illness forced a sale of all but the yearling heifers again...."

Go to this website to see full article: <http://www.hpj.com/archives/2010/nov10/nov15/1104AHAHallOfFameDashiell1P.cfm>

Recently, **Lydie Price's** daughter, Nan Peach Heim Shetterly, of Bowie, MD, gave me the following update of their family.

"Mother - Lydie is doing relatively well. She lives in Ginger Cove Retirement complex in Annapolis, MD. She just recently experienced some issues with pneumonia, but is on the mend. She will be 94 in March and continues to amaze us. We love her dearly and hope to have her for many years!

"Robert Peach - Lydie's first cousin - just passed away this week...he was a few months older than Lydie. I believe he passed Mon Oct 8 (2012) Services are at Grace Methodist Church in Aberdeen on Thurs. with burial at Mt. Oak in Mitchellville Oct 12. Robert was the son of Preston Littlepage Peach, who was the son of Dr. John Peach.

"Robert's sister Eizabeth Peach Aufhammer passed a year or 3 ago. She lived in California - Pasadena area. With Robert's passing - this leaves Lydie, Herndon Peach and Ida Hume Peach Brady as the last of the first cousins in that generation. Herndon and Ida are brother and sister - father was Herndon Peach - a son of Dr. John Peach's. Robert's wife Brownly is still living, two daughters - Ellen and Susan and their families."

As I received this update from Nan, my mind travelled back to the first time I came in contact with the gracious southern hospitality of Lydie Price. She and her family at Mt. Oak Methodist Church, where we worshipped together, will always be in my fondest memories.

Beth Roane is the long-standing tour guide of Tuckahoe plantation, childhood home of Thomas Jefferson. She is also a member of this special family and has assisted me with my latest book.

South Carolina Branch Highlights

Bobbye Winston of Alabama recently contacted me, informing us of her husband, Tommy, departing for his just reward on February 6, 2012. Both Bobbye and Tommy attended many of our national Peach reunions, and Tommy will be missed by many. Here is part of his obituary.

"Tommy Wilson Winston, age 73, of Gordo, died Monday, Feb. 6, 2012, at Aliceville Manor Nursing Home. Services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2012, at Dogwood Chapel in Aliceville with Rev. Charlie Wilson officiating. Burial will follow in Bethesda Presbyterian Church Cemetery with Skelton Funeral Home of Reform directing....He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Irene Blakney.

"Survivors include his wife, Bobbye Craft Winston of Gordo, Ala.; daughter, Kim Winston Criswell (Andy) of Pickensville, Ala.; sister, Bertie Phillips of Aliceville, Ala.; brother, Hubert Winston (Joan) of Aliceville, Ala.; two grandchildren, Haley Michelle Criswell and Robin Leigh Criswell; and a number of nieces and nephews.

"Mr. Wilson was born December 3, 1938, in the Benevola community to the late John Thomas Winston and Effie Mae Wilson Winston. He was a member of Aliceville First Baptist Church, a retired employee of Huyck Felt Company with 34 years of services, and a life long resident of Pickens County."

James Lee Peach, Sr. of Old Hickory, TN, has been in contact with me recently. He is a descendant of William Strickland Peach through Felix Newton Peach of Nashville, TN. Although he owns a company in China, he resides in Tennessee most of the time. When he recently bought my latest book, he gave me an update on his family and arranged to visit with me in near future.

Marblehead Branch Update

Susan Brown Calhoun is one of our latest Marblehead members of this Peach Tree Project. She wrote recently about her family ties to John Peach, Jr.

"My husband and I have lived in Atlanta for the past 16 years, and my parents live in Port Townsend, WA. They are both in their 80s. Boy, was I surprised to see on one of your website pages a reference to the Peaches of Port Townsend! What a coincidence. This was just about a month ago. My mother immediately called one of the people mentioned on that page, and they had a nice chat. I am going out to Port Townsend tomorrow to visit my parents, and I hope to meet this distance relative.

"My parents are (still living) Margery Ann Goodwin Brown and Frank Graves Brown, Jr. My mother's parents were William Hooper Goodwin (child of Frederick Chapman Goodwin and Mary Annie Peach) and Hattie Louise Horne.

"My father's parents were Frank Graves Brown and Leona Young. My grandfather was born in Lynn, MA, as was my father, but my father's grandfather (Nathaniel Franklin Brown 1876 - 1968) was born in Marblehead. His parents (my great great grandparents) were Benjamin Franklin Brown (1851 - 1933) and Eliza Phillips. (1851 - 1928).

"I love all the information you have on your website, and I look forward to sharing it all with my parents...also with my grandchildren who will be in Port Townsend, too. If you would like to see what my tree looks like on ancestry.com I will be happy to send you an invitation to view it if you can't access it."

Susan Brown Calhoun