

**THE  
PEACH  
TREE**

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*Franklin Book Signing  
in Tennessee*

You are invited and encouraged to come to my book signing on Saturday, Feb. 23, 2013 in Franklin, TN. Bill Peach, my cousin and a local author in Franklin, will be hosting the event and will have his own books to sign.

The Bean Coffee Bistro  
1010 Murfreesboro Rd Ste 190, Franklin TN  
Maples Shopping Center  
615-790-9553

Stop by any time between 1 to 4 p.m. on that Saturday for a visit. I would love to meet you or see you again. I will have all my books available to personally sign for you. (By buying them there, you will save yourself shipping costs).

There are so many in the Nashville and Franklin area whom I have been wanting to meet or see again. This will afford us that opportunity.

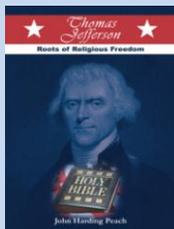
Bill Peach and I worked together to host the Third National Peach Reunion in Franklin 27 years ago. So this will be another Peach Reunion in an impromptu sort of way.

Stop by and see Bill's latest book, *The Eye or Reason*, or his local favorite, *The South Side of Boston*.

My latest books, *THOMAS JEFFERSON – Roots of Religious Freedom* and *On the Banks of the Rappahannock* will be featured, along with all my Peach genealogy books. If you want to save \$10 for shipping, come by and pick up a set of the two books on the left in the buy one – get one free sale.

I am excited to spend some quality time with you on Sat., the 23<sup>rd</sup>. See you there.

*Buy One – Get One  
Free*



I am now offering my latest book FREE if you buy a copy of *THE PEACH HEROES*. I want you to enjoy your very own copy of *THOMAS JEFFERSON - Roots of Religious Freedom*. \$39.95 will get you the 740-page hard cover book, *Heroes*, as well as the 344-page *Thomas Jefferson*. The books retail for \$59.95 and \$22.99 respectively – a total of \$82.94. You will get a savings of \$42.99. (Please include \$10 for shipping, and both books are yours-send to address above).

## *Our Ancestors in the American Revolution*

Hundreds of thousands sacrificed their lives for America to win their freedom from Great Britain (1776-1783). Some 15,000 of them died in the process.

According to the *Daughters of the American Revolution's* website, sixty six men survived the bloody conflict to become ancestors of the modern-day Peach and Peachey families. Most did not bear those surnames, but their descendants married into the Peach/Peachey clans.

Thus, hundreds of Peaches and Peacheys have become members of the DAR because they can prove such significant ancestry.

Eleven patriots of the Revolution were to represent the **Marblehead Branch** of Peaches. Eleven more became part of the **Southern Maryland Branch**. Another nine represented the **South Carolina Branch**. One more patriot became intertwined with the **Kentucky Branch**.

Six patriots became part of the roots of the **Peacheys from Virginia**, and another five represented the **New Jersey Peacheys**.

Members of the DAR, for instance, trace their Marblehead Peach ancestry to the likes of John & William Peach, John Brown, Richard Frost, James Lawrence and John White of Massachusetts. This list included Jacob Bailey of Vermont and the following from New Hampshire: Jonathan & Samuel Corliss, Henry Gerrish and Phineas Wright.

This means that somewhere along the way, a Peach married into each of the above-mentioned patriot's families. This in turn qualified them as a member of the DAR. What is significant about this is that the member's genealogy has to be proven through intensive documentation. With their ancestry publicized on the DAR

website, this is a vital source in which to build solid proven family trees.

The **Southern Maryland Branch** only had one patriot with the Peach surname – William Peach. However, ten others became part of the Peach families of this branch. Those were Carter Braxton, Thomas Gaddis and John Hopwood of Virginia; John McCoy of Pennsylvania; and the following from Maryland: Stephen Beard, Richard Donovan, Samuel Duval, Marmaduke Hamilton, Francis Hume, and John Makemson.

There were no Peach surnames in the South Carolina patriot list. However, nine families from this branch trace their ancestry back through the following: James & Joseph Anthony and Jonathan Osborn of Virginia; Stephen Day and Elijah Pugh from Georgia; William Hayward from No. Carolina; Nathaniel Owings from Maryland; and Joel Crawford & Ezekiel Gaskins from So. Carolina.

The Virginia Peacheys can trace their lineage back to the following patriots of the Revolution: William & Samuel Peachey, Robert Armistead, Wilson Cary, and Benjamin & James Pendleton.

The New Jersey Branch of Peacheys (Peachees) began with Benjamin Peachey (Peachee) of New Jersey, but the following patriots had Peacheys who married into their families. Those were John Blackwell of Virginia; James Rigdon of Maryland; John Ross of Pennsylvania; and Lawrence DeMott of New Jersey.

You can go the *Daughters of the American Revolution* website to find out more about these. Choose the DAR Genealogical Research System and enter surname: Peach. Here is the direct link to 280 Peach/Peachey patriot ancestors. [http://services.dar.org/public/dar\\_research/search\\_descendants/default.cfm](http://services.dar.org/public/dar_research/search_descendants/default.cfm)

*Bobbye Winston  
now in Heaven*

I was in total shock and utter dismay when I got the recent phone call from Brenda Starr and Dolores Crum of Iowa that our dear Bobbye Winston passed away. She was a well-known and dearly loved Peach genealogist, whose website is *Kith 'N Kin*. She authored two books by that title also. She was a frequent attendee of our national Peach reunions. Our loss is Heaven's gain. Respectfully submitted, John H. Peach

Her obituary was published as follows.

Bobbye Craft Winston, age 71, of Gordo, Alabama, died Jan. 16, 2013, at Aliceville Manor Nursing Home. Services will be 11 a.m. today, Jan. 19, 2013, at Aliceville First Baptist Church with Rev. Charlie Wilson officiating. Burial will follow in Bethesda Presbyterian Church Cemetery with Skelton Funeral Home of Reform directing. Visitation will be one hour prior and immediately following the service at Aliceville First Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Tommy Winston, and her parents.

Survivors include her daughter, Kim Winston Criswell and husband, Andy of Pickensville, Ala.; her sister, Betty Craft Banks of Eutaw, Ala.; her brother, Carl Craft of Tuscaloosa, Ala.; her grandchildren, Haley Criswell Milling and husband, Winston, and Robin Leigh Criswell; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Winston was born March 17, 1941, in Benevola, Alabama to the late Bill Craft and Gladys Nettles Craft. She was a retired secretary for the State of Alabama Department of Human Resources, a member of Aliceville First Baptist Church, and a well known resident of Pickens County.

*Peach Linkage to  
Carter Braxton*

On Nov. 14, 1911, Samuel Marvin Peach of Prince George's Co., Maryland, was united in marriage to Nannie Tyler Stiles. Although this was quite a special occasion for the son of Dr. John Peach, he may have considered it an added privilege to marry the great-great-great-granddaughter of the influential patriot of colonial Virginia, Carter Braxton.

His most memorable occasion was the day he signed the **Declaration of Independence**. He was named for his grandfather, Robert Carter, who was nicknamed "King Carter" because he owned 42 plantations. In fact, Carter Braxton's granddad controlled all of the Northern Neck of Virginia in the early 18<sup>th</sup> century.

Citing the *findagrave* website, "In 1761, Braxton became a member of the House of Burgesses, where he served until 1771, and again in 1775. In 1775, he became a member of the Virginia delegation to the Second Continental Congress. The American Revolution threatened his comfortable way of life, so for a long time he was uncertain about independence.

"As late as April 14, 1776, he wrote a letter to his uncle saying that he believed America was not ready for independence. A month later, in May 17, 1776, he wrote another letter to his uncle stating that America 'with one united voice' should seek independence. He came to believe that the country would be harmed if Congress appeared to be divided over the issue of independence, so he voted for independence, signed the Declaration, and then left Congress to return the next year.

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"Back in Virginia, he supported a bill to recruit slaves to fight for the Revolution, to be given freedom in exchange for their service. The bill was defeated, but Braxton then embraced the effort to win American freedom, and purchased supplies for the army out of his own pocket. He was a member of the Continental Congress and the Congress of the Confederation, from 1775 to 1776 and 1777 to 1783, and again in 1785."

As for his grandfather, the "King", Robert Carter built the Christ Church in Lancaster, Co., VA, where he is buried. His epitaph on his tomb is written in Latin, and is translated in part as follows.

"Rector of William and Mary College, he sustained that institution and its most trying times. And he was Speaker of the House of Burgesses and Treasurer under the most serene princes, William, Ann, George I. and George II. Elected by the House of Burgesses its Speaker six years and Governor of the Colony for more than a year he upheld equally the regal dignity and the public freedom.

"Possessed of ample wealth, blameless acquired, he built and endowed this sacred edifice, a signal monument of his piety towards God. He furnished it richly."

Samuel Marvin Peach, as a lawyer, rose to the occasion of serving as Maryland's State Attorney in 1920. He received his law degree from the University of Maryland and was a vestryman for the Episcopal Church in Hyattsville, MD, where he lived.

With his marriage to Nannie Tyler Stiles, he passed onto his two children – Samuel Marvin, Jr. and Ann Tyler Peach – the distinction of being descendants of the illustrious Carter Braxton, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

## *Martin Peach's Greetings from Canada*

I love hearing from my northern Peaches in Canada. Martin Peach has been my subscriber about as long as the Peach Tree has been in existence. Recently, he sent me the update on his family.

"Hi John. I'm staying in where it is warm and doing paper work. It is -8F this morning and wind chill is around -30F and snowing. Anyway, I was rereading the issue 162, going over the item you wrote about the Peaches in Canada.(page 4) Had several emails from Dan Peach. He was very busy working on the university course till Dec. So I may hear from him to follow up on the Peach Tree.

"There is one small correction I would like to make for you. When he died, John Sawford Peach, born mar. 1810. Died Sept 18 1891 Served just over fifty years in his church work in Newfoundland. Married Anna Maria Evans May 20 1844 (b.1828, d.1888).

"I know I've not written you in some time and there is one change in our Family Last Aug. 22, 2012, my wife, Frances Edith Peach, passed away at the age of 90. (b. Mar. 9, 1922 ). Also last July, my family was home for my 90th birthday, which was a very nice time together. (Edith was in a care home at that time). Hope you and your wife are keeping well. Martin"

Editor's Note: I first reported on Martin Peach and his Newfoundland Branch on pp.358-359 of *The Peach/Peachey Migrations, 1066-1990*. That branch began with their immigrant ancestor, Rev. John Sawford Peach, a Methodist minister, from Wooton, Northamptonshire, England.

## Frederic Peachy California Professor

Recently, I went on the site of [www.findagrave.com/](http://www.findagrave.com/) which has become of my latest fascinating genealogical tools. There I found Frederic Peachy, the 5<sup>th</sup> great grandson of Samuel Peachey of Virginia. (He was the immigrant ancestor, whose life and family was featured in my book, *On the Banks of the Rappahannock*.) Here is what this website reported on him.

Professor Frederic Peachy (81) died April 15 of complications resulting from a fall in his home in Inverness, California. A distinguished scholar, Frederic Peachy was Professor Emeritus of Classics at Reed College, where he had served as Department Chairman.

His academic career began in 1939 with two years at Harvard as a teaching assistant in French. After four years of military service, he taught French at Brown University followed by two years as a Classics professor at the University of Maine and six years at the University of California, Berkeley. He spent his final 28 years of teaching at Reed College, retiring in 1984.

During his 40 years in academia, Professor Peachy devoted much of his life to the promotion of Classics. His numerous publications include *Clareti Enigma*, the Latin Riddles of Claret and "Pound's 'Cantos': A Greek Approach." He was active in the Philological Association of the Pacific Coast as Secretary-Treasurer, Vice President, and President. He also edited a newsletter for the teachers of Latin and Greek in the state of Oregon. Above all, he was a devoted teacher. Richard Tron, who currently chairs the Classics Department at Reed College, said on the occasion of his

retirement: "Fred Peachy is the finest teacher I've ever worked with. He combines an intellectual vigor with humane consideration of student needs and concerns..."

Frederic Peachy was born in Seattle on December 29, 1915, the son of Anna Furth (Terry) Peachy and William S. Peachy. When he was six, the family moved to Paris. He attended Pembroke Lodge and Marlborough College in England, subsequently receiving License es Lettres (1935) and Diplome d'Etudes Superieures (1936) from the University of Paris. He did not spend all his time with books. While at the Sorbonne, he won the French Federation of Boxing University Championship as an amateur middleweight. He returned to the United States in 1937 to attend Harvard University, where he received both his M.A. (1938) and Ph.D. (1948).

Having enlisted in the Marine Corps, Frederic Peachy served with distinction during World War II, in the First Marine Division. On Guadalcanal, he was commissioned in the field. Later he was awarded the Bronze Star for service on New Britain. He retired as Lieutenant Colonel in the Reserves.

Professor Peachy is survived by his wife Bernice, of Inverness, California; three sons - William of Riyadh, Saudi Arabia; John of New York City; and Nicholas of Somerset, Massachusetts;--a daughter Anna Desenberg, of Albany, California; and a brother, Peter Babalian of Kansas City.

**(Editor's note:** I used to have regular contact with Frederick Peachy's son, William Peachy in Saudi Arabia. However, his email address was changed, and I am trying to locate him. He and his wife attended our last National Peach Reunion in Marblehead, MA. Please let me know if you can help locate him).

## *New Contact from Massachusetts*

Recently, Anne Marie Anderson contacted me for the first time. She is from the Massachusetts branch out of Foxboro, MA. This is found on pp.325-326 of *The Peach/Peachey Migrations, 1066-1990*. I have it traced back to Henry Peach of Bridgewater, Somerset, England, born 1825 married in Bristol, England to Emily Hiles. She gave me some additional info. on her family.

"My husband's grandfather was Arnold Peach. He was born in Sharon, MA April 30, 1886, died 12-04-1955, and is buried in Rockhill Cemetery, in Foxboro MA 02035. His father, William Peach, was born in England in 1856, died 10-30-1915 and is buried at Rockhill cemetery in Foxboro, MA.

There was also a Channin A Peach who was 55 in a 1951 Foxboro directory, (so born around 1896) lived at 290 Central Street in Foxboro, and apparently was a proprietor of the "Peach News Store" on Foxboro...I am unclear so far on the relationship between my husband's family and Channin Peach, but my neighbors (we still live on the property that was Arnold Peach's) believe they were closely related...I will have to check with my husband's family..

Anyway...I would love to know if we are related to the Peach family that you have so carefully researched!! Hopefully this additional information may be of some use in determining a connection...

-best regards, Anne Marie Anderson"

Regretfully, I had laid this branch to rest for quite awhile, having no new info. on it. Thanks to Anne, this family is revived, and I am looking forward to getting more connections. Let me know if you can help.

## *Thomas Jefferson Lives Again*

Since having my new book published, I have taken on the assignment of being a Thomas Jefferson impersonator.

Dressed as our third president, I have visited many social occasions and many families during the past few months. I am making myself available to schools and any place which wants to know more about Jefferson. My purpose is to set the record straight regarding his morality, his character and his religion. From my perspective, only Jesus seems to have been misrepresented and criticized more than Jefferson.

Psalms 11:3 says, "If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" If Americans can somehow discredit their founding fathers, then the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence slowly crumble all around us. I, for one, will do all I can to keep this from happening.

I challenge each of my readers to buy a copy of *THOMAS JEFFERSON – Roots of Religious Freedom*. You can still get a signed copy from me for \$20 + \$7 shipping. If you want to read the book and don't have the money, please let me know. I will find some way to get the book into your hands, as long as you assure me you will read it thoroughly.

I will be on a Thomas Jefferson journey through Virginia in April. If there is anyone who wants to connect with me and possibly get a book, let me know, and I will try to stop by. Cities to visit include Lynchburg, Charlottesville, Richmond, Fredericksburg, Tappahannock, and Williamsburg.

Please check out my websites:

<http://www.jeffersonreligiousfreedom.com/>  
<http://www.thepeaches.com/genealogy/>

