

One Richard Poe was under-keeper for Sir John Byron, father of the first Lord Byron. This line is said to have made its home on the Manor of Papplewich, in Nottinghamshire, and was represented in the latter part of the sixteenth century by Dr. Leonard Poe and his brother, Anthony Poe, who married Alice Frost and had issue by her of William (removed to the county of Tyrone, Ireland). John, Thomas (made his home in the county of Tipperary, Ireland.), Anthony (Captain of the Parliamentary army in Ireland and in England), Richard, Alice, Ann, and Elizabeth.

Thomas, son of Anthony Poe, was the father of Richard, Emanuel, Thomas, Mary and Eleanor, of whom the first was the father of Thomas, Edward, John, Anthony, Richard, Williams, Robert, Elizabeth, Arabelle, Jane, and Mary, and the second was the father of William, Emanuel, James, Thomas, Joseph, Una, and Elinor, all of whom were living at the beginning of the eighteenth century.

Anthony, son of Anthony Poe had issue by his wife, Mary, of Daniel, Anthony, Sarah, Anne, Elizabeth, and Mary, of whom the first died in the latter part of the seventeenth century, leaving at least two sons, Samuel and James.

About this time, another family of this name was living at Dring, in the county of Caban, Ireland, and was headed by one David Poe, who had issue by his wife, Sarah, of John, Alexander, and Anne, of whom the first two emigrated to America in the early eighteenth century.

Alexander Poe came to America about 1739, and settled at Marsb Creek, near the present Gettysburg Battlefield in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

John, eldest son of David, married Jane, daughter of

the Reverend Robert McBride, in 1741 and settled in Pennsylvania. John Poe and Jane, his wife, had ten children, among these three sons, David, George and William, of whom George married a Katherine Dawson and is believed to have had issue and William removed to Georgia and married one Frances Winslow, by whom he had a large family.

David, eldest son of the emigrant John, removed to Baltimore, Md., with his wife Elizabeth Cairnes and was the father by her of David, Maria, and several other children. David of Baltimore was Deputy-Assistant Quartermaster-General of the Revolutionary Army.

David, son of the last mentioned David Poe, married the Widow Elizabeth (nee Arnold) Hopkins in 1805 and had issue of her, of, among others, the famous poet and prose writer Edgar Allen Poe, who was born in Massachusetts in 1809 and died in Maryland in 1849.

Another family of the name of Poe is said to have emigrated in the person of George Jacob Poe from Germany to Maryland in 1742 and it was from this line that the noted Civil War officer, General Orlando Metcalfe Poe was descended. There is believed to have been no connection between this line and that which came from Ireland.

James T. Poe, second cousin of Edgar Allen Poe, was born in Fayette County, Alabama, in 1829. His parents, Calvin and Mary (Wellingham) Poe were natives of North Carolina and Augusta, Georgia. Paternal grandfather, John Poe, was born in Virginia and was of English descent.

Captain Poe, born in 1854, second son of J. T. Poe, married Mollie Daugherty. He died in 1940, leaving six children, Tommie, Braddie, Alice (married J. E. Spencer), Si-

las, Bessie (married Bollie Shaw), and Paul.

The descendants of these various branches of the family in America have spread to practically every state of the Union and have aided as much in the growth of the country as their ancestors aided the founding of the nation. They have been noted for their courage, energy, ambition, industry, integrity, piety, love of adventure, power of will, mental ability and leadership.

David, John, Anthony, Thomas, Richard, William, Edward, James, Samuel and Emanuel are some of the Christian names most highly favored by the family for its male members.

The coat-of-arms of the family of Poe is described as follows:

ARMS—"Or, a fesse between three crescents azure, issuing flames, proper."

CREST—"On a wreath of the colours, a boar's head coupé, erect or, pierced by a broken spear, argent."

(Arms taken from Burke's "General Armory," 1884)

SOURCES

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Goodspeed, 1890, Southern Arkansas, Columbia County

THE END

Copied from a paper found among things belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Willie (W. J.) Poe

Major Poe, a second cousin to the famous writer, Edgar Allen Poe, was born in Alabama in 1829. Passed his boyhood and youth in that state and was there married in 1850 to Miss Mary Nall, daughter of Margin Nall Sr., and Mary (Polly) Ann Nall. Ten children were born to this union. Four sons and two daughters were living in 1890, Nathan, Cattie, Mary, married to Zenus Parks, Louisa, married to Silas Daugherty, Lee and Willie.

Major Poe immigrated to Saline County, Arkansas, in 1856 from Alabama. In May, 1861, he enlisted in the Confederate Army to fight for the cause of the South in Company A, 11th Arkansas Regiment. He was made 1st Lieutenant of the regiment and later was elected Major of same, which position he held during the remainder of the war. Previous to the war he held the office of County & Probate Judge of what is now Saline County, Arkansas, but resigned this position to enter the Army. The first year Major Poe was stationed at Fort Pillow and Island 10 and was taken prisoner at the last named place. He was retained a prisoner at Johnson's Island for about six months and was then exchanged at Vicksburg. Later he was sent to Fort Hudson and was there during the siege and fall of that place.

His command was then mounted and he served in the Calvary until the close of hostilities. He was at Jenkins Ferry, Mark's Mill, and Poison Springs. After the war he went to Columbia County, Arkansas, where his family had moved in 1863 and has been resident of this county ever since.

In 1874 he was elected Representative of this county and served for two years, filling the position in an able and highly satisfactory manner.

He is the owner of four hundred sixty (460) acres of land and has about one hundred twenty-five (125) acres under cultivation.

He is a Royal Arch Mason, a member of the Chapter at Magnolia. He was made a Master Mason at Calhoun, this County in 1863.

He and his wife and all the children, excepting the youngest, are members of the Missionary Baptist Church.

The Major takes a deep interest in all matters relating to the welfare of the community and is one of Columbia County's most influential citizens.

His parents, Calvin and Mary (Willingham) Poe were natives of North Carolina and Augusta, Georgia, respectively. The father born about 1805. The mother died in Alabama about 1848 and the father in Grant County, Arkansas in 1883. The latter moved from North Carolina to Alabama and from there about 1870 to Arkansas where he received his final summons. Their marriage resulted in the birth of ten children. Five (5) sons and five (5) daughters. Two (2) sons and two (2) daughters now are living. The paternal grandfather, John Poe, was born in Virginia and was of English descent.

Major Poe moved from Arkansas to Eastland County, Texas, in 1896. His wife died in 1899. He died while on a visit to Arkansas to see his daughter, Mrs. Zenos Parks, on Jan. 20, 1913.

(He was brought back to Texas for burial.)



At the fireplace in his home in Eastland. A collector of antiques, Mr. Poe owns several items which were the personal property of his Great-Grandfather Maj. James T. Poe.