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page 194-196 (excerpted) **[my notes are in brackets and are green]**

Another well-known family at Immanuel which came into the church soon after the "turn of the century" are members of the Corley family. Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Corley **[Michael Lee Corley and Elizabeth "Lizzie" Davis - daughter of Franklin Pierce Davis and Nancy Adaline Hogue]** came to Immanuel when the first church was built in 1895. Thomas Coy Corley joined in 1906, and is still at Immanuel with his brothers, Frank (who joined on March 10, 1908), and M. L. Jr., who joined in March 1922. Vernard F. Corley was also formerly in the church.

This is another of Immanuel's families that became a bit complicated to trace. Mrs. Chester A. Puller **[Pearl Davis, sister of "Lizzie" Davis]** of Immanuel and Mrs. M. L. Corley, Sr. were sisters. **[she was also sister of Margaret Emily "Maggie" Davis, wife of Samuel Arthur Poe]**. Mrs. Puller became a member in October, 1909. She now makes her home with her daughter whose family is also at Immanuel. They are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Barnes, Nancy, and a young son not yet a member of Immanuel.

Mrs. Thomas J. Gulley **["Donnie" Holiman, daughter of William Harvey Holiman, brother of Sarah Elizabeth Holiman, wife of William Elkin Poe. These Holiman brothers and sisters were the children of Joshua Holiman and Lucretia Ann Hogue - relative of Nancy Adaline Hogue]** has grown up in Immanuel with her cousin, Mrs. Coy Reed. Mrs. Reed is the daughter of Dr. J. E. T. Holiman, physician who died in 1918. **[Brother of Sarah Elizabeth Holiman]** Dr. Holiman and his wife had been received into Immanuel on December 15, 1907. The previous September, Mrs. Gulley's parents, "Brother and Sister W. H. Holiman", had joined the church

Dr. Holiman served as deacon, and W. H. Holiman became a deacon in later years. Miss Fay Holiman, Mrs. Reed's sister, was formerly at Immanuel, but now teaches at Ouachita University.

W. H. Holiman served on the Building Committee for the church completed in 1929. He has been paid the tribute by friends as having been an humble person, "with good common sense, and always on the right side."

Some of Immanuel's most faithful members are children and grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Poe **[William Elkin Poe]** who joined in 1907. J. M. Poe **[Joseph Manley Poe]** was Mr. Poe's brother, **[half brother. J. M. Poe was the son of William Threet Poe and Miriam Rosty Reynolds. William Elkin Poe was the son of William Threet Poe and Rosty's sister, Sarah. J. M. Poe's son, Joseph Allen Poe, compiled much research on the Poe family. This**

research was passed to me by his widow, **Helen Pearce]** and S. A. Poe his son **[Samuel Arthur Poe]**. Mrs. S. A. Poe **[Margaret Emily "Maggie" Davis]** now resides with her son and his family, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Poe **[William Eugene Poe and Flora Annabelle Halley]** and Wm. Arthur **[this researcher]**, all Immanuel members. W. E. Poe's daughters, active members, are Mrs. Harry Broening, Sr. **[Mellie Elizabeth Poe]**, and Mrs. W. C. Kramp **[William C. Kramp and Beulah Myrtle Poe]** who joined in March, 1908.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Broening, Jr. are also in the church. Mr. Broening's sister, Mrs. Bill McKelvey (Martha), is once more in the choir with him and his wife while her husband is in Saigon. Mrs. Kramp's daughter, Mrs. Jim Young (Elizabeth), is in the church but her brother, Wm. C. Kramp ("Bill"), now lives in Dallas.