

## John & Joseph Poe

The most confusing part is that there is a Joseph S. Poe b: 1784 and a Josephus F. Poe b: 1822. There is also a John Poe b: 1775 and a John Poe b: 1785. I find that most people have the two Joseph Poe's and two John Poe's mixed up quite badly. Also, the two John's both married a Sarah.

David Sr. (son of Simon Poe, Jr) had a son name John b: 1775 and a son named Joseph S. b: 1784  
note that birth years are a year apart for Joseph S. (1784) and John (1785)

James S. Poe, Sr b: 1740 (son of Simon Sr.) had a son name John b: 1785

John (son of David Sr) b: 1775 had a son named Josephus F. Poe b: 1822.

### **Documentation on John Poe b: 1775 – this John married Sarah Frances Harman**

John Poe (b. 1775), his wife Sarah, four sons - William D. (b. 1810), John Morton (b. 1813), Alexander H. (b. 1820), and Joe Sephas (b. 1822 d. 1897) and two daughters, Sarah (b. 1826) and Lucy Jane - [came to Pope County, Arkansas from Franklin County , Tennessee, in 1839.](#)  
(source: The Poe Story by Miss Lillie Poe)

1790 census - Chatham County, North Carolina - Hillsborough District

1st # free white males 16 year upwards and head of families  
2nd # free white males under 16 years  
3rd # free white females and head of families  
4th # all other free persons  
5th # slaves

Poe, David.....1-2-4-0-0

1 male 16 year upwards and head of families

2 males under 16 years

4 females and head of families

David would be 32

Joseph S Poe would be 6 and John would be 15

Elizabeth would be about 30, Sarah would be 9,

Hannah ?, unknown female ?

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1803 Tax List - Claiborne County, TN . This is the area of the Cumberland Gap

1820 Census Franklin County, TN

Hardy Poe

Judithan Poe

John Poe (born 1775) brother of Joseph

Joseph Poe (born 1784) brother of John

Residence: 1838 Franklin Co., TN

Residence: 1839 Pope Co., AR

John (1775) came to Pope County, AR in 1839. John died soon after arriving in Arkansas in Nov. 1839. He does not show up in the 1840 census.

1840 Census, Pope Co., Arkansas, Liberty Township, Page 139.  
Joseph S. Poe – son of John (b. 1775)

1 male, age 15-20	Josephus F. Poe b: 1822 he would be 18 in 1840 he would have been the last son still living at home when his father died in 1839
1 female, age 10-15	Isabella - wife of Josephus who would be 14 in 1840
1 female, age 50-60.	Josephus' mother - Sarah Frances who would be 53 in 1840 Sarah's husband John Poe b: 1775 died in 1839

1850 Census, Conway Co., Arkansas, Griffin Township, Page 260, Dwelling/Family #468.  
Josephus Poe, age 28, born Tennessee, occupation farmer, real estate value \$700  
Isabel, age 25, born Tennessee

**Frances, age 63, North Carolina - this is Joe Sephas mother (Sarah Frances) who must have been living with him at this time (she died in 1860)**

Christopher, age 5  
George, age 3  
Thurron, age 1  
children born Arkansas.

2D ARKANSAS INFANTRY REGIMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA - COMPANY C  
Poe, John—Second Lieutenant. Appointed in Griffin township

FRANKLIN COUNTY, TN - MILITARY - 1812 Home Guards  
John Poe

Muster Roll of the 2nd Regiment of TN Militia 1814-1815 Franklin County TN

53 Hezekiah L[asater?], Private, Remarks: Transferred to Horse Co.  
Dec 10, 1814 by order of General Taylor  
(the above could be Sarah Frances Harman's father)

67 William ....., Private (could be son of David Sr)  
70 John P....., Private (could be John Poe)  
73 David ....., Private (could be David Jr)

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(mention of John M. and J.S. Poe being brothers)  
.....the first church in the community was the Cumberland Presbyterian church, established at Sulpher Springs on **March 21, 1856**. Rev. W.W. Strickland was the mod. and Bros. John M. Poe, J.S. Poe, Rubin B. Rankin, and A.L. Rankin, were elected Elders.

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reference to Isabell Poe Bartlett being granddaughter of John Poe (1775) and Sarah Poe

## Documentation on John Poe b: 1785 – this John married Sarah Threet

Along with the family of John's brother, Simon Poe (1782), a large group of settlers came by wagon from Fayette County, Alabama to Saline (now Grant) County, Arkansas about 1852 establishing the community of Belfast– chosen because of a natural spring at the site. Warren Holiman, ancestor of Sarah Elizabeth Holiman, my great-grandmother, wife of John Poe's grandson, William Elkin Poe, led the expedition. The community was relocated in the late 1800s. Nothing remains at the original site but a marker– now inaccessible on land owned by a hunting club. John and Sarah along with several of their children and other relatives are buried in Poe Cemetery, Grant County, Arkansas.

### Poe Cemetery Grant County, Arkansas

Birth date as stated on replaced tombstone (presumably stated on the original. According to census records, he may have been born earlier)

Buried at Poe Cemetery, near Sheridan, Grant County, Arkansas (Grant was formerly part of Saline County). Founder of this cemetery.

That John Poe was son of James Simon Poe is inferred from census records and evidenced by testimonials of aged individuals from Tuscaloosa and Fayette Counties, Alabama published in genealogical journals. Additional evidence comes from interviews with family members in Arkansas and the fact that John Poe arrived in Arkansas with relatives, children and grandchildren of another son of James S. Poe (including Simon B. Poe and Calvin C. Poe, whose descendants were interviewed by this researcher). Finally, the Threet family is from the Pee Dee River area of South Carolina, bordering Anson County, North Carolina where the Poe plantation of James S. Poe was located according to census and land records.

The strongest indication that John Poe was brother of Simon Poe and Rebecca Poe is the will of Jeremiah Guin. He mentions his crop at Simon Poe's and refers to John Poe as "my brother". See Jeremiah Poe for transcript. see: <http://www.mindspring.com/~poefamily/JohnPoe.htm>

John Poe was the son of Major James Poe, a Revolutionary war veteran.

John and Sarah Threet **moved to Arkansas in 1850**. Sarah Threet was from South Carolina along the Pee Dee River near the Poe land in North Carolina. They brought 20 slaves to Arkansas. John weighed over 300 pounds and had a bad leg. He sat in a chair made especially for him. The slaves would take him as far as they could go in a wagon and then carry him in some kind of carrier so he could look over the farm (information from Bertha Byrd). "Doc" Walton (see Alma Poe) added that John was well-known as a money lender and made considerable profit charging interest on loans. John (1785-1859) and Sarah Threet (1794-1861) are buried at Poe cemetery in Grant County, Arkansas at the site of the original settlement of Belfast (old Belfast). The community relocated to "new" Belfast when the railroad bypassed the old settlement. After the Civil War, logging companies built railroads into the area and denuded the land of all its old growth forests. Today, the area is mostly pine.

### Saline County, Arkansas 1860 Census \*

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FRANKLIN TWP

203	203	POE	William T.	43	M	farmer	1750	6000	NC	William Threet Poe son of John Poe (1785)
			Sarah F.	41	F			SC		wife
			Sarah E.	16	F			Ala		daughter
			Paralee	14	F			Ala		daughter - Miriam Jane Paralee Poe,

William E.	8 M	Ark	son - William Elkin Poe
Roddy E.	5 M	Ark	son
Elmira O.	9/12 F	SC	daughter

\* John Poe (1785) does not show up in this census since he died in 1859.