

December 31, 2004 - The following "Poe Story" was written and originally typed by Lillie Poe, her brother was J.C. (James Cephas Poe), and daughter of Christopher Columbus Poe and Lucinda J. Stewart. I (Connie Wallukait, granddaughter of Joseph Columbus Poe) have transcribed these typed pages. I have made corrections in spelling as some names were misspelled by Lillie, as she did not know the proper spelling of some of the descendents. I have also inserted facts that were handwritten in the margins of the original typed paper, probably by other members of the family. I have inserted some of my own comments in brackets for clarity. Please note that Lillie started this paper in 1968, but that she added to it over a period of time. It was finished by Ruby Beesley, daughter of Charlie Poe, some time after 1994.

THE POE STORY - 1968
by
Miss Lillie Poe of Russellville, Arkansas

John Poe (referred to as Joseph on most internet sites) (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.

William D. and Tabitha Ridgeway were parents of Salmonia Montgomery, and grand-parents of Nora Reynolds, of Morrilton. William D. Poe was a member of the Arkansas legislature prior to the Civil War, and was murdered by a bushwhacker in the aftermath of that struggle. Tabitha Ridgeway Poe died at Appleton, and was buried in the old Kinslow Cemetery on the (original) Rankin homestead. (note that Joe Sephas married a Rankin)

Lucy Jane Poe married John William Waller; their granddaughter, Alma Waller Bowser is living in Little Rock, Ark.

John Morton Poe married Edna Adeline Turner in Georgia. They had 8 children, the eldest of whom was Esperum (Ann) (b. 1855 d. 1876). Their boys were (Wm) Scott (b. 1861), (Jo) Mack (b. 1868), Thornton (b. 1872), Nolin (b. 1875) all of whom reared families in Texas. Their second daughter, Kate (b. 1858 d. 1940) married Jeff Lewis of Pope County. This couple reared five children near Appleton. Kates's oldest daughter, Posie Adams died in March of this year.

After Kates Lewis' Uncle Joe (JC) (d. 1897) and Aunt "Ibby" Poe (d. 1899) had died, Jeff and Kate bought the pioneer log cabin home of the Joe Poe Family. In the remodeling of the house they left the original family room with stairway to loft bedroom

very much as it was when the house was finished and occupied in 1845. That date is on the hearthstone and still in use in this room.

Jeff and Kate Lewis' son, Emmet and his wife, Gertrude Rankin, reared their family in this old pioneer home. Gertrude passed away just a short time ago, while still living in this old home.

Her son, Bill Lewis, and family have a modern brick home nearby, just beyond the original Poe well that still furnishes good water. The present generation of Lewises run a chicken farm in the old Poe orchard, and are leaders in church and community affairs.

A daughter of Jeff and Kate Lewis, Leona married Charlie Maxwell. They spent the last year of their lives in Conway with their daughter Gladys Holloway. Leona's son, Carl Maxwell and his wife reared their family in Conway.

Joe Sephas (in Census records as Joesephus) Poe married Isabell Rankin (daughter of Robert and Isabell Rankin) in Pope County on November 11, 1842. They started their home on a home just east of Appleton, where they reared 3 sons and 4 daughters, losing two small children (one grave at the Cumberland Presbyterian Church cemetery is marked "The First in the Yard"). Joe S. was a farmer and stockman, but became crippled in early life resulting in his becoming a skilled blacksmith and woodworker. In an old census, he is shown as a wagon-maker, but he also made furniture, coffins, and other items needed by the early settlers. He and his brother John M. Poe and his wife's two brothers, Anthony and Reubin Rankin, were charter members of the Sulphur Springs Cumberland Presbyterian Church (an offshoot from the Glass Village Church), and Joe S. Poe served as the clerk of this organization until his death. The original church records are still preserved by the present clerk of the Appleton Presbyterian Church, and are written in the Spencerian Script of Joe S. Poe. After the death of Joe S. Poe, Kate Poe Lewis' husband became clerk of the congregation, and the clerkship has remained in this family to the present date, with Kate and Jeff's grandson, Noel Tylor being the present clerk.

Their first child (of Christopher Columbus), Frances Isabell, married John Gilbert. One little girl, Pearl, had come into their home when the mother died in 1885. Pearl is now Mrs. Lee Matthews and lives in Atkins, where she and Lee reared 8 children, 4 of whom are still living in Arkansas, 1 in Washington State, one in Oklahoma and one each in Georgia and South Carolina.

The second child of Columbus and Lucinda Gray, Florance, married Will Loveland. Their first child, Willie - with wife Minnie Reynolds, now lives on the farm where his mother was born. One of their sons lives at Appleton, one at Springdale, Ark. and a son and daughter live in Missouri. A sister of Willie is Mrs. Joh Hurndon of Mabelville: another sister lives near Texarkana; a brother lives in California.

Columbus' first son, George Christopher Poe, has two daughters and twin sons, (I can not make out the handwriting above this typed note: looks like Ethel and Pearl for the daughters and Lonzo and Artho (for the twin boys) one son living in Perry County, Arkansas and one son in Texas. The rest of the family went to Iowa, where the parents died. Another daughter, Geneva, married W. J. Kirksey of Dover, Ark. They moved to central Texas, where they reared three boys and two girls, all now living near enough to their 92 year old mother to visit her often. W. J. Kirksey died in 1964. Another daughter, Violet, married Jim Wood of Coad Hill, where they reared two sons. After the boys married, this entire family moved to Oklahoma. The parents and both sons are now deceased, but R. L.'s widow and their children live at Holdenville. Audos' widow and family living at Bristow, Oklahoma.

After Columbus' first wife - Lucinda Gray died in 1876, he married Lucinda J. Stewart in 1881. Their daughter, Lillie Margret (b. 1883) spent most of her life in the millinery business in Texas. Since retiring she has returned to Arkansas and now resides at Russellville. Her brother, J. C. Poe married Ada Hickman, of Hector. They reared two sons and three daughters. Joe and family live in Des Moines, Iowa; Charley and family in Arizona. Both of these men have sons in the U.S. Armed Forces.

J. C. and Ada's first daughter, Trilby, now is Mrs. Bud Simpson and she has been employed at the Gardner-Mobley Clinic for years. Her sister, Gertrude, is now Mrs. Bill McCorkel of Russellville. They have one daughter, Ernestine, now Mrs. Kenneth Page of Little Rock, where they are rearing their family. Kenneth Page was in the Navy for several years. J. C. and Ada's youngest daughter is Mrs. (Dorothy)Lawrence Sanders of Irving, Texas, where they are rearing two daughters, Debbie and Brenda. They have one son and family in Arkansas.

(handwritten in empty space: 2nd son of Joe S. and Isabell Poe, George Marion b: 12-30-1847 in Morrilton, AR. married Melissa Williams 10-3-1872)

Joe S. and Isabell Poe's third son, Monroe, married first (Susan) Elizabeth Campbell in 1868 (11-24-1868) and second Essie Watts and third Maud Poteet. He reared 7 children near Rock Springs, Pope County, : Bud, Richard, Elack, Rube, Mart: daughters Mary (Mrs. Chet Newton), Allie (Mrs. Ingram).

I know little about this family, except a grandson, brother of Rupert, who married a half-sister of Jack Mathews of Atkins. They, and another brother of Rupert, Cedric, live in Shawnee, Oklahoma. Monroe and his older brother, Columbus, were veterans of the Civil War.

Joe S. and Isabell Poe's first daughter, Mary Ann, was born in 1853 and died in 1927. She married Bill Bacchus, and they brought up 6 boys and 2 girls on a farm near Appleton - all deceased now, except Scott (I think he is in Arizona) and Fred who lives in Oklahoma. Orvil and wife, Minnie, reared a family near Appleton. His mother had lived with them for years after the death of her husband in 1916; later the family moved to Sikeston, Missouri, where the father died.

Joe S. and Isabell Poe's second girl, Isabell, married Cyrus A. Bartlett in 1878 (March 3). They reared 6 boys, losing 2 girls. Their first sons were twins, Lloyd and Floyd, born 1879. Next came Ira, then Emmet (b. 1883), Lesley and Dealon (W.D.).

Lloyd married Hattie Eubanks, starting their family at Appleton, later moving to Holdenville, Oklahoma, where he served as Mayor of Holdenville for years. Both are deceased. Their children live there now.

Floyd married Hallie Rankin. Their two sons, Otho and Edmond were born at Appleton. The father died while the boys were small. Hallie and the boys later went to holdenville, where they had a restaurant.

Edmond and family live here in Russellville and he is Game Warden for Pope County.

C.A. (Cyrus A.) and Isabell Poe Bartlett's son, Lesley lived in Arizona, where he died in February 1968.

Emmett Bartlett married Tansy Taylor. They reared their family near the old home place until the children were almost grown, then moved to Sikestown, Mo. where some of the children live. The oldest daughter, Ople (Mrs. Buel Laurence) and family live at Appleton, Ark.

Ira Bartlett married Charity Tuck. They reared their family on a farm near Appleton. Their daughter is Mrs. Lee Young of "Lee Young Insurance Co." of Russellville.

Dealon (W.D.) married Allie Almond and lives in Russellville, where they reared 5 children, all living near the parents, except the oldest daughter, Levesta. She married Theodore Garrison, and instructor at Tech at that time; now teaching English at the Western University of Illinois. Their son, Bart, gets his doctorate from the University of Kansas this year (1968). Doyle, Dealon and Allie's second daughter, married Elmo Parnell and has two daughters, both of whom married and have families. Doyle is secretary for the Pope County Health Association. Doyle's oldest brother Theron, married Margret Kearnon, and they have on son David. The father is in the Forestry Service.

Another son of W.D.'s, Odell, is bookkeeper for Sugar Creek Creamery. Their son graduated at Tech in 1967. Odell's wife was Helen Ruth Crouse.

Ronell married Virginia Rowe. They have 5 boys. The father, Ronell, is in the Russellville Post Office.

Ellie Poe married Jack Fisher, rearing 2 boys and one girl, at Appleton. Mamie Fisher married Everett Handerson; their daughter is Mrs. David Griffin, of Atkins. This family is very prominent in church and civics affairs.

Ellie's oldest son, Archie, married Elsie Smith of Pottsville. One son is with them - the rest of the family is living in California.

J.S. (Joe Sephas) and Isabell Poe's daughter, Sophronia (Fronis) married Steve Powers. They had 3 girls: Eva, Isabell and Syble. All of this family is deceased.

The youngest of the Poe girls, Dora, married Peter Conley. They have 2 girls living in California when last heard from. Both Dora and Peter are dead.

Sarah Poe, J.S. Poe's sister (b. 1826) married William D. Roland in 1841. The only descendants of theirs I have found in Arkansas are Bliss Montgomery of Russellville, who is great great grandson. Mrs. Reba Osborn, Mrs. Jorry Mason and Mrs. Mary Cargile, all of Russellville, are great great granddaughters.

James Cephas (Ceph) Poe (b. April 6, 1885 d. July 6, 1950). (note that James is listed as J. C. Poe on most peoples genealogy sites. He has signed his name as James C. Poe on the birth certificate of Joeseeph Columbus Poe). He married Ada Bell Hickman (b. March 15, 1883 d. Feb 4, 1951) at Russellville, Arkansas. Cephas was a farmer and a minister. He pastored several churches in the surrounding area. He was an ordained minister of the Assembly of God Church, in the District of Arkansas. He later became a produce dealer at a curb market in Russellville, Arkansas. He would go to the orchards and get fresh fruit. It was close to one of these orchards that he had a heart attack and died. His truck had been seen by several people of the area during the morning but there was a man that dranked quite a bit that had a truck like Cephas, and the people thought that this truck was that mans, and didn't check on it to see if anything was wrong, until much later in the day. It is believed that Cephas died instantly tho. Cephas and Ada are the parents of six children. Four daughters and two sons.

1. Trilby Poe (b. Jan 19, 1908) married Eddie Sewell, Jan. 17, 1937, and worked for many years for Leming Drug Store, then went to work for the Gardner-Mobley Clinic, in Russellville, Arkansas. She worked there until her retirement. After the death of Eddie Sewell she married Buel Simpson on November 27, 1963.

2. Ruby Poe (b. Jan 28, 1910 d. Dec 22, 1928). She was eighteen at the time of her death. She is buried in Rock Springs Cemetary along side of several other relatives.

3. Joe Columbus Poe (b. Oct 11, 1911 d. August 22, 1991). He was borned in Scottsville, Arkansas. He married Bessie Caroline Jones (b. Nov 10, 1912) at Russellville, Arkansas. They are the parents of six children. After the fourth child was borned they moved to Des Moines, Iowa, where Joe was employed by United Buckingham Freight Line Co. until his retirement. They then moved back to Russellville, Arkansas. Joe served in the Army during World War II. Their children are:

1. Betty Louise Poe (b. Nov 17, 1929) at Russellville, Arkansas
2. Billy Joe Poe (b. March 16, 1932) at Russellville, Arkansas

3. Edgar Allen Poe (b. July 11, 1934 d. 1940) at Des Moines, Iowa
4. James Madison Poe (b Oct 11, 1936 d. Oct 12, 1936) at Russellville,
Arkansas
5. Leamon (Leahman) Poe (b. September 19, 1937 d. September 1937) at
Des Moines, Iowa
6. Barbara Ellen Poe (b. November 21, 1938) at Des Moines, Iowa

1. Betty Louise Poe married Richard McNeley (Dick) November 8, 1946. They are the parents of four children. They are:

1. Linda Kay McNeley (b. May 25, 1948) in Des Moines, Iowa
2. Connie Jo McNeley (b. February 14, 1950) in Des Moines, Iowa
3. Cathy Kristine McNeley (Kris) (b. July 2, 1952) in Des Moines, Iowa
4. Michael John McNeley (Mike) (b. June 11, 1954) in Des Moines, Iowa

Linda Kay McNeley married Ronald Conrad in August 16, 1969. They are the parents of three children. They are:

1. Erick Jeffery Conrad (b. Nov 10, 1970) in Des Moines, Iowa
2. Jeremy Todd Conrad (b. September 9, 1973) in Des Moines, Iowa
3. Corey James Conrad (b. April 2, 1977) in Des Moines, Iowa

Connie Jo McNeley married David Wallukait on October 11, 1968 in Des Moines, Iowa. They are the parents of three children. They are:

1. Michele Wallukait (b. July 17, 1969) in Des Moines, Iowa
2. Monica Wallukait (b. February 22, 1971) in Des Moines, Iowa
2. Matthew Wallukait (b. January 27, 1974) in Des Moines, Iowa

Kathy Christine McNeley married Wally Aukland in Des Moines, Iowa. Kathy and Wally are the parents of one child, a son born in Colorado. She was then married to Randy Winn. They are the parents of three children. They are:

1. Tommie Aukland (b. Oct 1, 1975) in Colorado
2. John Winn (b. May 17, 1979) in Iowa City, Iowa
3. Joe Winn (b. May 17, 1979) in Iowa City, Iowa
(note that the above boys are twins)
4. Amber Louise Winn (b. Dec 15, 1982) in Des Moines, Iowa

Christine then married Jerry Richardson.

Michael John McNeley lives in Hobbs, New Mexico. At this time he is not married that I know of.

2. Billy Joe Poe (b. March 16, 1932 d. May 15, 1991) was borned in Russellville, Arkansas. He died in Des Moines, Iowa. He married Nancy Rogers June 14, 1955. They are the parents of four children. They are:

1. Billy Joe Poe, Jr (b. April 19, 1958) in Des Moines, Iowa

2. Terrie Lee Poe (b. Jan 5, 1961) in Des Moines, Iowa
3. Robert Louis Poe (b. April 16, 1965) in Des Moines, Iowa
4. Donald Andrew Poe (b. April 21, 1968) in Des Moines, Iowa

Billy Joe Poe, Jr. married Ronda McClintic on May 24, 1980. The he married Jamie Thompson. They had a son borned to them June 12, 1987, but he only lived for two days.

Terrie Lee Poe married Doug Benda May 1, 1982. They are the parents of three children. They are:

1. Benjimon Benda (b. April 13, 1983) in Des Moines, Iowa
2. Joseph Benda (b. April 21, 1984) in Des Moines, Iowa
3. Rebekah Ann Benda (b. Feb 21, 1986) in Des Moines, Iowa

Robert Louis Poe married Connie Shaw. They are the parents of two sons. They are:

1. Nathan Allen Poe (b. Jan 10, 1987)
2. Branden Poe (b. July 12, 1988)

Donald Andrew Poe married Roxann Johnson on September 22, 1990. They have one daughter

1. Andrea Elane Poe (b. Feb 5, 1992)

6. Barbara Ellen Poe married Phil Peterson Jun 20, 1959 in Des Moines, Iowa. Phil was in the service and has retired from the Air Force and now lives in Fairfax, Virginia. They are the parents of five children. They are:

1. David (Maurice) Peterson (b. Dec 13, 1959) in San Antonio, Texas
2. Daniel (Allen) Peterson (b. June 29, 1962) in London, England
3. Derek (Michael) Peterson (b. Aug. 24,1964) in Des Moines, Iowa
4. Deborah (Ann) Peterson (b. Nov 14, 1968) in Springfield,

Massachusetts.

5. Douglas (William) Peterson (b. September 19, 1970) in Denver, Colorado

David now lives in Iowa City, Iowa and works full time in the mental health department of the University of Iowa Hospital.

Daniel married a Canadian girl name Terri, Terri has a six year old daughter name Kelsey, so Dan is a stepfather. They were married June 13, 1992 in Fairfax, Virginia and after a year of living in the D.C. area, chose to go to Vancouver British Columbia and Dan and another partner opened their own private detective agency and are living a very happy life.

Derek lives in Fairfax, Virginia and works at the Fairfax Hospital in cardiology.

Deborah lives in Fairfax, Virginia and works in the labor and delivery ward of the Fairfax Hospital.

Douglas works for a printing company full time and on weekends is the drummer in a professionally paid band. He also lives in Fairfax, Virginia.

Phillip Peterson and Barbara were married for over twenty five years then divorced. Barbara is now married to Jim Larry Hemmer, and they live in Russellville, Arkansas. They both have found true happiness together. Jim Larry is the son of Uncle Jim that belongs to Aunt Gertrude. Jim and Barbara are both hard workers and very talented. Barbara has worked in several different fields of work.

4. Charlie Poe (b. October 15, 1918) married Edna Lee Bunton (b. March 23, 1922) at Russellville, Arkansas. Charlie served in the United States Navy during the second World War. He moved his family to Peoria, Arizona in 1951, after the death of his mother. Edna was sick and had lost a lot of weight, and they thought that the Arizona weather would be good for her health. As it proved to be. They even had another son after they moved there. After their retirement they moved back to Russellville, Arkansas. They both retired from the Spring City Knitting Sewing Factory. Charlie was the company clown. He used to fill up the missionary socks for the church mission by singing Happy Birthday to the employees. Someone would pay him to sing to someone, then the someone, would pay him not to sing to them. The highest bidder won out. He had a toy guitar and he would wear a string mop head on his head to sing. Of course, everyone knew what he did with the money, so it was all in fun. Everyone thought a lot of Charlie. One birthday that he had everyone that wanted to brought him a birthday cake. There were fifty cakes brought, so everyone had a cake break. Charlie also worked at night three or four nights a week for a security firm that kept watch at the plant. Edna did sewing at home and had a very good business there. She also does that here at home in Russellville. She has so much business that Rita Poe (her daughter-in-law) helps her some, and she still has enough to do to stay up late at night doing it. She does everything from repairing football jersey's and bank uniforms of the schools to making wedding dresses. You show her a picture and give her your measurements and she can make the garment to fit you. Charlie works for McDonalds there in Russellville. Don't sound like they have retired. Does it? They are the parents of four children. They are:

1. Ruby Lee Poe (b. March 1, 1938) in Russellville, Arkansas
2. Charles Kenneth Poe (b. May 17, 1940) in Russellville, Arkansas
3. Carolyn Joyce Poe (b. August 10, 1942) in Russellville, Arkansas
4. James Edwin Poe (b. December 6, 1955) in Phoenix, Arizona

Ruby Poe married Alva Beesley (b. Jan 23, 1935) in Peoria, Arizona, on December 31, 1955 at the Pentecostal Church of God of Peoria. In 1961 Alva was elected as the youth leader and Ruby was the secretary of treasure. In 1966 they moved to Beggs, Oklahoma where his parents lived. They lived there for five years then moved

back to Peoria, Arizona to pastor the Pentecostal Church of God. The same one where they got married and had worked in when they lived in Arizona. They were there for seven years and now make their home in Beggs, Oklahoma. They are the parents of four children, and all of the children now live within a twenty mile radius of their parents. The children are:

1. Charles Henry Beesley (b. Jan 26, 1957) in Phoenix, Arizona
2. Randy Lynn Beesley (b. March 8, 1958) in Phoenix, Arizona
3. Janice Marie Beesley (b. March 8, 1960) in Phoenix, Arizona
4. Joyce Ann Beesley (b. September 23, 1963) in Phoenix, Arizona

Charles Henry Beesley (Chuck) married Ruth Irene Smith (b. Dec 20, 1957) on November 25, 1974 in the Pentecostal Church of God at Peoria, Arizona. They met at a youth camp at Prescott, Arizona and found that she lived in the next town. They are now living in Glenpool, Oklahoma. Chuck is a welder for the Compressor Assembly Teck. Co. He and Ruth are busy working for the Lord at their church. They are junior ministers at the First Assembly of God Church at Glenpool. Ruth is a school bus driver during school and during the summer she drives a bus for a day care center. They are the parents of three children.

1. Charles Henry Beesley, Jr (b. Nov 8, 1975) in Phoenix, Arizona. He is called Chuckie by the family, and some call him Charles or Charlie.
2. Brian Lee Roy Beesley (b. August 2, 1978) in Phoenix, Arizona
3. Kristen Irene Beesley (b. July 29, 1983) in Sapulpa, Oklahoma

2. Randy Lynn Beesley married Jo Ann Wallis (b. November 5, 1960) at the Pentecostal Church of God, at Peoria, Arizona on July 19, 1975. Randy works for the Barlow Hunt Co. as a fork lift driver.

Jo Ann is a day care coordinator. They are the parents of three children. They are:

1. Brad Wayne Beesley (April 10, 1976) in Phoenix, Arizona. He also works for the Barlow Hunt Co. He is a presser there. They make large hard rubber parts for large machinery. He married

Amanda Lehman (b. Oct 2, 1976) in New York. They married May 14, 1994 at their Aunt Joyce and

Uncle Rons house in their back yard with a tree lined backdrop. The birds were even singing.

2. Charlene Beesley (b. Dec 29, 1978) in Phoenix, Arizona. Charlene was name after her

Great Grandfather, Charlie Poe, and is sometimes called Charlie.

3. Misty Lee Ann Beesley (b. Dec 7, 1981) in Sapulpa, Oklahoma.

3. Janice Marie Beesley married Timothy Hendrickson May 9, 1981 in Mounds, Oklahoma at the Assembly of God Church. They are the parents of three boys. They are:

1. Austen Timothy Adam Hendrickson (b. Jan 16, 1983) in Tulsa, Oklahoma
2. Jorden Patrick Allen Hendrickson (b. November 11, 1985) in Tulsa, Oklahoma

3. Dalten Michael Alva Hendrickson (b. July 14, 1987) in Tulsa, Oklahoma

Janice was the first woman to graduate from the Okmulgee Teck as an electrician. She has also worked as an office manager for the Granger Co. in Tulsa, and as a bus driver and a teacher for a day care center. She stayed home and took care of the small farm that they lived on until her and Tim divorced in 1992. She is also a country singer and has done some work in Nashville, Tenn. She lives in Okmulgee, Oklahoma now and is planning to marry Gorden (Flash) Crowell in August.

4. Joyce Ann Boyd married Gilbert Malonee in April of 1984. They are the parents of two sons. They divorced in 1987, and she met and married Ronald Boyd on Dec 11, 1987. They have one son. Ron adopted her other two boys and treats them just like his. The boys are:

1. Roger Alva Boyd (b. April 8, 1985) in Sapulpa, Oklahoma
2. Morgan Charles Boyd (b. October 31, 1986) in Okmulgee, Oklahoma
3. Christopher Genae Boyd (b. October 21, 1988) in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Christopher is the third or fourth Genae Boyd in Rons family.

Joyce is a housewife and gardner and whatever else comes up at home to do. She also does some substitute teachin at the same school that the boys go to. She is envolved in the Boy Scouts and any of the sports that the boys are into.

Alva Beesley performed the marriages of their childrens first marriage as well as numerous neices and nephews. He also married Eddie and Rita Poe. Alva works at the C.A.T. Co. also with Chuck Beesley and two of this brothers and two nephews. Ruyg has worked at a sewing factory for nearly thirty years. She is currently working for Miss Elaine Co. They make womens gowns, P J's and robes. She also has a quilting machine and enjoys making quilts, right now she is on medical leave and her plant is closing, so doesn't know what will come of everything, maybe reitirement.

2. Charles Kenneth Poe (b. May 17, 1940) at Russellville, Arkansas. The family moved to Peoria, Arizona in 1951. They lived out at the edge of a desert, or in the country about seven miles from Peoria. The older children attended the John Barry Elementary School. It was a two room modern school house of red brick. The first four grades were in one room, and the fifth through eight was in another room. There were a workers camp across the road from the school. It was build like duplexs, only it contained about four apartments each. It was the Arrowhead Ranch, they grew citrus orchards, and grape vineyards. They also grew watermellons, and cantalopes, and other kinds of melons. The children of these workers and the surrounding area attended this school. A bus picked up the children that lived too far to walk. This bus also picked up the high school children and took them to a bus stop not to far from the John Barry School, there a bus from the Peoria High School picked up the studens and took them to the high school. Kenneth was in the sixth grade when he started to this school and

graduated from the ninth grade there. He graduated from Peoria High School in 1958. He was active in all of the school sports and was a good player. His nickname was "Chief". I guess it was because of this dark complexion and good looks. He went into the Army not long after he graduated from high school. He was stationed in Germany for awhile. When he returned home he married Charlotte Wilson and they had a daughter. Her name is Cindy Elizabeth Poe (b. July 2, 1967). She was born in Edmonds, Washington where Ken and Charlotte lived. Kenneth worked for Boeing Air Craft Co.

Ken met and married Joann Toluse (b. March 12, 1941) while attending the Arizona State College at Tempe, Arizona. She was born at Rupert, Idaho and is from Boise, Idaho. She has taught school at some of the places where Kenneth's job has transferred them to. They have lived in Phoenix, Boston, Colorado Springs and now live in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Ken and Joann both work at the Digital Equipment Corp. Ken has worked for them for eighteen years. In his work he has traveled to several states and some countries. He is materials manager there at Digital.

Joann is training as development manager at Digital. She also teaches at the University of New Mexico. She also gives horse riding lessons on the week-end at their small ranch outside of Albuquerque. They buy race horses that no longer can run races and train them to be hunting jumpers. They are the parents of two children. They are:

1. Max Kevin Poe (b. Oct 26, 1970) in Tempe, Arizona
2. Lesa Andreia Poe (b. May 13, 1978) in Mesa, Arizona

Cindy Elizabeth Poe has gone to college and received her masters degree in psychology. She now lives in Glendale, Arizona and works with the juvenile detention center just off of Black Canyon Freeway. She plans to attend school and her masters degree in teaching. She wants to work with the handicapped children.

Max Kevin Poe is a manager for a large sports bar. It seats over seven hundred people. Kevin is a good working young man and has the curly hair that his great grandfather Poe had. He is engaged to be married to a young lady from Albuquerque. They haven't set the wedding date yet. I believe that she works at the same place as Kevin does.

Andreia is a sophomore in high school and is very ambitious young woman. She has worked during the summer and after school for a veterinarian. She loves all animals and has several pets of different animals. She really loves horses and is a very good rider. She plans to go to college and I believe she wants to be a veterinarian. She has worked at different jobs and she is an attractive young woman and is tall like her mother and father. She would have no problem being a model.

3. Carolyn Joyce Poe (b. August 10, 1940) in Russellville, Arkansas. She married Tommy Dan Shipley in Wickenburg, Arizona. They are the parents of two children.

1. Joseph Lee Shipley (b. May 20, 1980) in Phoenix, Arizona

2. Robert Lee Shipley (b. May 11, 1982) in Phoenix. Arizona
3. Sharon Kay Shipley (b. Oct. 9, 1983) in Phoenix. Arizona

Danny and Beverly were divorced in 1984. Beverly then moved with her parents to Kentucky. Danny continues to pay child support and hopes to see the children in August of this year, 1994. He then married Janet Walter (b. March 26, 1959). Janet has three children which Danny is helping her to raise. It was with Janet's help that Danny was able to locate his children. They now live in Altus, Oklahoma. Danny and Janet live in Phoenix, Arizona.

- Janet's children are:
1. Cory Walter - age 16
 2. Valarie Walter - age 14
 3. Eric Thomas Walter - age 5

Danny works at Frys Grocery Store and Janet works at Dennys Resturant.

2. Karen Michele Shipley (b. Oct 19, 1960) in Phoenix. Arizona. She is married to Alan Bell. They live in Socorro, New Mexico. They are the parents of four children. Karen has a son by her first marriage. Alan works at Electronic Teck near Socorro, and Karen works at a drug store in the pharmacy.

1. Kelly Christina Bell (b. March 15, 1981)
2. Mellissa Bell (b. Oct 1, 1982)
3. Amanda Bell (b. Jan 8, 1985)
4. Mark Alan Bell (b. Aug 9, 1987)

Carolyn and Tommy Shipley divorced in 1963. She then met and married Patrick Rielly (Pat). they are the parents of two boys. Carolyn and Pat live in Surprise, Arizona on her grandparents place. (Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bunton). They bought it and have fixed it up.

1. John Patrick Rielly (b. Nov 13, 1969) in Clovis, New Mexico
2. Christopher Baerett Rielly (b. Aug 25, 1971) in Clovis, New

Mexico

Pat was in the Air Force in New Mexico and that is where they lived until his retirement. They then moved to Surprise, Arizona. He is a postal worker and Carolyn is a dietican. Both John and Chris live in Phoenix, Arizona. Neither boy is married.

4. James Edwin Poe (b. Dec 6, 1955) in Phoenix, Arizona. He married Rita Dashie (Jan 19, 1960) in Peoria, Arizona. They lived in Peoria, Arizona until 1985. They moved to Beggs, Oklahoma in 1985. they now live in Morrilton, Arkansas. They are the parents of four children. Eddie graducated from Peoria High School in 1974. He was in the Army after high schoo, then he worked on a ranch for awhile. He then was a welder and became sick real often. Turned out he was getting sick from the welding, so he quit that and went back to school. He went to school at Mississippi College to become a mortition. Rita and the children lived next door to Charlie and Edna while Eddie was

away at school. Rita worked as a sewing machine operator in Phoenix, Arizona and Bristow, Oklahoma while they lived in these places. After they moved to Russellville, Arkansas in 1986 she went back to school and got her C.D.A. and while Eddie was in Mississippi going to school Rita worked as a teacher in Headstart at C.D.I. at A.T.U. After Eddie graduated from mortition school he went to work in Morrilton. Rita still is teaching at A.T.U. Their children are:

1. Teisha Marie Poe (b. July 9, 1976) in Phoenix, Arizona. She will graduate in May of this year (1994) from Morrilton High School and plans on attending A.T.U. in the fall. She works at McDonalds in Morrilton. She will work there during her summer vacation.

2. James Edwin Poe Jr. (b. Jan, 30, 1978) in Phoenix, Arizona. He is a star football player at Morrilton High School. He also works part time for McDonalds at Morrilton.

3. Heather Poe (b. Feb 25, 1983) in Phoenix, Arizona

4. Kelly Poe (b. March 9, 1986) in Sapulpa, Oklahoma. Heather and Kelly are both active in Judo and hold the orange belt and have won many trophies. They have competed in different states. They both attend school in Morrilton.

5. Gertrude Poe (b. 1921) married Ernest Leslie (Bill) McCorkle in 1937 and they are the parents of one daughter, Lillian Ernestine. Bill die in 1969. Gertrude is now the wife of Jim Hemmer.

1. Lillian Ernestine (Tina) McCorkle (b. Nov 22, 1938) married Kenneth Paul Page (b. June 3, 1935) son of Herman B. Page and Ethyle Effie Mayfield Page in Russell, Arkansas on Dec. 23, 1956. Ernestine was born in Russellville, Arkansas. She will retire from the telephone company in early 1995. They are the parents of five children. They are:

1. Kenneth Paul Page, Jr (b. Sept, 27, 1958) in Agana, Guam. He married Jennifer Keesee

They are the parents of two children:

1. Michael Anthony Page (b. June 6, 1982) in Little Rock, Arkansas

2. Ashley Ann Page (b. April 21, 1984) in Little Rock, Arkansas

2. Karen Diane Page (b. Nov. 27, 1959) in China Lake, California. She married

Eric Dale Coursey. They are the parents of two children.

1. Amanda Michelle Coursey (b. May 17, 1977) in Benton, Arkansas

2. Kent Allen Coursey (b. Nov. 13, 1983) in Benton,
Arkansas
3. Katrina Kaye Page (b. Nov 21, 1962) in Miami, Oklahoma. She
married Lonnie Ables.
They are the parents of two girls.
1. Brooklyn Elizabeth Ables (b. July 16, 1985) in Little
Rock, Arkansas
2. Lauren Rachele Ables (b. March 3, 1989) in Little Rock,
Arkansas
4. Kelton Yale Page (b. Feb. 9, 1966) in Little Rock, Arkansas.
He married Kim Perkins.
They are the parents of two children.
1. Brittany Nichole Page (b. April 24, 1986) in Little Rock,
Arkansas
2. Cody Lee Page (b. October 3, 1988) in Russellville,
Arkansas
5. Kyle Dwayne Page (b. March 29, 1968) in Little Rock,
Arkansas.
He married Shelly Lynn Douglas and they are the parents of
one child.
1. Rachael Lynn Page (b. May 21, 1993) in Little Rock,
Arkansas

Kenneth and Ernestine lived and still have their family home in Alexander, Arkansas. They also have a home in Russellville, Arkansas right next door to her mother. They live in Saint Louis, Mo. right now. She was transferred there by the telephone company. Kenneth was in the service for the first few years of their married life. Their first three children were born while in the service.

6. Dorothy Poe (b. Jan. 11, 1923) married Lawrence Sanders (b. Feb 4, 1921) of Russellville, Arkansas on Jan. 9, 1941. They are the parents of four children. Lawrence and Dorothy now live in Conway, Arkansas after retiring in Texas.

1. James Lawrence Sanders (b. Feb. 9, 1942). He married Sandra _____ (b. Jan 22, 1945).

They are the parents of three children. Jim and Sandra live and pastors a church in Conway, Arkansas.

1. James Lawrence Sanders, Jr (b. April 1, 1964). He married Rhonda _____.

Their children are:

1. Jeremy Sanders (b. September 26, 1984)

2. Delin Sanders (b. June 6, 1987)
3. Brouden Sanders (b. March 14, 1990)

Rhonda's children (from a previous marriage) are:

1. Amy Claossen
2. Bradley Claossen

2. Melissa Sanders (b. May 2, 1967). She married Cliff Burrow. They live in Conway, AR.

They have one daughter.

1. Angelica Burrow (b. July 7, 1992)

3. April Sanders (b. August 20, 1975). She lives in Conway, Arkansas

* Lelan Joe Poe died when he was eighteen months old and is buried at Russellville, Arkansas at the same place that Cephas, Ada Bell, and other relatives are at.

4. Debbie Sanders (b. March 15, 1952). She married Blaine Allen (b. March 9, 1954). They live in Mississippi. I believe that they pastor a church there. They have pastored churches in different states. They are the parents of three children. They are:

1. Carrie Anne Allen (b. April 25, 1978)
2. Brian Allen (b. Jan. 27, 1984)
3. Amy Allen (b. April 3, 1987)

5. Brenda Sanders (b. June 28, 1955). She married Willie Joe Honza (b. Feb. 22, 1954). They live in League City, Texas. Joe and Brenda have just adopted a baby boy and are very happy.

If there is any errors in this history, I apologize. It is not my intention to forget or hurt anyones feeling. Hope everyone enjoys this as much as I did getting it together.

Sincerely yours,
Ruby Lee Poe Beesley