

The following information was found in the Archive Library in Raleigh, N. Carolina:

David Poe was the son of John and namesake and grandson of David Poe of the Scotch Covenanter of 1667. Father of Alexander, John, and daughter Anne and great-great grandfather of Edgar Allen Poe.

David Poe, of Dring, was a tenant farmer of "fair circumstances" on the estate of the Maxwell family. At the turn of the century (1900), the townland of Dring contained 180 acres, 3r. 19p. statute measure, of which 12 acres 2r. 37p. were under water. Between 1720 and 1731 he was one of the overseers of the Parish of Kildallon and at the same period he was a member of the parish vestry. In 1741 he entered into the customary marriage bond of his son John Poe with Jane McBride, of Drumully Parrish, County Fermanagh. Among the court documents of Kimore is the original will of David Poe. His will was made August 25, 1742, and proved September 22, 1742. In his will he named his wife Sarah, his daughter Anne, wife of Archibald Scott; his son Alexander, then in America; Mary Cowan; and his son John. Sarah, his wife, was co-executrix with his daughter Anne. To his son Alexander who settled and improved lands in the Manor Maske, Marsh Creek, Pennsylvania, about 1739, was left s5 sterling. To his son John was give about 42 acres of arable land, sheep, farm and home effects. ( From "Edgar Allan Poe: The Man" by Mary E. Phillips. Copyright 1954 by Mary E. Phillips.)

David Poe, Scotch-Irish from the Parish of Fenwick, in Ayrshire, Scotland, intermarried with Allans and Galts. They belonged to the Scotch Protestants who migrated to Ireland, Dring, in Parish of Kildallen, County Cavan.

The following information is found in "Poe Pages" , Vol. 2, p. 7 and was submitted by Janet M. Kademan, Davenport, Iowa:

David Poe's will, dated Aug. 25, 1742 ( died 1743) describes him as of "Dring Parish of Kildallon, County Cavan, Farmer." In the old vestry book of Killdallon he is mentioned as the overseer of roads in the parish, and in the minutes of April 12, 1726, he signs himself as "David Poe". He married Sara, surname unknown. They had issue: John Poe, 1720-1756, married Jane McBride. Alexander Poe, born in Ireland and emigrated to America. Anne Poe married Archibald Scott.

John Poe

Son of David Poe of Dring

The following information is found in "Poe Pages" , Vol. 2, p. 7 and was submitted by Janet M. Kademan, Davenport, Iowa:

John Poe, 1720-1756, son of Sara and David Poe, was born in Ireland, Donegal county, September, 17, 1739; he married Jane McBride of Ballmoney, Antrim, the ceremony being performed by John, Lord Bishop of the Diocese of Cloger. Jane McBride was born 1706 and dies 1802, the daughter of Rev. Robert McBride, and a sister of John McBride that was Admiral of the Blue and Member of Parliament for Plymouth in 1785. They had ten children, three of them born in Ireland. One of these sons was General David Poe, 1742-1816, grandfather of Edgar Allen Poe. John and Jane Poe came to America about 1743 and settled in Lancaster, PA, from whence they moved to Cecil county, MD, and later to Baltimore.

The following information was found at the Virginia archives: John Poe, younger son of David Poe, of Dring, received at his marriage one third of his father's holdings and, under the will of his father, as much more as would make up the half, being the fourth part of Dring, together with ten head of sheep and one half of all tackling belonging to the plow.

This shows that David Poe's holdings were only half of the Dring farm. In 1748, John Poe emigrated to America with his family. It is said that he first came to Pennsylvania. It is probable that he spent some time on his brother Alexander's farm at the Manor of Masque. Later he moved to Cecil County, Maryland. John was married in Ireland in 1741, to Jane McBride, who, it is believed, was a daughter of the Rev. Robert McBride, for many years Presbyterian minister at Ballymoney, and a sister of John McBride, fan admiral in the Royal Navy. John Poe died about 1746, and his wife in 1802. Their children were: \*David, George, Jean, Mary and William.

After his marriage in 1741, John came into touch with the Presbyterian congregation at Clogher, near Dring. Minus stray leaves, the congregation's old baptismal register still exists, and give baptismal notes of three of the ten children of John and Jane McBride Poe. Perhaps the missing leaves noted the baptism of David, later grandfather of the poet, who was said to have been born at Dring, Parish of Kildallon, Ireland in 1742. It is agreed that John Poe, his wife and children David and George, then two years old, sailed for the New World about 1748. They landed at Newcastle, Delaware, and went at once to Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, where he spent some time with his brother Alexander at the Manor of Masque, Marsh Creek, said to have become the site of the Battle of Gettysburg. Thence John Poe took his family to Cecil County, Maryland, and finally to Baltimore City, where he died in 1756. The Baltimore 1776 directory located his widow's home on German Street between Howard and Hanover. It is said she died July 17, 1802, at age 96, and rests in Lot 129 of Westminster Churchyard, Baltimore. (From "Edgar Allan Poe: The Man" by Mary E. Phillips. Copyright 1926 by Holt, Rinehart and Winston, Inc. Copyright 1954 by Mary E. Phillips. Reprinted by permission of Holt, Rinehart and Winston, Inc.)

#### Incomplete List of Children of John and Sara Poe

George Poe b. July 31, 1744 Kildallon Parish, Co. Cavan, Ireland, d. August 20, 1823; married Catherine Dawson, b. May 13, 1742, Cecil Co. Maryland, d. August 1806 buried Westminster Churchyard, Baltimore, MD.

Mary Poe b. March 19, 1745/6, Kildallon Parish, Co. Cavan, Ireland.

Jean Poe b. Feb. 16, 1747/8, Kildallon Parish, Co. Cavan, Ireland.

William Poe b. 1764, d. 1804 moved to Augusta GA, married Frances Winslow.

\*"General" David Poe b. 1742, Kildallon Parish, Co. Cavan, Ireland, married Elizabeth Cairnes in PA.

"General" David Poe

Son of John and Jane Poe

The following information was found in the Virginia archives: David Poe, the oldest son of John and Jane Poe, was born in Dring, parish of Kildallon, County Cavan, Ireland in 1742, and died at Baltimore. As a young man, he was very active in formenting the Revolution. He is credited with being the leader of the mob that ousted Robert Christie, the sheriff, and with being involved in the attack upon the printing office of William Goddard, the libeler of George Washington. He was appointed Quartermaster in Baltimore, November 19, 1777, and served during the war, giving a great deal of his time and monies for the cause. When he grew to be an old man, he was always called General Poe. After the Revolution, General Poe became a merchant in Baltimore and was very successful. David Poe was married to Elizabeth Cairnes of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Elizabeth died on July 7, 1835. David and Elizabeth's children

were: David Jr., Maria, John Hancock, George Washington, \*Samuel, and Elizabeth. Maria was born March 17, 1790, and died February, 16, 1871. She was married July 13, 1817, to William Clemm and had a daughter, Virginia, who became the wife of her cousin, Edgar Allan Poe, the famous author.

General David Poe's wife Elizabeth was of dark-eyed Irish ancestry and Lancaster County, Pennsylvania birth. They soon moved to Baltimore, Maryland. There the courthouse record book, page, 180, first noted, "David Poe, 1 August 1775." as a witness to a legal paper. From a prior - January 23rd - Baltimore press notice of finding a watch, it is learned that his brother George was then located as living at Fells Point. This section of the city was the landing place for large vessels. David Poe's first Baltimore business was said to be in a three-story brick structure.

David Poe, Jr.

Son of David Poe and Elizabeth Cairnes Poe

The following was found in the Virginia archives: David Poe, Jr. was born in Baltimore, Maryland about 1784, and died about 1811. He was intended for the legal profession and began his studies in the office of William Gwynn, Esq., but, falling in love with an English actress, a widow, he eloped with her and was disowned by his father. He adopted the stage as a profession, but was not a successful actor. He was married in 1805 to Elizabeth Hopkins, who was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold, singers at Convent Garden Theatre, London. She was brought to the United States with her mother and, as Miss Arnold, became a favorite with American audiences. She died December 8, 1811. Their children were: William Henry Leonard Poe, Edgar Poe and Rosalie Poe.

Edgar Allan Poe

Son of David Poe, Jr. and Elizabeth Arnold Poe

Famous Author

Edgar Allan Poe, second son of David, Jr. and Elizabeth Arnold Poe, was born January 19, 1809, and died October 7, 1849. He was married May 16, 1836, to his cousin, Virginia Clemm, daughter of William and Maria Poe Clemm. She was born August, 1822, and died January 30, 1847. They had no children.