

## More About David Poe

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; great-great-grandfather of Edgar Allen Poe. David Poe, of Dring, was a tenant farmer 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 often 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 Parish, County Fermanagh. 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. The descent of this David Poe, of Dring, County Cavan, son of John Poe, is traced through records from the 1641 Irish Rebellion and through later records. David Poe was the son of John and namesake of the Scotch Covenanter of 1667, was a tenant farmer "of fair circumstances" on the Maxwell estate. Documents date his death in 1742. Among the court records of Kimore is the original will of David Poe. It was dated August 25, 1742, and proved the following September. Sarah, his wife, was co-executrix with his daughter Anna. To his elder 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 given about 42 acres of arable land, sheep, farm and home effects. (From "Edgar Allen 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.) David Poe, Scotch-Irish from 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.

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