

Road Named For Old Soldier

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Buried in the southernmost southwestern tip of Calhoun County is Stephen Poe, Soldier of the Revolution, who died on July 28 of 1843.

Perpetuating the memory of his some ten years residence is the name of Poe's Bend Road and the old Poe School, in which was held also services of Ebenezer Baptist Church.

Residing in Habersham County, Georgia in 1827, Poe let revert the Lottery Lands he drew in Carroll County, electing instead to travel westward with his kin.

Their wagon train stopped on the journey by a forest fire, one of the older members (perhaps Stephen) was overcome by heat and exhaustion and unable to go on. According to family tradition, at first it was decided he would stay there to recover and then follow the rest. Until, looking around at the grass, the trees, and the waters of the sparkling Cossa came the realization of "why, right here is what we were going west to find."

So they stayed in an encircling area of St. Clair, Talladega and in Benton (Calhoun) Counties where one family settled between the present Mitchellville Store and the Eastaboga-Ohathee Road; another by the river, and those rich bottom lands are still in possession of Poe descendants.

In the area to be settled by Kirkseys, Vinsens, Ackers and Greens, Stephen (b. 1759) and Mary Poe (b. 1760) are shown in 1840 with a male 40-50 in their household. Nearby were the families of James W. Poe (30-40), wife and five sons and daughters, all under 15, and of John J. Poe (20-30) and wife Lucretia (Drinker) who had been married in Benton Co. Nov. 23, 1837, and their infant daughter.

John Poe is listed as a supply preacher in records of the second quarterly Methodist Conference of 1835 - On September 19 being recommended for admission into the traveling circuit. The name of James W. Poe is among those of leading men on 1833-46 rolls in the Talladega Methodist Circuit (which included Benton Co.).

In Cherokee County records is the marriage of William B. Poe to Elizabeth Stewart on September 25, 1835, and in Benton Co. on May 7, 1846 Jesse Poe was married to Frances Jones by Willis S. Wingo. Frances S. (Darby) Poe, "late of Orange Co., Va.", the wife of Winship A. Poe, died in Talladega Co. in 1845.

The pension application filed August 1, 1843 by Stephen Poe's 84 year old widow Mary, stated that Poe, from Wilkes Co., N.C. served two years in the militia under Col. Golson, beginning in 1776. She recalled little of his service, except that he was captured by the enemy at Wilmington and was discharged in 1778. She said they had been married in the summer of 1775 by the Rev. William Teague.

But Mary Poe's application, filed three days after the old soldier's death, remains suspended "for more specific detail of service." Recorded however is the service of a John Poe, born 1758 in North Carolina (perhaps close kin), who died October 9, 1834 and was married to Mary Newman.

None of the 1840 Poes were living in Benton County in 1850, there being instead the families of Solomon, age 41, Jonathan, age 45, both born in South Carolina, and of 20 year old Henry Poe

and wife Caroline, nee Ray, both born in Georgia, who were married March 14, 1850 in St. Clair County.

Jonathan and wife Martha, 50, had six children, all born in Georgia - three daughters, Martha 20, P.A. (or Z.A.) 17, and Sarah, 15, and three sons, Starling, 23, Jonathan M., 13; also William, 7, who would join Sulphur Springs Baptist Church in August 1864.

Coming to Alabama after 1845, Solomon Poe and wife "N.J.", 29, brought sons J.C., 11, E.C., 8, Henry Castle, 5, and daughters J.E., 13 and Charlot, 10. Another daughter S.R., 3, and son Solomon W., 2, had been born in Alabama.

Among the marked graves in the Green-Poe Cemetery, established prior to 1859, on the Eastaboga-Ohathee Road, are those of E.C. Poe (1842-1888) and wife Tempy (Beasley) Poe (1833-1917), Mary A. (1850-1910), wife of Henry Castle Poe, and of Solomon W. (1848-1929).

Others are of Jonathan M. (1837-1883) and his wife Martha H. (Finley) Poe, both of whom left legacies of courage and valor.

A United Daughters of the Confederacy marker stands beside the grave of Jonathan M. Poe. Volunteering in 1862, Jonathan's right leg was lost at the Battle of Jonesboro, Ga., when hit by a logging chain shot from a cannon, the amputation so short no kind of an artificial limb could ever be fitted.

But though dependent upon a crutch for the rest of his life, Jonathan M. Poe paid for 40 acres of land with bales of cotton raised on the land he plowed.

"One of the best known and universally loved women in that section of the county", according to her obituary in The Anniston Star of Jan. 5, 1919, was "Aunt Martha Poe", who died at her home near Ohathee on Dec. 27, 1918.

Born in Clark Co., Alabama in 1822, "86 years prior to the day her body was committed to the grave", Martha lived 80 years within a three mile area of where she had died and had never seen a train. She had joined Sulphur Springs Baptist Church in July 1851, married Jonathan M. Poe in 1859, cared for her family during the Civil War, was "never sick a day until she had measles in 1887," and reared eight children, six of whom preceded her in death.

Located on the site of the present Mitchellville Store was the Poe School where services of the old Ebenezer Baptist Church were pastored over 10 years by the Rev. Mark Jones.

Antecedant of the Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Macon Quarters, the congregation moved and renamed their group some 30 years ago when the school house was torn down. In the Ladies' Sunday School Class Room at Mt. Olive Baptist Church is the aged, worm-eaten pulpit of the Poe School-Church.

Included among pupils attending the four grade, one teacher Poe School were some from St. Clair County, children of the Rev. Jones, who rowed across the dividing waters, then walked one and a half miles to the frame structure with its two front doors.

One of those - Mae - married a son of Henry Castle Poe and resides on Poe's Bend Road where lore of the Revolution, Confederacy, an early school and church combine in that historic Creek Indian area into the interesting history of Benton County.

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6 fingers / 3 middle / 2nd / 3rd / 4th / 5th

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To make great contributions to Calhoun County were young Jonathan and his wife Martha Finley(Findley) whom he married Jan. 6, 1859

H.

Volunteering in 1862

for Confederate Service Jonathan lost his right leg at the battle of Jonesboro, Ga(?) thereafter at such a position that no ~~xxx~~ peg could be fitted, him being dependent thereafter on the use of a cr

lost by legging chain shot from cannon. Amputated so shot to the waist but got it with a peg.

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H.C. Poe (Henry Castle) Poe

Solomon W.(1848-1929)

A Confederate marker
By the grave of Jonathan M. Poe(1837-1883) is a Confederate Marker etc.

Case history to look up

~~xxx~~ Located ~~xxxx~~ on the site of the present day Mitchellville Store, ~~the xxxxxxxx~~
many today recall days at Poe School, in which also were held services of the
Ebenezer Baptist Church, forerunner of Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Macon Quarters.

Recorded though are the
Rev. War records though record the service of John Poe of N.C., born 1758 who married
Mary Newman and died Oct. 9, 1834.

Leon Poe has the cane he walked with

In 1928 a ~~xxxx~~ 4 grade school, with one teacher who received \$525
two of the teachers Myrtis Vinson and Geneva Robinson

the pulpit at Poe School at first carried to negro church
the pulpit now refinished with old worm holes used in the Ladies S.S. Class at
Mt. Olive

with some of the children
some of those student - children of the Rev. DeMarcus
Marcus DeLafayette Jones - who pastored the Ebenezer Church
rowing in rowboat across the Coosa and drawing it's students from across the Coosa where
the children of the Rev. Marcus DeLafayette Jones rowed in a rowboat, walked the 1: miles
pastor at least 10 years his daughter Mae-aged 13-organist

Disbanded some 30 years ago Did old Poe School burn??????

part about C.W. fight at the Ten Islands Crossing

Stephen
Though not ~~xxxxxxxx~~ remained unrecognized in rev. war records - his grandson
Jonathan the sotry of his grandson in the Civil War
along with the ~~xxx~~ preserving of the rev war record of Stephen Poe, deserves to be
recognized the Civil War Service of the grandson Jonathan etc.

The Rev. War soldier - his brave Confederate grandson - the lore of the Poe School
all deserving to be remembered in the rich history of Benton Country.

734-733

1850 census

1809

SS
County

Jonathan Pae 45 m Farmer S.E.
 Martha 50 f unknown
 Stading 23 m Farmer Ba.
 Martha 20 f
 Pl. 17 f
 15 f
 Sarah 13 m
 Jonathan 7 m
 Wm.

Julia:
 found with
 her mother
 4-5-1859

23rd Sept 1820
 Court Depprecy - 1859
 in 1837 martha H. Pae
 in 1843 - wife Pae.

731-735

Salomon Pae 41 m Farmer S.E.
 W. J. 29 f Ba.
 J. C. 13 f
 J. C. 11 m
 Charlat 10 f
 E. C. 8 m
 H. C. 5 m
 S. R. 3 f
 Sal 1 m

Wm
 L. C. 11-5-1859

Wm
 L. C. 11-5-1859

Am 1842 23 April
 d. 27 Sept 1898
 - al -
 in 18 Jan 1848 & 2 Oct 1908

Wm
 L. C. 11-5-1859
 in 16 Jan 1858
 d. 8 June 1917

733-737

Henry Pae 20 m Farmer Ba
 E. C. Pae 17 f Ba
 Henry Pae to Caroline Pae mtd 3/4/1850 in St. Lawrence Co. N.C.

Maury Stephen Pae mtd summer of 1775 acc to her
 pension application by her son James -
 Randolph Co. N.C.
 age 84 in 1843 her

1840 bnd 70-80
 1843 84
 1859 her
 1775 57
 1/6 her 16 yrs ago -
 1840
 50
 in 1860

Poe - 1840

R-8225-

John J. Poe

1 male 20-30

1 female under 5 (Lancaster District)

1 15-20

Stephen Poe

1 male 40-50

1 male 70-80

1 female 70-80

1840
70
1770
1840
1830
1760

James W. Poe

3 males 15-20

1 male 30-40

1 female 5-10

1 " 10-15

1-40-50

Nov 1842 J. J. Reed

Receipt for more specific date of Service & more
proof marriage.

Stephen Poe - Leg Habersham Co. Ga. Ledger of 1837,
draw hands in Carroll Co. Pa. Receipt

John Poe - preaching in 1835

James W. Poe - one of ldy men

Taalladega Circuit
1833-1836

Winnip A. Poe Taalladega 1845

Wm. Doddridge - Zougar & Darby

Taalladega Cemetery Records

Poe Ala records Vol 51 (Zachary)

Will Book C

p1 Wills of P. Poe appld admr decd wife
Frances S. Poe, formerly Frances S. Darby,
daug Adam & Caroline Darby, later of
Orange Co Va 7 April 1845

Hugh S. Darby, Allen Gibson Secutras

p89, March 17, 1840 deed by John Ashley to wife
to 3 and $\frac{13}{40}$ acres in Sec 8 T 20 R 4 E to Trustees of
Meth. Episcopal Church.

Acc to off Recs - Idgman in Zachary Circuit
during yr 1833-1846 and ^{along} w/ Leonard J. Dent
James W. Poe John Kinfree
Edward Patton
John Berman
James C. Francis

p92 at 2^d July Conf. 1835 John Poe appeared
as a supply preacher & filed that position until
Aug 19, 1835 he w/ James Cole & James H.
Thomson was rec. to Annual Conf for admission
into the traveling circuit.

Rev. War Records John Poe N.C.

and Mary Thomson

on 1758
& Oct 19-1834

Deer Cross on Estabrope - Chatchepool

Mary, Ep McLean 1-11-1823 - 4-14-1894
 Joseph Lewis 6-24-1827 - 8-31-1857
 James B. Kewsey 9-20-1823 - 8-7-1853
 Kalland Fowmy Oct 1788 - 7-11-1872
 Elizabeth Fowmy 4-20-1816 7-29-1885
 Miss P. Fowmy Feb 1836 - 4/18-1894
 Elizabeth Cawell July 1809 - 10-12-1869
 Mary Sey 2/3/1840 - 10/1/1902
 Jemp Poe 1833 - 1917
 E. C. Poe 1842 - 1888
 Jonathan M. Poe 1837 - 1883
 John Cawell 7/9/1800 - 1/12/1892 other great copied
 1850 census Family 235
 Solomon Poe 41 SE 7m 500'

Mattha Spindley Dec 9
 Thomas Fowmy 36 1850 7m 400'
 Mattha Fowmy Nov 1850
 717 2m 185 - 3 6 2m 1850 etc
 Mattha Fowmy 21/11/1850
 Mattha Fowmy 24
 Elizabeth Fowmy 24
 Mattha Fowmy 16

28 (7)	29		
Jr (7)	13	↓	
Jr (m)	11		
Charlot	10		
EE (m)	8		
HE (m)	5		
SR (7)	3		Ala
Jr m	1		1

Poe, Jonathan M to Mattha Fowmy Jan 6 - 1857
 Poe, S M to Mary J. Fowmy 9-29-1854
 Poe, Sarah A to Fowmy's lot etc
 Poe, Harlot to Ann Kewsey 11-5-3-1857
 Poe, Julia A to Wm Fowmy 11-19-1865
 Poe, E. C. to Jempy M Fowmy 12-14-1865
 Poe, J. C. to Fowmy's lot etc 3-8-1866
 Poe, Wm B to Ely Fowmy 7-25-1867
 Poe, paper to J. Fowmy Dec 17/1876
 Poe, John J to Fowmy's lot etc 11/23/1887