

Birmingham Ala
Jan 3, 1961

Dear Mrs. Livingston

I am one of your Fayette Co. Ala. Cousins, I was Born and reared in the same Community where my Shepherd-Nall and Poe relatives settled when they came to Ala. from N.C. My Name is Burn A. Sullivan. I am a great great grandson of Simon Poe B. 1782. I understand your grandmother Gatsyana Poe Lucas was a sister to my great grandmother Mary (Pollyann) Poe Nall. Martin Nall Sr. wife. They were both daughters of Simon Poe B. 1782.

Martin Nall Sr. and wife Mary (Pollyann) Poe Nall. had 5 children Their eldest child Mariah B. 1824 married Jacob S. Shepherd B. 1812. They were my grandparents. My mother Rithie Shepherd was their 9th child. B. 1860 she married John Sullivan. I am their only child. I was Born Oct 3, 1898.

I married Ruby Plyler 40 yrs. ago. She is a member of Birmingham genealogy society. She is collecting data on about 8 different families. Hers and mine. She is also writing Fayette Co. Ala Plyler history. Of course I'm very interested in all this work she is doing. We keep

finding new relatives all the time.

My wife Ruby was Born and reared in Fayette Co. Ala too. her relatives also came from N.C. She spent 9 days last June visiting 5 branches of her family in Union Co. Moore N.C. Her Ala. relatives had been out of touch with these N.C. people for 75- and 100 yrs. My Mother in law was a Yerby - according to Yerby genealogy records. Hogan Yerby, Simon Poe and other pioneer families settled in Fayette Co. Ala in 1817.

We are trying to find what place in N.C. These Yerbys, Poes, Shepherds, and Nalls came from. At the present time, we have reason to believe it was Anson Co N.C. which joins Union Co. N.C.

My wife has done a lot of searching of records at Fayette Co. Ala Court ~~records~~ house.

She does a lot of research and study at our public library. (Southern history Dept.) here in Birmingham. where a lot of family histories are on file. They have one on the Dodson and Lucas, families written by a young man by name of Emmet Lucas (your Cousin) One of these Dodson women married a Yerby they were my wife's great, great, grandparent. Wm. Dodson family traced back to 1649 in England his wife Sarah Pyles family traced back to 1610 in Wales Wm. Dodson family settled in Tuscaloosa Co. Ala 1818 later

Moved to Fayette Co. Ala. your grandfather Thomas Lucas was a member of this same ^{Lucas} family - Here is what Ruby copied from this family history for you.

- Thomas Lucas B. 1802
- Gatsy Lucas " 1810
- Elbert M. Lucas " 1828
- Polly Lucas " 1831
- Francis Lucas " 1833
- James Lucas " 1834
- Thomas Lucas " 1840

Martha Lucas " 1842 I understand this was your mother.
Eleanor Lowery " 1886.

If you don't have a copy of this Lucas Dodson, family history, we would be glad to copy same for you. The Lucas Part.

Ruby has been exchanging data on the poe family with our cousin Winifred Walton of Benton Ark. She has also been exchanging data on Shepherd, and Nall families with my Cousin Mattie Shepherd of Sheridan Ark.

The Shepherd, Nall, and poe families have intermarried untill they are so mixed they dont know how much kin they are.

For instance my grandmother Mariah Nall Shepherd, had a sister Mary (Polly) Nall that married James T. poe, son of Calvin poe, of course these two sisters mother was Mary (Polly) Ann poe Nall

Wife of Martin Hall Sr. ⁴ and daughter of Simon Poe
B. 1782

Tradition says this James T. Poe, was second cousin
to the famous Edgar Allen Poe. We have a lot of
data on the Edgar Allen Poe family, But we
don't know just how to tie it in with our
Simon Poe B. 1782.

We recently had a letter from Dr. Samuel Poe
Dentist, Eastland Texas. His grandmother and my
grandmother were sisters. The same Mariah Hall ^{Shepherd}
and Mary (Polly) Hall Poe that married James T. Poe.
that I mentioned earlier.

Dr. Sam Poe is 78 yrs old and still working. He said
he wrote me between patients. See Simon Poe B. 1782 was
his great great grand father too on his grandmother's side, and
and Calvin Poe was great grandfather on James T. Poe side.

But Dr. Sam Poe. was not able to tell us how these
Poes were related.

We know that the Lowerys were closely related
to Simon Poe ^{B. 1782} family, But we don't know how -
Simon Poe's daughter Martha Ann ~~that~~ that married
Issac Shepherd (a bro. to my grandfather Jacob Shepherd)

They reared a girl by name of Jane Lowery -
and you know this Eleanor Lowery that lived in
this home of your grandparents Thomas and Gately Lucas.
A Simon Lowery owned land adjoining Simon
Poe.

When my great grandfather Martin Hall Sr. Died
in 1836. his Widow Mary (Polly) Ann Poe Hall

Marrried one Edward Lowery, which we didnt know until recently, when Ruby found the Will and other records of Simon Poe B. 1792, family ^{at} the ~~the~~ Courthouse Fayette Ala. She probably had children by this Edward Lowery, we want to search 1850 Fayette Co Ala. Census for them - or they might have moved to Saline Co Ark. like most of the Shephard, Walls, and Poes did, Simon Poe also deeded land to one Mathew N. Lowery.

We know that Simon Poe B. 1782. was son of Major James Poe S.A.R.

They poe's and Yurbys just settled near Tuscaloosia in Tuscaloosia Co. We found old church records of Bethel Church formed in 1818. They were charter members. One Larkin Poe and wife Rachel, Larkin died in 1834. ^{Two} Known sons Manon Poe Thomas Poe,

One George Poe in 1830 Fayette Co. Census. between 50 and 60 yrs.

We think R Simon Poe B. 1782. Thomas Poe B. 1785; James B. 1795; Wiat Poe, and John Poe that M. Sarah Threel were brothers - We may be wrong what do you know and think R D in enclosing some questions, if you can answer any of them we would appreciate it very much. If you dont feel like writing maybe you have a son or daughter that will write us. Sincerely

Your Cousins Burn and Ruby Sullivan

3 Brothers

(a)

Gen. David ^{sr.} Poe of Baltimore Maryland. Originally
George ^{sr.} Poe from Ireland. m. Elizabeth Carnes
— Poe of Lancaster pa. Their Children

George Poe D. in England
John Poe
Wm Poe
David Poe father of E. A. Poe
Samuel Poe
Mary Poe
Elisa Poe

Gen David Poe's Brother.

George Poe's Children were,

Jacob Poe of Frederickstown M.D.

George Poe of Mobile Ala.

Wm Poe Augusta Ga.

George Poe Sr.
Son

Jacob Poe's Children

Neilson Poe

George Poe

Amelia Poe

David Poe Jr. m. Mrs. Elizabeth Hoffman
an English lady. They had 3 Children

Henry Poe

Edgar Allen Poe

Rosalie Poe

Edgar Allen Poe's father died when
Edgar was 2 yrs of age - his mother a
few wks before - Grandfather David
was once a wealthy man, but circumstances

were at low ebb, when his son David and wife died leaving
3 small children, however he took grandson Henry to rear.

Edgar Allen was adopted by Mr. John Allen of Richmond Va
sister Rosalie was adopted by Mr. Wm. McKing " " "

Edgar Allen accompanied Mr. Allen to England in his 7th yr.
remained there in school for 5 yrs. Later he obtained a
Cadets appointment at West Point. while there Mr. Allen
died leaving Edgar Allen ————— Nothing (Over)

Edgar allen says he was educated in the expectation of an immense fortune. Mr. Allen having been worth \$750,000. He says it took a long time to get over the shock.

I found the above data yesterday afternoon at our public library. The above letter was not dated - and no dates were given in the letter. It seems that this letter was an answer to a letter from Wm Poe inquiring about Poe generally from Edgar Allen. Edgar Allen admitted he didnt know so very much about his Poe family since he was adopted when he was 2 yrs old.

We have Poes here in Pham. But no Wm T. Poe Esq. This man probably lived here around 60 yrs ago. I mean to call some of these Poes and ask if they are descendants of Wm T. Poe Esq. - of course we know that Edgar Allen was B. 1809-49.

I also looked up Greenville S.C. phone directory and found the name Harry T. Poe - probably the same man who wrote the letter 9-12-1926 on Major James Poe and his son Simon Poe who settled in Newtonville Community. I mean to write this man - We would like to know what Co. in N.C. the Poes and

perhaps came from. He might be able (C) to give me other data on the Poes.

They even have a Poe elementary school on ^{Poe} in Greenville S.C., several Businesses owned ^{by} ^{an} ^{Pres}

I appreciated your letter so much, and I know ^{Pres} what you mean about not having time to work on genealogy

I have a 7 room home, one husband, one grown daughter (adopted when she was 15 days old) I do all my house work even sew, wash, and some ironing, and with all this genealogy work. I'm very busy, I need a secretary. Ben and I will be married 40 yrs next June. I have all the data you sent Lucille Burton, she and I work together except she is busy teaching school now, and doesn't have much time for genealogy study

(Lucille's grand mother was a sister to my mother-in-law)

I believe you searched goodspeed for data on Shephards and Nalls, ^{for Lucille} so don't look it up for me too, unless you have other data, that you didn't send Lucille. Many thanks for newspaper clipping and all other data you sent. I believe Calum Poe and Edgar Allen Poe were first cousins their fathers John and David were brothers

I also believe all this list of Rev. war Poe
(Over)

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Charter Members - Everett Yerby D. 1823.
his wife a few yrs. later - Larkin Poe D. 1834
I believe these yerbys were my ggg. grandparents
some of their descendants settled in Fayette Co.
since Tradition says that Hogan yerby. Came
to Ala. from N.C. with Simon Pol and other
pioneer families, I believe this Larkin Poe
was an ancestor to Fayette Co pois.

(D)
Names I sent you were Brothers or
first Cousins of Gen. David Poe - They
would have been in the same age group.
I'll go back to the library see what I can
find on pois in Pen. War. in Va. N.C. ect.
Write me when you have time -
Sincerely,

PS -
Purley Glynn Sullivan -
I would love to see those baby girls -
I think baby girls are a little bit sweeter
than baby boys

Notes on genealogy
of the Poe family,
from Gulf States
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From a letter written
by Edgar Allen Poe to
his second cousin

Wm. Poe, Augusta Ga

The original of this letter
is in possession of Wm J.
Poe Esq. of Birmingham
a grandson of the above
Wm. Poe.