

This line seems to be ^{mine} ~~ours~~ too.

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Dear Mr. Cheek:

Mr. Douglas Poe referred your letter concerning your great grandfather, Simon Poe, to me. My Great-great grandfather was Simon Poe, Jr., who was born in North Carolina about 1766. As he had a number of grandchildren born 1808-20, I have a feeling that your Simon, may well have been the grandson of my Simon.

The Poe family lived in France in the 13th century but those that weren't killed in the Albigensian persecutions fled. Some of the Poes went to Scotland. In 1607 John Poe, the son of David, was forced to flee from Scotland due to his active participation in the ill-fated Pentland Uprising. JOHN POE settled in County Cavan, Ireland. He raised a family and died in Dring, County Cavan.

One of John's son, DAVID POE (named after his grandfather), was born in Dring in 1679. He married Sarah x and had four children:

1. John, born about 1698; married Jane McBride in 1741 migrated to Lancaster Co. Penn. in 1748, where his younger brother had located. They had five children who lived to maturity. He died in Penn. in 1756; his widow died in Baltimore in 1802.
2. Mary Poe, who married a Mr. Cowan.
3. Alexander Poe (our common ancestor ??)
4. Anne Poe, who married Archibald Scott.

ALEXANDER POE was born in Dring about 1703. He moved with his family to Lancaster County, Penn. in 1739. About 1749, he moved to that part of Orange County, which later became Chatham Co., North Carolina. The names of four of his sons were:

1. Stephen Poe (N.C. Chamber of Deputies)
2. John Poe
3. SIMON POE (ancestor)
4. James Poe

SIMON POE, Sr. was born in Penn., but when quite young moved to North Carolina. He had a large family and died in Chatham County, N.C. One of his sons was SIMON, Jr.

SIMON POE, Jr. was born in Orange (Chatham) Co., N.C. about 1766. He married Rhoda Flowers (?) and had a large family. The only names I have are: Jacob Flowers (My great-great grandfather), Sara, Mary, Jane, William, James, Frances.

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Jacob Flowers Poe, my ancestor, married and had six children: James, Thomas, Caroline, Lemuel, Evelyn, and Lucy Ann (my great-grandmother). He later married in Illinois a widow with two children, and then they had four: Cornelius, Elizabeth, Alexander Simon, and Narcissus.

SIMON POE, Jr., may have had a son Simon or a nephew Simon, but in any case it is probable that he had a grandson named for him. And that grandson could well have been your Simon, who was born in 1812.

I trust that this information may be of some use to you. My father-in-law, who died in the 20's had begun a study of his mother-in-law's (Lucy Ann Poe) ancestors and had this information. I have found both Simon and Alexander in some of the North Carolina Books on Families and Documents. In fact it lists the children of Simon Jr. & Rhoda Poe living as of a certain date.

Sincerely yours,

Robert G. Bone