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Dear Winifred,

I'm so sorry I didn't get to visit you
poe, Hall, and Shepherd relatives. Ermine Black
and family were going from here to Fayette Ala, 90 miles
from here, and stay several days and carry another
lady home with them, and ^{leave} for Benton from
Fayette, I felt I couldn't do that, and I was afraid
they wouldn't have room for me. and I was
so glad I didn't leave home, I took real sick
the next day after they left here. I a virus of stomach
and bowels. I was so glad to be home instead
of in Ark.

I hope to visit you people sometime this yr.

Burr and I would like to go to Union Co, N.C. Ala.
(where I visited last summer) sometime this summer
and while we are there, ~~go~~ go to Wadesboro, Anson Co.
which joins Union Co. and search records there at
Court house, to see what we can find on the
Shepherd, yerby, poe, and Hall that were living there
in late seventeen hundreds and ^{early} eighteen hundreds.

I think I wrote you that according to our yerby genealogy
records, The Simon poe families, and other pioneer families
came with Hogan yerby from N.C. in 1817.

This Hogan yerby was my great great grandfather
also Ermine Black too. Lucille Burton and I
appreciate you and your family visiting
my Cousin Ermine Black and children.

I wrote Mrs. Livingston in Little Rock. I signed Burns name to my letter. She answered right back. I told her I had been corresponding with you and Cousin Mattie Shepherd of Sheridan. But she said she would get in touch with you, and maybe you both might be able to give me some information. She said she was a member of U.D.C. and ~~tried~~ to get into D.A.P. But when she wrote Washington they wanted to charge 25 dollars for helping her. She says her daughter still want to get in D.A.P.

I told her if she would send me what information she had, and tell me what she ~~to~~ needed to know. I would write my genealogy friend in Washington to look this up. she doesn't charge me any thing.

Our Genealogy Society says the Mormans of Salt Lake City have the best genealogy records in the world of every Co. in U.S. I finally got in touch with one of my morman Cousins in Salt Lake City. she said she would be glad to look up anything for me. I understand genealogy is part of morman religion. My friend in Washington wrote me that she would have to know the ^{name of} person or family name, the County and State they came from. before she could help. So maybe between these two we may be able to get a lot of information this yr. It has been about 9 month since I began working genealogy. We have learned so very much!

If we could accomplish as much this year. We would be very happy.

Burn and I went to Fayette Co. Ala. this wk. visited and worked on genealogy. We visited Arch Gibson on his 86th birthday he is our first cousin, a Shepherd Hall and Poe relative. He owns the old Simon Poe Farm. But he didn't know that Simon Poe was his ggg grand father, until we told him, his wife Cousin Annie, told me she found this old Poe Monument all trampled by the stock and picked up the pieces and carried them to the back yard and put them down. I think I wrote you that Stella Poe Moore found these pieces of the old monument by the front steps. She put them together and copied the name and date down and mailed them to Ruby Poe McMillan in Signal Ohio. Not knowing that it was her own ggg grand father's monument, I wrote Ruby McMillan back in the fall. But never received an answer.

Stella Moore says she can't remember what she copied, this was in 52 or 53. I learned this wk. that soon after this, a new cement door steps were built. We decided these pieces of old monument ^{part of old Poe house} was used in that. When I make another

trip to our library. to get more data on Clarence H. Poe of Raleigh N.C. I am planning on mailing you a lot of our findings on the Poe family. I have found no James Poe in the roster of Rev. Soldiers of N.C. But that doesn't mean he wasn't there. because their records aren't very good. But it seems to me that if there was a Major James Poe. We may be able to find him.

I did find a James Poe as head of family in 1790 Census Chatham Co. N.C. I have good reason to believe the Poe family came from Va. to Chatham N.C. I found one Simon Poe helping to establish a baptist in this Co. in 1759 - 7 Poe men served in Rev. War from this Co. I believe some of these families moved on down to Anson Co. N.C. between 1790 - and 1800, Then around 1817 they came to Fayette Co Ala.

In searching records of Fayette and Tuscaloosa Counties and talking to descendants, We think (we maybe wrong on some of this) Major James Poe. sons were -

Simon B. 1782. second wife Dicy - (Olive?)

Thomas B. 1785. married Mary -

James B. 1795 m. Mary Macmillan, I have a lot of data what. This man lived just across line from Fayette Co in Tuscaloosa Co. John. This one the same. (your Mother's g. grand father)

There was one Larkin Poe. D. 1834 wife Rachel They also lived in
Yes Poe between 50 and 60. in 1830 Fayette Co } Tuscaloosa
Census. Co -

Sincerely
(Over) Ruly Pleyer Sullivan

In enclosing Mrs. Livingston's letter. Please
send it back to me. Thanks,

It seems she thinks our pair came from S.C.
all the Ala. pair descendants, I have talked to
say they came from N.C.