

Benton, Arkansas
August 29, 1960

Dear Mrs. Hogue,

Your letter certainly increased our interest in Genealogy. For about 7 or 8 years we have been working on the Walton, Holiman and Poe lines and in each case go back to about 1800 and there hit a snag. My Great Grandfather Thomas Walton was born in N.C. about 1805. We can find numerous references on Thomas Walton but find there were about 50 Thomas Waltons living at the same time. The same is true about John Poe (on my mothers side) and Simon Poe on my Fathers side of the family.

We have been working on the Hogue family only a short time and find more information that encourages us than we have on the other branches of the family. I will try to answer your questions first.

We did not know of Marvin's Cousins in Akron, Ohio the Ernest Hogues. If we find information that you think will help them we will appreciate your forwarding it to them.

Regarding Sarah Templeman's Hogue's dates of birth and death. We have a photostatic copy of the Family Record section of Joshua and Lucretia Ann (Hogue) Holiman's Bible. In the Birth section it gives Sarah T. Hogue was born October 24, 1803 or 1813. The 0 is not clear. In the Death section it says S.T. Hogue departed this life Oct. 5, 1881. The figures are very clear. Mrs. Will Banks (nee Sarah Ann Hogue) daughter of James Harvey Hogue and granddaughter of Ezekiel Hogue found a list in her Father's Bible. The list was not part of the Bible but evidently put in there as a Family Record. It gives the following dates. Sarah T. Hogue was born Oct. 24, 1803. Sarah T. Hogue died Oct. 6, 1881. You will note the dates of her death differ one day. I am sending you a Photostatic copy of the record Mrs. Banks found in her Bible. It is not very clear since the paper was old and it was written in pencil. The 1850 Census of Saline County shows Ezekiel Hogue to be 45 and Sarah to be 47 so evidently she was born in 1803.

After talking with other members of the family I am sure that Hiram Hogue was Ezekiel's brother.

We enjoyed the statement made by your Aunt Ellen. G. and mother Poe (Sarah Elizabeth Holiman) had two brothers who were doctors. Uncle Tom practiced in Little Rock and accumulated a real nice estate. He had two daughters living. Coy Reed lives in Little Rock and Fay Holiman is Dean of Women at Ouachita Baptist College in Arkadelphia, Arkansas. The other brother who was a doctor was Howe. He practiced in Arkansas and then moved to Dallas to go in partnership with Dr. Will Poe (also a desc. of Hogue-Swofford). ~~They~~ They had offices in the Medical Arts Building until about 1930.

In checking Bible records of Elizabeth Swafford they have the middle initial as P instead of T. On the Marriage licence which is written in long hand they have Elizabeth T., however, the T. is not very plain and since she married James T. Swafford they could have easily mis copied the middle initial. I am changing my record to Elizabeth P. Also, on the family sheet I sent you I had the place of death of Sarah T. Hogue as Saline County. This was sent me by a lady in L.R. who has done some research on the Hogues.

I am changing our record to show the place of her death and burial as Lamar County, Texas.

There is a Wilbur Samples and his sister, Mrs. Alonzo Richards living in Benton. For some time we have known that they were related to the Hogues. This afternoon I visited Mr. Samples and he told me his Mother was Margaret Watson a daughter of Samuel and Lucretia Watson. Also that Lucretia, Hiram and Ezekiel were Brothers and sisters. Some time ago Mr. Samples told me that all of his folks were buried in Marvin Chapel Cemetery, Grant Co., Ark. That is about 15 miles from Benton. On Sunday we checked the Cem. looking for Hogue marker but did not find any. We did find the marker for Samuel N. Watson which reads: In The Memory of Samuel M. Watson, Born in S.C., May 22, 1806 Died Mar. 2, 1879.

Mr. Samples could not think of all of his Uncles and aunts but did name the following=Harvey, Ezekiel, Mattie, Mary, Margaret, Sarah, Tom, William (drown in Miss. River during Civil War), Park and Jane. Harveys daughter Lillian married ~~W~~ A. B. Poe, a grandson of James and Elizabeth Swafford. Ezekiel and Harvey were Methodist Ministers and Ezekiel's son Caldwell Watson was a Methodist Minister. He was Dist. Supt. of Pine Bluff in the 1930s.

Goodspeed Biographical And Historical Memoirs-Central Arkansas was published in 1889. There were many misprints on names, that is we have found a few regarding our family. In the Grant Co. section we found the Biography of H.P. Watson, M.D. and made notes in order to check with members of the family to see if he was a member. The Biography of H.P. Watson, M.D. Born South Carolina Sept. 8, 1830. Son of Samuel and Lucretia (Hogan) (note should be Hogue). Both natives of the same state. His parents were married in 1828. Father died in 1880. Mr. Samples says that Dr. Watson was his Uncle and that his name was Parks.

Yesterday afternoon we visited Mothers Aunt Mollie Shaw who lives in Pine Bluff. She has been able to help us some on the Family and is very interested. She gave me a Picture of John Andrew Hogue. The picture does not have a date on it. On the back is the following: "J.T. HENDRICK, ARTISTIC PHOTOGRAPHER AND COPYIST. HONEY GROVE, TEXAS". If you do not have a picture of John Andrew we will send you this one. If you have one then we will use this one on our scrap book.

Aunt Mollie said her Mother always has a special place in her heart for John. When she married Joshua Holiman she decided to join the Baptist Church with him and all of her family objected and would not attend the Baptism. John told her he thought she was doing right and that he would be there.

Mothers Cousin, Leta Walker, lives with Aunt Mollie. She told me that Caldwell Watson, The Methodist Minister, would always eat with them when in Sheridan and always told her that they were closely related. She said for some reason she did not find out how but always thought he was a wonderful person.

Ezekiel Hogue was Ordained as a Methodist Minister and his Credentials are on file ~~in~~ in our court house. Later I expect to get a certified copy and will send you one.