

Sept. 8, 1974

Dear Joe and Helen ,

Think of you often and wonder how you are enjoying your retirement. Have heard from others about your hobbies and know you are keeping busy. Doesn't seem that we ever get out of Benton.

Judy is going to be a Nurse and has started her second year at U of A in Fayetteville. She was home this week end and likes school. Liz finished High School last Spring . Decided not to go to College but has changed her mind and will enter Ousachita in Jan, Bill is in the 8th, grade.

on Aug. 16 th. there was an article in the Democrat about Federal Judge Pat Mehaffy concerning his retirement. His father used to practice law in Benton and his mother was related to us and I am trying to make the connections. We are trying to figure out who James Martin Poe was and how A.B. Poe was related to us. Also if Judge Mehaffy's Mother and A.B. Poe were brothers and sisters. We found the following notes.

A.B. Poe's parents were James Martin Poe and Sarah Jane Swafford.

In 1885 Judge Tom Mehaffy married Annie Poe a daughter of James M. and Sarah (Swafford) Poe. (Judge Pat Mehaffy's parents).

James T. Swafford married Elizabeth Hogue Dec. 12, 1844, Elizabeth Hogue was daughter of Ezekiel Hogue (Grandmother Poe's G.F.).

I have never lost interest in Family History but time has prevented me working on it and that is what it takes. Maurine joined the D.A.R. through Hogue line (Col. Samuel Watson). Everything fell ~~into~~ into place and it was easy to prove. Just finding the right records.

Come to see us.

Sincerely,

Doc

Sending this in duplicate so you can make notes and return. We will appreciate your help.

Dear Doc and Jane,

It sure is nice to hear from you since it seems like ages since we have seen you all. Glad to hear that Liz decided to go on to college. Helen has been having a rough time of it for the past year—has been in the hospital three times. Last August (1973) she had her gall bladder out and was just getting over that when she came down with acute diverticulitis. Was down at home with it in April and May and then in June was in the Baptist Medical Center for nine days with an acute attack. Dr. sent her home for six weeks to give the infection and inflammation a chance to heal up and then put her back in the hospital and took out about a foot of her colon. She was in the hospital two weeks and came home this past Monday (Sept. 9). We are hoping that she will finally get back to normal before long.

About James Martin Poe, you will see from the chart I am enclosing that he was a son of John W. Poe, brother to William Threet Poe. Notice over

that he had thirteen children and also notice that on two occasions two children were born in the same year. I got the information on all his children from Byrd Poe, his middle daughter, who says that her mother had a child in January and another in December on two occasions. A. B. Poe and Pat's mother, Annie, were indeed brother and sister. You will recall that A. B. owned Poe's shoe store in Little Rock and his brother Ned owned The Hub, a mens clothing store between 3rd and 4th on Main street. Fred Poe, the youngest child, was in the insurance business here for several years and later owned the Poe Motor Company for many years before selling out and retiring. He is still living here and his son, Fred Poe Jr., who owns Fred Poe Travel Service, lives just a few blocks from us up on South Lookout St.

In your letter you refer to Ezekial Hogue who was grandmother Poe's grandfather. Which grandmother Poe are you referring to? This is a new name to me and I would like to be straightened out on it.

As near as I can figure you and A. B. Poe are first cousins thrice removed since William Elkin and James Martin Poe were first cousins.

If you think I have any other information you need, do not hesitate to write.

Best wishes,

Wm. Bradley Poe

WALTER POE

ELLA POE

ANNIE POE

JOHN POE - Died as child

1868-1918

ANNIE POE

M. TOM McHAFFEY

CHARLES McHAFFEY

PAT McHAFFEY

1870-1929

WILLIAM DAVIS POE

M. EVA SCRIVENER

ROY POE

CLAUDE POE

FAY POE

WILLIAM POE

1872-1951

A. B. POE

M. LILIAN WATSON

LOUISE POE

A. B. POE JR

1875-1950

MOLLY POE

M. A. J. GRAHAM

1875-1950

OSCAR POE

M. GRACE HARRISON

JACK M. POE

1881-1966

BYRD POE

M. ED. W. BOESCH

1881-

CLARA POE

M. E. E. HODGES

JERRY POE

M. LOUISA NALL

JAMES MARTIN POE

M. SARAH JANE SWIFFORD

1886-1950

ALICE POE

M. W. M. BRANSWELL

1888-

NED POE

M. LAURA KING

SARAH JANE POE

1890-1970

BEULAH POE

M. LEWIS SENMAN

M. GEORGE HAYWARD

1892-

LULO POE

M. A. F. HERDEN

1892-

FRED POE

M. HORTENSE Le LAURIE

FRED POE JR

NATHAN POE