



RE: William R Powe

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Wed, Feb 21, 2018 at 6:26 AM

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It really is a mystery isn't it. I'm sure you are familiar with the many Rev War records (most on my site) that tie Virgil Poe, John Poe and William Poe. No one really knows how these men were related but Virgil refers to them as kin but not as siblings, but all from Caroline County, VA. Virgil is always placed as a son of Benjamin Poe, but no one really knows. There is no clear record. But it is clear that Virgil settled in Franklin County, KY.

I forget about that William Poe being in Garrard County, KY . . . and your WRP.

If you and Michael John Poe were not so closely related through DNA, it would be easier to entertain the possibility that WRP was somehow in the Poe line but through a break in the chain somewhere. But, you know, many of at least my assumptions could be wrong.

Keep in mind that I have pretty well documented that from William / Lydia there were sons or some close kin named William Poe JR, John Poe, Benjamin Poe, Jonathan Poe in "Culpeper County" and that William, John, Benjamin moved by 1771 to Silar City area of Chatham County, NC. John and William seem to be the same men that show up in Wilkes County, NC, Surry County, NC and then Ashe County, NC and then into Tennessee (maybe KY). The Benjamin Poe is the one that went to Christian/Allen County, KY. Jonathan wen to Caswell County, NC and his descendants met up with mine in Fayette County, AL, (don't know if they knew they were related or not, but later generations got it all wrong).

Problem is that decades pass without detail. Some we think are direct children or someone would be grandchildren. It is really interesting that William Poe of the Rev War is in Garrard County . . . and that a John was there . . . these pioneers moved an amazing amount and it is hard to imagine given the state of Indian wars and other hardships – cannot imagine roaming western NC and KY in the late 18th early 19th century!

All we can do is keep an open mind and dig.

A similar problem of too many Poes in one area happened in Chatham County. The Jesse Poe who shows up there – allegedly being brought from Culpeper County, VA on horseback with his mother was not genetically kin to the other Poe. But given he and his mother came from Culpeper . . . some on the family figure his mother was the Poe and that Jesse was the son through a relationship his mother never admitted so gave him her name. There never seemed to be any communication between Jesse's family and the other Chatham County Poe (to this day). They held separate family reunions and basically avoid(ed) each other.

Keep me posted,

William

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: [Leon J Lyell](#)

Sent: Wednesday, February 21, 2018 2:27 AM

To: [William Poe](#)

Subject: Re: William R Powe

Dear William,

Leonard Butts has been bitten by the bug about finding William Romulus Po(w)e's parents and I feel that he's putting more time into the project to try and find some more concrete answer. So, whatever the outcome I'll be happy to recommend him.

We've had some discussion about the DNA. Although I let him know that the DNA evidence suggested that William and Lydia of Orange County VA might be discounted I ended up saying that I thought he should follow where the documentation lead.

At the moment he is focussing on Garrard County court records which 'should' exist for John Poe and two mulatto children he brought from NC and which the Court took off him while it considered things. In spite of this, he doesn't think there was time for the Poes to be to and fro between NC and KY regularly. This John is in a few tax records but he disappears by 1810 and there's no evidence of his marriage. He is a possible candidate for WRP's father. It looks like WRP lived in the same household as the other William Powe of about the same age whose father was William the Rev War vet from Orange. This is the current operating theory.

I thought you'd be interested in the attached points about the DNA evidence. They're probably not new to you but I've been forced to think about them. I'm interested in any responses you have including anywhere I have missed something obvious.

When he completes his work, I will, of course, let you know all the outcomes.

Cheers,

Leon

Hi Leon,

Well, not unexpected, sadly. DNA rules out Orange Co / Culpeper / Fauquier County, VA and William Poe / Lyda. Eric Poe in the DNA project is pretty clearly a direct descendant -- his line has lived in the same area and the homestead is down the street from the land that William / Lydia owned (where they believe William is buried, but the current owners won't allow people into). Eric is a near complete match with any other Poe in the DNA group not aligned with Simon Poe SR (d. 1793). Conveniently, all the documented descendants of Simon Poe show a single mutation not shared by the others (whether descendants of William or Benjamin).

Marson's descendants are not genetically related to any of us! Though he hadn't communicated with me much, Brad Powe in the DNA project seems to descend from one of the slaves that Marson's son, Thomas Powe of Cheraw District, SC freed upon his death because he was their father. That group moved to MS.

There are a number of Poe from colonial VA that no one has fit into any tree. One of them is surely the WRP line.

Among them

<http://www.poegen.net/VA>

<http://www.poegen.net/VA/Henrico> (I descend from Threet so a lot of them, but look at the Poe, there is even another line from Spots Co not related to Marson.

<http://www.poegen.net/VA/PrinceEdward> (the English Samuel Poe who settled in Campbell Co -- no clue about any marriage or descendants)

Stay in touch,

William Poe

Hi William

Looks like Leonard Butts thorough research cannot solve the mystery. He'll write up what he has found which helps narrow the focus and gives me a little more detail about Garrard Co but it looks like there are too many missing docements.

DNA data should help but i think there haven't been enough participants.

His research leads back to Orange Co and surrounds and suggests William and Lydia, but there are too many gaps and silences. If DNA hadn't ruled out Marsom he would have thought that a fruitful lead.

Regards,

Leon

Sent from my Samsung device