



Re: William Romulus Poe

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Mon, Jan 9, 2017 at 6:59 AM

Many thanks for your feedback William,

I'll see what I can find from WRP's war service record and hopefully will make another step forward. Thanks for the clue about Thomas Poe who I had tried to investigate long ago, but at that stage I was looking at every Poe I could find who may be the next generation back from WRP but nothing promising showed up. I think both Edgar and his 'cousin' Neilson had ancestors from Cavan Co in Ireland and it would be interesting to find some descendant of Neilson's family who'd be happy to have a DNA test.

I've kept an eye on Michael Poe's tree (he's the fellow I share the same DNA results with). His earliest ancestor John Poe was born in Dublin 1748-50 and apparently had a Church of England background. It's possible that his parents were stationed temporarily in Dublin though whether they had gone there from the north or from England is still unclear.

I've enclosed the Daughters of 1812 application relating to WRP. His daughter who made the application is from his second marriage. I've also included a write up on WRP's eldest son FYI. I'll update it this year as I'm getting some feedback on it.

Best wishes,

Leon

On Sun, Jan 8, 2017 at 12:48 AM, William Poe <wpoe54@gmail.com> wrote:

Leon,

Very nice to hear from you, and happiest of holiday seasons to you. I've been quite lax about my genealogy in recent years -- but when I retire (hopefully within the next two years), I plan to devote much more time. I've very curious about the fact that WRP was born in Richmond.

There was a prosperous Poe family there that I just have not been able able to trace further, but clearly for generations people knew they descended from a Thomas Poe who was born in Spotsylvania County, VA in 1749 and settled in Henrico County where Richmond is situated.

As with nearly all genealogy, the names are maddening. Spotsylvania is where "Marson / Mossom" Poe/Powe settled. Marson had a son, Thomas, who spelled his name Powe, but moved to the Cheraw District of South Carolina, had 100 slave plantation and became a stats of SC legislator (I don't have DNA results that I am sure come from this Thomas Poe, but the one's who claim so don't match any other Poe line).

So, how would it be that a different Thomas Poe was born in 1749 in Spotsylvania County? It is curious as well that both Thomas Poe men seems to be people of means.

Of course, the data could be wrong. Another interesting side note is the connection of the Edgar Allan Poe family to Richmond. That is where his parents were married and of course, where the boy was adopted by John Allan. Surely there is more to this story -- unfortunately the various theories I have run across about the historical connection between John Allan and Edgar Allan Poe's family are not convincing (they trace some connection to Ayrshire Scotland if I recall).

At any rate, if WRP was born in Richmond, there may be some relation to this Thomas Poe family. I copied out the pertinent records below from (I trace my Threet/Thweatt ancestors to Henrico County).

Keep me posted on your research and always happy to have the citations and details.

Regards,
William Poe

PS: In some cases the Poe/Powe spelling depended on the person recording the record (my own ancestor's census records from 1810 and 1830 in Anson Co, NC are written Powe). But some families quite intentionally chose the Powe spelling. That is true of the Marson/Thomas (of SC) Powe family. My supposition is that they chose to differentiate their ancestry from the more common Poe line (predominant in the Essex /Caroline/Culpeper County families as well as the Amelia / Prince Edward County, VA families - wherever they came from -- and to which Coke Poe in the DNA project belongs).

1749

DAR files. From photocopies made of documents in the possession of the DAR Library in Washington, D.C.

From Bible Record of Caswell Tate Poe, son of Thomas Poe and Mary Blakey.

Thomas Poe and **Mary Poe (Blakey)** were born in **Spotsylvania** County, VA. Their children in the county of Henrico, Va. Gillis Creek, 3 miles south of Richmond.

Plantation near Richmond, VA, Willow Grove sometimes known as Seven Pines Farm on account of seven large trees growing on the corner of the estates. children all born here. (Source of information unknown)

Children:

Ann Poe married Benjamin Tate (see below)

Smith Poe died in infancy

John Poe b. 1782 married Anna Neff

George Poe b. November 15, 1784 married Mary Neff

William Poe December 2 - February 15, 1871 married Margaret Ann Tippet (second cousins). Married in Lynchburg

Elvira Poe b. July 1788 married John Tompkins ([see below](#))

Sellina Poe b. July 1790 married **George Brooks**, son of Governor Brooks of Virginia (also to Meredith?)

Caswell Poe b. 1792 married Marian Scott Lee

Benjamin Poe b. 1794 d. 1820

More from the DAR files...

Thomas Poe

Born: 1749 Spotsylvania, VA

Died: Henrico Co., VA 22 February 1825

Service: VA

Applicant Mrs. Rena M. Powell

New Orleans Chapter 23 September 1957

Bible Records of **Caswell Poe**, son of **Thomas Poe** and **Mary Blakey**

Copy sent by Mrs. John Lawrence Kier

1146 18th Ave North, Seattle, WA

Henrico Seal (embossed copy in file)

March 29, 1827

Deed of Loan was acknowledged by **George Poe** party to the said and admitted to record:

I **George Poe** of City of Richmond, Co. of Henrico My sister **Selina Brooke**, widow of the late **Richard Brooke** of said county ... lend **Selina Brooke** for two years following property to wit: One negro man named **Armistead**, one wagon and gear, one pair of bay mares, one carriage and harnesses, two cows, two ploughs and one lot of farming tools

Dated: 18 March, 1827

Richmond Enquirer

March 24, 1899

Died on Tuesday evening at 6 o'clock after a protracted illness of several months, **Mrs. Mary Poe**, widow of the late **Thomas Poe** of Henrico County, in the 72d year of her age. (Stamped 7/17/1956 VA State Library)

Richmond Whig

February 25, 1825

Died on the 22nd of February at his residence, Henrico Co, **Mr. Thomas Poe** in the 76th year of his age
(Stamped 7-17-1956 VA State Library)

VA Death Records

County of Hanover

Rebecca Poe age 62

Date of decease August 1856

Place: Hanover

Chronic Diarrhea

Parents: _____ **Davies**

(Rebecca) Born New Kent

Widow of **George Poe**

Name and relations of informant

Edward P. Meredith, Head of Family

John Poe 31 July 1827 Richmond, VA

Josephine Dowell 5 December 1849 Richmond, VA

Rena Poe 8 December 1874 Richmond, VA

Josephine Mitchell 19 April 1899 New Orleans, LA

Hilary Lee Mitchell 17 December 1864 MA

Married **John Poe** and Josephine Dowell 28 June 1871

Hilary Lee Mitchell and **Rena Poe** 14 June 1898

Rena Mitchell and Charles D. Powell 16 April 1942

Josephine Mitchell and Earle E. Mullin 23 December 1944

Virginia History Magazine Vol. 20 (The Brooke Family)

p. 216

Richard Brooke (of Richmond) b. 14 August 1787) married **Selina Daniel Poe**

Virginia History Magazine Vol. 34

Marriage bond for Records of Husting Court, Richmond, Virginia

Richard Brooke and **Selina**, daughter of **Thomas Poe**, 17 February 1808

Henrico County Marriage Bonds 1780-1861. John P. Harrison

Benjamin Tate to **Anne Poe** 21 July 1794 **Thomas Poe** - father

Virginia History Magazine Vol. 34 (1926)

Richmond City

Marriage Bonds from Records of Hustings Court, Richmond, Virginia

April 1812

John Tompkins to **Elvira Poe**

Security: **Benjamin Tate**, 6 Feb. 1810

Marriage Bonds of Henrico County, Virginia, 1782-1853

All on page 129

14 March 1800

David Poe, Jr. to **Mrs. Eliza Hopkins**, widow of Charles D. Hopkins, Richmond, James Whitacre, surety, attested to John's age.

NOTE: These are the parents of Edgar Allan Poe. This Poe site does not seem to be aware of this marriage bond in Richmond.

<http://www.eapoe.org/geninfo/poegnlgly.htm#david1742>

David Poe, Jr. (born: July 18, 1784 in Baltimore, Maryland - died: possibly Dec. 1811, perhaps in Norfolk, Virginia) and Elizabeth Arnold Hopkins Poe (born: possibly in 1787 - died: Dec. 8, 1811. Married: sometime in early April, 1806.)

Elizabeth had been married to Charles Hopkins from the summer of 1802 until his death on October 26, 1805. This prior marriage produced no children. There seems no justification to the rumor that Elizabeth Arnold was a granddaughter of the infamous Benedict Arnold. The name of her father was probably Henry or William Henry Arnold. Her mother was Elizabeth Smith Arnold, also an actress.

<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GSln=poe&GSby=1850&GSbyrel=before&GSdyrel=all&GSst=48&GSob=n&GRid=4074&>

Elizabeth Arnold Poe

Birth: 1787

Death: 1813

Mother of Edgar Allen Poe. (the name is Edgar "Allan" Poe which was not his name at birth. He took the last name of his foster father, John Allan, as his middle name in adult life.)

Burial: Saint Johns Episcopal Churchyard

Richmond

Richmond city

Virginia, USA

10 September 1823

Caswell Poe to Marion Nimmo. John Thompkins (**Tomkins is seen also**), surety, attested to Marion's age and residence.

21 August 1835

Archibald Poe to Sophia Batts, daughter of John Batts. John Batts, surety

21 November 1847

John Poe, Jr. to Catharine Cornelia Williams, with the consent of her father William Williams, Henry W. **Quarles**, witness to the consent. Henry W. Quarles, surety, attested to John's age.

[Annals & History of Henrico Parish: Diocese of Virginia](#). J. Staunton Moore 1979

April 14, 1825

Clara Poe, and adult, daughter of **Thomas Poe**, deced, and **Mary Poe**

[Henrico County Marriage Bonds 1780-1861](#). John P. Harrison

John P. **Harrison** to **Ann T. Poe** 18 May 1831. John Poe, father (bondsman)

Edmond P. Meredith to **Selina B. Poe** 16 June 1840

Edward P. Meredith to **Virginia T. Poe** 3 February 1852

On Fri, Jan 6, 2017 at 11:36 PM, Leon J Lyell <leonjlyell@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi William,

A belated happy new year to you from Australia! I trust all is well with you. It's rather warm here today (36 C) and I guess you may well be in snow.

It's a long time since I was in touch but I now have a small updated on my earliest known ancestor which may be of some interest.

I found an application from a daughter of his second marriage to join the National Society Daughters of 1812. I'm now sure that her father is my ancestor which solves the mystery of where he went after divorcing Margaret Ann Brown. He went to Illinois and had several more children after marrying Mary Ann Dale and died there in 1866. The 1812 application says he was born 27 December 1794 in Richmond VA (his burial records say it was 1795). I am still no wiser about his parents, but the index card to his 1812 service record shows his surname written as Poe with no middle name written. His first marriage records and subsequent land acquisitions all show him as Powe. I guess spelling may have depended on who wrote the records. It also seems he was a corporal for his one month's service which may say something about his standing in the community prior to volunteering, especially since he was no older than 21.

I'm now thinking about what the next step might be and guess that obtaining his service record would have to be the next step and finding out more on Captain John Mc Pherson's Company, 19 Regiment (Amblers) may help.

I've also had some success in getting more information on his son Alonzo Marion Poe (1826-1866) who was a pioneer in the Washington Territory.

Kind regards,

Leon

2 attachments

 **Alonzo Marion Poe.pdf**
741K

 **1812 POE APPLICATION.pdf**
5933K