

## Poe DNA evidence

**Poes who aren't:** It's quite possible that some children brought up as Poe were the children of non-Poe men. In these cases, documentation may show them as Poe while the DNA doesn't. In other words, ruling out a DNA link doesn't necessarily rule out a social / family link, so the documentation trail remains important.

### My Poe matches in FTDNA

all are 12 marker results

Genetic Distance	Name	Earliest Known Ancestor [my comments / question]	Y-DNA Haplogroup	Terminal SNP
0	Alan Francis Poe	George Franklin Poe, b.c. 1837, Northampton Ct, PA [Alan thinks his family is Pfau from the Palatinate, Germany. Longer marker test may be helpful but he has lost interest.]	R-M269	
0	Michael John Poe	[John Poe b 1748/50 in Dublin to possibly English parents. We are in contact and he is working on trying to find John's ancestors. An expanded test is probably not going to help much until we've exhausted the documentary trail.]	R-M269	
1	Clyde Bryan Poe	John S Poe, d 1875, Rappahannock, VA [Some possible clues on this family in Family Finder but documentation is lacking. I've written to one person for info – not reply yet.]	R-M269	M269
1	Martin James Poe	[I don't know about his ancestry.]	R-M269	

Results for Alan, Clyde and Martin don't seem to be on <http://poegen.net/DNA/> and I can't identify them on the <https://www.familytreedna.com/groups/poe/dna-results> to see where the differences are. Could Clyde or Martin's one marker difference be of the more frequent sort? If so convincing them to do an upgraded test may help both parties.

### Earliest known ancestor:

Leonard has found a useful option with the FTDNA results is to have a column listing the earliest known proven ancestor as in <https://www.familytreedna.com/public/CASEY?iframe=yresults>. This allows genealogists to see the matches to ancestral places and names.

In some cases, the sample group is still too small especially if the documentation is slim (which I don't actually know). Do you vet the ancestry claims? I guess this would be onerous but it is possible that many people could have picked up the same 'imaginary' ancestral trails from the internet though the more people who take part I guess reduces that possibility.

Nevertheless, what we have is tied to Orange Co and a migration within a few years after the Rev War with two vets William Powe (about whom there is good information) and his 'associate' (brother or cousin?). The only documentation we have of William's and John's place of origin is in Orange Co VA or of course they could have connection in adjacent counties.

#### **Powe or Poe:**

William R insisted on spelling his name Powe, but his children all used Poe. Sometimes various records follow his preference other times the writer just wrote what he thought or perhaps used his own conventions; so, Poe is sometimes used and once (an 1812 war record) Pow is used. I don't know if WRP decided to use a particular spelling to distinguish himself from others.

#### **Getting more participants:**

What can I do to encourage others to participate? I always suggest it to those I come across but don't know if there is a way to have a 'campaign'. If there is a place where email addresses can be sourced, I'm happy to write individual messages.

#### **Sharing DNA results:**

As it looks like Ancestry now have the lion's share of the DNA 'market' it would be useful to tap into it for comparisons. Ancestry told me that as my results are from a different company all I can do is add a note to my profile and hope someone sees it (I've done both). I've tried to use <https://www.gedmatch.com/select.php> but when I try to activate this via FTDNA I get the message "Your Family Finder results are still processing. Please check back in 24 hours" which I've done for months. I've just sent a question on this to FTDNA and will let you know any response.

I've connected to YSearch.org but the connections there are already known.

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