

A John Poteet of Burke and McDowell Counties, NC, and his family

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PREFACE

“John Henry” Poteet of McDowell County, NC, was the earliest paternal ancestor known in my wife’s family when we were married in 1960. It was natural to extend my long-term genealogical interest to her relatives and I have been doing research on this line since that time. Henry Poteet was killed in the Civil War and his widow married twice more. She was remembered by many of the people I have interviewed and the line is “well-known” back to this couple. Henry’s youngest son had died in 1958, but two daughters-in-law and numerous grandchildren remained. However, no one seemed to know of family records or traditions to connect this Henry Poteet to his forebears.

At times I have cast my research net too widely, assuming this to be a small and closely related family. At other times, I questioned too narrowly, restricting my research to a single line, ignoring descendants in other branches. At all times, I met interesting and helpful individuals, willing to share their knowledge and insights. There is much more to be learned from consistent, careful study.

The results of this research have evolved through many stages into the present, electronic, form. As an electronic document, this presentation changes much more rapidly than a traditional publication would. It has been presented in a variety of formats, styles, and contents. Recent versions therefore include a date on each page to help with identification.

What others have shared with me, I am glad to share with you in the hope that through continued exchange we will improve the scope, accuracy and documentation of our knowledge of this family.

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Poteet-Poteat families have lived in this part of North Carolina since at least 1790 when John, Jr., John¹, Sr., Edward² and William⁴ (all called "Boteat" in the printed record) appear in the census of the 13th company of Burke Co., NC. In July 1792 and in April 1793, Edward and John Poteet served on a Burke County jury.⁵ In July and Oct. 1794, John Poteeth is mentioned in the jury lists. Since that time, the name John Poteet has been a commonly used one. (See the appendix for a summary of the Poteet family census records of this area.) It seems reasonable that John Poteet, Sr., and other members of the Poteat family may have come through Virginia where earlier records of a John Poteat have been located. A connection with the earlier family in Maryland may eventually be established (see Appendix).

1. The JOHN POTEET who heads the family outlined here was probably one of the two John Poteets named in the 1790 census of Burke County. The remaining early records of Burke County, NC, are meager because many were burned in the streets of Morganton in 1865 and information identifying these men is scarce. Surviving court records show that, in the space of about ten years, two men named John Poteet (one leaving widow Elizabeth and the other leaving widow Phebe) left estates in Burke Co., NC, but no relationship between them has been established. One of the men was dead before the 1800 census was taken. The will of John Poteat, Sr., was filed for probate in April of 1799, but no copy is known. It was proved by William Poteet and William Coles. On 7 Oct. 1805, Elizabeth Potate, Thomas Potate, and Mark Potate sold to James McEntire, all of Burke County, for fifty pounds paid to said "Elizabeth Potate, Thomas and Mark Potate and others", ninety four acres on Pony Branch. This land had been granted (state grant no. 1911, dated 7 July 1794) to John Potate and was described as bordering John McGimesy's (formerly Thomas Bailey's) 150 acres, and [no given name] Mackey. The land was 100 poles north to south and 150 poles west to east, with the northern line crossing Pony Branch. Elizabeth Potate and

¹ One John Poteet filed land entry #107 for 100 acres on the waters of Hunting Creek joining James Greenlee and Thomas Mackey, entered 7 Nov. 1791, warrant issued 23 Feb. 1792 [Journal of Burke County Genealogical Society, Vol. 9, #1, March 1991]

² Edward Poteet had a land grant of 200 acres in Walker's Gap of South Mountains including the head of a branch of Long Creek. The grant (No. 1454, 16 Nov. 1790) was based on land entry #1808, 12 May 1778. Elijah Walker and West Walker were chain bearers. [Journal of Burke County Genealogical Society, Vol. XII, no. 2, May 1994]. He sold 200 acres to Richard "Osgathorpe" on 16 Sept. 1794, proven by West Walker. [Burke County, North Carolina, Court Records 1755- 1821 (including Wills Index 1784-1900), Volume IV, by Edith Warren Huggins, Southern Historical Press, Easley, SC, 1987]

³ Revolutionary War Soldiers of Western North Carolina, Vol. 2 (Burke County), (Southern Historical Press, Greenville, South Carolina, 1998) contains a listing for Edward Poteat and says he was born in Bedford County, VA, about 1764. He married Martha _____ in Burke County on 22 March 1786. She died 22 May 1842. Their children were Samuel D. of Lauderdale, AL, James Poteat, Nancy m. John Horne, Elizabeth m. Thomas Horne (these last three children were of Lawrence Co., TN), William Poteat of Giles Co., TN, Jinsy m. Jesse Lindsay, of Marion Co., AL, and Sally, d. in infancy. After leaving Burke County about 1794, he lived in South Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky and finally in Alabama. He died in Lauderdale, AL, on 19 Oct. 1836. The information may be from his pension record (W10853) which is abstracted in Genealogical Abstracts of Revolutionary War Pension Files, Vol. III, N-Z, by Virgil O. White (Waynesboro, TN, The National Historical Publishing Co., 1992) and listed under Edward Pateete, which I have also used to supplement the information in this footnote.

⁴ William Poteet was chain bearer for a survey, 12 Sept. 1791, for land grant #1626 to Isaac Thompson for 200 acres on both sides of a branch of Hunting Creek. [Journal of Burke County Genealogical Society, Vol. XIV, no. 3, Aug. 1996]

⁵ Burke County Court Minutes, NC Archives, Raleigh, NC. The name is also spelled Poteeth, Poteat and Peteat in these records.

Thomas Poteet signed by mark, but Mark Poteet wrote his name.^{6 7} This Thomas and Mark Poteet were not found in my search of census records of Burke Co., NC. On the fourth Monday of Oct., 1807, Elizabeth Poteet, executor of John Poteet, was named in an order of the Burke County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions to the Sheriff of Burke County. He was to take thirty-nine pounds, one shilling and eleven pence from the goods and chattels of John Poteet, dec'd, in the hands of Elizabeth Poteet, executor, to pay estate debts due to James Greenlee⁸ and the court costs.^{9 10}

The 1800 census of Burke County, NC, lists John Poteat, Wm. Poteet, and James Poteat. The oldest male in William's family was 45 or over, while John was 26-44 and James was 16-26. Each of these households included a male under ten years old in 1800 who could have been the John Poteet (b. 1793) below. (Poteets also lived in neighboring Buncombe County and perhaps we should also include another John and another James as possible parents of John Poteet, born 1793.)

On the 4th Monday of Oct. in 1808, administration on the estate of John Poteet was granted to Phebe Poteet, the widow, and to John C. Alron(?) with a year's allowance to the widow and family.¹¹ Thus, at his death, John and Phebe Poteet had children still young enough to be dependent upon them. It would be interesting to prove that this John was a son of John and Elizabeth, but too little is known, even of their ages.

The 1810 and 1820 census records of Burke County provide no further information identifiable with these people. There is no female of the proper age in the Poteet households of the 1830 census of Burke or Buncombe counties to be identified as Phebe. She appears as a head of household, age 60 -70 on page 363 of the 1840 census of Burke County, NC. Other Poteet families on the same page of this census are E. P., Peter, Mark, and John, Jr. Phebe Poteet, age 78, occurs (perhaps as mother-in-law?) in the family of David and Mary McNeely in 1850. From this and her tombstone, quoted below, we find that she was born about 1772 and died in 1857.

Although the maiden name of this Phebe Poteat is not known, she may have been an Elrod and that may also be the correct reading for Alron(?) above. Elrod Poteat who is listed in the 1820 - 1850 census records of Burke county might have been a son of this couple. I have no identification for the Susannah Poteet who married William Bowers about 8 Dec. 1824 (date of their Burke County marriage bond).

Possible children of John and Phebe Poteet

22. i. Elrod Poteet, age 59 in 1850.
23. ii. John Poteet, b. ca. 1793

⁶ Adams, Nellie D., Morganton, NC, letter to Dan Olds, 13 Feb. 1997. The letter included a photocopy of this deed, which was discovered among the papers of Sidney Poteet (b. 1825). The idea that the Poteet family discussed here is descended from John and Elizabeth Poteet is surely strengthened by the fact that the original deed was kept by Sidney Poteet.

⁷ This deed is recorded in Burke County, according to "Burke Co. Deeds Registered 1804-1813", compiled by Kathy Gunter Sullivan and published by the Burke County Genealogical Society in 1995. It was proved by William McEntire in the October Court, 1805.

⁸ A James Greenlee and a John Poteet were also associated in VA. On 6 Feb. 1746, Charles Sinckler, laborer, acquired from John Poteet, yeoman, of Frederick Co., VA, all of John's rights in two tracts of land containing 550 acres, lying on the south branch of James River, purchased by John from James Greenlee, yeoman, of Augusta County. (Augusta Deeds, bk. 1, p 29 (67). [Item posted to LONGHUNTERS-L@rootsweb.com, June 2000, by Clark Sinclair]

⁹ Photocopy of original document obtained from the North Carolina State Archives, June 19, 1978.

¹⁰ James M. Greenlee, b. 19 March 1771 son and grandson of other James Greenlees, married (1) Mary Poteet. [White, Emmett R., Revolutionary War Soldiers of Western North Carolina: Burke County, Volume I, (1984, Easley, SC)

¹¹ Burke Co. Inferior Court minutes, 1791 - 1810, abstracted in N. C. Genealogy, Spring - Summer issue, 1974.

- 24. iii.. Mary Poteet (included only on the basis of the 1850 census listing mentioned earlier. Mary McNeely was age 43 in 1850)
- 25. iv. William[?] Poteet
- 26. v. Mark Poteet, b. ca. 1800 -- see below for weak suggestion of connection

GENERATION 2

22. ELROD POTEAT. He was born about 1791 according to the report of his age in the 1850 census. He can be traced in the Burke County census records for 1820 -1850.

In 1967, Margaret Poteat wrote¹² that a _____ Poteat and Phoebe Elrod were the parents of Elrod Poteat who married Martha Powell¹³ and had sons Dr. Ezekial Pendleton "Penny" Poteat, William (a color bearer in the Confederate Army), and James who was killed in the Civil War.

On 28 Nov. 1843 at a sale of the estate of Jacob Mull by Mary Mull, executrix, the list of those present includes the names of Peter Poteet, John Poteet (son Elrod), and Elisha Poteet¹⁴. It is unclear if the reference is to Elrod, son of John or to John, son of Elrod. (Elrod certainly could have had an adult son John by this time, perhaps the John Poteet, Jr., mentioned below.) A similar reference in the list is Henry Mull (son J.). On 29 April 1837, at a sale of Barbara A. Mull, with A. Mull as admr., John "Poteet", Pheby Poteet and Elrod "Poteet" were purchasers.¹⁵ Elrod Poteet was also a purchaser at the 4 March 1832 sale of Lott Berry's estate¹⁶. The record of the second marriage of Ezekiel Pendleton Poteat, b. ca. 1817, shows him to be a son of Elrod and Martha Poteat. There is, however, no known proof of connection to John and Phebe Poteet.

Among the Burke County Estate Records in the N.C. Archives at Raleigh is the following sale record:

"A list of the property sold belonging to the Estate of Elrod Poteete dec'd by F. R. Kaylor Administrator on the 15th day of February 1855

Six hundred _____ fodder	James A. McGallerd	4.50
Drawing Knife	James A. McGallerd	12-1/2
1 hand saw	James A. McGallerd	33
1 Plough male[?]	H. F. Hindley (?)	25
1 still and worm	J. A. Bellew and Deal	8.00
7 Hogsheads	J. A. Bellew and Deal	1.31

The above list comprises all the property and effects belonging to the said intestate which has come into my hands this 19 Feb. 1855

F. A. Kaylor, Adm.

Sworn to on this 24 Feb. 1855, W. S. Sudderth, Clk."

Children of Elrod and Martha (Powell) Poteet¹⁷

- 308. i. Ezekial Pendleton Poteet, b. ca. 1816

¹² Poteat, Margaret (Mrs. John A.), of Marion, NC, letter to Dan Olds, 30 Nov. 1967.

¹³ Burke County Marriage Bonds, NC Archives, Raleigh, NC, show that Peter Mull was bondsman for the marriage of Elrod Poteet and Patsy Powell in 1813.

¹⁴ Burke County Inventory Book 3, 1836 - 1845 (microfilm from NC Archives)

¹⁵ Estate Inventory Book, Burke Co., NC, 1832-1838, p. 282. (microfilm from NC Archives)

¹⁶ Estate Inventory Book, Burke Co., NC, 1832-1838, p. 111 (microfilm from NC Archives)

¹⁷ I have also used information from another letter from Margaret Poteat, 8 Jan. 1968.

- 309. ii. William Poteet
- 310. iii. James Poteet

23. JOHN POTEET, born 14 Aug. 1793, has not been identified in the record prior to the 1830 census, although he already had a family of his own by 1820. He may have been the John Poteete who served in the War of 1812 in the Burke County Company in which Elrod Potete was a 1st Lieutenant.¹⁸ John Poteet is listed as age 57 with Susan, age 53, and George, age 15, in the 1850 census of McDowell Co., NC.¹⁹ The family is further identified from the following tombstone inscriptions:

Phebe Poteet, d. May 5, 1857, in the 86th year of her age
John Poteet, d. Aug. 30, 1858, aged 65 years and 16 days
Susannah Reid, d. Nov. 23, 1877, age 81 years, 6 days
George D. Poteet, d. Nov. 15, 1856, age 21 y., 2 m. 18(13?) days.

These are the only legible inscriptions in a small cemetery at a former homesite on Vein Mountain Road, near Dysartville, NC. Joe Sephus Poteat²⁰ took me to this cemetery in 1963, stating that he believed Henry Poteet had been raised in a one-and-a-half or two story log house that had formerly stood there. He also recalled a Poteet-Dixon reunion, formerly held annually at the site.

In 1971, on yet another re-visit to the McDowell County Court House in Marion, I found that Mrs. Ruth (Lackey) Lamberth, Register of Deeds, had discovered, organized and made available a set of original marriage licenses preserved in an envelope in a basement storage area and not previously indexed. Among these was the following:

William Reed, age 76, son of John Reed and Elizabeth Reed, and Susanna Poteet, age 78, daughter of Marcus Brittain and Susan Brittain, were married 15 Nov. 1874, by Elder W. H. McKinney. This explains the Susannah Reed mentioned in estate records and deeds and buried near John Poteet. (Susanna's mother's name is in error, apparently in confusion with her own.)

John Poteet does not appear in the tax lists of McDowell County until 1844.²¹ From 1844 - 1855, he was taxed on 400 acres in South Muddy District and paid no poll tax (perhaps over 50 years old). In 1856, he is listed in Dysartville District with 400 acres and in 1857-1858 as John Poteet, sen, with 320 acres. In 1859, the listing is "John Poteet's heirs, 320 acres".²² The same tax lists contain entries for Elijah, Henry, Joseph, Peter, Francis, Robert, E. P., J. A., G. A., Matilda, W. J., George, William and another John or two. By 1859, a James and Samuel appear. Some, but not all, of these belong to the immediate family of the John Poteet who died in 1858.

The Agriculture Census of 1860²³ gives some idea of the resources available on this land. Susanna Poteet has 75 acres improved, 325 acres unimproved and the cash value of the farm was \$1000 with \$10 worth of farm machinery, 2

¹⁸ Phifer, Edward W., Jr., Burke, the History of a North Carolina County, 1777-1920, with a Glimpse Beyond (Morganton, NC, 1997), pp. 445-447.

¹⁹ formed from Burke and Rutherford Counties, 1842.

²⁰ grandson of Henry Poteet (1819 - 1864).

²¹ McDowell Co. tax lists, microfilm, McDowell County Public Library.

²² Carolyn Owen of Creedmoor, NC, reports that her grandmother, Mrs. Laura Ada (Dickson) Nichols of Spartanburg, SC, has (1987) a tax receipt dated 8 Sept. 1860 (for the year 1859) for John Poteet in McDowell County, showing \$2.67 paid by F. M. Poteet

²³ From an original book at the McDowell County Public Library, Marion, NC.

horses, 2 milch cows, 3 other cattle (value of live stock: \$225). During the year ending 1 June 1860, she had produced 350 bushels of Indian corn, no oats, 10 bushels of Irish potatoes, 15 bushels of sweet potatoes, 50 pounds of butter, and slaughtered \$25 worth of animals.

On 16 Feb. 1843²⁴, Joseph Erwin and William Smith agreed to sell the farming or agricultural interest in three tracts of land to John Poteet. The mining and mineral rights were reserved by Erwin. (The area is a former gold mining region.) This land was on the waters of the South Muddy, sold in three adjoining tracts of 220 acres, 50 acres, and 50 acres, respectively. The deed was recorded on 6 June 1855. In 1859, Peter Poteet was administrator for John Poteet.²⁵ On 1 Aug. 1868, Jas. T. Young sold to Susannah Poteet "one-seventh part known as the John Poteet lands on the waters of the South Muddy... it being the seventh part more fully known as the interest purchased from Peter Poteet by said Young." The same three tracts of land are described.²⁶ No deeds are recorded from Susannah Reed. S. E. Poteet was the administrator of her estate. No original papers have been found. On 3 Nov. 1879, S. E. Poteet, Sr., vs. James Bowers, wife et. al.²⁷ filed a petition to sell lands of Susannah Reed. Matilda and Margaret Camp, minor heirs of Martha Camp, were without guardian so S. E. Poteet, Jun., was appointed for them. Also summoned was M. B. Poteet, guardian of Thomas A., W. G., and Geo. P. Poteet, minor heirs of Henry Poteet. The lands described in the petition were to be sold and distributed among the several heirs according to their interests set out in the petition. The lands were sold on 23 March 1880 to T. S. Goforth and Sidney E. Poteet, but R. D. Wilson later made a higher bid and the land was re-sold to him, 4 June 1880.²⁸ In another deed referring to this same property, 21 March 1878²⁹, due to a Superior Court judgement against the property of W. F. McKesson, Sheriff J. G. Neal sold 317 acres for \$3.25 to M. B. Poteet as agent for and to the use of the heirs of John Poteet, deceased.

On 8 Dec. 1879, S. E. Poteet, Sen., administrator of Susannah Reed, deceased, petitioned in Superior Court to sell choses in action, stating that 24 months had elapsed since the date of his qualification as administrator. Files 128 and 129 which should contain papers on these two cases could not be located. On 4 Feb. 1880, S. E. Poteet, guardian to the minor heirs of Martha Camp (naming Emily Camp and M. H. Camp), acknowledged receipt in full of proceeds arising from sale of the personal property of Susannah Reed, deceased, belonging to the six heirs of the late Joseph Poteet, deceased. Susannah Poteet also appears in the deed records of Burke County, NC. On 30 Jan. 1860, Susanna Poteet of McDowell Co. sold to Joseph Brittain of Burke Co. for \$350 "all her right, title and interest being one-seventh" in three tracts of land which Mark Brittain had acquired from 1815 to 1820. The land was on Fiddler's Fork of Hunting Creek and the deed was witnessed by S. E. Poteet and Henry Poteet and proved in 1869 by S. E. Poteet. Mark Brittain, father of Susannah Poteet and of Sheriff Joseph Brittain, had served as State Senator in 1831 and 1833³⁰ and Sheriff of Burke County.

Susannah Poteet's Bible record³¹ provides proof of connection to the children listed below. This Bible is inscribed "Susanna Poteet Her bible Aprile the 5 1831, Price .62 1/2.

²⁴ McDowell Co. Deeds, book 5, p. 427.

²⁵ Index to Final Settlements, McDowell County, Marion, NC. The index refers to Book IA1, p. 522, which I have been unable to locate.

²⁶ McDowell Co. Deeds, book 5, p. 545.

²⁷ Superior Court Special Proceedings, Book 1, p. 424f, McDowell Co., NC.

²⁸ McDowell County Deeds, Book 3, p. 37.

²⁹ McDowell County Deeds, Book 10, p. 264.

³⁰ see Historical Sketches of North Carolina by John Hill Wheeler (1851) and especially Sketches of the Pioneers in Burke County History by Thomas G. Walton. The latter is mostly a reprint by the Morganton Herald of Walton's newspaper sketches printed in 1894 and reprinted in the Herald, beginning 10 Apr. 1924.

³¹ Adams, Nellie D., letter to Dan Olds, 13 Feb. 1997, including a photocopy of these pages of the Bible, owned by Robert Poteet of Morganton, (son of James Thomas Poteet, son of John Brittain Poteet, son of Sidney Poteet (b. 1825)).

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Joseph Poteet was born October the 9th 1816
Henry Poteet was born January the 3rd 1819
Peter Poteet was born August the 31st 1821
Elisha M. Poteet was born May the 17th 1823
Sidney E. Poteet was born August the 2nd 1825

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Francis M. Poteet was born February the 3rd 1827
Jemima Poteet was born December the 18th 1828
John Poteet was born August the 14th 1793
James Rufus was born March 14th [1830]

(another page, the reverse side of the one showing Joseph, etc.)

George Dickson Poteet was born Sept. the 2nd 1836
Susanna Reed Died November the 23rd 1877
[The name Poteet is written above this last line, between Susanna and Reed]

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S. E. Poteet was born August the 2nd 1825
Francis M. Poteet died Aprile the 2 1902

---End of Bible Record---

Children of John and Susannah (Brittain) Poteet

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| 320. i. Joseph Poteet | b. 9 Oct. 1816 | d. 1850-1860 |
| 321. ii. Henry Poteet | b. 3 Jan. 1819 | d. 16 or 17 Aug. 1864. |
| 322. iii. Peter Poteet | b. 31 Aug. 1821 | d. 7 Dec. 1861 |
| 323. iv. Elisha M. Poteet | b. 17 May 1823 | d. 1860-1868 |
| 324. v. Sidney Erwin Poteet | b. 2 Aug. 1825 | d. 24 Dec. 1905 |
| 325. vi. Francis M. Poteat | b. 3 [or 8?] Feb. 1827 | d. 8 ³² April 1902 |
| 326. vii. Jemima Poteet | b. 18 Dec. 1828 | living in 1875 |
| viii. James Rufus Poteet, | b. 14 March 1830 | |

The year of his birth is not on the photocopy but Mrs. Adams added it by phone. This is the only child in the record for whom the last name was not recorded, but I've included him here although I have no other record for him. Thus, the identify of James Rufus in the Bible record is unclear. I'm now assuming he is another son who did not survive to be found in other records.

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| 327. ix. George Dickson Poteet | b. 2 Sept. 1836 | d. 15 Nov. 1856, | age 21y, 2m, 18(?)d. |
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It should be noted that Peter Poteet inherited one-seventh interest in the John Poteet lands. Since George D. Poteet apparently died single, without heirs, the list would be of the correct length without James Rufus.. To match the 1830 census entry for John Poteet (see appendix), we need to assume that Sidney (b. Aug. 1825) was reported as age 5 (without this assumption, it is difficult to include both Sidney and Francis) and that James Rufus is not recorded. The children would then be: 1 male under 5 [Francis, age 3], 3 males age 5-9 [Sidney, age 5; Elisha, age 7; Peter, age 8], 2 males 10-14 [Henry 11, Joseph 13], 1 female under 5 [Jemima, 1]. In 1840, with a similar assumption about Sidney, we have: 1 male, 5-9 [George D., age 3 (not a good fit for either him or James Rufus, age 10)], 1 male 10-14 [Francis, age 13], 3 males 15-19 [Sidney, 15, Elisha 17, Peter, 18], 1 male 20-29 [Henry, age 21], 1 female 10-14 [Jemima, 11]. Since Joseph and Peter are listed separately as heads of households in 1840, it is inconsistent (but perhaps valid) to

³² I should resolve the discrepancy between this and the Bible record.

assume that Peter was also listed in his father's family. If it was not Peter in the household of John, there may have been another son born during the period 1820-1825. I have studied the following possible candidates and include the results here, even though the discovery of the Bible record and lack of any other evidence has now eliminated them as children of John and Susannah.

A. John Poteet, Jr., b. ca. 1815, d. July 1859 or July 1860. He is also listed in the 1840 census and may have been a son of John Poteet, although the records do not restrict the use of the "Jr." to that meaning. There appears to be no room for this John in the 1830 census, although it would not be an unusual error if Henry were counted in the 5-9 group. Although later records and family tradition give the name of Henry as "John Henry", which would probably prohibit another John in the family, no record naming "John Henry" has been found prior to 1927. The identity of John, Jr., is still in doubt. In the 1850 census he is listed as John Poteet, age 35, with wife Elizabeth, age 46, and children James A., 13, Mary A., 7, and John, 5. Neither he nor his family have been located in the 1860 census record, although he is probably the John Poteet, age 45, laborer, who is listed in the 1860 mortality schedule of McDowell Co. as having died in July, having been ill 28 days with cause unknown. Perhaps John was a son of Elrod Poteet.

B. Lawson Poteet, b. ca. 1821, unknown after 1850 when he and Sophronia had children Elizabeth, 9, and Elrod, 7. He was taxed for one white poll in 1850, living in the North Muddy district of McDowell County. Mrs. Mullinax reports that a Lawson Poteet was on the Caldwell County Tax List, in McCalls district, for 1843 and 1844.³³ Perhaps Lawson is also closely connected with Elrod Poteet.

C. Alburto Poteet b. ca. 1821 d. Sept. 1862. He first appears in the 1850 census of Burke County. An Alburto L. Poteat, age 41, born in Burke County, enlisted for the war from Mecklenburg Co. in Company D of the 6th Regiment on 28 May 1861, mustered in as a private, appointed Corporal on 25 Feb. 1862, was mortally wounded at Sharpsburg on 17 Sept. 1862 and died before 30 Sept. 1862.³⁴ Joseph Brittain filed an executor's bond on the estate of Alburto Poteet on 26 Nov. 1862.³⁵ On 24 Nov. 1866, Louisa Poteet, widow of Alburto, Roland Riddle and Martha E. Riddle, his wife, William Poteat and Marcus Poteat, children and heirs at law of Alburto Poteat, dec'd, sold land on Canoe Branch of Sandy Run in Burke County to a John Poteet.³⁶ This connection with Joseph Brittain and the name Marcus suggest the possibility of a connection with the Brittain family such as would be supplied by a John and Susannah. (An earlier Mark Poteat, b. ca. 1800, could supply the origin of the name just as well.) The obituary of Mark Poteat, born in Burke County, July 15, 1844, says he served in Company D of the Sixth North Carolina Regiment, the same regiment in which his father, Albert Poteat, fell at Fredericksburg and from which his brother Bill was taken prisoner.³⁷ Mark Edward Poteat married Mary Elizabeth Largent³⁸ and their children were: William A., b. 21 Feb. 1871, d. 8 Oct. 1872; Joseph E., b. 24 Feb. 1873, d. 3 April 1892; Minnie Elizabeth Bryant, b. 10 June 1875; Mattie Lee Hollar, b. 8 Nov. 1877; Maggie C., b. 22 Aug. 1882; Donnie M., b. 23 Aug. 1884, d. Oct. 1887; Petus L., b. 3 March 1887, d. 17 Sept. 1887; Baby (no name) b. July 14, 1888, d. 19 July 1889; Estelle Berry, b. 19 April 1889; Mary Jo Hahn, b. 10 July 1892; Beulah Lee, b. 5 Dec. 1894; Connelly Moran, b. 18 July 1898.³⁹

"Mrs. Loa [sic] Poteet, the mother of William and Mark Poteet, was found dead in her bed last Thursday morning at her home on the W.N.C.R.R. about five miles East of Morganton. Mrs. Poteet was about seventy years of age, but

³³ Mullinax, Mrs. Nellie (Smith), Granite Falls, NC, letter to Dan W. Olds, 18 April 1974.

³⁴ Jordan, Weymouth T., Jr., North Carolina Troops, A Roster (Raleigh, NC), Vol. IV, p. 314.

³⁵ Burke Co. Estate Records, N. C. Archives, Raleigh, N. C.

³⁶ Burke Co. Deeds, Book B, p. 332, Morganton, N. C.

³⁷ "Death Takes Burke's Last Confederate Vet at 100", News-Herald, Morganton, NC, 13 Dec. 1944, quoted in Journal of Burke County Genealogical Society, Vol. XIV #1, Feb. 1996.

³⁸ Marriage Records, Burke County, Morganton, NC. Marcus Poteet to Mary J. Largent, 18 March 1870, both of Burke County.

³⁹ from a biographical article written by Debra Poteat, and published in the Burke County Heritage book.

for some reason preferred to live by herself. One of her children lived near by, and she was frequently visited by her little grandchildren, who were the first to discover her lifeless body the morning after her death. Mrs. Poteet had heart trouble, and when in Morganton three days before her death remarked she was going home to die.”⁴⁰

D. Robert Poteat, b. 2 Sept. 1825, d. 15 May 1899. He is buried at Providence Church Cemetery, near Marion, McDowell County, NC.⁴¹ When he married Adaline Powell (bond 17 Nov. 1852), his bondsman was Francis Poteet. Robert and Francis were each taxed in the Jamestown district of McDowell County for 1 white poll in 1852. A Robert Poteet of McDowell County, age 39, enlisted in Co. B for the 22nd Regiment of NC Troops on 10 Aug. 1861 and was discharged on 16 July 1862 by reason of being overage.⁴² “I called Robert Poteet uncle because every one did because he was old and it was common. Aunt Nannie called cousin Bob and cousin Pennie. I did not know them so well. They were kin to the Poteets. I don’t know who Robert married. I just know his youngest son, Tom, and his two sons, Tom and Henry. I am sorry I got you mixed up on the kinfolks. They were related to Henry Poteet family. Adaline Poteet, Henry Poteet’s sister, married Tobe Morgan.”⁴³

Henry Poteat wrote that his grandfather, Robert Poteat, was a southern soldier for four years and that his children were John, Robert and Samuel (twins), Elizabeth m. Henry Huthstiner, George and Thomas Leander Poteat. He never heard his father say if grandfather Robert had any brothers or sisters. Henry Poteat was named after Henry Huthstiner, a northern soldier from Chillicothe. Henry Poteat’s grandfather Robert Poteat married three times. The mother of his children died when Henry’s father, the youngest, was a baby. They stayed with a lady called Aunt Anna and Robert married her⁴⁴, and Henry’s father thought as much of her as his own mother. “She died, but before she did my Grandfather got [a] farm and after she died he sold it and went back to the job he done ever since I knew, tending old water grist mill and he married again not long before he died somewhere in the 1890s. Her name [was] Mary Houck [and she] had a boy grown”⁴⁵.

Robert Poteet, age 75, married Minnie Reid, age 37, on 30 April 1899.⁴⁶ Her mother was Sarah Reid.⁴⁷ Robert may have been the son of Mark Poteet, with whose family he is apparently listed in the 1850 census of Burke Co., NC.

Children of Robert and Adline (Powell) Poteet

i. William Poteet, son of Robert and Adline Poteet, married Nancy Hawkins, daughter of T. F. and Elvira Hawkins, on 14 Dec. 1872.⁴⁸ He was born about 1850-51 according to the 1860-1870 census of McDowell County, NC. William Poteet, age 24, is listed in the 1880 census of McDowell County with wife Nancy, age 26, son Robert S., age 5, daughter Nancy, age 3, and son Stephen, age 1.

ii. John B. Poteet, age 24, son of Robert and Adline Poteet, married E. J. Cheek, age 30, daughter of E. P. and Jane Poteet, at Henry Johnson’s on 14 March 1878.⁴⁹ He was born about 1853-54 according to the 1860-1870 census records

⁴⁰ obituary from The [Morganton, NC] Herald, January 5, 1893 as reprinted by the Burke County Genealogical Society in The Burke Journal, Vol. XIII No. 4, Nov. 1995.

⁴¹ Cemetery Record Card File, NC Archives, Raleigh, NC.

⁴² Jordan, Weymouth T., Jr., North Carolina Troops, A Roster, (Raleigh), Vol. VII, p. 33.

⁴³ Smith, Mrs. Henry D., letter to Dan W. Olds, 20 April 1962

⁴⁴ Anne E. Poteet, b. 5 Feb. 1835, d. 26 Jan. 1891[?], wife of Robert Poteet, is buried at Providence Church Cemetery, near Marion, McDowell Co., NC, according to a card file of cemetery records in the NC Archives, Raleigh, NC.

⁴⁵ Poteat, Henry, Hendersonville, KY, letters to Mrs. H. D. Smith and to Dan W. Olds, 16 Aug., 4 Sept., and 5 Nov. 1962.

⁴⁶ McDowell County Marriage Records, Marion, NC.

⁴⁷ Williams, Edward P., McDowell County North Carolina Marriages, 1894-1912 (April 1996).

⁴⁸ McDowell County Marriage Records, Marion, NC.

⁴⁹ McDowell County Marriage Records, Marion, NC.

of McDowell County, NC.

iii. H. Isbell Poteet, daughter of Robert and Adline Poteet, married Henry Huthstemer, son of Ed. and C. Huthstemer, on 2 Sept. 1875 at the Poteet's home.⁵⁰ She was born about 1856 according to the 1860-1870 census records of McDowell County, NC. Isabel Huthsteiner Dale (10 Sept. 1855 - 25 Nov. 1923) and Joseph H. Huthsteiner "Civil War (U. S. A.)" are buried in the Oak Grove Cemetery, Marion, NC.⁵¹

iv. Robert E. Poteet, age 23, son of Robt. and Adaline Poteet, married E. J. Bright, age 24, daughter of A. Bright and Adaline Bright at the home of J. C. Morgan on 21 Sept. 1884.⁵² He was born about 1862 according to the 1870 census record of McDowell County, NC. Robert E. Poteat died in 1885 leaving Robert Alney Poteat his only child and heir at law. Jane E. Poteet, the mother and guardian, petitioned to sell land on 8 Feb. 1887.⁵³

v. Samuel A. Poteet, son of Robt. and L. A. Poteet, married Mary M. McCurry, daughter of Wm. and Rebecca McCurry, on 22 Oct. 1884.^{54 55} He was born about 1862 according to the 1870 census record of McDowell County, NC. Samuel Aaron Poteet, son of Robert Poteet, died 10 June 1938.⁵⁶ Samuel A. Poteet (1861 - 1938) and Mary M. Poteet, wife of S. A. Poteat, (12 Sept. 1885[sic] - 25 Oct. 1918) are buried in the Providence United Methodist Church Cemetery.⁵⁷ This family is listed in the 1900 census of McDowell County with children Millard G.⁵⁸ (b. Aug. 1885), Augustus E. (b. Nov. 1888), Louis M. (b. Mar. 1890), Edna E. (b. Feb. 1892), Arthur L.⁵⁹ (b. Feb. 1895), and Ernest C. (b. Oct. 1897).

vi. George Poteet, age 23, son of Robert and Adline Poteet, married S. A. Stroud, age 20, daughter of E.⁶⁰ and Rebecca Stroud, on 14 Sept. 1887.⁶¹ He was born about 1864 according to the 1870 census record of McDowell County, NC.

⁵⁰ McDowell County Marriage Records, Marion, NC. (vol. 2, p. 108)

⁵¹ Aldridge, Bryan K., Cox, Margie H., Randolph, Jewell R., and Silvers, Peggy G., McDowell County, North Carolina, Cemeteries, Vol. 2 (Appalachian Press, Nebo, NC, 1995).

⁵² Williams, Edward P., McDowell County North Carolina Marriages, 1870 - 1894

⁵³ McDowell County Court records, file 220, recorded in Special Proceedings, p. 398. Robert A. Poteat died 23 May 1915 in Buncombe County at age 29-1/2 and is buried at Old Fort, NC. These notes were taken from an original in the basement of the County Clerk's Office, Marion, NC, 20 March 1972.

⁵⁴ Lennie Poteet, daughter of S. A. and M. M. Poteat, b. 1 April 1887, d. 9 Feb. 1888 is buried in the Providence Church Cemetery, near Marion, McDowell County, NC. (per Cemetery Record Card file, NC Archives, Raleigh, NC). The same record also shows Ernest C. Poteat, son of S. A. and M. M. Poteat, b. 30 Oct. 1897, d. 14 Nov. 1905, also buried in Providence Church Cemetery.

⁵⁵ Williams, Edward P., McDowell County North Carolina Marriages, 1870 - 1894

⁵⁶ McDowell County Death Records, Marion, NC, from the index.

⁵⁷ Aldridge, Bryan K., Cox, Margie H., Randolph, Jewell R., and Silvers, Petty G., McDowell County, North Carolina, Cemeteries, Vol. 3 (Appalachian Press, Nebo, NC, 1995)

⁵⁸ Millard Poteat, age 32, married Clara M. Denton, age 29, on 26 Dec. 1917, per McDowell County Marriage Records, Marion, NC. Millard Grover Poteat, son of Samuel A., died 2 June 1937 (McDowell County Death Records, Marion, NC)

⁵⁹ Arthur L. Poteat, son of Samuel, died 4 Nov. 1964, McDowell County Marriage Records, Marion, NC, Book 46 p. 127 (from the index). He married Carrie Gibson on 7 Feb. 1915, when he was age 20 and she was 17, per McDowell County Marriage Records, Marion, NC.

⁶⁰ McDowell County Death Records, Book 19 p. 111, death of Sarah Alice Poteat, daughter of Enoch Stroud, died 7 Feb. 1932. (from the index)

⁶¹ Williams, Edward P., McDowell County North Carolina Marriages, 1870 - 1894. I added the ages from my notes from the McDowell County marriage records, Marion, NC (Vol. 2, p. 205).

George L. Poteet, son of Robert Poteet, died 21 Oct. 1930.⁶² George L. Poteet (13 June 1864 - 21 Oct. 1930) and Sarah Alice Stroud Poteat, wife of G. L. Poteat (19 March 1866 - 7 Feb. 1932) are buried in the West Marion United Methodist Church Cemetery in West Marion, NC.⁶³

vii. Thomas Poteet, age 21, son of Robt. and Adaline Poteet, married Mary, age 19, daughter of A. and Adaline Bright at the E. P. Poteet home, 29 Jan. 1885.⁶⁴ He was born about 1867 according to the 1870 census record of McDowell County, NC. Thomas L. Poteet, son of Robert Poteet, died 13 March 1930.⁶⁵ Thomas L. Poteet (1864 - 1930) and Mary S. Poteat, (1863-1905), wife of Thomas L. Poteat, are buried in the Chapel Hill Baptist Church Cemetery.⁶⁶

24. Mary Poteet (included only on the basis of the 1850 census listing mentioned earlier. Mary McNeely was age 43 in 1850.

25. William[?] Poteet, husband of the (widow?) Matilda Poteat, who is listed as head of household, age 45 in the 1850 census, where her children were George, E.M.(dau), John, Phebe, William, Henry, John, Joseph and Mary. Similarity of the names suggests the connection. A comparison of the 1840 census listings of Burke County and the 1850 McDowell Co. listing for Matilda Poteet suggests that she was the widow of William Poteet. Mark, William, and John are the only Poteets who had wives age 30-39 in the 1840 listing. Mark and John can be identified in 1850, but not William. William and Matilda first appear in the census records in 1820, both age 16-26, with no children. There is a Burke County marriage bond for William Poteet and Matilda Dell [sic], dated 3 Aug. 1819 with Alexander Deal as bondsman. By 1830, they apparently had two sons and a daughter so the list of children below is probably incomplete.

In the 1860 census of McDowell County, Matilda is listed as age 50, with Edy Wadkins, age 27, John Wadkins, age 42, Joseph Poteet, age 16, William Wadkins, age 5, Matilda Wadkins, age 3, and George Wadkins, age 10/12.

In the 1870 census she was age 66 living with the family of son Joseph. In the 1880 census, at age 76, she was listed as the mother of John A. Poteet, age 55. Matilda Poteet was taxed in the Jamestown district of McDowell County for 100 acres in 1853 and again in 1855. In 1856 (Matilda Poteet & Co??) and 1857 she held 275 acres, in 1858 and 1859, 225 acres. In 1855 there is a Poteet entry (Poteet, J---g, ---M) for 175 acres that may account for her 275 acres later.

This Matilda Poteet is the ancestor of several Poteat families who came to Spartanburg Co., SC, between 1870 and 1880. See the census notes in the appendix. However, the connection to William Poteet, and certainly to John and Phebe Poteet, remains unproven. The argument for a connection is strengthened by Judy Miele, a descendant, who states that Matilda Deal was a daughter of George Deal, b. 11 Nov. 1760, and wife Elizabeth (Edy), and this means that the first four children listed below are named after their four grandparents.⁶⁷

On 15 Oct. 1870⁶⁸, Matilda Poteet deeded to her son H. D. Poteet ("... the said H. D. Poteet is cripple and maimee

⁶² McDowell County Death Records, Marion, NC, from the index.

⁶³ Alldridge, Bryan K., Cox, Margie H., Randolph, Jewell K., and Silvers, Peggy G., McDowell County, North Carolina Cemeteries, Vol. 2 (Appalachian Press, Nebo, NC, 1995)

⁶⁴ Williams, Edward P., McDowell County North Carolina Marriages, 1870 - 1894. I added the ages from my notes from the McDowell County marriage records, Marion, NC (Vol. 3, p. 129).

⁶⁵ McDowell County Death Records, Marion, NC, from the index.

⁶⁶ Alldridge, Bryan K., Cox, Margie H., Randolph, Jewell K., and Silvers, Peggy G., McDowell County, North Carolina Cemeteries, Vol. 3 (Appalachian Press, Nebo, NC, 1995)

⁶⁷ Meile, Judy Christie, Swannanoa, NC, letter to Dan W. Olds, received 12 July 1997.

⁶⁸ McDowell Co., NC, deed book 8, p. 422

from the womb..”) fifty acres entered 7 Aug. 1851 and granted by the state to Matilda Poteet on 28 Dec. 1854. John W. Bright and Joseph A. Poteet were witnesses.

On 10 Aug. 1881⁶⁹, John Poteet and Matilda, his mother, sold two 50 acre tracts on the South Muddy to Jemima Bowers. This was signed by J. A. Poteet, Matilda Poteet (her mark), and T. L. Poteet (her mark).

Children of William [?] and Matilda [Deal?] Poteet^{70 71}

- 330. i. John A. Poteet, b. ca. 1828
- 331. ii. George A. Poteet, b. ca. 1830, m. Sarah Catherine Barnes⁷²
- 332. iii. E. M. (Edith or Elizabeth), b. ca. 1832
- 333. iv. Pheba M. Poteet, b. ca. 1834
- 334. v. William G. Poteet, b. ca. 1835
- 335. vi. Henry D. Poteet, b. ca. 1837
- 336. vii. Joseph A. Poteet, b. ca. 1840
- 337. viii. Mary Jane (Matilda) Poteet, b. ca. 1842

26. MARK POTEET, who was born about 1799, first appears in the Burke County census records of 1830 when he already had two sons and a daughter under age 5. There is, of course, no reason to place all possible Poteets into the family of John and Phoebe, but since this Mark named a daughter Phoebe, I've chosen to discuss him here without any additional evidence. He is, of course, too young to have been the Mark Poteet selling land with Thomas and Elizabeth Poteet, mentioned earlier.

He appears in the Burke County census records from 1830-1870. According to these records his wife was Mary; she is no longer listed after 1860. Their children (from census listings, anyway) are Sophronia or Sarah, b. ca. 1834, Phoebe, b. ca. 1836, Saml., b. ca. 1840, Martha, b. ca. 1843, and Robert, b. ca. 1828. (Robert, listed last on the census record and out of age order may not be a son.)

“There is a lady 86 years old who told me last week that her father knew Mark Poteet and that Mark's wife was Polly Carswell & Polly was a sister to my great-great grandfather. She said that Mark called Polly -“Poly”, and that they had a daughter Patsy Poteet.

“She said that one time Mark Poteet had pants made from “Buck skins” and that Polly washed them & couldn't get them clean – so she boiled them and Mark could never wear them again.

“The 86 years old lady is Ruthie Bumgarner & she lives back of our house down at the farm. She was never married & she remembers all the things her father told her about the old people. She said Mark and Polly had more children -- she said something about a Sada Poteet.

“She said Polly died & was buried about two miles from our old farm. And that Mark went back to McDowell County to live with a son and wanted to be buried by Polly but when he died he was buried in McDowell.”⁷³

Mark Poteat, d. 26 April 1875, age 76, is buried in the Haney-Gardin Cemetery, McDowell Co., NC. Other Poteats buried there are L. A. Poteat, d. 16 June 1868, age 40 yr., 5 mo., 12 da. and Marcus Poteat, d. 4 Dec. 1851, age 1 yr.

⁶⁹ McDowell Co., NC, deed book 12, p. 239

⁷⁰ ages estimated from census records unless otherwise noted.

⁷¹ Meile, Judy Christie, Swannanoa, NC, letter to Dan W. Olds, received 12 July 1997.

⁷² Poteat, Arnold Ray, letter to Dan Olds, 10 Nov. 1983, including pedigree chart.

⁷³ Poteet, Ellen Carswell, Morganton, NC, letter to Dan W. Olds, undated but received in Oct. 1974.

5 mo. 14 da.⁷⁴

Children of Mark and Patsy (Carswell) Poteet

- 350. i. John William Poteet, b. 1826⁷⁵
- 351. ii. Robert Poteet, b. ca. 1828 (listed out of order in census)
- 352. iii. Sarah Poteet, b. ca. 1834
- 353. iv. Phoebe Poteet, b. ca. 1836
- 354. v. Samuel Poteet, b. ca. 1840
- 355. vi. Martha Poteet, b. ca. 1843

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308. Ezekial Pendleton Poteet, b. ca. 1816, "Marion's first doctor"⁷⁶, buried in Oak Grove Cemetery, Marion, but with no dates on marker, married Jane McNeely (5 Sept 1810 - 17 June 1874)⁷⁷. At Marion, NC, among the original court papers for the spring term of 1854[?], there is a citation against Penney E. Poteet and John Lakey for "fighting with firearms by prearrangement in view of the public, disturbing the state of the peace." A witness stated that this was a true bill as concerns John Lakey but not as to Poteet. The date of the affray was 5 May 1851.

Mrs. Smith remembered Mrs. Elizabeth Hawkins Poteet Duncan Norton speaking of cousin Penny Poteet and cousin Julius Hawkins. Her husband, Henry Poteet (1819 - 1864), would, indeed, be a first cousin in the interpretation presented here.

About 1961, I discussed this family with Dr. Mary Poteat of Duke University. She was the daughter of Joseph Alexander Poteat who was the son of Samuel Poteat (killed at the battle of Chicamauga, 1863), the son of Dr. Pendleton Poteat, a physician. She said that this is a Presbyterian family and that Samuel Poteat had three sons, no brothers and she knew of no brothers of Dr. Pendleton Poteat. She had two cousins, sons of Henry Poteat; J. K. "Kelly" Poteat of Johnson City, TN and W. O. "Otto" Poteat of Erwin, TN. Samuel Poteat was away from home in the Civil War when Joseph Alexander Poteat was born. The mother sent a print of the baby's foot and he wrote on it Joseph Alexander Poteat, which the baby was then named. Miss Poteat did not know of any connection between her Poteat line and the Poteats of Caswell County or to the ancestors of Betty (Poteat) Olds.

On 16 May 1875, E. P. Poteet, son of Elrod and Martha Poteet, married Eliza Marsh, daughter of John and Elender Marsh, at the home of H. Johnson.⁷⁸

Children of Ezekial Pendleton and Jane (McNeely) Poteet⁷⁹

- 4050. i. Samuel Alexander Poteet, b. 1836, d. 1863 at Chickamauga.
- 4051. ii. James A. Poteet, b. 1838, d. age 17
- 4052. iii. Martha E. Poteet, b. ca. 1841, married Henry Johnson
- 4053. iv. Eliza Poteet, b. ca. 1848, m. (1) Walter Cheek and (2) a Mr. Poteet who was no kin.

⁷⁴ Aldridge, Cox, Randolph, and Silvers, McDowell County, North Carolina, Cemeteries, Vol. 3 (1995), p. 169. This cemetery is in the same section of the county as the Poteet Cemetery where Phoebe Poteet is buried.

⁷⁵ Burnette, Mrs. Doris Poteet, as reported by Mrs. J. V. Pitts in letter to Dan W. Olds, July 1974.

⁷⁶ Margaret (Blythe) Poteat, letter to Dan W. Olds, 8 Jan. 1968

⁷⁷ Aldridge, Bryan K., Cox, Margie H., Randolph, Jewell R., and Silvers, Peggy G., McDowell County, North Carolina, Cemeteries, vol. 2 (Appalachian Press, Nebo, NC, 1995)

⁷⁸ Williams, Edward P., McDowell County North Carolina Marriages 1870 -1894

⁷⁹ These names and the information about them is from Margaret (Mrs. John A.) Poteet, Marion, NC, in a letter to Dan W. Olds, 30 Nov. 1967, but the name order is from the 1850 census of McDowell Co., NC., Ezekiel P. Poteet family.

309. William Poteet, color bearer in the Confederate Army.

310. James Poteet, killed in the Civil War⁸⁰

320. JOSEPH POTEET was born 9 Oct. 1816. He first appears in the census records of Burke County in 1840 with two daughters under 5 years old. His wife was Jane Carswell.⁸¹ The family is listed in the 1850 census of McDowell County. Joseph was apparently dead by 1860, when the family is listed without him. His heirs did receive a portion of the estate of Susannah Reed. Present descendants name him as a brother of Sidney E. Poteet.

He appears on the tax records of South Muddy District, McDowell Co., from 1844 - 1852 and cannot be identified after that. He was taxed for one white poll and no land.

This family included John Hensly, age 3, in 1860 and so did the family of Alva and Adline Bright. The 1870 census shows Jane Poteet, age 52, with two children, John H., age 14 (and thus perhaps her grandson John Hensly) and Margaret, age 9.

In 1880, Jane Poteet, age 62, is listed as mother-in-law in the family of Albert Lawin, age 36, and wife Georgia, age 29. Jane Poteat, 25 Dec. 1819 - 18 July 1892, was buried at Old Bethel Cemetery near Glenwood. On 14 Sept. 1974, I visited Mrs. Mamie Hollifield of Marion, NC, who showed me a list of the brothers and sisters of her grandmother, Martha Poteet Camp, as given by her mother Matilda Camp Morgan. This list named John Henry Poteete, Sid Poteete, Joe Poteete, Mag Poteete Hensley (Harve Hensley's mother), Eliza Poteete Vaughn (Louis Jane Lewing's mother), Adaline Poteet Hensly Bright Morgan and Georgiann Poteet Lawing.

Members of this family belonged to Bethel Baptist Church. The minutes for 1831-1885 are at the McDowell County Public Library. There are mentions of John Poteet and Elizabeth Hawkins from 1844 on, but I cannot claim them with certainty. John Poteat was granted a letter of dismissal in 1851. Adaline Bright joined by experience on 15 Aug. 1859; Liza Jane Poteat on 16 Aug.; Margaret Poteat on 17 Aug. 1860; J. H. Poteat, Sidney Poteat, R. T. Vaun, Adaline Camp, Butler P. Hensly and others joined by experience on 11 Aug. 1863; Jane Lawing and Albert Lawin also by experience on 13 Aug. 1863; Sarah Bright on 14 Aug. 1863. Jane Poteete was baptized on 20 Sept. 1863. On 9 July 1864, Sarah E. Hensly, Gracey D. Poteete, James Hensly, and Sarah Hensly joined by letter. On 10 Sept. 1864, Jane Poteet was one of those criticized for having her fruit "stilled". On 8 Oct. 1864, she agreed never to have anything more to do with stilling. On 12 Nov. 1864, J. J. Morgan stated to the church that he had found his beef hide in the possession of H. M. Lawing and that sister Jane Lawing promised to give him satisfaction how it came to be there and had failed to do so. On 7 Jan. 1865, Jain Lawing was excluded. Georgia Ann Poteete joined on 28 July 1865 and was baptized on 30 July. Sidney Poteete was mentioned 7 April 1860. On 7 July 1860, R. T. Vaun stated that he had been intoxicated with spirits and said he was sorry he had been but was not sorry for drinking spirits and might do so in like circumstances and so he was excluded from the church.

On 20 Aug. 1866, Joseph Poteet joined. In the same month, Jane Lawing was restored and Adline Bright, Jethro Morgan, Richard Camp, J. A. Poteet, Albert Lawing, Elizabeth Camp, R. T. Vaun, Sidney Poteat, J. C. Morgan, and J. B. Morgan are mentioned. On 7 Nov. 1868, the case of Liza Alford was considered -- making false statements about

⁸⁰ A James Poteet and Elizabeth Jiles were married 16 Sept. 1860 (bond date, McDowell Co., NC) and are otherwise unknown to me.

⁸¹ Johnston, Joanne S., ed., McDowell County Heritage, North Carolina, p. 274. The references for the article entitled "Joseph A. & Jane Carswell Poteet/Poteat" submitted by Mrs. Elizabeth Hennessee Poteat were "Census records; Church minutes; S. E. Poteat['s Bible".

the wife of Sidney Poteat (Gracy Poteat). On 12 Nov. 1870, B. P. Hensley and J. B. Morgan were cited for drinking. On 2 Dec. 1871, Adline Camp was excluded. On 16 Aug. 1873, Sidney Poteat was appointed delegate to the Association. On 21 Aug. 1875, Enoch V. Lawing joined by experience and in the same month R. T. Vaun was restored. In 1879, J. A. Poteet was elected deacon and delegate to Assembly and S. E. Poteet, Matilda Camp and Emily Camp joined by experience. R. T. Vaun was cited for playing cards in 1880 and excluded in 1884 for shooting at a turkey match and getting drunk. J. A. Poteet is mentioned in 1880, 1882, 1884 and 1885. In 1884, J. H. Watkins, M. R. Watkins, M. M. Watkins, and Martha E. Watkins joined by experience. In Sept. 1884, L. O. Poteet, C. A. Poteet, and Joseph Bright joined by experience.

An undated membership list is associated with name of Pastor A. Webb. He is mentioned in the first minutes in this book, dated 12 March 1831. In 1837, the church gave brother Webb a recommendation and after that date J. C. Grayson was preacher. This list includes "29. John Poteet dismissed" and "45. Josiah Vaun Excommunicated" among the males. Sarah Bright and Elizabeth Hawkins are among the females, with no Poteets.

An 1854 list of female members includes Dinah Bright (d. 3 Feb. 1864), Adaline Bright, Liza Jane Poteet, Margaret Poteet, Elizabeth Vaughn (dismissed by letter 1863), Elizabeth Camp, Adaline Camp, Jane Lawing (excluded 7 Jan. 1865), Jane Poteet, Gracy D. Poteet ("by letter 9 July 1864"), and George Ann Poteet.

An 1858 list of male members includes James D. Hensley, Alfred Bright ("dead"), J. H. Poteat ("died 13 June 1864"), and Sidney Poteat. An 1863 list of male members included Butler Hensley and R. T. Vaun (excluded 7 July 1866). An 1866 list of male members includes James D. Hensley ("dismissed Jan. 12, 1867"), Sidney Poteet, Butler D. Hensley, J. C. Morgan, J. B. Morgan, Jethro Morgan and Joseph Poteet.

The 1885 membership list included S. E. Poteet, B. P. Hensley, J. A. Poteet, L. O. Poteet, C. A. Poteet, and E. V. Lawing among the men and Mary Bright, Dinah Bright, Adline Morgan, E. J. Vaughn, Jane Poteet, G. D. Poteet, Georgian Lawing, Jane Lawing, Mary Bright, Elizabeth J. Poteet, Jane Lawing, Roxann Radford, Sarah E. Poteet, Matilda Camp or Kemp, M. R. Watkins, M. M. Watkins and Martha Watkins among the women.

On 26 Nov. 1863, the women of the region wrote a touching plea to the Governor of NC, requesting that he not take the last remaining helpful man into service.⁸² "We ar all in bad surcomstances in this part of hour countrey and thare will have to be somthing don for us as we will all perish to deth; for them that has got provision wont let us have it. And the have takn all the men as that will help the wimen any atall but one; an the have got him on the home guard and is agoing to take him off, and he is a cripple man. He has had the white swelling and thare has come too pieces of bons out of his hipp. And when he is gon, thare wont be no one to help us one bitt; and we all want yoar leaf from you for him to stay. His name is Jessy Arwood.

"And them that has got the corn to sell is asking elevin dolars a bushal for it, and we cant get it at that. And we want you ... to have the stufall put donn sow we can get it. All hour folks is in the army; and with out some body dose help us, we all cant live.

"Heare is hour names: Susan Harrel, Sarah Harrel, Sarah Dodwell, Poly Mørgin, July Mørgin, Nancy Staks and Moly Mørgin, Nancy Staks, Nancy Hall, Elisabeth Lawing, Rosanner Lawing, Jane Lawing, Jane Poteet, Betsy Davis, Betsy Marten, Almedy Nash, Sarah Curry, Elisabeth Dodwell, Jane Huffstatler, Malisid Hogin, Jane Arrowood, Poly An Arrowood, Frances Bates, Judy Arrowood, Mary Adair, Jane Adair, Mary Arrowoode, Aney Arrowood, Nancy Arrowood, Malindy Bright, Elisabeth Derryberry.

"Jessy Arrowoode is all the help to cut us one bit of wood or any thing els, and we cant get no shoos.... We are all barfooted and cant get money anuff to get apair of shoos, nor one bit of lether, no thread, no cotten, nor nothing els

⁸² Bulletin of the Genealogical Society of Old Tryon County, Vol. XVII, May 1989, p. 2

... We cant as mutch as get wool anuff to knit hour husbands and sons socks that is gon out in the field..."

Jane Poteet's obituary is⁸³ from a newspaper clipping found in Sidney Poteet's Bible:

"CONSOLATIONS OF RESPECT"

"Died at the residence of J. L. Bright on 18th July 1892; Mrs. Jane Poteet in the 75th year of her age, after an illness of several weeks. She was the wife of Joseph Poteet who died while on his way to the state of California during the gold rush years, leaving her with eight small children to provide for which she has done with great credit to herself and children. Mrs. Poteet has been a constant member of the baptist church for 27 years. She was a faithful member of the church, a devoted mother and a kind neighbor. As a model Christian she had few equals and was ever ready to build up the Kingdom of her Master. She never seemed to grow weary ministering to the wants of those in sickness and distress. Though she suffered intense pain she bore it all without a murmer and told her five children and her many grandchildren who survived her that she was ready for the summons of death. God be praised for such a life as hers for imitation and encouragement. Truly a riffle has been made on the shores of time that brings loneliness and sorrow to her many friends and relatives.

"While she will be missed may all of us bow in humble submission to the will of Him who does all things well. We extend our heart felt sympathy to the bereaved relatives and especially to her five children who survive her and may grace be given them to follow her example as her Christian character was without blemish and her general character without reproach we believe we can safely say, taht she has gone to that land of Bliss where sorrow, pain and partings never come. The funeral was conducted at Bethel Baptist Church July 19th, 1802 by Rev. A. B. Masburn. Interment was in the Church Cemetery."

Children of Joseph and Jane () Poteet.

- 4240. i. Martha E. Poteet b. ca. 1839
- 4241. ii. Adaline Poteet b. ca. 1840
- 4242. iii. Eliza J. Poteet b. ca. 1842
- 4243. iv. John H. Poteet b. ca. 1844
- 4244. v. Margaret Poteet b. ca. 1846
- 4245. vi. Sidney Erwin Poteet b. 25 Nov. 1846 d. 11 Aug. 1929
- 4246. vii. Joseph A. Poteet b. ca. 1849
- 4247. viii. Georgia Ann Poteet b. ca. 1851
- ??. Lois Vaughan?, named by A. P. Poteet as his father's sister.

321. HENRY POTEET was born 3 Jan. 1819 and died 16 or 17 Aug. 1864.⁸⁴ The McDowell County bond for his marriage to Elizabeth A. Hawkins is dated 13 Feb. 1847 with Zachariah Hawkins as bondsman.⁸⁵ It is a standard form which I will quote here as an example of the record type.

"Know all persons by these presents, that we are held and firmly bound to the State of North Carolina in the just and full sum of five hundred pounds, current money of the said State: To the payment whereof, well and truly to be done and made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

⁸³ Johnston, Joanne S., ed., McDowell County Heritage, North Carolina, p. 274. The references for the article entitled "Joseph A. & Jane Carswell Poteet/Poteat" submitted by Mrs. Elizabeth Hennessee Poteat were "Census records; Church minutes; S. E. Poteat[']s Bible".

⁸⁴ "Henry Poteet was borne Jan. 3rd 1819 And died Aug. 16th 1864" according to a record in an older, finer hand on two small, loose family record sheets in the large family Bible of his son Marcus Brittain Poteet. This is the only one of the records in this older hand.

⁸⁵ McDowell County Marriage Bonds, NC State Archives, Raleigh, NC

Sealed with our seals, and dated the 13th day of February A. D. 1847.

"The condition of the above obligation is Such, That whereas the above bounden Henry Poteet hath made application for a Licence for a Marriage, to be celebrated between him and Elizabeth [sic] A. Hawkins

"Now, in case it shall not appear hereafter, that there is any lawful cause to obstruct the said Marriage, then the above obligation to be void -- otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

"Signed, Sealed and Delivered in the presence of
Henry Poteet
Zachariah Hawkins"

The young family appears in the 1850 census of McDowell County and may be followed in that county through his death and her two subsequent marriages. When his father-in-law, Zachariah Hawkins, died on 1 Feb. 1855⁸⁶, Henry Poteet was administrator of the estate. On 31 July 1853 (fully paid and title made 11 Nov. 1857), Henry bought several tracts of land on the North Muddy from the estate, including the 80 acres on which Zachariah Hawkins had lived and died.⁸⁷ The part of McDowell County in which Henry Poteet was raised was a gold mining area and there is a family tradition that he joined in the California gold rush, beginning the long journey by ship but getting so sea-sick that he returned (from where?) by land.⁸⁸

The Agriculture Census of 1860⁸⁹ gives some idea of the resources available on this land. Henry Poteet had 50 acres of improved land and 100 acres of unimproved land with the farm having a cash value of \$700. He had \$20 worth of farm implements, 2 horses, 1 ass or mule, 1 milch cow, 6 other cattle, 16 sheep, 13 swine (for \$225 worth of live stock). In the year ending 1 June 1860, he had produced 65 bushels of wheat, 380 bushels of Indian corn, 20 bushels of oats, 700 pounds of tobacco, 15 pounds of wool, 25 bushels of peas and beans, 10 bushels of Irish potatoes, 50 pounds of butter, 10 pounds of flax, ½ bushel of flax seed, \$25 worth of home made manufacture and slaughtered \$100 worth of animals.

Henry Poteet was taxed in the South Muddy district of McDowell County from 1844 - 1848, in Jamestown district for 1849 and 1850, in Dysartville district for 1853 and 1854. Until 1855, he had no land, then from 1855 - 1859, he was taxed for 280 or 288 acres in Marion district.

On 1 Oct. 1863, at Camp Vance, he enlisted as a private in Company D, 9th Regiment of North Carolina Troops (1st Cavalry) for the period of the war and was killed in action at White Oak Swamp, Va., on 17 Aug. 1864.⁹⁰ This company, originally known as the "Watauga Rangers", was organized for the war at Boone, Watauga co., NC, beginning 11 May 1861.⁹¹ Family traditions vary on the manner of his death (possibly by the premature explosion of a Confederate shell) and on whether or not he was brought back to North Carolina, dead or dying. No tombstone is known. Since the muster roll lists him as killed, it is likely that he died at the battle site and unlikely that he could have been brought back to NC, even in the face of a tradition that he was wounded in the leg at Richmond and Elizabeth took a wagon filled with feather beds to Virginia and brought him back⁹². Another tradition says that it was James E. Norton who came back to McDowell County and told Elizabeth the circumstances of Henry's death and that

⁸⁶ "In Memory of Zachariah Hawkins, son of Samuel Hawkins, who died Feb. the 1, 1855 aged 68 years 11 m. 14 d." A stone in the Hoover Cemetery south of Marion on U. S. 221, McDowell Co., N. C. A footstone is marked Z S H.

⁸⁷ McDowell County Deeds, Book 3, p. 453.

⁸⁸ Sims, Becky Poteat, letter to Dan W. Olds, 24 Sept. 1960.

⁸⁹ From an original book at the McDowell County Public Library, Marion, NC.

⁹⁰ Muster Roll record, National Archives, Washington, D. C.

⁹¹ Manarin, Louis H., North Carolina Troops, 1861 - 1865, A Roster, Vol. II, Cavalry (Raleigh, NC, 1960)

⁹² Sims, Becky Poteat, letter to Dan W. Olds, 24 Sept. 1960, (as told by Aunt Hattie Poteat).

they had carved his name on a stone and buried him at Yorktown, VA.⁹³ According to another story, Henry was already a prisoner and was being used in some kind of experimentation when killed by a pre-mature explosion.

Mrs. H. D. Smith remembered a letter written by Henry Poteet, now lost. "I don't remember the date-- it was in the beginning of the war. The soldiers were in camp in Burke County. It was written in black ink. 'Dear wife and children, have Mark and John carry on the farm work. Do the best you can if I don't get back. I will live close to the Lord.'⁹⁴

After Henry's death, Elizabeth married twice more and the marriages are recorded in McDowell County. Elizabeth Poteet married James E. Norton, 22 Aug. 1865 (bond date; Richard Turner was bondsman.). He died in 1871 and is buried in the Hoover Cemetery.⁹⁵ Elizabeth Norton, daughter of Zachariah and Elizabeth Hawkins, married James H. Duncan, Jr., 4 Nov. 1872. Duncan was a considerably younger man, age 28 in the 1880 census. "Stories are that she lived with him only a short time and that he left here going out west and was never heard from again."⁹⁶ "It seems that Elizabeth Hawkins never knew what became of her third husband, Mr. Duncan. This summer, Ray Poteet, grandson of Mark Poteet, son of John Henry Poteet visited us. He said Duncan got on his fine horse and rode off and Elizabeth Hawkins never saw him again. I remember my mother saying that her third husband was much younger than she but she grieved over losing him much more than the other two. ... [Roy Poteet] bought much of the Poteet land and his father's homestead including the old John Henry Poteet homestead. He remembers it well and told me it was reputed to be the oldest house in McDowell County until it burned down several years ago. It was a two story log house with kitchen forming an L at the back. I had the strangest experience in connection with the house. I don't know why we had never been to the old house but hearing my mother tell of her visits and good times there as a little girl, I carried a mental vision of it. Then when I was teaching in East Marion School, I suddenly came upon it while visiting pupils in that vicinity. I knew it at once. It was situated on a rise and down below was the spring. One story was about the children going to the spring to get water when they heard a scream like a woman's. They immediately rushed back to the house, for they knew it was a panther. The panther came to the spring, tracked them to the house and jumped up on the roof. Elizabeth, afraid he would tear a hole in the roof, got out the gun and shot and then fainted!"⁹⁷

Elizabeth's tombstone in the Hoover Cemetery south of Marion, is incorrectly inscribed "Elizabeth A., wife of S. A. Poteet, born Mar. 30, 1829, died Mar. 21, 1902, age 72 yr. 11 m. 21d.". This presents a problem of identification, even though several family members presumed this to be the record of Henry's wife. This identification is verified by a record from the Norton family Bible which states "E. A. Hawkins, b. 29 March 1829, d. 21 March 1902". Mrs. Bessie (Norton) Elliot of Marion who owns the Bible says her father recorded this record of his mother in the Bible. I also have an unidentified clipping of a long memorial poem placed in a newspaper by Rev. M. C. Elliott and wife, Nannie C. Elliott, "to our mother", November 12, 1902, together with a notice which states that "Mrs. E. A. Poteet, aged 72 years and 11 months, departed this life March 21, 1902. Mrs. Poteet was a consistent member of the Baptist Church, and leaves six children and many friends and relatives to mourn their loss."

In the 1867 summer term of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, McDowell County, NC, Elizabeth Norton filed for the assignment of her dower in Henry Poteet's estate. "The Petition of Elizabeth Norton wife of James Norton and widow of Henry Poteet respectfully showeth to your Worships, that her said Husband died intestate in McDowell

⁹³ Smith, Mrs. Sibbie, conversation with Dan W. Olds, 30 March 1961

⁹⁴ Smith, Mrs. Henry D., letter to Dan W. Olds, 20 April 1962

⁹⁵ There is a broken stone in the Hoover Cemetery for [J]ames E. Norton, died 2 Dec 1871, aged (?)5 y. 10 m. Mrs. Norton gave his dates as 1835-1871.

⁹⁶ Norton, Mrs. Clyde, Old Fort, NC, letter to Dan W. Olds, about 1972.

⁹⁷ Kanipe, Millie, letter to Dan W. Olds, about 1972.

County⁹⁸, during the month of August 1864, having him surviving the following children to wit -- Mark Brittain, Jno. Spencer, Sarah Jane, Samuel, Nancy Caroline, Jos. Nickolas, Thomas A., William G., George P. Poteet -- who are his only heirs-at-law. Your Petitioner further showeth, that her husband at the time of his death, was seised in fee simple of several Tracts of Land situated in said County -- 1st Tract on the North Fork Muddy Creek joining the Lands of Henry Poteet & Hosea Corpening Beginning at a pine tree & small black oak on his own line & runs North one hundred twenty eight Poles to a red oak, then East ninety poles crossing the Branch to a stake, then South one hundred & seventy eight poles to a post then West crossing the Branch to the Beginning -- 2nd Tract on North Muddy Creek Beginning on a small black oak his N. E. corner, runs east Eighty poles to a chestnut thence South one hundred poles to a chestnut, two maples, a chestnut oak & hickory, --?-- west eighty poles to a stake in his own line Thence North one hundred poles to the Beginning containing 50 acres more or less -- 3d Tract - Beginning at Harris corner black oak & runs East eighty poles to a stake then S one hundred & sixty poles to a black oak on Harris line then with his line West Eighty poles crossing the Branch to his Corner post oak in the bottom then North along his line crossing the branch to the beginning -- containing by computation eighty acres, lying on the waters of North Muddy Creek, being the place where the late Z. Hawkins lived & died -- another tract containing 50 acres adjoining the above, beginning on a black oak on his own line & runs East fifty seven poles to a stake, then South one hundred & forty poles to a stake then west fifty-seven poles to a stake then North to the beginning -- another Tract adjoining the above Beginning on a black oak a corner of one of the above tracts & runs north Eighty poles to a stake then East one hundred poles to a stake then South Eighty poles to a stake on a line of one of the above named Tracts, then west one hundred poles with said line to the beginning, containing 50 acres more or less. also five thirteenths and one thirteenth during the life time of Danl Holland⁹⁹ in another tract of land adjoining the above, beginning at pine & a black oak on George Corpenings line & runs North one hundred & seventy-eight poles to a red oak then East ninety poles crossing the Branch to a stake then South one hundred & seventy eight poles to a post=oak then west crossing the branch to the beginning containing one hundred acres more or less -- Your Petitioner further showeth, that she desires to have her dower in the land allotted to her, and to that end she prays your worships to order a writ to be issued to the Sheriff, commanding him to summon five freeholders, connected with the partys neither by consanguinity or affinity disinterested to view the aforesaid tracts of land & to allocate & set apart to her, one third part thereof, include the dwelling house, and all out houses, buildings and improvements appertaining to the same, for the Term of her natural life, and to report their proceedings in due form of Law -- May it please your Worships to order a subpoena with Copies of this Petition, to be issued to the Guardian of the said ---

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requiring of them to appear at the next Term of this Court, and show cause, if any they can, why the prayer of your petitioner shall not be granted -- And your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever Pray --- A. M. Erwin, Atto for Petitioner”¹⁰⁰

In the Spring term, 1871, of Superior Court, James Norton & wife with the other heirs at law of Henry Poteet, filed a complaint against Jonathan Duncan claiming that he withheld from their possession several of the above tracts, including the one on which Zachariah Hawkins had lived. Although Duncan filed a claim stating that the plaintiffs did not own the land in question and that he had not unlawfully held it from them and that, in fact, he owned that land, judgement was rendered against him on 25 March 1862, requiring that he give up the land and pay fifty dollars for “rents, profits, and damages”.¹⁰¹

“ Elizabeth A. Hawkins Poteat Norton Duncan in later years lived with her two sons, Bulo and Jasper Norton at

⁹⁸ Note that this document explicitly places his death in McDowell County.

⁹⁹ This, I believe, is a clue to inheritance in the Hawkins family.

¹⁰⁰ Photocopy, North Carolina State Archives, sent by Mrs. Catherine Poteat to Dan Olds, Jan. 30, 1988.

¹⁰¹ Photocopy, North Carolina State Archives, sent by Mrs. Catherine Poteat to Dan Olds, Jan. 30, 1988.

the Dan Kanipe homeplace on Rutherford Road (US 221 S.). Her two boys attended school in Marion. She was a beautiful, well dressed, cultured woman small in stature with dark, beady eyes. It was said that she was loved and respected by all who knew her."¹⁰²

"James Norton, her second husband, also fought in the civil war. The story goes that he slipped home to see his wife because he knew it was time for his child (Bulo) to be born. He hid at a waterfall and when he arrived home the baby had been born. James Monroe Norton was captured by Federal Authorities and taken back soon after he had seen his wife and family. He was wounded and sent home. A second son, Jasper was born. The death of James Monroe Norton was due to wounds received in the civil war. He died one year following the wounds."¹⁰³ There is a broken tombstone for James E. Norton in the Hoover Cemetery near Marion which says that he died 2 Dec. 1871, age [-]5 y 10 m.

On 3 Oct. 1877 the court recorded:"It being satisfactorily proven to the court that James H. Duncan, guardian of the minor Heirs of Henry Poteet is dead It is therefore ordered by the court that M. B. Poteet be and is hereby appointed Guardian to the minor heirs of Henry Poteet (to wit) J. N. Poteet, T.A. Poteet, W.G. Poteet, and G. P. Poteet".¹⁰⁴

"I remember Grandma Poteet Norton Duncan when she died my mother had gold money to bury her that Grandpa Poteet had left her buried in a iron pot when they picked him up and took him to war never heard of him any more"¹⁰⁵

The continuing administration of the estate of Henry Poteet and the deeds eventually transferring much of his land to Mark B. Poteet provide clear identification of his children.

Children of Henry and Elizabeth Anne (Hawkins) Poteet

4260.	i.	Marcus Brittain Poteat	b. 25 Nov. 1847	d. 9 Aug. 1901
4261.	ii.	John Spencer Poteat	b. 8 May 1849	d. 10 July 1942
4262.	iii.	Sarah Jane Poteat	b. 1850	d.
4263.	iv.	Samuel Henry Poteat	b. ca. 1852	d.
4264.	v.	Nancy Caroline Poteat	b. 10 July 1853	d. 15 Oct. 1941
4265.	vi.	Jemima Suzanne Poteat	b. 26 Feb. 1855	d. 4 Sept. 1859
4266.	vii.	Joseph N. Poteat	b. ca. 1857	d.
4267.	viii.	Thomas A. Poteat	b. 8 Feb. 1859	d. 3 Sept. 1889
4268.	ix.	William Grayson Poteat	b. 9 June 1861	d. 16 Aug. 1927
4269.	x.	George Posey Poteat	b. 8 Feb. 1863	d. 18 Feb. 1958

Children of James E. and Elizabeth Anne (Hawkins) Norton¹⁰⁶

- i. Bulo Norton m. Jane Murphy¹⁰⁷
- ii. Jasper Norton m. Sarah Malissa Hensley

¹⁰² Mrs. Clyde Norton, Old Fort, NC, to Dan W. Olds, letter, undated (1972?).

¹⁰³ Norton, Mrs. Clyde, Old Fort, NC, letter to Dan W. Olds, 1972

¹⁰⁴ McDowell County, NC, Appointments of Executors, p; 23

¹⁰⁵ Mrs. Henrietta Babb, age 80, daughter of Mark B. Poteat, letter to Dan W. Olds, 8 March 1972 (probably 8 April 1972 as my letter log shows I wrote her in April and received the reply on 10 April).

¹⁰⁶ Norton, Mrs. Clyde, letter to Dan W. Olds, 1972

¹⁰⁷ In 1972 I visited Ed Norton (age 77) who said his father was Buloe Norton and so was his grandfather. When I said I thought the grandfather was James Norton, he said both were named James Buloe Norton.

322. PETER POTEET was born 31 Aug. 1821 and is listed as a head of family in the 1840, 1850 and 1860 census records of Burke County. In 1859, he was the administrator for the estate of John Poteet. The fact that he had held one-seventh of the John Poteet lands was mentioned earlier.

Peter Poteet does not appear regularly in the tax rolls of McDowell Co., but he was taxed for one white poll in South Muddy district in 1847, and again in 1858 and 1859 for one white poll in Dysartville district.

Since Peter Poteet is listed separately in the 1840 census, it is not clear why his father, John, still had three males age 15-19 in his household at that time. His Civil War letters clearly identify him as a member of this family -- see Francis M. Poteet.

Private Peter Poteat "Enlisted in Burke County at age 40, April 25, 1861, for six months. Present or accounted for until mustered out November 12-13, 1861."¹⁰⁸ He was wounded slightly at Bethel, Virginia, June 10, 1861.¹⁰⁹

The family of Peter Poteete (31 Aug. 1821 - 7 Dec. 1861) and his wife Mary A. Walker (9 Nov. 1823 - 6 Jan. 1862) included the following three children according to information from the J. M. and C. E. Marks Bible record.¹¹⁰

Children of Peter and Mary (Walker) Poteet

- 4280. i. Cynthia Elizabeth Poteet b. 2 July 1843
- 4281. ii. Jane E. Poteet b. 16 May 1845
- 4282. iii. Celia A. Poteet b. 10 Aug. 1847

323. ELISHA M.¹¹¹ POTEET¹¹² was born 17 May 1823. He appears in the 1850 and 1860 census records of Burke County, NC, with wife Susan and family. According to family tradition¹¹³, Elisha was stabbed to death by a Brittain around Morganton during or soon after the Civil War. Susan has not been located after that. Their daughter, Gemima, was thought to have been a cousin of a Sidney Poteet of Burke County, near her age, who died about 1930. This fits Sidney E. Poteet (no. 25) except that he lived in McDowell County. Note that some of Elisha's children had names familiar in the family.

Gertie Bryan Turner of Minden, LA, said that her great grandparents were Lish and Susie Mitchell Poteet.¹¹⁴ According to the census records, Susan was born about 1823 or 1824.

¹⁰⁸ Jordan, Weymouth T., Jr., North Carolina Troops, A Roster, (Raleigh, NC), Vol. III, p. 39

¹⁰⁹ Jordan, Weymouth T., Jr., North Carolina Troops, A Roster, (Raleigh, NC), Vol. III, p. 705.

¹¹⁰ Callahan, Loreeta M., and Callahan, Flora M., "The Joseph M. Marks Genealogy", article 464 in The Heritage of Rutherford County, Volume I, 1984 (Genealogy Society of Old Tryon County, Winston-Salem, NC)

¹¹¹ Drum, Debbie, roger@dahsia.net, has the middle name as MILES. When I asked why, she said her husband, David Roger Drum, was a son of David Flake(s) Drum, son of Walter Miles Drum, and that this name MILES came from Elisha Miles Poteet, grandfather of Walter Miles Drum. I especially noted the use of the names Miles because of its use in Caswell County, NC, Poteats and in Harford County, MD.

¹¹² information in this paragraph is from Nellie (Smith) Mullinax, 18 April 1974, great-great granddaughter of Elisha Poteet thru his daughter Gemima.

¹¹³ Mullinax, Mrs. Nellie (Smith), quoting information from Albert Smith and from Finley Smith, grandsons of Gemima Poteet Smith. The Brittain was sent to the Civil War because of the stabbing. She also noted that Gemima Poteet's mother, Susan was an invalid or near invalid, according to Geneva Smith Craig, daughter of Eliza Poteet and James H. Smith.

¹¹⁴ Green, Linda, letter to Dan Olds, 6 Aug. 1986

An Elijah Poteet was taxed in Mumford Cove District, McDowell Co, in 1842 and 1843, with holdings of 216 acres.¹¹⁵

Children of Elisha M. and Susan () Poteet

4401. i. Martha E. Poteet	b. ca. 1843/44
4402. ii. Eliza Elizabeth Poteet	b. 14 Aug. 1845 d. 29 Sept. 1841
4403. iii. Gemima Poteet	b. 16 Aug. 1847 d. 14 Jan. 1930
4404. iv. James R. Poteet	b. 1849 d.
4405. v. Mary A. Poteet	b. ca. 1851/52
4406. vi. Julia Poteet	b. 1856
4407. vii. Susan Poteet	b. Jan. 1860

324. SIDNEY ERWIN POTEET was born 2 Aug. 1825 and died 24 Dec. 1905, age 80 yr., 4 mo., 22 d. He first appears in the 1850 census of Burke County and can be traced in the census records of that county thru 1900. He was the administrator of the estate of Susannah Reed.

In 1964, Mrs. Emory Slagle of Erwin, Tenn., gave me the following genealogy of herself: "My mother was Mittie J. Poteat and my father was Joseph Poteat. There were two Sidney Poteats. My maternal grandfather was the older one and my paternal grandfather, the younger one, was his nephew. My maternal grandfather was a brother of the father of cousin Will, cousin Mark, cousin John, etc. [i.e. a brother of 11. Henry Poteet]. He married Mary Ann Hawkins. They had six girls and five boys. He died in 1905, age 80 or 82, and was buried on Christmas Day."

Mary A. Hawkins may have been the daughter of H. Brittain Hawkins whose estate was filed in Burke county.¹¹⁶ On 11 May 1852, a widow's allowance was given to Temperance Hawkins. In Jan. 1853, T. S. Hawkins was administrator of A. B. Hawkins, intestate. On 10 July 1877, Sidney Poteat and wife Mary Ann Poteet were among the parties who, as heirs at law of H. B. Hawkins, made a new deed to replace a destroyed record of transfer from Brittain Hawkins to H. Brittain Hawkins in 1851.¹¹⁷

Mary Ann Hawkins Poteat was born 5 Dec. 1831 and died 6 June 1921. She and Sidney are buried at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church near Morganton.¹¹⁸

All eleven known children survived their father and are named in his estate distribution filed in Burke county in 1907. The names and dates for this family are taken from a bulletin printed for the 11th annual reunion of their descendants, held on 7 Oct. 1973.

Children of Sidney Erwin and Mary Ann (Hawkins) Poteat

4430. i. Elam Haywood Poteet	b. 16 Nov. 1849 d. 6 June 1932
4431. ii. Tempie E. Poteet	b. 2 Sept. 1851 d. 9 May 1911
4432. iii. John Brittain Poteet	b. 10 Oct. 1853 d. 20 Jan. 1942
4433. iv. Henry N. Poteet	b. 22 Feb. 1857 d. 20 May 1939
4434. v. Margaret T. Poteet	b. 14 Mar. 1859 d. 30 May 1928

¹¹⁵ McDowell Co. tax lists, on microfilm, McDowell Co. Public library. I apparently did not check later lists for this district.

¹¹⁶ Burke county estate records, N. C. Archives, Raleigh, NC

¹¹⁷ Burke County Deeds, Morganton, N. C., Book F, p. 153.

¹¹⁸ tombstones copied 31 Aug. 1974.

4435. vi. James McDowell Poteet b. 2 Dec. 1860 d. 13 Sep. 1934
 4436. vii. Mary E. Poteet b. 3 Jan. 1863 d. 31 July 1940
 4437. viii. Susan J. Poteet b. 21 July 1866 d. 10 Nov. 1935
 4438. ix. Joseph Frazier Poteet b. 15 Nov. 1870 d. 21 Feb. 1918
 4439. x. Mittie Jemima Poteet b. 1 Feb. 1873 d. 14 July 1945
 4440. xi. Lillie M. Poteet b. 30 Sept. 1875 d. 23 Feb. 1956

325. FRANCIS MARION POTEET was born 8 Feb. 1827 and died 8 April 1902. His wife Martha was born 18 July 1826 and died 2 March 1902, age 75 years, 8 months, 2 days. Both are buried in Sandy Run Baptist Church Cemetery, Mooresboro, NC, according to a card file of tombstone inscriptions in the North Carolina State Archives at Raleigh.¹¹⁹ This record may be garbled. Mrs. Owen gives a definite and somewhat different version:¹²⁰ "This last letter [from Mary Elizabeth Poteet to Celena Rufina Poteet Dickson, 12 July 1902] refers to the death of both Francis and Martha. She died in the afternoon of April 3, 1902 and Francis died in the night after midnight on April 4, 1902. My grandmother [sic] remembers them dying only hours apart. Her mother, Celena, had visited that day, April 3, and when she returned home shortly afterwards someone came and told her that her mother had just died. She was unable to get a way back there right then so she waited till the next morning to go. When she got there she found that her father had died during the night."

Francis M. Poteet married Martha Henley. The bondsman was John Poteet and the bond was dated 25 Sept. 1847. (McDowell Co. Marriage Bonds, North Carolina State Archives) Francis Poteet was the bondsman on 17 Nov. 1852 for the marriage of Robert Poteet and Adaline Powell.

Francis appears in the tax records of McDowell County for the first time in 1848, paying tax on one white poll in South Muddy district. He is listed there through 1850. In 1852 - 1853, he appears in Jamestown district, in 1854 in Dysartville, in 1856 - 59 in Dysartville, in each case with one white poll and no land.

The 1870 census of McDowell Co., NC lists the family as:

Francis Poteet	43 m.
Martha	44 f.
Salina	16 f.
Susan	14 f.
Julia	12 f.
George P.	10 m.
Martha	8 f.
Eliza A.	6 f.
Dorotha	4 f.
Isabell E.	2 f.
James Dixon	25 m.
Mary Dixon	22 f.
John Dixon	9/12 m. b. Oct

Earlier census records show Elizabeth (b. 1848; same as Mary, age 12 in 1860?), Thomas H. (b. 1849), Alvis, b.

¹¹⁹ My notes from the This Week newspaper of Forest City, NC, in a column by Mrs. Ernest Newton and Roy Brooks, entitled Bridges to The Past, gives Marthas death date as 8 April 1902.

¹²⁰ Owen, Mrs. Carolyn (Clark), Creedmoor, NC, to Mrs. Robert Poteat, Brandon, FL, 21 June 1987. Mrs. Owen has transcribed the family letters quoted below.

1850, and Anna, b. 1852. The 1900 census shows only grandson Odus Poteet, b. June 1887, and daughter Rosa Ida Denton, b. 1867, living with Francis and Martha in Mooresboro, Cleveland Co., NC.

Family members recall a Poteet-Dixon reunion at the Poteet home site. "The Dickson Family Record" published in 1957 by John Sherman Dickson of Gaffney, SC, lists three Dickson brothers who married Poteets. James Dickson, born 15 Feb. 1844, married Mary Poteet; Henry Dickson, born 27 June 1849, married Amy Jane Poteet; and Francis Dickson, born 21 Aug. 1850, married Celena Poteet. In 1974, Mr. F. L. Dickson (brother of the author and son of Francis and Selena (Poteet) Dickson) said his grandfather was Francis M. Poteet of near Mooresboro, NC, and that he recalled the Poteet-Dickson reunion at "Grandma Spring" near Dysartville, NC, that Selena had a brother Thomas and a brother Peter (??) and an uncle Sidney Poteet, but he knew nothing of them.

Private Francis M. Poteet was a miller in McDowell County before he enlisted, age 36, on 2 Oct. 1863, for the war. He deserted at Weldon on 1 Dec. 1863, was arrested on 27 Jan. 1864¹²¹, and rejoined the company on 25 May 1864. He was reported present in July-August, 1864.¹²²

Further proof of the family connection has recently (1987) come to my attention in the form of a collection of family letters copied and transcribed by Carolyn Owen of Creedmoor, NC. Here are a few of the relevant items from Mrs. Owen's transcripts. These letters clearly connect the brothers Henry, Sidney, Francis and Peter Poteet. The first letter indicates they had only one surviving sister and in the second letter Gemima (with husband George?) is mentioned. Significantly, none of the letters mention their father.

No. 1: July 16, 1861, Yorktown, VA, Peter Poteet to F. M. Poteet and family and Mother and Brothers and Sister. "My Dear brother ... I got a letter from Henry Poteet a day or two ago and it was Amity good letter ... tell my Pore old mother howdy for me And perhaps farewell for this May be the last letter that I ever May have the Chance of riting to eny of you ..."

No. 2: Aug. 7, 1861, Peter Poteet stationed at Yorktown, VA, to Francis M. Poteet. "Dear Brother ... was glad to here from you all and her that you was all well I would have Rote soner But I have bin sick for 3 weekes & was very low When I Received your leter & I am bad of yet But I do hope and pray that I may git well And live to return To my desolate family onst More If I made no mistake in reding your letter I think that you said that mother said if she had Somebody to Come with her that she would Come To se me I would give this hold world if I Could Just se her Coming But that I never expect to Se tell My Dear old mother houdy for me if I Could se her this morning I dont know what I would give tell Gorge & Gemima houdy for me tell them that I think they Might Rite to me I would rite to them but I [do] so mutch riting to do for our boys that I hant got the Chance... mary Wrote to me that she was going to send me abox [sic] of Aples and Cucumbers & unions she would send me Somthing that I Could eat But she hant the Money to git it with or I Cant [get] no money to send To her...."

No. 13: Feb. 8, 1864, from Francis M. Poteet, stationed at Weldon, NC, to wife, Martha. "...I want you to write to me about Henry and Sydney my brothers whether they are well are not whether tha got wounded are not I seen Henry when I was at the head of the Road he looked very bad and he looked like he was very near don(e) for this world I hant heard from them sence I have bin hear gard please send this to my Wife if you pleas(e)"

No. 26: Aug. 19, 1864, Martha A. E. Poteet to husband, Francis. "... Francis I hav(e) some of the best news for you there was a protracted meting (meeting) at Trinity last week the greatest meeting I ever was at and Mary and Thomas

¹²¹ note the reference to a guard in letter no. 13, below.

¹²² Jordan, Weymouth T., Jr., North Carolina Troops, A Roster, (Raleigh, NC), Vol. XII, p. 38.

profes(s)ed Religeon (religion) there on the 10 and will Join at our next Meeting and be babtised (baptized)...I got a letter from your brother Henry he sed (said) he wanted to see you and sed (said) for me to send you howdy for him he is in 4 miles of you..."

No. 35: Nov. 24, 1864, from Martha A.E. Poteet, McDowell Co., to husband, Francis. " the Burk(e) Melisha (militia) is out this week after deserters they come up with the Johnsons and others and fired on them and they returned the fire and after firing a bout ____ rounds the deserters run in the time of the fray Sydney Poteet got badly wounded in his arm the ball went in below his Elbow went through his Elbow and the ball lodged in his arm above the his Elbow it was a large minie ball....I sent you a box of provision I recon (reckon) it wasent (wasn't) good you wrote to your Mother and mima to send you a box of provision I hope they will send you som(e)thing good and plenty of it I sent as good as I could get and the baby died in the time I was fixing it and you all so wrote to your mamy to not let your children suffer if we dont keep our selves from suffering with out help from any plase (place) we will perish I think it makes me look verysmall for you to write the like to her when you know that she wont help them just for her to tell about all the countrywhat you wrote her like you hadmoor (more) confidens (confidensce) in her raisingyour children than me she hardly ever gives them an apple to eat much less to keep them from suffering the last apple she gave to me I sent it to you ..."

Children of Francis M. and Martha A. E. (Hendley) Poteet¹²³

4455. i. Mary Elizabeth Poteet	b. 2 May 1848	d. 28 Dec. 1928
4456. ii. Thomas H. Poteet	b. 1849	
4457. iii. Alvis Poteet	b. 1850	d. 21 Dec. 1863
4458. iv. Amy Jane Poteet	b. 1852	
4459. v. Celena Rufina Poteet	b. 6 Jan. 1854	d. 20 Feb. 1939
4460. vi. Susannah Poteet	b. 1855	
4461. vii. Julia Poteet	b. 1858	
4462.viii. George Pinckney Poteet	b. Jan/Feb. 1860	
4463. ix. Frances Emma Poteet	b. 1861	d. 29 Oct. 1864
4464. x. Martha Poteet	b. 1862	
4465. xi. Eliza Ann Poteet	b. 21 May 1864	d. Feb. 1940
4466. xii. Dorotha Ida Poteet	b. 1866	
4467. xiii. Isabella E. Poteet	b. 1868	

326. JEMIMA POTEET was born 18 Dec. 1828. Mrs. H. D. ("Sibbie") Smith, who married a grandson of Henry Poteet, was very helpful in identifying early family members. She had often heard Elizabeth (Hawkins) Poteet speak of Adaline Morgan and Jemima Wadkins, sisters of Henry Poteet, but knew of no brothers. In 1972, while trying to relocate the cemetery where Susannah Reed is buried, I met Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Hogan who lived in the nearest house. Her maiden name was Orra Wadkins, a granddaughter of Jemima Wadkins who married (1) ____ Wadkins, killed in Missouri in the Civil War. Jemima lived as a widow for some time, but later married James Bowers. Mrs. Hogan described the location of the log cabin where Jemima lived and stated that Jemima's parents lived in a log house on the homesite where the graveyard is. She knew of the Poteet-Dixon reunion held years ago, but did not know how the Dixons were related. She thought that Posey Poteat (son of Henry) was a second cousin to her father and that "Dolly" Poteat was either a first or second cousin to her father. [Note: the present reconstruction makes Posey a first cousin and "Dolly" a first cousin once-removed..]

James and Jemima Bowers were among those mentioned in the McDowell County petition to sell the lands of

¹²³ These names and dates are from a family group sheet prepared by Mrs. Owen, 21 June 1987.

Susannah Reed.

The 1860 census of McDowell county shows that George¹²⁴ and Jemima Wadkins were living with what surely must have been her mother, Susan Poteet, although the age given is only 49. By 1870, Gemima Wadkins, age 41, was head of the family of several children. The 1860 census listing is:

Susan Poteet	49
George Wadkins	33
Jami..ah Wadkins	37 f.
Elisha Wadkins	12
Bewlow Wadkins	10
Ruphus Wadkins	7 (requires re-reading)
George Wadkins	4
John Wadkins	2
William Wadkins	1/12

The 1870 listing is:

Gemima Watkins	41
Elisha	21
Rispa	17
George	15
John	12
William	10
Missouri	7
Rhoena	8/12 b. Nov.

Mr. Wadkins of Wadkins Produce Stand in Marion said his grandmother was Jemima Poteet Wadkins Bowers, buried at Bethel Baptist Church near Glenwood and that she had a brother Sid Poteet of near Morganton (not Dollie Poteat's father) and that she was some relation to the Mark Poteat family (Marcus Brittain Poteat).

The marriage records of McDowell county show that James Bowers, son of William and Elizabeth , married Jemima Watkins, daughter of John and Susan Poteet on 9 Oct. 1875. This record of her second marriage makes her the only child for whom direct public record evidence of this relationship has been found. The families of Gemima Watkins, age 41, and James Bowers, age 53, were enumerated consecutively in the 1870 census of Jamestown township, Dysartville Post Office, McDowell County, NC¹²⁵. James and Jemima Bowers are also named in the petition to sell the land of Susannah Reed. Other marriages seemingly related to this family group are:

John Allred, son of Tolbert and Mary Allred, m. Ruby Ann Watkins, daughter of George and Gemima Wadkins, on 10 Sept. 1877, at the home of James Bowers.

Joseph L. Laughridge, son of Larkin and Elmira Laughridge, married M. M. Wadkins, dau. of George and Gemima Wadkins on 1 April 1888.

A. R. Queen, son of Wm. and Lindy Queen, married Raimia, daughter of George and Gemima Wadkins, on 26 Sept.

¹²⁴ Ryan, Mrs. William P., Phoenix, AZ, letter to Dan W. Olds, 10 March 1975, stated that George Watkins, husband of Jemima Poteet, was listed in the 1850 census at age 24, born in TN, living next door to Rachel Harriman, age 60, possibly the re-married mother of George Watkins and of John M. Watkins, age 27, who was living with Rachel Herriman and Ann Wadkins in the census.

¹²⁵ Cox, Margie H., and Randolph, Jewell R., McDowell County North Carolina 1870 Census (Marion, NC, 1997).

1888, at the home of Gemima Bowers.

The 1880 census of McDowell County shows:¹²⁶

Barnes, James, age 65
Barnes, Jemima, age 51
Watkins, Elisha, age 32, step-son
Watkins, Missoourie, age 17, step-dau
Watkins, Martha R., age 10, step-dau

Tombstones at the Mountain Creek Baptist Church, south of Marion, provide the following information:

A. R. Queen, 22 Dec. 1867 -- 14 Jan. 1944
Martha R. Queen, 10 Nov. 1869 -- 5 Aug. 1944
Pearl G. Queen, 21 Jan. 1906 -- 9 Mar. 1960

Mrs. C. B. Hogan supplied the following information on the children of her grandmother (approximate dates added from the census record). There is some discrepancy in the given names for this family, just as the standard spelling for Jemima (Gemima) and Wadkins (Watkins) is uncertain.

Children of George and Jemima (Poteet) Wadkins

4680. i.	Elisha Wadkins	b. ca. 1848	never married
4681. ii.	Bulow Wadkins	b. ca. 1850	m. Judy Dixon
4682. iii.	Rispana ¹²⁷ Wadkins	b. ca. 1853	m. John Allred
4683. iv.	George Wadkins	b. ca. 1856	m. to ????
4684. v.	John Wadkins	b. ca. 1858	m. Roxanna Radford
4685. vi.	William Henry Wadkins ¹²⁸	b. ca. 1860	m. Mary Arrowood
4686. vii.	Missouri Wadkins	b. ca. 1863	m. Aden Queen
4687. viii.	Rowena Wadkins ¹²⁹	b. Nov. 1869	

327. GEORGE D. POTEET was born 2 Sept. 1836 and died 15 Nov. 1856, age 21y, 2m, 18(?)d. He is listed with John and Susannah Poteet in the 1850 census and buried near them. A male of this age is listed with them in the 1840 census. A _____ Poteet was killed near Dysartville, McDowell Co., NC, when a mining trestle gave way. This was reported in the Asheville News of 4 Dec. 1856¹³⁰. The coincidence of these dates was first pointed out to me by Mrs. Judy Miele who also sent a photocopy of the article which I quote here.¹³¹

“DREADFUL ACCIDENT. We learn that a distressing accident happened near Dysartville, McDowell County, a few days since. The tressel work being put up by Dr. Vandyke for conveying water for mining purposes, fell, or gave way, instantly killing five white men and seriously wounding seven or eight others, some of whom will probably die. The only names we have learned are those of Mr. Poteet and Mr. Epley, both killed.”

¹²⁶ Cox, Margie H. and Randolph, Jewell R., McDowell County, North Carolina, 1880 Census (1996). Although they transcribe the name as Barnes, I have it as Bowers in other records.

¹²⁷ Is this the "Rufus" of the census? Mrs. Hogan remembered her Aunt Rispana.

¹²⁸ father of Mrs. Orra Hogan

¹²⁹ not named by Mrs. Hogan, but in census. Not the daughter of a man killed in the Civil War!

¹³⁰ Tompkins, Robert M., Marriage and Death Notices from Extant Asheville, N. C. Newspapers, 184 - 1870, An Index (Raleigh, 1983), p. 113.

¹³¹ Miele, Judy Christie, Swannanoa, NC, letter to Dan W. Olds, received 12 July 1997.

330. John A. Poteet, who was born about 1828, married Malinda Bidax about 22 Feb. 1854 (bond date) in McDowell Co., NC. "Malinda Bidax also went by the name of Fatima, Timey, or Tina"¹³². However, there is also a McDowell County marriage record for John A. Poteet and Timey Barnes dated 3 Jan. 1858. The family is listed in the 1870 and 1880 census records of McDowell Co. On 10 Aug. 1881, John and Matilda Poteet (his mother) sold two fifty-acre tracts of land on the South Muddy Creek to Jemima Bowers. The deed was signed by J. A. Poteet, Matilda Poteet, and T. L. Poteet (her mark).¹³³ In the Boiling Springs Cemetery, Boiling Springs, Cleveland County, NC, are the following tombstone records:¹³⁴

John A. Poteet, b. 20 April 1821¹³⁵, d. 15 June 1902

Tima Barnes Poteet, b. 4 Dec. 1835, d. 19 April 1897, wife of John A. Poteet

Children of John A. and Fatima L. (Barnes) Poteet

- 4688. i. Judith Ann Poteet, b. ca. 1860
- 4689. ii. Sarah M. Poteet, b. ca. 1862
- 4690. iii. William L(?) Poteet, b. ca. 1863
- 4691. iv. Soloman Henry Poteet, b. ca. 1865
- 4692. v. John Frank Poteet, b. ca. 1867
- 4693. vi. George A. Poteet, b. ca. 1870
- 4694. vi. Robert B. Poteet, b. ca. 1874

331. George A. Poteet was born about 1831 in Rutherford County, NC, and married Sarah Catherine Barnes in McDowell County, NC, about 16 June 1856 (date of marriage bond). John A. Poteet was a witness.¹³⁶ This family is listed in the 1870 census of McDowell Co., NC, and the 1880 census of Spartanburg Co., NC. He is said to have a tombstone at Cherokee Springs Baptist Church, Spartanburg Co., SC.

Children of George A. and Sarah Catherine (Barnes) Poteet

- 4695. i. Sarah M. Poteet, daughter, b. ca. 1857
- 4696. ii. George Alexander Poteet, son, b. 1859
- 4697. iii. William Soloman Poteet m. Jessie Lee Bishop¹³⁷
- 4698. iv. John H. Poteet, b. ca. 1864
- 4699. v. Joseph J. Poteat, b. ca. 1866
- 4700. vi. Mary H. Poteat, b. ca. 1869
- 4701. vii. Elijah Poteet, b. ca. 1873
- 4702. viii. Alvin Poteat, Route 10, Spartanburg

332. E. M. (Edith) Poteet, b. ca. 1832. "Eady" Poteet m. John Wadkins on 6 Jan. 1853 (bond date) in McDowell County, NC¹³⁸. This family is listed with Matilda Poteet in the 1860 census of McDowell Co., NC, and in the 1880 census of Spartanburg Co., SC. John Watkins was killed in the Civil War. Mrs. Ryan sent a family group sheet of this family, indicating that John M. Watkins was born about 1824, in Claiborne Co., TN, and died in 1865, killed by a

¹³² Stephens, Ray B., Chamblee, GA, correspondence with Dan W. Olds, 1972

¹³³ McDowell County Deed Book 12 p. 239, Marion, NC.

¹³⁴ NC State Archives, Raleigh, NC, from a card file of tombstone records

¹³⁵ This requires review because it makes him significantly older than other records and out of birth order used in the census records of his family.

¹³⁶ Stephens, Ray B., correspondence with Dan W. Olds, during 1972

¹³⁷ Poteat, Arnold Ray, letter to Dan W. Olds, 10 Nov. 1983, with pedigree chart.

¹³⁸ one of my notes says 11/21/1852.

Union sharpshooter while Union forces were returning North after Appomattox.¹³⁹

Children of John and Edith Matilda (Poteet) Wadkins

4707. i. William Wadkins, b. 1855

4708. ii. Rachel Matilda Watkins, 29 June 1857

4709. iii. George Watkins, b. 1859

4710. iv. Isaac Henry Watkins, b. 1860

333. Pheba Poteet, b. ca. 1834. "We are in contact with a man by the Name of James Haney who lives near the Christy/Haney property and the Poteet Property. He had the information that John L. Allred was married 1st to Phebe M. Poteet and that after she died he married Mary Matilda Poteet."¹⁴⁰ The McDowell County marriage bond for Phebe M. Poteet and John L. Allred is dated 7 Aug. 1851.¹⁴¹

334. William Poteet, b. ca. 1835, must be the William G. Poteet who married Louisa Landis about 2 Feb. 1858 (date of McDowell County marriage bond, bondman John A. Poteet). The young family is listed in the 1860 census of McDowell County. William G. Poteet volunteered for service from McDowell Co., NC, on 15 April 1862, at age 27 and he was killed July 1-3, 1863, at Gettysburg, a private in Co. B, 22nd Regiment of N. C. Troops.¹⁴² His widow was Louisa.¹⁴³

Children of William G. and Louisa (Landis) Poteet

4730. i. Mary E. Poteet, b. ca. 1858

4371. ii. Eldorado Poteet, (daughter?), b. ca. 1862

4372. iii. William J. Poteet, b. ca. 1863

335. Henry D. Poteet, was born about 1835-40. His family is listed in the 1870 census of McDowell County, NC, and the 1880 census of Spartanburg Co., SC, from which we can build the list of children below. On Oct 15, 1870, Matilda Poteet, widow, sold to her son H. D. Poteet, for natural love and affection "and the further consideration that the said H. H. Poteet is a cripple from the womb", 50 acres that had been entered on 7 Aug. 1851 and patented to Matilda Poteet, widow, on 28 Dec. 1854. This was witnessed by Joseph A. Poteet and John W. Bright.¹⁴⁴ Henry D. Poteet married Elizabeth Adams. The census records show the family had lived in Georgia. Ray Stephens found H. D. Poteet on the tax list of White County, Georgia, in Town Creek District, in 1863. He also found some Adams families there in the 1860 census with daughters named Elizabeth.¹⁴⁵ "Ray has found the marriage record of Henry and Elizabeth (Adams) Poteet in White Co. Ga. I do not have the date at this time."¹⁴⁶

Children of Henry D. and Elizabeth (Adams) Poteet

4770. i. Walter Poteet

4771. ii. Buddy Poteet

4772. iii. Mary Poteet

4773. iv. Samuel Justice Poteet, b. 15 Oct. 1876, d. Dec. 1952

4774. v. Maggie Poteet

4775. vi. Alice Poteet

¹³⁹ Ryan, Mrs. Wm. P., Phoenix, AZ, letter to Dan W. Olds, 10 March 1975. Isaac Henry Watkins was her husband's maternal grandfather and the information on John Watkins death had come from a daughter of Rachel Matilda Justice.

¹⁴⁰ Miele, Judy Christie, letter to Dan Olds, received 12 July 1997.

¹⁴¹ information from Jennie V. Pitts when she visited me, 17 June 1972.

¹⁴² Jordan, Weymouth T., *North Carolina Troops, 1861-1865, A Roster*, (Raleigh, NC), Vol. VII, p. 33

¹⁴³ from a National Archives service report shown to me by Mrs. John V. Pitts, 17 June 1972.

¹⁴⁴ Deed Book, McDowell Co., NC.

¹⁴⁵ Stephens, Ray B., letter to Dan W. Olds, Feb. 1975

¹⁴⁶ Pitts, Jennie Vee, Atlanta, GA, letter to Dan W. Olds, 17 Nov. 1974, referring to Ray B. Stephens.

4776. vii. Ella Poteet

4777. viii. Amney Elizabeth Poteet, b. 4 Aug. 1880, d. 25 Dec. 1928

336. Joseph Allen Poteet was born about 1840. He married Mary M. MacKneely (McNealy) in McDowell County on 22 Oct. 1868¹⁴⁷. Census records show her as Matilda. He died 4 Aug. 1896 and may be buried at Boiling Springs Baptist Church, Spartanburg Co., SC. Matilda is buried at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church near Cherokee Springs. Mrs. H. Howard Bishop¹⁴⁸ wrote "my Grand mother -- Mary Matilda McNeely Poteat was born August 10, 1846 and died March 31, 1926." She also checked her grandmother's Bible but found no older Poteat records. She provided the list of names and dates below for her grandfather Joseph Allen Poteat's children:

Children of Joseph Allen and Mary M. (MacNeely) Poteat¹⁴⁹

4800. i. William J. Poteat, b. 21 Aug. 1869, d. 15 Oct. 1911¹⁵⁰

4801. ii. Sidney E. Poteat, b. 2 Oct. 1870, d. 24 March 1954

4802. iii. James Andy Poteat, b. 23 April 1872, d. 31 May 1927

4803. iv. Luther H. Poteat, b. 20 Aug. 1874, d. 13 March 1897

4804. v. George E. Poteat, b. 1 March 1879, d. 14 Jan. 1958

4805. vi. Zeb V. Poteat, b. 9 March 1881, d. 20¹⁵¹ June 1971

4806. vii. Edith Matilda Poteat, b. 8 June 1885, d. 7 Dec. 1912

337. Mary Poteet, daughter of William and Matilda (Deal) Poteet, was born about 1842. She married Lafayette Christy.¹⁵² "We know her as Mary Matilda. ... When we first started looking into [our] family history we came upon Lafayette's marriage certificate to a Jane Poteet. We know this is the same woman but we are not sure if she was Mary Jane Poteet or Mary Jane Matilda Poteet. ... After Lafayette's death in the Civil War, Mary Poteet Christy married John Allred. They were married around 1869, and had a daughter in March of 1870. Mary Poteet Christy Allred died at or shortly after this birth."¹⁵³ The family is listed in the 1870 census of McDowell County, NC, as:¹⁵⁴

John Alread, age 39, white male farmer

Mary 30

Wm. S., 10

Vance, 9

Matilda, 8

Mary, 9

Bacha, 3

Jane, 3/12, b. Mar.

Perhaps the census taker first listed her children, then John's, then their daughter.

Children of Lafayette and Mary Matilda (Poteet) Christy

¹⁴⁷ McDowell County marriages records, Marion, NC.

¹⁴⁸ Bishop, Mrs. J. Howard, letter to Dan W. Olds, 20 Jan. 1974.

¹⁴⁹ on 28 June 1988, I searched the Spartanburg Herald for obituaries of these children and found only George E. and Zeb V.

¹⁵⁰ My notes of a conversation with Kenneth Poteat of Inman, 11 March 1989, give this name as William Thomas Poteat.

¹⁵¹ day of death added from his tombstone, at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church near Rt. 57, near Cherokee Springs, SC.

¹⁵² Jane Poteat m. Lafayette Christy, 21 Jan. 1858, per McDowell County Marriage records, Marion, NC.

¹⁵³ Meile, Judy Miele, Swamanoa, NC, great-great granddaughter of Lafayette Christie, letter to Dan W. Olds, received 12 July 1997.

¹⁵⁴ Stephens, Ray B., Chamblee, GA, letter to Dan W. Olds, 11 Aug. 1974

- 4900. i. William Sidney Christy
- 4901. ii. Zeb Vance Christy
- 4902. iii. Matilda Lafayette Christie

350. John William Poteet, son of Mark and Patsy (Carswell) Poteet, was born about 1826¹⁵⁵. He married Carry Garrison of Ireland and their children were:

Children of John William and Carry (Garrison) Poteet¹⁵⁶

- 4920. i. William H. Poteet b. 3 Feb. 1851
- 4921. ii. Sarah Poteet b. 27 June 1852
- 4922. iii. Robert Alexander Poteet b. 9 March 1855
- 4923. iv. John M. Poteet b. 4 July 1857
- 4924. v. Joseph I. Poteet b. 22 Jan. 1866
- 4925. vi. Mary Jane Poteet b. 18 May 1859

351. Robert Poteet, son of Mark and Patsy (Carswell) Poteet, was born about 1828 (listed out of order in 1850 census)

352. Sarah Poteet, daughter of Mark and Patsy (Carswell) Poteet, was born about 1834

353. Phoebe Poteet, daughter of Mark and Patsy (Carswell) Poteet, was born about 1836

354. Samuel Poteet, son of Mark and Patsy (Carswell) Poteet, was born about 1840

355. Martha Poteet, daughter of Mark and Patsy (Carswell) Poteet, was born about 1843.

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4050. Samuel Alexander Poteat, son of Ezekial Pendleton and Jane (McNeely) Poteet, was born in 1836, died in 1863 at Chickamauga (this battle was fought in Tennessee on 19-20 Sept. 1863 with about 18000 confederate casualties). This Samuel Alexander Poteet m. Matilda Dale¹⁵⁷ and they were the parents of John Henry Poteat who married Lilah Carpenter and who were, in turn, the parents of William Otto Poteat of Johnson City, TN.¹⁵⁸ The 1860 census shows them living in McDowell County with children Elrod and Henry.

Samuel Poteat was away from home in the Civil War when Joseph Alexander was born. The mother sent a print of the baby's foot and he wrote on it "Joseph Alexander Poteat", which the baby was then named.¹⁵⁹

A Private Samuel Poteet was a resident of Burke County when he enlisted for the war at age 25 on 22 Feb. 1862. He was present or accounted for until he died at home on 14 Oct. 1863 with no cause of death reported.¹⁶⁰

¹⁵⁵ Burnette, Mrs. Doris Poteet, as reported by Mrs. J. V. Pitts in letter to Dan W. Olds, July 1974.

¹⁵⁶ This list was taken from the Carry Garrison Bible by Mrs. Burnette. The same Bible states that William Garrison was born 17 Feb. 1829.

¹⁵⁷ McDowell County Marriage Bond, dated 10 Jan. 1855, for Samuel A. Poteet and Matilda Deal, with William Deal as bondsmen

¹⁵⁸ Poteat, Macie (Mrs. William Otto Poteat), Johnson City, TN, letter to Dan W. Olds, 15 March 1967.

¹⁵⁹ This story was given to me by Dr. Mary Poteat, daughter of Joseph Alexander Poteat, of Duke University, in the early 1960s.

¹⁶⁰ Jordan, Weymouth T., Jr., North Carolina Troops, 186-1865, a Roster, (Raleigh, NC), Vol. V, p. 46.

By 1870, Matilda had probably married Jesse Gaddy and her children seem to include Elrod Poteat, Henry Poteat, Laura Poteat and Joseph Poteat.

Children of Samuel Alexander and Matilda [Dale] Poteat

- 5050. i. Elrod Poteat, b. ca. 1858
- 5051. ii. John Henry Poteat, b. ca. 1859
- 5052. iii. Laura Poteat, b. ca. 1864 [? per 1870 census]
- 5053. iv. Joseph Alexander Poteet, b. 3 March 1863, d. 18 April 1935

4051. James Poteet, son of Ezekial Pendleton and Jane (McNeely) Poteet, was born in 1838, and died at age 18.

4052. Martha E. Poteet, bom ca. 1841, daughter of Ezekial Pendleton and Jane (McNeely) Poteet, married Henry Johnson, CSA. The marriage records of McDowell County, NC, show that M. E. Poteet married Henry Janson on 10 Feb. 1870. The fact that this date is the same as the marriage for the next couple is not a copying error on my part. Both marriages were performed by J. H. Duncan. The graves of Henry Johnson (no dates) and Martha Poteat Johnson (15 Sept. 1840 - 14 Apr. 1931) are in Marion, NC, near her parents.¹⁶¹

4053. Eliza Poteet, daughter of Ezekial Pendleton and Jane (McNeely) Poteet, m. (1) Walter Cheek and (2) a Mr. Poteet "who was no kin". The marriage records at Marion show that E. J. Poteet married W. D. Cheek on 10 Feb. 1870 and that E. J. Cheek, age 30, daughter of E. P. and Jane Poteet, married John Poteet, age 24, son of Robert and Adline Poteet, on 14 March 1878. Henry Johnson, Samuel Poteet, and B. C. Poteet are named on the marriage record.

4240. Martha E. Poteet was born about 1839. She married Richard L. Camp in 1855¹⁶². He was born 27 Jan. 1827 and died in 1909. The family is listed in the 1860 census of McDowell county showing Richard, age 27, a miner, Martha, age 21, William, age 4, Emily, age 2, and Matilda, 2 months. On 25 Dec. 1881, E. V. Lawin, son of Israel Lawin and Malinda Lawin, married Emily Camp, age 24, daughter of Richard and Martha Camp, at the home of William Reed. During the settlement of Susannah Reed's estate, Sidney E. Poteet, Jr., was appointed guardian for Emily Camp and H. M. Camp, and in 1880 he received money from the sale of the personal property of Susannah Reed, deceased, belonging to the six minor heirs of Joseph Poteet. (Sidney was an uncle of these minors.) In the 1880 census Emily Camp is listed as "no relation" in the household of her uncle Joseph Poteet.

The date of Martha E. Camp's death has not been determined. A Richard Camp, age 52, appears in the 1880 census of McDowell county with wife Eliza A., age 39, son Joseph L(?), age 8, son John, age 4, and daughter Mary E., age 6/12. He had married Eliza Ann Kaylor and had three more children. He, his 2nd wife, and some of his children are buried at Bethel where the tombstones give the following information: Richard L. Camp, 27 Jan. 1827 - 23 May 1909; Eliza Ann Camp, 11 Sept. 1840 - 26 June 1933; Joseph T. Camp, son of R. L. and A. E. Camp, 29 May 1872 - 11 Dec. 1895; John Camp, 28 Oct. 1875 - 1(?) Nov. 1948; Matilda, wife of J. F. Morgan, 7 April 1860 - 22 Jan. 1941; Emily M. Camp, wife of E. V. Lawing, 28 Nov. 1857 - 27 Oct. 1919.¹⁶³

Children of Richard L. and Martha E. (Poteet) Camp

¹⁶¹ Aldridge, Bryan K., Cox, Margie H, Randolph, Jewell R., and Silvers, Peggy G., McDowell County, North Carolina Cemeteries, vol. 2 (Appalachian Press, Nebo, NC, 1995)

¹⁶² McDowell County marriage bond dated 29 Jan. 1855, N. C. Archives, Raleigh, NC.

¹⁶³ tombstones copied 14 Sept. 1974.

5200. William Don Camp	b. ca. 1856, d. 1904	
5201. Emily Camp	b. 28 Nov. 1857	
5202. Matilda Camp	b. 7 April 1860	
5203. Margaret Camp		m. John Bright

4241. Adaline Poteet was born about 1840. Conflicting traditions exist concerning her identity.

Mrs. Sibbie Smith had often heard her husband's grandmother, wife of Henry Poteet, speak of Henry's sisters Gemima Wadkins and Adaline Morgan and definitely considered Adaline Morgan who had married three times, (1) _____ Henlie, (2) _____ Bright and (3) Job Morgan, to be a sister of Henry Poteet and grandmother of Henry Poteet of Hendersonville, KY. John Henlie, well known to Mrs. Smith, was Adaline's son.

Henry Poteet of Hendersonville, KY, son of Thomas Leander Poteet (1864 - 1930) and Mary Susie Bright (1863 - 1905)¹⁶⁴, wrote¹⁶⁵ that his maternal grandmother, Adaline, was a sister of Sidney Poteat (father of Dolly Poteat), and also sister of Joseph Poteat who used to keep the county home. Adaline Poteet had married three times, he said. First to a Mr. Hendley and had one son¹⁶⁶; second to Alvin Bright who served in the Civil War and was killed at Seven Pines (three daughters); and third to Job Morgan and had two sons and four daughters. Henry Poteet also wrote that his paternal grandfather, Robert Poteet, was 'no relation' to his maternal grandmother. He remembered going with his mother to see her aunts, Lois Vaughn and Georgia Lawing.

Adolphus "Dolly" Poteat, son of Sidney Poteat, named his father's sisters as: Adaline Morgan, Maggie Hensley, Lois Vaughan, and Georgia Ann Lawing. He also agreed that Adaline Poteet, Adaline Bright, and Adaline Morgan were the same person. However, he did not know of any relationship to Susannah Reed, Mark Poteat, Henry Poteet, Martha Camp, or the Sidney E. Poteet of Burke County.

Mrs. Emory Slagle (see Sidney Poteet) named Adaline Morgan as a sister of her (Mrs. Slagle's) maternal grandfather, Sidney Poteet (d. 1905).

On 15 Aug. 1859, Adaline Bright joined Bethel Baptist church "by experience".¹⁶⁷

The will of Alva Bright, made 4 Jan. 1864, and probated in McDowell County in the fall term of 1865, mentions his wife Adaline Bright and unnamed lawful heirs "when the youngest comes of age". The will was witnessed by E. P. Morgan and Merrit Bright. In the 1860 census of McDowell County his family is listed as:

Alvy Bright	26
Adline Bright	20
John Henlee	3
Jane Bright	2

Although Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Slagle identified Adaline Morgan as a sister of Henry Poteet and of Sidney Poteet

¹⁶⁴ Thomas Poteet, son of Robert and Adline Poteet, married Mary Bright, daughter of A. Bright and Adline Bright, 27 Jan. 1888 at E. P. Poteet's.

¹⁶⁵ Poteat, Henry, letter to Dan W. Olds, 5 Nov. 1962

¹⁶⁶ Henry Poteat wrote that they had one child, John Hendley, and that John Hendley was working on a railroad bridge trestle and was knocked off and killed. This apparently refers to the husband, not the son.

¹⁶⁷ Bethel Baptist Church minutes, microfilm, McDowell County Library, Marion, NC

(the older), it seems more likely that she was a sister of the younger Sidney Poteet. The census records of John Poteet do not include a daughter of this age, but she can be followed in the family of Joseph in 1840 and 1850. Although young, the record does appear to support the conclusion that she could have been widowed twice by 1865, with at least four children. Much of the confusion probably arises from the fact that there were sons named Joseph and Sidney in the families of both John and Joseph.

The spelling of the surname Henlie, Hendley, Hendsley, Hensley, etc. is uncertain.

The 1870 census of Sugar Hill Township, McDowell County, NC, lists the following family:¹⁶⁸

Morgan, Jethro C.	25
Adaline	30
Eliza A.	3
Deli M.	11/12
Bright, Jane E.	11
Margaret	9
Mary	7

This 1880 census record from Marion Township #1, McDowell County, NC, although giving the wife's name as Gamima, surely has relevance to this problem when it can be verified and related with other records.¹⁶⁹

Morgan, Jethro C.,	age 37
Morgan, Gamima,	age 42
Morgan, Eliza A.,	age 12
Morgan, Minnie A.,	age 9
Morgan, Nancy E.,	age 6
Morgan, Weightstill,	age 5 ¹⁷⁰
Morgan, Pinkney,	age 3
Morgan, Jason,	age 2/12
Bright, Jennie E.,	age 21, step-dau
Bright, Margaret D.,	age 19, step-dau
Bright, Mary S.,	age 17, step-dau

Jamima Morgan, born 24 April 1840, died 26 April 1912, wife of J. C. Morgan, is buried in the Bethel Baptist Church Cemetery south of Marion, NC.¹⁷¹

Children of John and Adaline (Poteet) Hen(d)(s)ley

5210. i. John Henley b. ca. 1857

Children of Alvin and Adaline (Poteet) Bright

¹⁶⁸ Cox, Margie H. and Randolph, Jewell R., McDowell County, North Carolina, 1870 census (Marion, NC, 1997)

¹⁶⁹ Cox, Margie H. and Randolph, Jewell R., McDowell County, North Carolina, 1880 Census, (1996), p. 1

¹⁷⁰ Waitsell L. Morgan, b. 5 May 1875, d. 5 June 1945, is buried at Neals Cemetery according to Aldridge, Cox, Randolph, and Silvers, McDowell County, North Carolina, Cemeteries, Vol. 3, (1995), p. 188

¹⁷¹ Aldridge, Byron K., Cox, Margie H., Randolph, Jewell R., and Silvers, Peggy G, McDowell County, North Carolina, Cemeteries, Vol. 2, (Appalachian Press, Nebo, NC, 1995)

5211. ii. Jane Bright¹⁷² b. ca. 1858
 5212. iii. Mary S. Bright, m. Thomas Poteet
 5213. iv.

Children of Job [or J. C.?] and Adaline (Poteet) Morgan

5214. v. Elizaann Morgan, daughter of J. C. and Adaline Morgan, married Lafiat Epley, son of Peter and Peggy Epley, on 9 Nov. 1887, at the Morgan home.¹⁷³
 5215. vi. Minnie Morgan, daughter of J. C. and Adaline Morgan, married George B. Curtice, son of Thomas J. and Miry Curtis, on 28 March 1890.¹⁷⁴ A George B. Curtis, b. 30 Oct. 1861, d. 18 Feb. 1910, is buried at the Carson's Chapel Cemetery.¹⁷⁵
 5216. vii N. E. Morgan, daughter of Tobe and A. Morgan, married R. L. Poteet, son of M. B. and Mary Poteet, on 18 Feb. 1894.¹⁷⁶
 5217.
 5218.
 5219.

4242. Eliza J. Poteet was born about 1842. She joined the Bethel Baptist Church "by experience" on 16 Aug. 1859.¹⁷⁷ She married a Vaughn.¹⁷⁸ They were the parents of at least a daughter, Lois, and this must be the Lois Vaughn named by A. P. Poteet as his father's sister, although she was not. E. J. Vaughn is on the list of female church members in 1885. When I asked A. P. Poteet about the identity of R. T. Vaughn who was bondman on the marriage bond of Sidney E. Poteet and Gracey Hensley, he replied "brother-in-law".¹⁷⁹ R. J.[sic] Vaughn, son of S. Vaughn and Lois Vaughn, married S. J. Conner on 2 Sept. 1894.¹⁸⁰ Richard Twate Vaughn (3 May 1846 - 20 Feb. 1822) and his wife Sarah J. Conner Vaughn (10 April 1858 - 29 Jan. 1945) are buried in Bethel Baptist Church Cemetery south of Marion, NC.¹⁸¹

The 1870 census of Higgins Township, McDowell County, lists:¹⁸²

- Vaughn, Richmond, age 24, farmer, b. NC
- Vaughn, Eliza J., age 26, Keeping House, b. NC
- Vaughn, John B., age 1, b. NC
- Vaughn, Louis, female, age 52, b. NC

The 1880 census of Montford Cove Township, McDowell County, lists:¹⁸³

¹⁷² Robert E. Poteet, 23, son of Robert and Adline Poteet, m. E. J. Bright, age 24, daughter of A. Bright and Adline Bright, on 21 Sept. 1884 at J. C. Morgan's. McDowell County Marriage Records, Marion, NC.

¹⁷³ Williams, Edward P., McDowell County North Carolina Marriages, 1870-1894,

¹⁷⁴ Williams, Edward P., McDowell County North Carolina Marriages, 1870-1894

¹⁷⁵ Aldridge, Byron K., Cox, Margie H., Randolph, Jewell R., Silvers, Peggy G., McDowell County, North Carolina Cemeteries, Vol 2. (Appalacjian Press, Nebo, NC, 1995)

¹⁷⁶ Williams, Edward P., McDowell County North Carolina Marriages, 1870-1894

¹⁷⁷ Bethel Baptist Church minutes, microfilm, McDowell Co. Public Library, Marion, NC

¹⁷⁸ R. T. Vaughn married E. J. Poteet, 19 Feb. 1863 (date of bond, McDowell County, NC, NC Archives, Raleigh, NC).

¹⁷⁹ Poteat, Adolphus P., a note on my letter to him dated 19 Oct. 1962.

¹⁸⁰ Williams, Edward P., McDowell County North Carolina Marriages, 1894-1912, (April, 1996)

¹⁸¹ Aldridge, Cox, Randolph and Silvers, McDowell County, North Carolina, Cemeteries, vol. 2 (1995), p. 15.

¹⁸² Cox, Margie H., & Randolph, Jewell, The 1870 Federal Census of McDowell County, North Carolina, (Marion, NC, 1997)

¹⁸³ Cox, Margie and Randolph, Jewell R., McDowell County North Carolina, 1880 Census, (1996), p. 99.

Vaughn, Richmond [sic], age 34
Vaughn, Jane, age 38, wife
Vaughn, John B., age 11, son
Vaughn, Sarah J., age 6, dau.
Vaughn, Margret A., age 3, dau
Vaughn, Joseph, age 2/12, son
Vaughn, Lois, age 66, mother

Children of Richard Twate and Eliza Jane (Poteet) Vaughn

5226. John B. Vaughn, b. ca. 1869
5227. Sarah J. Vaughn¹⁸⁴, b. ca. 1874
5228. Margaret A. Vaughn, b. ca. 1877; Maggie Vaughn, daughter of R. T. Vaughn, married Harve Bennard, son of H. C. and E. Bennard, on 28 Sept. 1894.¹⁸⁵
5229. Joseph Vaughn, b. ca. 1878. At the wedding of J. W. Vaughn, age 31 and Etter Conner, age 19, in Sugar Hill Township of McDowell Co., NC, on 20 Aug. 1911, R. T. Vaughn, G. L. Lawing, and Bertha Conner were witnesses.¹⁸⁶ J. W. Vaughn (11 March 1880 - 5 April 1954), Ollie L. Vaughn, wife of J. W. Vaughn, (25 May 1883 - 27 March 1906), and Etta L. Vaughn, wife of J. W. Vaughn, (11 Feb. 1891 - 16 June 1950) are buried in the Bethel Baptist Church Cemetery, McDowell County.
5230. Lois Vaughan ?

4243. John H. Poteet was born about 1844. He is probably the one whose death is given in the Bethel Baptist Church minutes as 12 June 1864. Private John H. Poteet, Co. K, 22nd Regiment NC Troops, of McDowell County "enlisted in Wake County at age 18, June 5, 1861. Wounded in the foot at Chancellorsville, VA, May 1-4, 1863. Hospitalized at Richmond, Virginia, until transferred to Salisbury on June 15, 1863. No further records."¹⁸⁷

4244. Margaret Poteet was born 17 July 1845 and died 14 March 1919 and is buried in the Old Fort Cemetery, Old Fort, NC.¹⁸⁸ According to her nephew, A. P. Poteet, she married a Hensley. The death records of McDowell County include a Margaret Hensley, age 73, daughter of _____ Poteet, who died 14 March 1919. In Rutherford County, NC, on 8 Feb. 1866, Margaret Poteet m. Butler P. Hensley. The bondsman was James A. Hensley.¹⁸⁹

Margaret Poteete joined the Bethel Baptist Church on 17 Aug. 1860. Butler P. Hensley joined by experience on 11 Aug. 1863. He is on the list of church members in 1858, 1863 and 1866.

This family is listed in the 1880 census of Montford Cove Township, McDowell County, NC, as:¹⁹⁰
Hensley, Butler P., age 33 farmer
Margaret S., age 34, wife
James H., age 12, son

¹⁸⁴ Aldridge, Cox, Randolph and Silvers, *McDowell County, North Carolina, Cemeteries*, vol. 2 (1995), p. 15.

¹⁸⁵ Williams, Edward P., *McDowell County North Carolina Marriages, 1894-1912* (April, 1996)

¹⁸⁶ Williams, Edward P., *McDowell County North Carolina Marriages, 1894-1912* (April, 1996)

¹⁸⁷ Jordan, Weymouth T., Jr., *North Carolina Troops, 1861-1865, A Roster*, Vol. VII, p. 103.

¹⁸⁸ Aldridge, Cox, Randolph and Silvers, *McDowell County, North Carolina Cemeteries*, vol. 3 (1995), p. 74

¹⁸⁹ Holcomb, Brent H., *Marriages of Rutherford County, North Carolina, 1779 - 1868*, (Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, 1986), p. 68.

¹⁹⁰ Cox, Margie H. and Randolph, Jewell R., *McDowell County, North Carolina, 1880 Census*, (1996), p. 108.

Miliard F., age 11, son
Adolphus U., age 10, son
Benjamin F., age 8, son
Sidney A., age 6, son
Joseph O., age 2, son
Fannie L., age 4/12, b. Feb, dau.

Children of Butler P. and Margaret (Poteet) Hensley

5240. i. James H. Hensley, b. ca. 1868
5241. ii. Miliard F. Hensley, b. 7 July 1868, d. 21 July 1947¹⁹¹
5242. iii. Adolphus U. Hensley, b. ca. 1870
5243. iv. Benjamin F. Hensley, b. ca. 1872
5244. v. Sidney A. Hensley, b. ca. 1874
5245. vi. Joseph O. Hensley, b. ca. 1878
5246. vii. Fannie L. Hensley, b. Feb. 1880

4245. Sidney Erwin Poteet was born 25 Nov. 1846 and died 11 Aug. 1927. He married Gracie Gemima Hensly.¹⁹² He may be traced in the census records of McDowell County from 1850 through 1900. A Sidney E. Poteet enlisted from McDowell Co. in Company ___ of Regiment 70 on 30 April 1864 and served as 2nd corporal, but this may have been a different man -- at least five persons bore this name in 1880.

Gracie Gemima Hensley, daughter of James¹⁹³, was born 26 May 1844 and died 26 Dec. 1928. Both Sidney and his wife are buried in the Glenwood (NC) Cemetery. Their joint will, made 7 June 1927, was probated in McDowell County, 31 Dec. 1928.

Children of Sidney Erwin and Gracie Gemima (Hensley) Poteet

5250. i. Joseph A. Poteet b. 1866 d. 1936
5251. ii. Luther D. Poteet b. Aug. 1869 d.
5252. iii. John H. Poteet b. ca. 1872 d. 12 Nov. 1943
5253. iv. Adolphus P. Poteet b. 9 May 1875 d. 23 Aug. 1965

4246. Joseph A. Poteet was born about 1849¹⁹⁴. In 1850 and 1860, he is in the census records with his parents. In 1870, he is listed with wife Sarah and son Crayton and the family was also in the 1880 census of McDowell Co. On 9 Dec. 1868, in McDowell Co., Joseph A. Poteet married Sarah E. Bright. She was probably the daughter of William Bright (see McDowell Co. Deeds, Book B, p. 63, 15 May 1876) or of Alfred Bright (see McDowell Co. Deeds, Book K, p. 27, 16 Oct. 1882). The entire family listed here is in the 1880 census of McDowell County and Emily Camp, age 22, is listed as domestic servant and no relationship. At Bethel Baptist Church, off US 221, south of Glenwood, NC, there is a stone marked "Almera, daughter of J. A. & S. E. Poteet, 12 Aug. 1886 - 25 Dec. 1894" which is probably

¹⁹¹ Aldridge, Cox, Randolph and Silvers, McDowell County, North Carolina Cemeteries, vol. 3 (1995), p. 74. He is buried in the Old Fort Cemetery with his parents.

¹⁹² 6 Nov. 1863, McDowell Co. Marriage bonds, NC Archives, Raleigh. The witness was A. M. Finley, Clk., and R. T. Vaughn was the bondsman.

¹⁹³ Marion, NC, Index to Death Records, Book 16 p. 16. My notes are from the index.

¹⁹⁴ Joseph A. Poteet (5 Nov. 1848 - 29 Nov. 1934) and Sarah E. Poteet (13 April 1851 - 28 June 1927), buried at Denton's Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery are probably this couple. Burke County Genealogical Society, Burke County Cemeteries, Volume 1 (Morganton, NC, 1995)

for a daughter of this couple.¹⁹⁵

Children of Joseph A. and Sarah Elizabeth (Bright) Poteet

- 5260. i. Crayton Poteet b. Feb. 1870
- 5261. ii. Rufus Poteet b. ca. 1872
- 5262. iii. Laura Poteet b. ca. 1874
- 5263. iv. Joseph W. Poteet b. 1 Jan. 1877 d. 12 Dec. 1937
- 5264. v. Frank Poteet b. ca. 1879

4247. Georgia Ann Poteet was born about 1851. She married Albert Lawing and the family is listed in the 1880 census of McDowell County. The children listed below are from that record and may not all be the children of Georgia who was about eight years younger than Albert. Janie Poteet, age 62, mother-in-law, was living with this family in 1880.

Children of Albert and Georgia Ann (Poteet) Lawing

- 5270. i. Marsha J. Lawing b. ca. 1868
- 5271. ii. Estha (?) L. Lawing b. ca. 1871
- 5272. iii. Michell S. Lawing b. ca. 1873
- 5273. iv. John C. Lawing b. ca. 1875. John Lawing, son of A. Lawing and G. A. Lawing, married Ella Raburn, daughter of John and M. Raburn on 17 Nov. 1897.¹⁹⁶
- 5274. v. Minnie O. Lawing b. Oct. 1879

4260. Marcus Brittain Poteat was born 25 Nov. 1847. On 10 Jan. 1868, he married Mary M. Smith, born 23 Jan. 1850, daughter of David M. Smith. The 1900 census says she was born in Virginia. Mark appears frequently in the McDowell County records as he buys from his siblings their interests in the estate of Henry Poteet. Mark died 9 Aug. 1901 and Mary died 13(23) Nov. 1919¹⁹⁷. They are buried in the old Hoover Cemetery south of Marion. This record of their family is taken from his family Bible, as I copied it at the home of Mrs. Bruce Poteat of Marion, 26 June 1972. Marcus was described by his mother as the one of the children that looked most like their father.¹⁹⁸

"It [home of Mark Poteat] stood on Rutherford Road between the Road and the CCC Railroad -- a lovely two story white house. I remember well a visit there with my grandfather, Walter Smith. His sister Mary married Mark Poteat and he had married Mark's sister, Sarah Jane. Three Poteats married three Smiths but I do not know the third couple. Somehow I kinda think it might have been Alley Poteat and a Smith girl. I have not been able to find out about them. She spoke often of Cora, Nannie and Betty who were called Co, Nank and Bet. They were beautiful girls. There is a picture of them here stored away in an old trunk that I haven't been able to get to. There may be other tin types but I can't recall who."¹⁹⁹

Children of Marcus Brittain and Mary M. (Smith) Poteat

¹⁹⁵ tombstone copied 14 Sept. 1974.

¹⁹⁶ Williams, Edward P., McDowell County North Carolina Marriages, 1894-1912 (April, 1996)

¹⁹⁷ Her death record in on file in Marion, NC (Book 6, p. 113). My notes from the index give her death date as 23 Nov. 1919.

¹⁹⁸ according to either Mrs. Hessie Crawley or Mrs. Sibbie Smith, when I visited Marion, NC, 30 March 1961.

¹⁹⁹ Kamipe, Millie, Old Fort, NC, letter to Dan W. Olds, about 1972.

5300. i. Mark Albert Poteet b. 15 June 1867(68?)²⁰⁰ d. 11 Jan 1944
 5301. ii. Mary Emmer Poteet b. 11 Dec. 1870 d. 31 Mar 1940
 5302. iii. Richard Lee Poteet b. 21 March 1872 d. 7 Aug. 1901
 5303. iv. Sarah Ellin Poteet b. 2 Dec. 1873(74?) d. 25 Apr 1910
 5304. v. Ben Calvin Poteet b. 16 Oct. 1875 (d. young)
 5305. vi. Corah Ader Poteet b. 30 May 1878
 5306. vii. Nancy Ann Poteet b. 22 Feb. 1880 d. 26 Sep 19(01?)
 5307.viii. Elizabeth Jane Poteet b. 8 March 1882 d.
 5308. ix. Merida Poteet b. 12 March 1884
 5309. x. Bruce Poteat b. 2 March 1887
 5310. xi. HESSIE Poteet b. 13 March 1889
 5311. xii. Henrietta Poteet b. 9 Sept. 1891

4261. John Spencer Poteat was born in McDowell County on 8 May 1849 and died near Jonesboro, Tenn. on 10 July 1942. In the 1870 census of McDowell County, he is listed as a farm laborer in the family of B. Posey Simmons. As a young man, he moved to Bakersville, NC, where he was a merchant most of his life. Late in life, he lived near Jonesboro, TN, while his wife remained in Bakersville.

After his father was killed in the Civil War and his mother re-married, John did not get along well with his new stepfather and went to live with his uncle, a Hawkins. This family raised flue-cured tobacco and one of John's jobs was to stay up at night and tend the fire in the pits.²⁰¹

"My grandfather, John S. Poteat, lived at our house several years before he died. He used to tell the children "tales" that did not vary by so much as a sentence from one telling to another. They were mostly about emotional experiences he remembered. He loved his mother and got along well with her, but not with his stepfathers. He said his mother had a weakness for men. He told of working for a man with many slaves, but he felt he was treated no better than the slaves."²⁰²

On 28 Sep. 1887²⁰³, he married Rosa Anna Greene, daughter of Robert Greene and Julia Moore. Her death record states that she was born 19 Sept. 1866 in Caldwell Co., NC, the daughter of Robert Greene and Julia Moore, both born in Caldwell County, NC. Mrs. Poteat died 15 July 1946 at 2:30 pm in Bakersville Township, Mitchell County, NC, at the age of 79 years, 9 months, and 26 days, and was buried in McBeer Memorial Cemetery at Bakersville.²⁰⁴

Children of John Spencer and Rosa Anna (Greene) Poteat

5320. i. Frank Bela Poteat b. 2 July 1888 d. 14 June 1976
 5321. ii. Edgar Charles Poteat b. 15 Oct. 1890 d. 6 Sept. 1971
 5322. iii. Florence Poteat b. 3 Feb. 1901 d. 27 April 1979

²⁰⁰ 1869 on tombstone.

²⁰¹ grandson John H. Poteat, Kingsport, TN, conversation, Spartanburg, SC, 26 Dec. 1997.

²⁰² granddaughter Ann Childress, conversation, Spartanburg, SC, 23 Sept. 1979.

²⁰³ Mitchell County Marriage Records, Bakersville, NC.

²⁰⁴ Mitchell County Death Records, Bakersville, NC, Book 23, p. 19.

4262. Sarah Jane Poteat²⁰⁵ was born 7 May 1850 in McDowell Co., NC, and died 18 Dec. 1888. On 21 Nov. 1869, in McDowell Co., she married Scott Walter Smith, son of David and Sarah (Dunevant) Smith. S. Walter Smith was born 17 April 1846 in Henry or Patrick County, Virginia, and died 8 Jan. 1916 at Marion, NC. He and his wife are buried in the Oak Grove Cemetery at Marion. His name is given there as Walter S. Smith. Janie Smith was a very small woman and could stand under her husband's outstretched arm.²⁰⁶ Walter S. Smith, age 56, of McDowell County, married Nancy E. Gilliam, age 41, of McDowell County, on 24 Feb. 1904.²⁰⁷

Children of Scott Walter and Sarah Jane (Poteat) Smith

- 5325. i. Henry David Smith b. 24 July 1871 d. 31 Jan. 1947
- 5326. ii. Luther James Smith b. 2 April 1874 d. 7 June 1899
- 5327. iii. Dora Elizabeth Smith b. 2 June 1877 d. 12 Nov. 1957.
- 5328. iv. Sally Carolyn Smith b. 1 Nov. 1882 d. 26 March 1940
- 5329. v. Anne E. Smith b. 17 Aug. 1887 d. 19 Sep 1887

4263. Samuel Henry Poteat was born ca. 1852 and died _____. On 7 Jan. 1872, he married Mary A. Jamison, daughter of Nathan²⁰⁸. She was born ca. 1850 and died 23 Nov. 1923. They are buried _____. Samuel, Mary, and their children Eliza Ann, Hattie, and Lula are in the 1880 census of McDowell Co.

Children of Samuel Henry and Mary A. (Jamison) Poteat²⁰⁹

- 5334. i. Annie Poteat, b. ca. 1874
- 5335. ii. Hattie Poteat, b. ca. 1875²¹⁰
- 5336. iii. Lula Poteat, b. ca. 1879
- 5337. iv. John William Poteat

4264. Nancy Caroline Poteat was born 10 July 1853 and died 15 Oct. 1941 in McDowell Co., NC. She did not marry until later in life, then married (1) Rev. Mack Elliott and (2) _____ Swann. She had no children. She is buried in the Hoover Cemetery as "Nannie Poteet Elliott". N. C. Poteet, daughter of _____, married M. C. Elliott, son of Nimrod and E. Elliott, in McDowell County on 19 Sept. 1894.²¹¹ Nanny Elliott of McDowell County, age 58, married James Swann of Mitchell County, age 68, on 28 Dec. 1911.²¹²

"The one I remember most of all is Mama's Aunt Nannie. She was really a dear and colorful character. She made several visits to us. One of the first that I remember was on the occasion of her second marriage to a Mr. Swann. Her first marriage was to Rev. Elliott who was a good bit older than she. She waited quite late in life to ever marry and it was understood that she had to help her mother bring up the large family of Poteets and Nortons. It was rumoured that she was to have married Walter Smith, my mother's father, after his first wife's death but Walter Smith failed to

²⁰⁵ information for this paragraph was supplied by a granddaughter, Miss Millie Kanipe, 18 Sept. 1972, from the Walter Smith family Bible which at that time belonged to Janie Parker Fau in Old Fort, NC.

²⁰⁶ Smith, Mrs. Sibbie, conversation with Dan W. Olds, 30 March 1961, when I visited her in Marion, NC.

²⁰⁷ Williams, Edward P., McDowell County North Carolina Marriages, 1894-1912 (April, 1996)

²⁰⁸ McDowell County Death Records, Marion, NC, Book 10, p. 130. My notes from the index show her father as Nathan Jamison and her death date as 23 Nov. 1923.

²⁰⁹ as named by grandson Walter C. Poteat, 27 Sept. 1972.

²¹⁰ McDowell County Death Records, Marion, NC, Book 12 p. 107, show the death of Hattie J. Poteat, daughter of Samuel, 21 April 1925 but my notes from the index do not contain enough information to make the identification.

²¹¹ Williams, Edward P., McDowell County North Carolina Marriages, 1894-1912 (April 1996).

²¹² Williams, Edward P., McDowell County North Carolina Marriages, 1894-1912 (April 1996).

appear. I never heard him mention it but I believe Aunt Nannie told it.

“Aunt Nannie’s chatter never ceased. At one visit in our home she did stop suddenly when she heard the radio (our first) and said: “Dora, can that man hear what I am sayng?”

“My sister tells of her sudden inspiration to clean the guest room where she was staying. Hearing a lot of noise they ran into the room. She says her only thoughts were “A cyclone has struck!” They spent quite a while getting it back in order.”²¹³

4265. Jemima Suzanne Poteet was born 26 Feb. 1855 and died 4 Sept. 1859 according to her tombstone in the old Hoover Cemetery where she is buried near her Hawkins grandparents. According to tradition she died of "brain fever" or "bold hives".

4266. Joseph Nickolas Poteat was born about 1857 and died _____. He married Anna E. Corpening, daughter of Hosea and Emily Corpening, on 4 April 1880.²¹⁴ She was born about 1861 and died _____. In the 1880 census of McDowell County, they are listed in the family of his mother-in-law, Emily Swann. “Joe and Ann had 6 children and they were all good singers and had been taught of a loving Saviour.”²¹⁵

Children of Joseph N. and Anna E. (Corpening) Poteat²¹⁶

- 5340. i. Nora Poteat
- 5341. ii. Quince Poteat
- 5342. iii. Millard Poteat
- 5343. iv. John H. Poteat b. 16 May 1884 d. 26 March 1938
- 5344. v. Anna Poteat

4267. Thomas A. Poteat was born 8 Feb. 1859 and died 3 Sep. 1889, aged 30 years, 6 m., 25d. He married Eliza Jane "Jennie" Smith, daughter of David and Sarah Smith, on 18 March 1879²¹⁷. She later left him and he was engaged again when he died.²¹⁸ He is buried in Oak Grove Cemetery, Marion, NC. Thomas, Eliza, and son Franklin are listed in the 1880 census of McDowell County.

Children of Thomas A. and Eliza Jane (Smith) Poteat

- 5350. Franklin Allie Poteat b. 15 March 1880 d. 7 April 1949

4268. William Grayson Poteat was born 9 June 1861 and died in Mitchell Co., NC, on 16 Aug. 1927. His death record gives his father as "John Henry Poteat" and his mother as Ann Elizabeth Hawkins, both born in McDowell County.²¹⁹ Willie and Hattie Matilda²²⁰ Greene were married on 20 June 1894 in Mitchell County, NC, by Rev. L. H. Greene. The family is listed in the 1900 census of Bakersville, NC, as:

²¹³ Millie Kanipe, Old Fort, NC, daughter of Dora Smith Kanipe, letter to Dan W. Olds, about 1972.

²¹⁴ My notes from the McDowell Co. marriage record list his name as Joseph A., son of Henry and Elizabeth.

²¹⁵ Smith, Mrs. Henry D., letter to Dan W. Olds, 20 April 1962

²¹⁶ Mrs. Bruce Poteat, of Marion, when I visited her in June, 1972, named the children of Joe Poteat as Millard, Quince, Dolph, Anna and Nora (whose 2nd marriage was to a Sizum).

²¹⁷ McDowell County Marriage Records, Thomas Poteet, age 20, son of Henry and Elizabeth, married Eliza Jane Smith, age 23, daughter of David and Sarah, 18 March 1879.

²¹⁸ Mrs. Hessie Crawley or Mrs. Sibbie Smith, when I visited Marion, NC, 30 March 1961.

²¹⁹ Mitchell County Death Records, Bakersville, NC.

²²⁰ middle name supplied and other data confirmed by Catherine Poteat, Brandon, FL, 28 Oct. 1988, on a chart I had sent to her.

William H. [sic] Poteat, age 38, b. June 1861, in NC
Hattie M. Poteat, age 22, wife, b. Dec. 1877, in NC
Earnest H. Poteat, age 5, b. May 1895, in NC

She was born 11 Dec. 1875 and died 30 March 1969 and these dates are on her tombstone. They are both buried in the Bakersville Memorial Cemetery, Bakersville, NC.

Children of William and Hattie (Greene) Poteat²²¹

- 5355. i. Ernest Haynes Poteat, b. 7 May 1895, d. 19 April 1979
- 5356. ii. Robert Henry Poteat, 24 April 1901, d. 27 Aug 1964
- 5357. iii. Lucy Marie Poteat, b. 21 Oct. 1905, d. 13 May 1986
- 5358. iv. Mabel Caroline Poteat, 30 May 1907, d. 25 Aug. 1984

4269. George Posey Poteat was born 8 Feb. 1863 and died 18 Feb. 1958, the youngest, longest lived and last surviving member of Henry Poteet's family. He married (1) Mary Kaylor, daughter of Mary Kaylor, on 28 Nov. 1880. She was born in May, 1864, and died 31 May 1915²²². The index to deaths at Marion says she was a daughter of John Kaylor. Posy married (2) Ruth Maude Swann on 1 Dec. 1915. He was 52 and she was 21.²²³

He had twenty-one children who lived to adulthood. A story about him appears in the McDowell County News dated 5 Feb. 1953, as his 90th birthday approached. At that time he had 211 living descendants. For some time, I was intimidated by the effort of tracing even the first generation of his descendants. Fortunately, Dorothy Poteat has recently published the story of her father and his descendants.²²⁴ Ten children are listed with the family in the 1900 census of Marion township, McDowell County.

George P. Poteet, b. Feb. 1863, age 37, residence Marion twp
Mary, wife, b. May 1864, age 36
George P., son, b. Oct 1885, age 14²²⁵
Dora L., dau., b. July, 1887, age 12
Thomas, b. Aug. 1889, age 10
James L., b. Apr. 1891, age 9
William L., b. Jan(?) 1892, 7
Ira B., dau., b. Feb. 1894, 6
Jessie B., son, b. Sept. 1895, age 4
Albert P., son, Nov. 1896, age 3
Charlie, son, b. Mar. 1898, age 2
Cephus, son, b. May 1899, age 1
Kaylor, Mary, mother-in-law, 6 Jan. 1833, b. NC, age 67

Children of George Posy and Mary (Kaylor) Poteat

- 5370. i. Ella Jane Poteat, b. 30 July 1882, d. 19 April 1935
- 5371. ii. Harriett Lemma Poteat, b. 25 Feb. 1884, d. 27 Dec. 1958

²²¹ dates confirmed or corrected by Catherine Poteat, Brandon, FL, 28 Oct. 1988, on a chart I had sent to her.

²²² McDowell County Deaths, Marion, NC, Book 2 p. 110.

²²³ McDowell Co. Marriages.

²²⁴ Poteat, Dorothy M, Roots and Branches of the George Posey Poteat, Sr., Family [March, 1989]

²²⁵ The entry of son George is significantly corrected by Miss Dorothy Poteat's work, quoted below.

- 5372.iii. Dora Elizabeth Poteat, b. 5 July 1887, d. 15 Jan. 1926
 5373. iv. George Frank Poteat, b. 10 Oct. 1888, d. 15 Sept. 1969
 5374. v. Thomas Edgar Poteat, b. 2 Aug. 1889, d. 14 Sept. 1949
 5375. vi. James Layf tte Poteat, b. 27 April 1891, d. 13 Jan. 1971
 5376. vii. William Luther Poteat, b. 26 June 1892, d. Feb. 1, 1939
 5377.viii. Arrabelle (Arrie) Poteat, b. 5 Feb. 1894, d. 5 Nov. 1974
 5378. ix. Jesse Berlin Poteat, b. 7 Sept. 1895, d. 29 July 1978²²⁶
 5379. x. Albert Posey. Poteat, b. 21 Nov. 1896, d. 20 Aug. 1975
 5380. xi. Charlie Everet Poteat, b. 21 March 1898
 5381. xii.. Joe Seaphus Poteat, b. 5 May 1899, d. 16 March 1987
 5382. xiii. infant son, b. and d. 9 Dec. 1901
 5383. xiv. John Morphew Poteat, b. 2 June 1904, d. 13 March 1965

Children of George Posy and Ruth Maude (Swann) Poteat

5384. xv. Dorothy Mae Poteat b. 29 Oct. 1916
 5385 xvi. George Posey Poteat, Jr., b. 27 Jan. 1919
 5386.xvii. David Harden Poteat, b. 21 June 1920, d. 24 April 1949
 5387.xviii. Annie Laura Poteat, b. 21 Jan. 1922
 5388. xix. Ruth Sylvia Poteat, b. 9 Dec. 1923
 5389. xx. Mamie Eleanor Poteat, b. 13 Jan. 1926
 5390. xxi. Swannie Jo Poteat, b. 25 May 1927
 5391. xxii. Betty Jean Poteat, b. 25 April 1929, d. 21 April 1981

4280. Cynthia Elizabeth Poteet was born 2 July 1843 and is listed in the family of Peter and Mary Poteet in the 1850 and 1860 census records of Burke County. On 8 Dec.1867, she and Joseph Michael Marks were married in Burke County, NC, by Fletcher Walker. Marks was born 14 March 1843. He had been a Union Soldier and was stationed in the South after the War. Cynthia E. Marks died 3 Feb. 1902 and J. M. Marks died 3 April 1903.

Children of Joseph Michael and Cynthia Elizabeth (Poteet) Marks²²⁷

5396. Mary J. Marks, b. 1 Oct. 1868, m. J. L. Smith, 25 Dec.1882
 5397. Oda J. Marks, b. 16 Feb. 1871, m. J. L. Holcomb, 7 May 1891
 5398. George B. McClellon Marks, b. 11 Feb. 1873, d. 3 June 1889
 5399. Peter Tildon Marks, b. 2 Sept. 1876,
 5400. Celia V. Marks, b. 12 Feb. 1879
 5401. Preston Lenhardt Marks, b. 23 Oct. 1881
 5402. John A. Marks, b. 9 Nov. 1884, d. 21 April 1908

4281. Jane E. Poteet was born 16 May 1845 and is listed in the family of Peter and Mary Poteet in the 1850 and 1860 census records of Burke County.

4282. Celia A. Poteet was bom 10 Aug. 1847. She is listed in the family of Peter and Mary Poteet in the 1850 and

²²⁶ "Jessie Burlin" Poteat as born 7 Sept. 1895 according to McDowell Co., NC, Delayed Birth Certificates, a CD-ROM copyrighted by Norman J. Davis

²²⁷ Callahan, Loreeta M., and Callahan, Flora M., "The Joseph M. Marks Genealogy", article 464 in The Heritage of Rutherford County, Volume I, 1984 (Genealogy Society of Old Tryon County, Winston-Salem, NC)

1860 census records of Burke County.

4401. Martha E. Poteet was born about 1843/4. She married Isham (?) Franklin and lived in South Carolina, Alabama or Louisiana.²²⁸ Information from Linda Green supplements this.²²⁹ They went to Chester, SC, in 1872 and moved to Louisiana in 1890. From Death Records, she adds:

Ishom Franklin, b. Oct. 18, 1840 in NC; d. Feb 23, 1910, Lincoln Parish, LA, and buried in Mineral Springs Cemetery.

Martha Poteet Franklin, b. Oct 12, 1843 in NC; d. June 18, 1917, Lincoln Parish, LA, and buried in Mineral Springs Cemetery.

Children of Ishom and Martha E. (Poteet) Franklin²³⁰

- 5403. Will Franklin, b. Dec. 1864, NC
- 5404. John H. Franklin, b. Dec. 1866, NC
- 5405. Julia E. Franklin, b. 14 April 1869, NC, d. 18 July 1969
- 5406. Jonas Alvie Franklin, b. 7 Aug. 1873, NC, d. 25 May 1960
- 5407. Amanda "Mandy" Franklin, b. Feb. 1880, SC, d. 17 Dec. 189[?]5
- 5408. Maggie Franklin, b. 1883, SC, d.
- 5409. Robert Walter Franklin, b. June 1886, d. 9 March 1934
- 5410. Sally Franklin
- 5411. Gertie Franklin, b. 7 April 1871, d. 20 June 1961

4402. Eliza Elizabeth Poteet was born 14 Aug. 1845 in Burke County, NC, and died 29 Sept. 1941, age 96 yrs, 1 mo., 15 days, in Caldwell County. Her death certificate gives her father's name as Elisha Poteet and her mother's name as Mary Wilson.²³¹ Although the informant was her son Charlie Smith, this appears to be an error. Her marriage is recorded on p. 83 of Book 1 of the Caldwell County marriages.²³² "James H. Smith, age 26, son of Henry and Sidie Smith", m. Eliza Poteet, age 22, on 1 Sept. 1867. James Henry Smith was born 4 May 1840 in Caldwell County and died there 26 March 1914. He served in both the Federal and Union Armies during the Civil War. He first served in Co. H of the 58th NC CSA and then Co. E, 2nd NC Mounted Vol. Infantry, discharged 16 Aug. 1865. James and Eliza are buried in the Mt. Grove Baptist Church Cemetery in Caldwell County.

Children of James Henry and Eliza Elizabeth (Poteet) Smith²³³

- 5412. i. Mary Ella Smith b. 21 Aug. 1868
- 5413. ii. Laura Alice Smith b. 28 Jan. 1871
- 5414. iii. Robert Fulton Smith b. 23 June 1873
- 5415. iv. Sidney Walter Smith b. 11 March 1876
- 5416. v. Dora Isabel Smith b. 15 Sept. 1879
- 5417. vi. David Hill Smith b. 17 Sept. 1883

²²⁸ Mrs. Nellie (Smith) Mullinax of Granite Falls, NC, provided the data on these descendants of descendants of Elisha Poteet.

²²⁹ Green, Linda, letter to Dan Olds, 6 Aug. 1986

²³⁰ Green, Linda, letter to Dan Olds, 6 Aug. 1986

²³¹ Burke County, NC, death record as quoted by Mrs. Nellie (Smith) Mullinax of Granite Falls, letter to Dan W. Olds, 18 April 1974.

²³² Caldwell County, NC, marriage recorded as quoted by Mrs. Nellie (Smith) Mullinax of Granite Falls, NC, letter to Dan W. Olds, 18 April 1974.

²³³ Mullinax, Mrs. Nellie (Smith), Granite Falls, NC, letter to Dan W. Olds, 18 April 1974

5418. vii. Nancy Ann Smith b. 12 Nov. 1886

5419.viii. Charles Caldwell Smith b. 21 June 1890

4403. Jemima (Gemima) Poteet, daughter of Elisha and Susan Poteet, was born 16 Aug. 1847 and died 14 Jan. 1930 in Caldwell County, NC. Her marriage is recorded in Book 1, p. 94 of Caldwell County Marriages: C. L. Smith, son of Henry and Sidney Smith, m. Jemima Poteet, daughter of Elisha Poteet, deceased, and Susan Poteet, on 13 Dec. 1868.²³⁴

Cornelius Livingston Smith was born 25 Jan. 1848 and died 4 Dec. 1924. C. L. and Jemima Smith are buried in the Mt. Grove Baptist Church Cemetery in Caldwell County.

Children of Cornelius Livingston and Jemima (Poteet) Smith²³⁵

5420. i. Julius Monroe Smith b. 29 Sept. 1869 d. 26 March 1922

5421. ii. Mary E. Smith b. 23 Dec. 1871 d. 28 Dec. 1940

5422. iii. Albert Stanhope Smith²³⁶ b. 26 Aug. 1874 d. 25 March 1917

4404. James R. Poteet was born in 1849. Caldwell County Marriages Book 1, p. 110, shows his marriage as follows: James Poteet, son of Elisha and Susan Poteet, both deceased, m. Julia Williams, daughter of Lucinda and George Williams, on 3 April 1870.²³⁷ This family appears in the 1880 census of Burke County, NC.

Children of James R. and Julia (Williams) Poteet

5430. i. Robert W. Poteet b. ca. 1871

5431. ii. Eddie J. Poteet b. ca. 1873

5432. iii. George W. Poteet b. ca. 1875

5433. iv. Sarah L. Poteet b. ca. 1878

?? others ????

4405. Mary A. Poteet was born about 1851/1852 and has not been traced beyond 1860.

4406. Julia Poteet was born in 1856 and died in Iredell County on 9 Sept. 1932. She married John H. Drum in Caldwell County on 27 Nov. 1876. He was born 27 Dec. 1855 and died 26 May 1911. They are buried in Bethel Lutheran Church Cemetery in Catawba County. According to Lucy Jane Killian, Julia Emily Poteet was born in 1856 and died 20 Aug. 1932 in Catawba County, NC. Her parents died when she was very young and she was raised by a neighbor. She married John Henry Drum of the Catawba County area. One child was Gertie Mary Ann Drum, "my grandmother".²³⁸

Children of John H. and Julia (Poteet) Drum

²³⁴ Caldwell County NC marriages recorded quoted by Mrs. Nellie (Smith) Mullinax of Granite Falls, NC, letter to Dan W. Olds, 18 April 1974.

²³⁵ Mullinax, Mrs. Nellie (Smith), Granite Falls, NC, letter to Dan W. Olds, 18 April 1974

²³⁶ grand father of Mrs. Nellie (Smith) Mullinax of Granite Falls, NC. She provided the data on the descendants of Elisha M. Poteet.

²³⁷ Caldwell Co., NC, marriage recorded quoted by Mrs. Nellie (Smith) Mullinax, Granite Falls, NC, letter to Dan W. Olds 18 April 1974.

²³⁸ "Great-grandmother", a query posted on <http://genconnect.rootsweb.com/genbbs.cgi/USA/NC/Catawba> by Lucy Jane Killian on 3 May 2000.

- 5440. i. Neelie Drum
- 5441. ii. Rhoda Drum
- 5442. iii. Laura Drum
- 5443. iv. Walter Drum
- 5444. v. Luther Drum b. 7 Oct. 1888, 10 Jan. 1944
- 5445. vi. Gertie Mary Ann Drum
- 5446. vii. Rena Drum
- 5447. viii. Reuben Paul Drum²³⁹
- 5448. ix. Oren Drum twin
- 5449. x. Ora Drum twin, d. 1970

4407. Susan Poteet was born in Jan. 1860 and has not been traced after the 1860 census.

4430. Elam Haywood Poteet was born 16 Nov. 1849 and died 6 June 1932, age 82 years, 6 m., 20 d. and was buried at Pleasant Hill Church. His wife, Mary E. Hawkins²⁴⁰, was born 3 April 1849 and died 6 Dec. 1920, is also buried at Pleasant Hill²⁴¹. They were married 1 June 1867.²⁴² He was a merchant and married Bessie Cole on 29 Aug. 1921, when he was 71 and she was 27.²⁴³ His last two children were born after he was 72.

According to the 1880 census of Burke County, the following are children of "Hayward" and Elizabeth Poteat: Addy, dau., b. ca. 1869, Erwin, son, b. ca. 1872, Alola, dau., b. ca. 1876, Wendet, son, b. ca. 1879, Birtha, dau., b. ca. 1879. However, in the list below, I have followed Adams²⁴⁴ and have not made any correlation with the census. Mrs. Adams' book contains very few dates for this generation and I have changed the order of her listing and suspect further re-arrangement will be required. The 1900 census might help a lot with this.

Children of Elam Haywood and Mary E. Poteat

- 5460. i. Addie Poteet, dau, b. ca 1869
- 5461. ii. Will Poteet
- 5462. iii. Ceily Poteet
- 5463. iv. Wiley W. Poteet, b. 20 May 1879, d. 9 Feb. 1960²⁴⁵
- 5464. v. Maggie Poteet
- 5465. vi. Mae (May) Poteet
- 5466. vii. Fred J. Poteet
- 5467. viii. Thomas Tetlow Poteet, b. 19 June 1886, d. 22 Feb. 1962²⁴⁶
- 5468. ix. Brittain Hawkins Poteet, b. 24 Oct. 1889²⁴⁷

²³⁹ it was this man from whom Mrs. Mullinax obtained the Drum data.

²⁴⁰ Mary Elizabeth Poteet, daughter of Brittain Hawkins and Lucinda Stacy, died 6 Dec. 1920, age 71 y 8m 3d and is buried at Pleasant Hill Cemetery. [Burke County Death Records, Morganton, NC, Book 7 p. 432]

²⁴¹ tombstones copied 31 Aug. 1974.

²⁴² Burke County Genealogical Society, Index to Marriage Registers, 1867-1908, Burke County, North Carolina (Morganton, 1990, second printing 1993)

²⁴³ Marriage Record, Burke Co., NC

²⁴⁴ Nellie D. Adams, These My People (1973, Lenoir, NC). This is a book about the descendants of Sidney Ervin Poteet.

²⁴⁵ tombstone, Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, south of Morganton, NC

²⁴⁶ tombstone, Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, south of Morganton, NC

²⁴⁷ tombstone, Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, south of Morganton, NC. No death date in 1974.

Children of Elam Haywood and Bessie (Cole) Poteet

5469. x. Mary Etta Poteet

5470. xi. Virginia Poteet

4431. Tempie E. Poteet was born 2 Sept. 1851²⁴⁸ and died 9 May 1911. She married John M. Denton who was born 10 Feb. 1848 and died 20 Sept. 1921. Tempy Poteet married John Denton, 4 Aug. 1867.²⁴⁹ They are buried at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church. Mrs. Adams lists the following children for this family.

Children of John M. and Tempie E. (Poteet) Denton

5471. i. Frank Denton

5472. ii. Fate Denton

5473. iii. Grover Denton

5474. iv. Mae Denton, b. ca. 1882, d. spring 1973

5475. v. Johnny Denton

5476. vi. Velvia Denton

5477. vii. Buena Denton

5478. viii. Zulia Denton

4432. John Brittain Poteet was born 10 Oct. 1853 in Burke County and died 20 Jan. 1942²⁵⁰, age 88 y., 3 m., 23 d. and is buried at Pleasant Hill. He married Julia Mira Franklin whose death record at Morganton says she was a daughter of Isaac and Sarah Franklin of Burke County, was born July 10 and died 8 March 1929, age 78. Mrs. Adams lists the following children for this family. John Poteet and Julie Franklin were married 29 Aug. 1871.²⁵¹

Children of John Brittain and Julie (Franklin) Poteet

5480. i. Sidney Poteet

5481. ii. William P. Poteet

5482. iii. Emma Poteet

5483. iv. Minnie Poteet

5484. v. Sallie Poteet

5485. vi. James Thomas Poteet²⁵²

5486. vii. Annie Poteet

5487. viii. Isaac Poteet²⁵³

4433. Henry N. Poteet was born 22 Feb. 1857 and died 20 May 1939, age 83, in the State Hospital. His wife²⁵⁴, Mary

²⁴⁸ or 12 Sept. per my notes from her tombstone.

²⁴⁹ Burke County Genealogical Society, Index to Marriage Registers, 1867-1908, Burke County, North Carolina (Morganton, 1990, 2nd printing 1993)

²⁵⁰ or 27 Jan. 1942 according to the notes from Burke County Death Records sent by Mrs. Nellie (Smith) Mullinax, Granite Falls, NC, letter to Dan W. Olds, 18 April 1974.

²⁵¹ Burke County Genealogical Society, Index to Marriage Registers, 1867-1908, Burke County, North Carolina (Morganton, 1990, second printing 1993)

²⁵² a James T. Poteet, b. 8 Jan. 1891, d. 17 May 1950 is buried at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church. He has a World War I marker.

²⁵³ perhaps the Isaac Finley Poteet, b. 15 April 1885, d. 25 Sept. 1944, buried at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church

²⁵⁴ Marriage Records, Burke County, NC, Morganton. H. N. Poteet to Mary Ann Murphy, age 18, 19 Feb. 1875.

Ann Murphy, was born 14 Dec. 1855 and died 23 Oct. 1918, age 62 years, 10 months, 9 days. They were married 25 Feb. 1875.²⁵⁵ They are buried at Pleasant Hill²⁵⁶. He married (2) Leila Smith²⁵⁷, age 30, on 29 June 1919. When Sidney Poteet's estate was settled in 1907, a share went to Mary Ann, wife of Henry N., and his children (not to Henry; thus he may have been incompetent to inherit at that time). Mrs. Adams does not mention the second marriage, but lists the following children for this family.

Children of Henry N. and Mary Ann (Murphy) Poteet

- 5490. i. John Poteet, b. 8 June 1877
- 5491. ii. Roscoe Poteet
- 5492. iii. Frances Poteet
- 5493. iv. Florence Poteet
- 5494. v. Rose Ann Poteet
- 5495. vi. Floye Poteet²⁵⁸

4434. Margaret Theodosia Poteet was born 14²⁵⁹ March 1859, near Eneola, Burke County, NC, and died 29²⁶⁰ May 1928 in Burke County, age 69 yr., 2 m., 16 d. and was buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery. Her husband was Ashby²⁶¹ H. Brittain whom she married 22 Sept. 1879 when she was 21 and he was 20. He was born 5 Sep. 1859 and died 6 Jan. 1930 and is also buried at Pleasant Hill²⁶². Mrs. Adams lists the following children for this family.

Children of Ashby H. and Margaret Theodosia (Poteet) Brittain

- 5500. i. Sim Brittain
- 5501. ii. Jerome M. Brittain
- 5502. iii. Elmer Brittain
- 5503. iv. Lattie Brittain
- 5504. v. Sudie Brittain
- 5505. vi. Annie Effie Leila Brittain
- 5506. vii. C. Alonzo Brittain, b. 18 Sept. 1883
- 5507. viii. Mullie Brittain (listed only in summary, not in text)

4435. James McDowell Poteet was born 2 Dec. 1860 and died 13 Sept. 1934, age 73 years, 10 months, 12 d. His wife was Jane Blaugh²⁶³. Mrs. Adams gives the wife's name as Jane Bollinger²⁶⁴ and lists the following children for this

²⁵⁵Burke County Genealogical Society, Index to Marriage Registers, 1867-1908, Burke County, North Carolina (Morganton, 1990, second printing 1993)

²⁵⁶tombstones copied 31 Aug. 1974.

²⁵⁷I copied this surname as Swink from Burke County Marriage Records.

²⁵⁸since she is listed as marrying Isaac Poteet, this must be the couple my notes from Pleasant Hill Baptist Church cemetery list as Isaac Finley Poteet, 15 Apr. 1885 - 25 Sept. 1944, and Foy Edith Poteet, 1 Apr. 1887 - 3 May 1937.

²⁵⁹or 4 March according to the notes from Burke County Death records sent by Mrs. Nellie (Smith) Mullinax, Granite Falls, NC, letter to Dan W. Olds, 18 April 1974.

²⁶⁰May 30 on tombstone.

²⁶¹Ashley on marriage record?

²⁶²tombstones copied 31 Aug. 1974

²⁶³Burke County Death Record, quoted by Nellie (Smith) Mullinax, letter to Dan W. Olds, 18 April, 1974. She lists 2 Dec. 1861 as his birth date.

²⁶⁴James McDowell Poteet (2 Dec. 1860 - 13 Sept. 1934) and Jane Bollinger Poteet (22 May 1857 -) are buried in Denton's Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery. Burke County Genealogical Society, Cemetery Records of Burke County, Volume 1 (Morganton, NC, 1995)

family. J. M. Poteet and Jane "Bullinger" were married 3 Feb. 1878.²⁶⁵

Children of James McDowell and Jane (Bollinger) Poteet

- 5510. i. Lollie Poteet
- 5511. ii. Callie Poteet
- 5512. iii. Ahoskie Poteet
- 5513. iv. Frank E. Poteet

4436. Mary E. Poteet was born 3 Jan. 1863 and died 31 July 1940. She married Albert Dale. A Mary Poteet married "Abner" Dale on 19 Sept. 1881.²⁶⁶ Mrs. Adams lists only one child for this family.

Child of Albert and Mary E. (Poteet) Dale

- 5515. i. Arthur Dale

4437. Susan Jane Gertrude Poteet was born 21 July 1866 and died 10 Nov. 1935. S. J. Poteet and T. L. Duckworth were married 31 Aug. 1882.²⁶⁷ He died 5 Oct. 1933. Thomas L. Duckworth (1 Feb. 1857 - 5 Oct. 1933) and Susan J. Duckworth (21 July 1866 - 10 Nov. 1935), wife of Thomas L. Duckworth, are buried at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church.²⁶⁸ Mrs. Adams says Susan Jane was b. 26 July and lists the following children for the family.

Children of Thomas L. and Susan Jane (Poteet) Duckworth

- 5520. i. Tonie Duckworth
- 5521. ii. Lottie Duckworth
- 5522. iii. Bessie Duckworth
- 5523. iv. Annie Mae Duckworth
- 5524. v. Dewey Alexander Duckworth
- 5525. vi. Mary Louise Duckworth
- 5526. vii. Jesse Bertrum Duckworth, b. 2 May 1896
- 5527. viii. John Duckworth
- 5528. ix. Paul Duckworth

4438. Joseph Frazier Poteet was born 15 Nov. 1870 in Burke County and died 21 Feb. 1918, age 47 yr., 3 m., 6 d. and was buried at Salem Church. (He is named James F. Poteet on his death record²⁶⁹ and J. F. on his tombstone.) He married Anna Snipes. His wife was probably Anna Eliza, b. 2 Oct. 1871, d. 10 July 1958.²⁷⁰ Joseph Poteet married "Annis Snips" on 12 May 1889.²⁷¹ Mrs. Adams lists the following children for this family.

Children of Joseph Frazier and Anna (Snipes) Poteet

²⁶⁵ Burke County Genealogical Society, Index to Marriage Registers, 1867-1908, Burke County, NC (Morganton, NC, 1990, 2nd printing 1993)

²⁶⁶ Burke County Genealogical Society, Index to Marriage Registers, 1867-1908, Burke County, North Carolina (Morganton, 1990, second printing 1993)

²⁶⁷ Burke County Genealogical Society, Index to Marriage Registers, 1867-1908, Burke County, North Carolina (Morganton, NC, 1990, 2nd printing 1993)

²⁶⁸ Burke County Genealogical Society, Cemeteries of Burke County, Vol. II (Morganton, NC)

²⁶⁹ Burke County Death record quoted by Nellie (Smith) Mullinax, letter to Dan W. Olds, 18 April 1974.

²⁷⁰ tombstones for J. F. and Anna Eliza Poteat, Salem Methodist Church, south of Morganton, NC, copied 31 Aug. 1974.

²⁷¹ Burke County Genealogical Society, Index to Marriage Registers, 1867-1908, Burke County, North Carolina (Morganton, NC, 1990, 2nd printing 1993)

- 5530. i. Ernest Poteat
- 5531. ii. Lessie Poteat
- 5532. iii. Hardie Poteat
- 5533. iv. Myrtle Poteat
- 5534. v. Hattie Poteat
- 5535. vi. Ira Poteat
- 5536. vii. Mary Otis Poteat
- 5537. viii. Prella Poteat
- 5538. ix. Tellis Poteat

4439. Mittie Jemima Poteet was born 1 Feb. 1873 and died ___ July 1945. She married Joseph A. Poteet. See his listing (#5250).

4440. Lillie Mae Poteet was born 30 Sept. 1875 and died 23 Feb. 1956. She married (1) Vance Shuping, (2) William Matthews and (3) Robert Mooney. Mrs. Adams lists the following children for this family and quotes an obituary from the News-Herald of Feb. 25, 1956 which names the parents and three deceased husbands of Mrs. Mooney. Vance Shuping and Lillie Poteet were married 13 Nov. 1898.²⁷²

Children of Vance Shuping and Lillie Mae (Poteet) Shuping

- 5540. i. Ivey Shuping
- 5541. ii. Vance Shuping
- 5542. iii. Bertha Shuping

Children of William Matthews and Lillie Mae (Poteet) Matthews

- 5543. iv. Larry Anderson Matthews

4455. Mary Elizabeth Poteet, daughter of Francis and Martha A. E. (Hendley) Poteet, was born 2 May 1848 and died 28 Dec. 1928. On 3 Feb. 1870, Mary Poteat m. James Dickson.²⁷³

4456. Thomas H. Poteet b. 1846

4457. Alvis Poteet b. 1850 d. 21 Dec. 1863

4458. Amy Jane Poteet b. 1852

4459. Celena Rufina Poteet, daughter of Francis and Martha A. E. (Hendley) Poteet, was born 6 Jan. 1854 and died 20 Feb. 1939. Francis Dickson and Salina Poteet were married 23 Dec. 1875.²⁷⁴

4460. Susannah Poteet, daughter of Francis M. and Martha A. E. (Hendley) Poteet, was born in 1855. Susan S. Poteet, daughter of F. M. and A. E. Poteet, married Calvin J. Horn, son of Jonathan and Lyda Horn, 24 April 1873.²⁷⁵

²⁷²Burke County Genealogical Society, Index to Marriage Registers, 1867-1908, Burke County, North Carolina (Morganton, NC, 1990, 2nd printing 1993)

²⁷³Marriage Records, McDowell County, Marion, NC, copied 30 March 1961

²⁷⁴Burke County Genealogical Society, Index to Marriage Registers, 1867-1908, Burke County, North Carolina (Morganton, NC, 1990, 2nd printing 1993)

²⁷⁵Williams, Edward P., McDowell County North Carolina Marriages, 1870-1894 (April 1995).

4461. Julia Poteet b. 1858
4462. George Pinckney Poteet b. Jan/Feb. 1860
4463. Frances Emma Poteet b. 1861 d. 29 Oct. 1864
4464. Martha Poteet b. 1862
4465. Eliza Ann Poteet b. 21 May 1864 d. Feb. 1940

4466. Dorotha Ida Poteet, daughter of Frances M. and Martha (Hendley) Poteet, was born about 1866. She is listed at age 33 with her parents in the 1900 census of Cleveland Co., NC. "I am trying to find our more about my ggrandmother, Dorothy Ida Poteet, who is the Rose Ida Denton living with Francis and Martha in 1900 Cleveland County. The grandson, "Odus Poteet, born June 1887" was my grandfather, Otis Augustus Poteat. He was born about 3 ½ years before his mother married J. W. Denton in January 1900."²⁷⁶

Children of J. W. and Dorothy Ida (Poteet) Denton

5560. Otis Augustus Poteat b. ca. 1897

4467. Isabella E. Poteet b. 1868

4680. Elisha Wadkins was born about 1848 and never married. He is buried at Macedonia, NC.²⁷⁷ (Grave not found) He is listed in his step-father's family in the 1880 census (see above).

4681. Bulow Wadkins was born in 1850. He married Judy Dixon. He is buried at Macedonia, NC²⁷⁸. The McDowell Co. death records, book 22, p. 27, give the following information: Bulow Ervin Watkins, b. 21 March 185-, d. 5 May 1935, age 85 yr, 1 m. 13 d., son of George Watkins and Jamamia Poteat, buried at Macedonia. Beulo Watkins (1850-1936) and Judy D. Watkins (1849 - 1918), wife of Beulo Watkins, are buried in the Macedonia Cemetery.²⁷⁹ Their family is listed in the 1880 census of McDowell County as follows:²⁸⁰

Watkins, Bulow, age 30
 , Juda C., age 30, wife
 , Martha E., age 9, dau
 , George E., age 7, son
 , Jane H., age 4, dau
 , Julous, age 2, son

4682. Rispana Wadkins was born about 1853. She married John Allred. "John Allred, son of Tolbert Allred and Mary Allred, married Ruby Ann Watkins, daughter of George and Jemima Wadkins, at the home of James Bowers, 10 Sept. 1877" according to the McDowell County marriage records. Mrs. Hogan, however, remembers her aunt Rispana. According to McDowell Co. death records, book 2, p. 106, John Locker Allred was born 22 March 1831 and died 24 March 1915, age 84 yr., 2 d., was born in Forsyth Co., the son of Tolbert Allred and Mary Frye, both natives of Forsyth

²⁷⁶ Charlie Rich, e-mail to Dan W. Olds, 20 July 1999, after I sent him some Poteet data.

²⁷⁷ Hogan, Mrs. C. B., letter to Dan W. Olds, 5 July 1972

²⁷⁸ Hogan, Mrs. C. B., letter to Dan W. Olds, 5 July 1972.

²⁷⁹ Aldridge, Cox, Randolph, and Silvers, McDowell County, North Carolina, Cemeteries, Vol. 3 (1995), p. 48.

²⁸⁰ Cox, Margie H. and Randolph, Jewell R., McDowell County, North Carolina, 1880 census (1996), p. 92.

Co., was widowed, and buried at Bethel Cemetery. The informant was Miss Myrtle Allred. The family is listed in the 1880 census of McDowell County as:²⁸¹

Allread, John L., age 49
 , Arispie A., 36, wife
 , Mary E., age 19, dau
 , Tolbert Ann, age 13, dau
 , Eddie J., age 10, dau
 , Gemima E., age 1, dau.
 , William H., age 13, nephew

4683. George Wadkins was born about 1856 and "married but don't know who"²⁸².

4684. John Wadkins was born 27 Sept. 1857 and died 19 Feb. 1926. He married Margaret Roxanna Radford. She was born 15 June 1865 and died 21 March 1934. According to McDowell Co. death records, book 21, p. 115, she died at about age 73, on 21 March 1934 and was the daughter of Andrew Radford and Mince Earwood(?). John and Margaret are buried at Macedonia Baptist Church, off Vein Mountain Road in McDowell County, NC. Their stones are marked "Father" and "Mother", so they must have had children.

4685. William Henry Watkins was born 12 May 1860 and died 12 June 1941. He married Mary Jane Arrowood, born 15 April 1874 and died 26 Feb. 1960. These are the parents of Orra (Mrs. C. B.) Hogan. They are buried at Macedonia Baptist Church. McDowell County death records, book 28, p. 122, give the following information: William Henry Watkins, b. 12 May 1860, d. 12 June 1941, whose father was George Watkins, b. McDowell Co., mother was Jemimah Poteet, b. McDowell Co., married Mary J. Arrowood, and was buried at Macedonia.

i.. Orra Watkins m. C. B. Hogan

4686. Missouri Wadkins was born about 1863 and married Aden Queen (according to Mrs. Hogan). Missouri is supposed to have gotten her name from the place where her father served (and died?). Is this the M. M. Wadkins, daughter of George and Gemima Wadkins, who married Joseph L. Laughridge, son of Larkin and Elmira, 1 April 1888?. She is listed in her step-father's family in the 1880 census (see above).

4687. Rowena Wadkins was born in Nov. 1869. She is listed in the 1870 census with Gemima Wadkins, but may not be a daughter. George Wadkins was supposed to have been killed in the Civil War. Mrs. Hogan listed her among the daughters of Gemima Poteet and said she is buried at Mountain Creek Baptist Church, Rutherford [County?], NC.²⁸³ As Martha R. Watkins, she is listed in her step-father's family in the 1880 census of McDowell County (see above).

A Martha R. Queen (10 Nov. 1869 - 5 Aug. 1944) is buried at Mountain Creek Baptist Church, south of Marion. Buried next to her is A. R. Queen (22 Dec. 1867 - 14 Jan. 1944). The marriage records of McDowell County show that A. R. Queen, son of Wm. and Lindy Queen, married Rainia Watkins, daughter of George and Gemima Watkins, at the home of Gemima Bowers on 26 Sept. 1888. I did not find the death records of A. R. Queen or Martha R. Queen in McDowell County.

4688. Judith Ann Poteet, daughter of John A. and Fatima L. (Barnes) Poteet, was born about 1860.

²⁸¹ Cox, Margie H. and Randolph, Jewell R., McDowell County North Carolina 1880 census, (1996), p. 3

²⁸² Hogan, Mrs. C. B., letter to Dan W. Olds, 5 July 1972

²⁸³ Hogan, Mrs. C. B., letter to Dan W. Olds, 5 July 1972

4689. Sarah M. Poteet, daughter of John A. and Fatimal L (Barnes) Poteet, was born about 1862.
4690. William L(?) Poteet, son of John A. and Fatima L. (Barnes) Poteet, was born about 1863.
4691. Soloman Henry Poteet, son of John A. and Fatima L. (Barnes) Poteet, was born about 1865.
4692. John Frank Poteet, son of John A. and Fatima L. (Barnes) Poteet was born about 1867.
4693. George A. Poteet, son of John A. and Fatima L. (Barnes) Poteet was born about 1870.
4694. Robert B. Poteet, son of John A. and Fatima L. (Barnes) Poteet, was born about 1874.
4695. Sarah M. Poteet, daughter of George A. and Catherine (Barnes) Poteet, was born about 1857.

4696. George A. Poteet, son of George A. and Catherine (Barnes) Poteet, and his family are listed in the 1900 census of Spartanburg County, SC. According to this census, he was born in July 1859, his wife was Alice M., b. May 1865. She had had eight children as listed below. A query by Dianne M. Poteat, 1398 Wells Creek Drive, Lincolnton, GA, asks: "When did George A. Poteat, b. 8 July 1859, McDowell Co., NC, & d. 27 June 1934, Spartanburg Co., SC, mar. Alice M. Cooper (b. 12 May 1865 in NC – what county– & d. 9 May 1959, Spartanburg Co.)? Alice m. 1st Landrum Cooper, & had a son Edgar Cooper."²⁸⁴

The 1920 census of Spartanburg County lists the family, including two children not in my list below, as [ED79 sheet 4A]:

George A. Poteet,	age 60, b. NC
Alice M.	age 53 ?, wife
AR? Kate	age 24, dau
Boyd	age 22, son
Albert Jesse	age 20, son
Louis C.	age 17, son
Alice M.	age 15, dau.

His obituary²⁸⁵ says he died at age 75 having resided in Spartanburg for the past 25 years. He had come from McDowell County, NC, to Spartanburg County at age 18 with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Poteet. He was survived by one brother John Henry Poteat of Cherokee Springs and one sister, Mrs. John Johnson of Spartanburg, three daughters Mrs. Virgil Lee Johnson, Mrs. P. A. Easler, Mrs. J. H. McMahon, and five sons, A. J., P. C., Boyd, Lewis and J.A. Kenneth Poteat found their tombstones at Old Inman Cemetery: George A. Poteat (3 or 8 July, 1859 - 27 June 1934) and Alice M. (12 May 1865 - 4 March 1959).²⁸⁶

Children of George A. and Alice M. Poteat

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| 5600. i. | Edgar Poteat | b. April 1881 |
| 5601. ii. | Jas. A. Poteat | b. Jan. 1884 |
| 5602. iii. | Addie L. Poteat | b. April 1886 |
| 5603. iv. | Corrie Poteat | b. Aug. 1888 |
| 5604. v. | Preston C. Poteat | b. Feb. 1891 |
| 5605. vi. | Arrie Kate Poteat | b. Jan. 1894 |
| 5606. vii. | Boyd A. Poteat | b. Oct. 1898 |

²⁸⁴ Pinckney District Chapter, SCGS, Quarterly, Volume 20, No. 3, (Sept. 1996), p. 117.

²⁸⁵ Spartanburg [SC] Herald, 28 June 1934.

²⁸⁶ Kenneth Poteat, Inman, SC, phone conversation, 11 March 1989

5607. viii. Albert J. Poteat b. July 1899

4697. William Soloman Poteet , son of George A. and Catherine (Barnes) Poteet), was born about 1863 and married Jessie Lee Bishop^{287 288}. His family is listed in the 1900 census of Spartanburg County, SC, which shows him as born July 1861, in NC with parents b. SC [??], wife Jessie Lee, b. Jan. 1867. She had the five children listed below.

Children of William Soloman and Jessie Lee (Bishop) Poteet²⁸⁹

- 5749. i. Frank Poteat b. Sept.1886
- 5750. ii. George Poteat m. Lucy Mae Sain
- 5751. iii. A. Maud Poteat b. Jan. 1891
- 5752. iv. James A. Poteat b. Feb. 1894
- 5753. v. Willlliam J. Poteat b. April 1897

4698. John H. Poteet, son of George A. and Catherine (Barnes) Poteet, was born 15 March 1864. In 1972, I spoke with his son, John Henry Poteat of Route 10, Spartanburg, who said his father (b. 1864) remembered a Poteet-Dixon reunion in NC and used to tell of a Poteet family in which eleven of the thirteen boys were killed in the Civil War. Ray Stephens thought this might be a reference to the Peahuff family who had eleven killed in the war. John H. Poteet, b. 1864, was Ray's mother's brother.²⁹⁰

The family of John H. Poteat, b. March 1864, married 11 years, with himself and parents born in NC, wife Minnie L., b. April 1874, who had 4 children as listed below, is listed in the 1900 census of Spartanburg County, NC. The marriage of John "M." Poteet and Minnie Belcher was reported in the Carolina Spartan of 8 July 1889.²⁹¹

[I need to seek obits on this family — the 1920 census does not easily mesh with the children I list.]

John Henry Poteat (15 March 1864 - 7 June 1947) and Minnie Lee Poteat (30 Apr 1874 - 16 Aug. 1948) are buried in the Cherokee Springs Baptist Church Cemetery in Spartanburg County (tombstones were read 8 Aug. 1998).

Children of John H. and Minnie L. (Belcher) Poteat

- 5754. i. Pratie Lee Poteat, b. May 1891
- 5755. ii. Bennie H. Poteat, b. Sept. 1894
- 5756. iii. Oliver Dean Poteat, b. May 1897
- 5757. iv. Minnie May Poteat, b. April 1899
- 5758. v. Annie Kate Poteat, b. ca. 1909²⁹²
- 5759. v. John Henry Poteat, b. ca. 1914²⁹³

4699. Joseph J. Poteat²⁹⁴, son of George A. and Catherine (Barnes) Poteet, was born about 1866. He is listed in the 1900 census of Spartanburg County, SC, as born Oct. 1866. with wife Avaline, b. Sept.1873, who had had six children as listed below. His obituary appeared in the Spartanburg Herald for Wednesday, 21 Feb. 1912, and stated: "Joseph J. Poteat, aged 45, died at his home near Cherokee Springs yesterday morning after an illness of one week. The

²⁸⁷ Poteat, Arnold Ray, letter to Dan W. Olds, 10 Nov. 1983, with pedigree chart.

²⁸⁸ The marriage of W. S. Poteet and Jessie Lee Bishop was reported in the 16 Dec. 1885 issue of the Carolina Spartan. (Marriages from Carolina Spartan Newspaper, 1880-1893, Spartanburg County Library)

²⁸⁹ Poteat, Arnold Ray, letter to Dan Olds, 10 Nov. 1983, including pedigree chart.

²⁹⁰ Stephens, Ray B., Chamblee, Georgia, letter to Dan W. Olds, 29 July 1974

²⁹¹ Marriages from Carolina Spartan Newspaper, 1880-1893, Spartanburg County Library.

²⁹² added to this list from the obituary of Annie Kate Poteat, Spartanburg Herald-Journal, 19 Nov. 2000

²⁹³ added to this list from an obituary of John H. Poteat, age 60, who "died Friday.... burial at Cherokee Springs", husband of Virginia O'Sullivan Poteat. Spartanburg Herald Journal, 27 Oct. 1974. Further evidence of the connection should be sought.

²⁹⁴ One Joseph J. Poteat (22 Jan.1866 - 7 Feb.1917) is buried at Zion Memorial United Methodist Church. Burke County Genealogical Society, Cemeteries of Burke County, Volume 1 (Morganton, NC, 1995)

funeral will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at Boiling Springs. The remains will be entered in the churchyard. Mr. Poteet was a well known man in that section and his friends will learn of his death with much sorrow."

Children of Joseph J. and Avaline Poteat

- 5760. i. Delia May Poteat, b. Feb. 1891
- 5761. ii. Boyce Lee Poteat, b. Nov. 1892
- 5762. iii. Willie Nathan Poteat, b. Apr. 1893
- 5763. iv. Ila Kate Poteat, b. Nov. 1895
- 5764. v. Jas. Jason Poteat, b. July 1897
- 5765. vi. Roy Kinard Poteat, b. May 1900

4700. Mary Poteat, daughter of George A. and Catherine (Barnes) Poteat, was born about 1869.

4701. Elijah Poteet, son of George A. and Catherine (Barnes) Poteat, was born 13 Nov. 1873 and died 18 Apr. 1954 according to his tombstone at the Boiling Springs Baptist Church, Spartanburg Co., SC. Lillie Ann Poteat, 5 May 1877 - 12 July 1963, evidently his wife, is also buried there. Her obituary (n.v.) appeared in the Spartanburg Herald Journal for 15 July 1963.

4702. Alvin Poteat, of Route 10, Spartanburg. In 1974, John Easler referred me to this man as a son of George A. Poteat.

4707. William Wadkins, son of John and Edith Matilda (Poteet) Wadkins, was born in 1855 and married Jane _____.²⁹⁵

4708. Rachel Matilda Watkins, daughter of John and Edith Matilda (Poteet) Watkins, was born 29 June 1857 and married Samuel Porter Justice.²⁹⁶

4709. George Watkins, son of John and Edith Matilda (Poteet), was born in 1859 and died in the early 1900s in Farmersville, TX.²⁹⁷

4710. Isaac Henry Watkins, was born in 1860 and married Sally Tallulah Bomar. He died 6 July 1908 in Arizona.²⁹⁸

4730. Mary E. Poteet, daughter of William G. and Louisa (Landis) Poteet, was born ca. 1858,

4731. Eldorado Poteet, (daughter?) of William G. and Louisa (Landis) Poteet, was born ca. 1862.

4732. William J. Poteet, son of William G. and Louisa (Landis) Poteet, was born about 1863.

4770. Walter Poteet, son of Henry D. and Elizabeth (Adams) Poteet

4771. Buddy Poteet, son of Henry D. and Elizabeth (Adams) Poteet

²⁹⁵ Ryan, Mrs. Wm. P., Phoenix, AZ, letter to Dan W. Olds, 10 March 1975

²⁹⁶ Ryan, Mrs. Wm. P., Phoenix, AZ, letter to Dan W. Olds, 10 March 1975

²⁹⁷ Ryan, Mrs. Wm. P., Phoenix, AZ, letter to Dan W. Olds, 10 March 1975

²⁹⁸ Ryan, Mrs. Wm. P., Phoenix, AZ, letter to Dan W. Olds, 10 March 1975

4772. Mary Poteet, daughter of Henry D. and Elizabeth (Adams) Poteet

4773. Samuel Justice Poteet²⁹⁹, son of Henry D. and Elizabeth (Adams) Poteet, was born 15 Oct. 1876 and died Dec. 1952. He married (1) Salley Mercer who died in July 1906 and (2) Hope Devine. Sallie Mercer Poteet, b. 3 March 1877, d. 22 Aug. 1906, wife of Samuel Poteet, is buried in Mountain Rest Cemetery, Kings Mountain, Cleveland County, NC.³⁰⁰

Children of Samuel Justice and Salley (Mercer) Poteet

5770. i. Eugene Justice Poteat, b. 9 March 1905

5771. ii. Lawrence Poteat, b. 1906, d. Feb. 1963

Children of Samuel Justice and Hope (Devine) Poteet

5772. iii. Ethel Poteat

5773. iv. Harry Poteat

5774. v. Dorothy Poteat

4774. Maggie Poteet, daughter of Henry D. and Elizabeth (Adams) Poteet,

4775. Alice Poteet, daughter of Henry D. and Elizabeth (Adams) Poteet,

4776. Ella Poteet, daughter of Henry D. and Elizabeth (Adams) Poteet,

4777. Amney Elizabeth Poteet, was born 4 Aug. 1880, probably in Spartanburg County, SC, just after the census of her family was taken, and died in Asheville, NC, on 25 Dec. 1928. She married Eugene Reid Harrington (24 Aug. 1875 - 2 May 1944). Both are buried at Kings Mountain, NC³⁰¹.

Children of Eugene Reid and Amney Elizabeth (Poteat) Harrington

5800. i. Aubrey Highsmith Harrington, b. 31 March 1915

4800. William Thomas Poteat, son of Joseph A. Poteat, was born 21 Aug. 1869 and died 15 Oct. 1911. He is buried at Boiling Springs, SC. His wife was Sallie Cook.³⁰²

4801. Sidney E. Poteat, b. 2 Oct. 1870, d. 24 March 1954. He is buried at Fairview Baptist Church No. 2, Bryant Road, Spartanburg Co., SC. His wife Della Belcher Poteat, 28 April 1876 - 1 Sept. 1937.

Children of Sidney E. and Della Mae (Belcher) Poteat³⁰³

5950. i. Henry Irving Poteat

5951. ii. Lewis Poteat

5952. iii. Perry Dean Poteat

5953. iv. Edith May Poteat

5954. v. Roie Pichuff

5955. vi. Arthur Wallace Poteat, b. 24 July 1901, d. 13 Dec. 1920. He is buried at Fairview Baptist Church No. 2,

²⁹⁹ This information is from a pedigree chart prepared by Donald W. Poteat, Charleston, SC, and sent to me by Mrs. J. V. Pitts, ca. 1974.

³⁰⁰ Cemetery Record Card File, NC Archives, Raleigh, NC.

³⁰¹ Ost, Amy Caroline, North Palm Beach, FL, letter to Dan W. Olds, 21 April 1974, with pedigree chart.

³⁰² Kemmeth Poteat of Inman, SC, phone conversation, 11 March 1989.

³⁰³ On 18 Jan. 1921, S. E. Poteet was the administrator of A. W. Poteet who died intestate 13 Dec. 1920, leaving his father S. E. Poteet, mother Della Poteet, brothers Henry, Lewis, Perry and sisters Edith May Poteet and Mrs. Roie Pichuff. Spartanburg County Probate records.

Bryant Road, Spartanburg Co., SC.

4802. James Andy Poteat, son of Joseph Allen and Mary Matilda (MacNeely) Poteat, was born 23 April 1872 and died 31 May 1927. He is buried at Mt. Pleasant. A marker there (in 1974) showed wife to be Clara B., 1888 - 19___. She was Clara Green.³⁰⁴ The family is listed in the 1920 census of Spartanburg County (ED100, Sh. 1A, Spartanburg Township) showing Andy, age 48, b. NC, wife Clara, age 38, b. SC, daughter Anna, age 16, son Clyd, age 14, son Edward, age 11, son _____, age 9, daughter Ruth, age 4, and daughter Clara Mae, age 1/12. The obituary of Edward V. Poteat³⁰⁵ shows his siblings as Furman H. Poteat, Ruth Poteat Bishop, Clara Mae Poteat Hawkins, and Joseph Clyde Poteat.

Children of James Andy and Clara Belle (Green) Poteat

- 5960. i. Anna Poteat, b. ca. 1904
- 5961. ii. Joseph Clyde Poteat, d. 28 Nov. 1992, age 86³⁰⁶
- 5962. iii. Edward Vance Poteat, d. 1 Oct. 1997, age 89.
- 5963. iv. Furman H. Poteat
- 5964. v. Ruth Poteat Bishop
- 5965. vi. Clara Mae Poteat Hawkins, b. 1920

4803. John H. Poteat, b. 20 Aug. 1874, d. 13 March 1897

4804. George E. Poteat, son of Joseph Allen and Mary Matilda (MacNeely) Poteat, was born 1 March 1879 [1877?] and died 14 Jan. 1958. He is buried at Fairview Baptist Church No. 2, Bryant Road, Spartanburg Co., SC. His wife Mary J. Poteat, 18 Sept. 1890 -- 23 Dec. 1966 is also buried there. His obituary³⁰⁷ says he died at age 79 at home, route 6, at 9 a.m. He was survived by one brother V. B. [sic] Poteat of route 6, by his wife Mrs. Mary Jennings Poteat, four sons (Horace of Inman, Earl of Valley Falls, Marceil of Rt. 6, Charles of Chesnee), three daughters (Mrs. Annie Laura Finch of Spartanburg, Mrs. Ada Johnson of Valley Falls, Miss Eva Poteat of the home) and fourteen grandchildren.

Children of George E. and Mary (Jennings) Poteat

- 5970. Horace Poteat
- 5971. Earl Poteat
- 5972. Marceil Poteat
- 5973. Charles Poteat
- 5974. Mrs. Annie Finch
- 5975. Mrs. Ada Johnson
- 5976. Eva Poteat

4805. Zeb V. Poteat, son of Joseph Allen and Mary Matilda (MacNeely) Poteat, was born 9 March 1881 and died 20 June 1971. He is buried at Fairview Baptist Church No. 2, Bryant Road, Spartanburg Co., SC. His wife Sallie R. Poteat, 23 July 1912 -- was also named on the marker there (in 1974). According to his obituary³⁰⁸, he died at age 90 at 6:20 p.m. on Sunday, 20 June 1971. He was the son of the late Joseph and Matilda (McNeely) Poteat. His first wife

³⁰⁴ Easler, Mike, talked with his grandfather John Easler in 1974 and got her maiden name from him. John Easler's brother was the one who married Edith Matilda Poteat. John Easler also said that Joe Allan Poteat, John Henry Poteat and George A. Poteat came from NC as young men, that their tombstones are at Cherokee Springs Baptist Church and that Edith Matilda was a second cousin of the three brothers and also came from NC.

³⁰⁵ Spartanburg Herald Journal, obituary of Edward V. Poteat, undated clipping.

³⁰⁶ Spartanburg Herald Journal, 29 Nov. 1992, obituary of Joseph Poteat, Sr. His parents were the late Andrew and Clara Belle Green Poteat and his surviving siblings were Ruth Bishop, Clara Mae Hawkins, Ed Poteat, and Furman Poteat.

³⁰⁷ Spartanburg Herald Journal, Jan. 14, 1958, p. 2

³⁰⁸ Spartanburg Herald Journal, 21 June 1971, p. A3

was Nannie Kimbrell Poteat. He was survived by Norfleet Poteat of Rt. 10 and Talmadge Poteat of Spartanburg. His children from his first marriage were Mrs. Tom Page of Spartanburg, Mrs. Horace Charles of Spartanburg, Mrs. Vance Horton of Rt. 6, Mrs. Taylor B. Byrd and Mrs. Willie Seay, both of Chesnee, Rt. 2, Mrs. Deb McCarter of Spartanburg, Rt. 10, Mrs. Howard White of Prosperity, Mrs. Lawrence Fesler [Easler] of Spartanburg and Donald Poteat of Spartanburg. There were 54 grandchildren, 62 great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild.

Children of Zeb Vance and Nannie (Kimbrell) Poteat

5980. Mrs. Tom Page

5981. Mrs. Horace Charles

5982. Mrs. Vance Horton

5983. Mrs. Taylor B. Byrd

5984. Mrs. Willie Seay

5985. Mrs. Deb. McCarter

5986. Mrs. Howard White

5987. Mrs. Lawrence Easler. Lawrence Easler, Sr., (8 Sept 1915 - 29 Dec. 1986) and Anne Poteat Easler (9 Oct. 1921 -) have markers at the Cherokee Springs Baptist Church, Spartanburg County (read in Aug. 1998). The marker also give the names of their children Lawrence, Jr., Ted, Ray, and Toy and grandchildren Jeff, Leigh, David, Scott, Hope and Holly.

5988. Donald Poteat

4806. Edith Matilda Poteat, was born 8 June 1885 and died 7[5?] Dec. 1912. She married Luther B. Easler. Her tombstone is at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Rt. 57, near Cherokee Springs, SC.

4900. William Sidney Christy, son of Lafayette and Mary Matilda (Poteet) Christy, married Matilda Haney. She is buried in the Brittain Presbyterian Cemetery, Burke County, NC. "In memory of Matilda Christy, consort of W. S. Christy who died July 22, 1846."³⁰⁹

4901. Zeb Vance Christy, son of Lafayette and Mary Matilda (Poteet) Christy

4902. Matilda Lafayette Christie, daughter of Lafayette and Mary Matilda (Poteet) Christy

4920. William H. Poteet, son of John William and Carry (Garrison) Poteet, was born 3 Feb. 1851. W. H. Poteet, son of John and Carrie Poteet, married M. A. Garrison, daughter of Jas and Charity Garrison in Clay County, NC, on 23 Jan. 1886.³¹⁰

4921. Sarah Poteet, daughter of John William and Carry (Garrison) Poteet, was born 27 June 1852.

4922. Robert Alexander Poteet³¹¹, son of John William and Carry (Garrison) Poteet, was born 9 March 1855 and died 11 Dec. 1927. He married Margaret Ann Largent on 23 April 1876. She was born 28 March 1855 and died 19 Feb. 1920. His will was written 5 June 1922 and probated in Burke County on 29 Dec. 1927³¹². He mentioned his wife Molly Poteat and children Nettie Stancy, Gertrude Mull, Bessico Moses, Minnie Branch, John Poteat, Daniel [I

³⁰⁹ Miele, Judy Christie, letter to Dan W. Olds, received 12 July 1997. Judy is a great-great-great granddaughter of William Sidney Christy and Matilda Haney.

³¹⁰ entry found in a database of NC marriage records, NCGenWeb Project hosted by RootsWeb.

³¹¹ Burnette, Doris Poteet, Madison Heights, Michigan, family group sheet on file with the Family History Library, Salt Lake City.

³¹² Burke County wills, Morganton, NC, abstracted 28 July 1962.

probably should have read this as David] Jones Poteat, Marcus Poteat and the heirs of Essie McGalliard.

Children of Robert Alexander and Margaret Ann (Largent) Poteat³¹³

- 5980. i. Minnie Robert Poteet, b. 18 March 1877
- 5981. ii. John William Poteet, b. 6 Jan. 1879, d. 11 Jan. 1958
- 5982. iii. David Jones Poteet, b. 30 Dec. 1880
- 5983. iv. Markus Felix Poteet, b. 16 Dec. 1882, d. 15 July 1936
- 5984. v. Bartie Bertsie Poteet, b. 17 Feb. 1885, d. 26 Dec. 1906
- 5985. vi. Mamie Jeanette Poteet, b. 18 Feb. 1887
- 5986. vii. Gertrude Poteet, b. 26 Aug. 1889
- 5987. viii. Bescoe Poteet, b. 20 March 1892
- 5988. ix. Beulah Poteet, b. 31 Oct. 1894, d. 19 Oct. 1918
- 5989. x. Essie Mae Poteet, b. 23 Aug. 1897, d. 9 Nov. 1917

4923. John M. Poteet, son of John William and Carry (Garrison) Poteet, was born 4 July 1857.

4924. Joseph I. Poteet, son of John William and Carry (Garrison) Poteet, was born 22 Jan. 1866.

4925. Mary Jane Poteet, daughter of John William and Carry (Garrison) Poteet, was born 18 May 1859.

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5050. William Elrod Poteat, son of Samuel Alexander and Matilda (Dale) Poteat, was born ca. 1858. "Henry's brothers, Joseph of Marion (Mary Poteat) and William Elrod of Fletcher are proven by Bible records, family letters and visits within my husbands and my lifetime. When our son William (Bill) O. Poteat, Jr., was born, Otto's Aunt Martha Poteet of Fletcher sent a silver spoon and a tie tag that had belonged to "uncle Will". My grandson, W. O. III is called "Will".³¹⁴

5051. John Henry Poteat, son of Samuel Alexander and Matilda (Dale) Poteat, was born ca. 1859. Kelly Poteat³¹⁵ said that John Henry Poteat's dad was killed in the "last battle of the Civil War" and that his mother remarried. He also said that John Henry Poteat had two brothers, Joe A. and Will, who worked on the railroad and lived with the Johnson family. John Henry Poteat's father's sister lived at Gastonia. John Henry Poteat married Lilah Elmira Carpenter, born 1864 at Three Mile, NC.³¹⁶ There were three brothers, Kelly, Hogue, and Dent. Mary Poteat at Duke University was their cousin.

Children of John Henry and Lila Elmira (Carpenter) Poteat³¹⁷

- 6024. i. Jacob Haggerty "Hagg" Poteat
- 6025. ii. Dentice Sullivan Poteat
- 6026. iii. Joseph Kelly Poteat
- 6027. iv. William Otto Poteat

5052. Laura Poteat, daughter of Samuel Alexander and Matilda (Dale) Poteat, was born ca. 1864 [? per 1870 census].

³¹³ Burnette, Doris Poteet, family group sheet in the LDS files at Salt Lake City, filed by 1960, referring to the family Bible of Robert Alexander Poteat.

³¹⁴ Poteat, Macie F., letter to Dan W. Olds, 11 Sept. 1999.

³¹⁵ Poteat, Kelly, of Piney Flats, TN, between Johnson City and Bluff City, in conversation with Betty (Poteat) Olds at Bela Poteat's home, Avon Park, FL, 26 May 1963.

³¹⁶ information provided by Macie F. Poteat, letter to Dan W. Olds, 11 Sept. 1999.

³¹⁷ this list is from Mrs. Macie Poteat, letter to Dan W. Olds, 11 Sept. 1999

Laura B. Poteet, daughter of Matilda Poteet, age 22, married James B. Wallace on 12 July 1885.³¹⁸

5053. Joseph Alexander Poteet, son of Samuel A. and Matilda (Dale) Poteat, was born 3 March 1863 and died 18 April 1935. He married Mary Moore, born 15 May 1863 and died 18 Nov. 1947, daughter of Jacob Moore and Amanda Collins.³¹⁹ The McDowell County marriage record shows Joseph A. Poteat, age 21, son of S. A. and Matilda Poteat, m. Mary Moore, age 19³²⁰, daughter of J. and Amanda Moore at Amanda Bailey's on 23 Jan. 1884.³²¹

Children of Joseph A. and Mary (Moore) Poteat

6030. i. Mary Poteat

6031. ii. John A. Poteat

5200. William Don Camp was born about 1856 and died in 1904. He married Morena Morgan.

"I will tell you as much as I know about the Camp family that my father was from. His grandfather was Richard L. Camp born Jan. 27, 1827, in Cleveland Co., NC. He married Martha Poteat about 1854 from McDowell County. Their oldest child was born in 1856 who was Don Camp. He also was my grandfather. Don Camp had 3 sisters."

"Richard L. Camp married the second time to Liza Ann Kaylor. They had 3 children. Joe, John and Mary Elizabeth Camp. They tell me he lived near Henrietta, N.C. after his second marriage.... Mary Elizabeth Camp wasn't married and she died in April, 1964. ... Richard L. Camp died in 1909."

"My father was Willie J. Camp born in N.C. in 1885. He came to Missouri about 1888. A short time after coming to Missouri his Mother died. His grandparents Morgans took him and kept him for a few years. His father came on to Arkansas, married a second time. My father then came to live with here. My grandfather Don Camp died in 1904 and then my father died young."³²²

"If you have time some time when you are looking at the census, would you see if you can find a Don Camp & wife Morena listed in the 1880 census. They are my fathers parents. [My father] was the 3rd child, Born in 1885 in N.C. They might be listed in Rutherford County. Don Camp married Marena Morgan, I guess around 1880."³²³

5201. Emily M. Camp, daughter of Richard and Martha Camp, was born 28 Nov. 1857 and died 27 Oct. 1919. She married E. Vance Lawing, son of Israel and Malinda Lawin(g), who was born 26 Oct. 1860 and died 26 Jan. 1940. The marriage was at the home of Wm. Reed on 25 Dec. 1881.³²⁴ They are buried at Bethel Baptist Church, Nealsville, off US 221 south of Glenwood, NC. Their children Letha, Lettie G., Adda G., and Willie A. are also buried there with the dates given below taken from the tombstones.³²⁵ She is probably the Emily Camp, age 22, listed as a servant in the household of Joseph and Sarah Poteet, 1880 census of McDowell Co.

"I wrote a few letters to a lady whose name was Nellie Morgan, her father was a Lawing his mother was Emily (Camp) Lawing. He passed away in 1971, in his 80s, she said his memory was bad but she had heard him say his Grandmother Poteet was buried at Round Hill Church Cemetery near Union Mills, NC. She couldn't fully depend on

³¹⁸ Williams, Edward P., McDowell County North Carolina Marriages 1870 -1894

³¹⁹ Poteat, Dr. Mary, Duke University, information provided to Dan W. Olds.

³²⁰ age added from my notes from McDowell County marriage records, Marion, NC.

³²¹ McDowell County Death Records, Book 37, p. 87, show the death of Mrs. Mary Moore Poteat, daughter of Jacob Moore, on 18 Nov. 1947. (from the index).

³²² Morrow, Mrs. Opal, Yellville, Ark, letter of Mrs. S. L. Thompson, Chesnee, SC, 23 April 1973.

³²³ Morrow, Mrs. Opal, Yellville, Arkansas, letter to Dan Olds, 16 Sept. 1974.

³²⁴ McDowell Co. marriage records.

³²⁵ tombstones copied 14 Sept. 1974

what he said.”³²⁶

Children of E. Vance and Emily M. (Camp) Lawing

- 6050. i. Letha Lawing, b. 2 July 1885, d. 8 May 1902
- 6051. ii. Willie A. Lawing, b. 6 June 1892, d. 2 Dec. 1892
- 6052. iii. Adda G. Lawing, (son) b. 21 Sept. 1895, d. 21 Dec. 1895
- 6053. iv. Lettie G. Lawing, b. 25 Jan. 1899, d. 7 Feb. 1899

5202. Matilda H. Camp was born 7 April 1860 and died 22 Jan. 1941. She married Jethro F. Morgan. She is buried at Bethel Baptist Church, Nealsville, off US 221 south of Glenwood, NC. McDowell Co. death records, book 28, p. 194, gives the following: Harriett Matilda Morgan, b. 7 April 1860, d. 22 Jan. 1941, father was Richard Camp, b. McDowell Co., mother unobtainable, buried at Bethel.

5203. Margaret Camp married John Bright. A Maggie M. Bright, 14 Oct 1871 -- 8 June 1924, is buried at Bethel Baptist Church.³²⁷

5210. John Henley was born about 1857. He may be the John A. Hendley, 19 Sept. 1856 - 2 Feb. 1931, who is buried with his wife, Betty M. Hendley, 15 Aug. 1854 - 26 Nov. 1938, at Bethel Baptist Church, Nealsville, off US 221, south of Glenwood, NC.

“John Henlie was Henry Poteets sister son Adline Poteet an married Mr. Henlie and he past away then Mr. bright & third mr morgan 3 sets of children cant no how many. ... John Henlie had a large familie 4 of them dauters married Seagles one son married my school mate Sallie Fin ley John loved the Poteets he gave me a collie dog when my children was small”³²⁸

5211. Jane Bright was born about 1858. On 21 Sept. 1884, E. J. Bright, age 24, daughter of A. Bright and Adline Bright, married Robert E. Poteet, age 23, son of Robert and Adline Poteet, at the home of J. C. Morgan.³²⁹

5212. Mary Bright was born about _____. On 29 Jan. 1885, Mary Bright, daughter of A. Bright and Adline Bright, married Thomas Poteet, son of Robert and Adline Poteet, at the home of E. P. Poteet.³³⁰ Henry Poteat wrote that he was a son of Mary Susie Bright (b. 9 April 1863, d. 9 Sept 1905) and Thomas L. Poteat (d. 13 March 1930) and that his father’s mother had died when his father was a baby and that the family home had burned with the loss of the family Bible and other records.³³¹

Children of Thomas Leander and Mary Susie (Bright) Poteat

- 6070. i. Henry Poteat

5250. Joseph A. Poteet was born in 1866 and died in 1936. He married Mittie J. Poteet on 14 May 1888³³². She was born in 1873 and she died in 1945, but the date is not on her stone (in 1963). It is interesting to note that both Joseph and Mittie were children of men named Sidney E. Poteet. Mittie’s father was the older one, uncle of Joseph’s father.

³²⁶ Morrow, Mrs. Opal, Yellville, Arkansas, letter to Dan Olds, 16 Sept. 1974.

³²⁷ Aldridge, Cox, Randolph and Silvers, McDowell County, North Carolina, Cemeteries (1995), p. 2.

³²⁸ Smith, H. D. , letter to Dan W. Olds, undated

³²⁹ McDowell Co., NC, marriage records.

³³⁰ McDowell Co. marriage records

³³¹ Poteat, Henry, Hendersonville, KY, letters to Mrs. H. D. Smith and Dan W. Olds, Aug. 16, Sept. 4, and Nov. 5, 1962.

³³² McDowell County Marriage Records, Marion, NC.

Joseph A. and Mittie J. Poteet are buried in the Glenwood Cemetery, south of Marion. Mrs. Adams³³³ gives the following children for this family.

Children of Joseph A. and Mittie J. (Poteet) Poteet

6100. i. Edgar Poteet

6101. ii. Monyon E. Poteet

6102. iii. Sudie Poteet³³⁴

6103. iv. Phifer Poteet

5251. Luther D. Poteet b. Aug. 1869. My notes show a Luther E. Poteat, born 18 Aug. 1869, died 15 Sept. 1913, with a Woodmen of the World marker in the Glennwood Cemetery near Marion, NC. This note, taken when I visited the cemetery on 5 Aug. 1971, should be verified.

5252. John Henry Poteet was born about 1872 and died 13 Nov. 1943, age 70 yr, 8 m, 15 d.³³⁵ His wife was Judie. However, on 24 Sept. 1899, J. H. Poteet, son of S. E. and Gracie Poteet, married Carrie Ellen Sparks, daughter of Will and Margaret Cooper.³³⁶

5253. Adolphus Pinkney Poteet was born 9 May 1875 and died 23 Aug. 1965.³³⁷ A. P. Poteat, age 34, married Effie Gardin, age 24, on 19 May 1909.³³⁸ Adolphus P. Poteat (9 May 1875 - 23 Aug. 1965) and his wife Effie Gardin Poteat (2 Dec. 1885 - 8 March 1977) are buried in the Glenwood Cemetery, south of Marion.³³⁹

5260. Crayton A. Poteet, son of Joseph A. and Sarah Elizabeth (Bright) Poteet, was born 16 Feb. 1870 and died 13 Dec. 1948.³⁴⁰

5261. Rufus A. Poteet, son of Joseph A. and Sarah Elizabeth (Bright) Poteet, was born 20 Feb. 1872 and died 9 July 1963.³⁴¹

5262. Laura Poteet, daughter of Joseph A. and Sarah (Bright) Poteet, was born about 1874. Laura Etta Baker, daughter of Joseph Poteat and Sarah Bright, born 15 Feb. 1874, died as a widow on 8 May 1919 in Burke County and was buried at Denton's Chapel.³⁴² Laura Poteet married S(?) E. Baker on 9 Aug. 1903.³⁴³

³³³ Nellie D. Adams, *These my People* (1973, Lenoir, NC).

³³⁴ It was she --Mrs. Emory Slagle -- who, in 1964, gave me the relationship of her two grandfathers. She did not know the father of either one.

³³⁵ McDowell County Death Records, Marion, NC.

³³⁶ Williams, Edward P., *McDowell County North Carolina Marriages, 1894-1912* (April 1996).

³³⁷ McDowell County Death Index, for Book 46 p. 351.

³³⁸ McDowell County Marriage Records, Marion, NC.

³³⁹ Aldridge, Bryan K., Cox, Margie H., Randolph, Jewell K., and Silvers, Peggy G., *McDowell County, North Carolina, Marriage Records, Vol. 1*, (Appalachian Press, Nebo, NC, 1994)

³⁴⁰ Burke County Genealogical Society, *Cemeteries of Burke County, Volume I* (Morganton, NC, 1995)

³⁴¹ These dates are taken from a tombstone with this name, Denton's Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery. Burke County Genealogical Society, *Cemeteries of Burke County, Volume 1* (Morganton, NC, 1995)

³⁴² Burke County Genealogical Society, *Death Records of Burke County, North Carolina, Volume I* (Morganton, 1988).

³⁴³ Burke County Genealogical Society, *Index to Marriage Registers, 1867-1908, Burke County, North Carolina* (Morganton, 1990, 2nd printing 1993)

5263. Joseph W. Poteet, son of Joseph A. Poteet and Sarah Elizabeth (Bright) Poteet, was born, was born 1 Jan. 1877 and died 20 April 1942.³⁴⁴ The McDowell Co records also include the death of Joseph William Poteet, son of Joseph A. Poteet, on 12 Dec. 1937 so this should be re-examined. In the Bethel Baptist Church Cemetery are markers for Joseph Poteat, Jan. 1877 - April 1942 and Elsie Poteat, May 1889 - Jeb(sic) 1967, a handwritten concrete stone. In 1972 there was also a funeral marker there for Eliza Jane Conner Poteat, d. 5 Feb. 1967, age 82. Her death record at Marion says she was a daughter of Joseph Conner.³⁴⁵ On 11 Aug. 1895, J. W., son of J. E. and Sarah Poteet, married B. E. Conner, daughter of Joe and Jane Conner.³⁴⁶

5264. Frank Poteet, son of Joseph A. and Sarah Elizabeth (Bright) Poteet, was born about 1879.

5270. Marsha J. Lawing, daughter of Albert and Georgia Ann (Poteet) Lawing, was born about 1868.

5271. Estha(?) L. Lawing, daughter of Albert and Georgia Ann (Poteet) Lawing, was born about 1871.

5272. Michell S. Lawing, daughter of Albert and Georgia Ann (Poteet) Lawing, was born about 1873.

5273. John C. Lawing, son of Albert and Georgia Ann (Poteet) Lawing, was born about 1875.

5274. Minnie O. Lawing, daughter of Albert and Georgia Ann (Poteet) Lawing, was born about 1879.

5300. Mark Albert Poteat, was bom 15 June 1867(68 or 69). He died 11 Jan. 1944.³⁴⁷ His marriage is recorded in his father's Bible as Albert Poteet m. Miss Emma Hall, 16 Feb. 1898³⁴⁸. The McDowell County marriage records say that M. A. Poteet, son of M. B. and Mary Poteet, married E. E. Hall, daughter of J. M. and Lou Hall on 16 Feb. 1898.³⁴⁹

Children of Mark Albert Poteat

6199. Kinney Lawrence Poteat, b. 10 Feb. 1901³⁵⁰

6200. Reuben Poteat, b. 28 April 1905³⁵¹

5301. Mary Emmer Poteat, was born 11 Dec. 1870 and died 31 March 1940. Her marriage is recorded in her father's Bible as Mr. Alec Kanipe m. Miss Emma Poteet, 12 Oct. 1898.

5302. Richard Lee Poteat, was born 21 March 1872 and died 7 Aug. 1901. His marriage is recorded in his father's Bible as Lee Poteet m. Mina Morgan with no date. He is buried in the Oak Grove Cemetery at Marion, NC, and her tombstone is there as well (Mina Poteet Byrd, 15 March 1874 - 25 Jan. 1939).³⁵²

³⁴⁴ McDowell County death records, book 24 p. 148 for Joseph William, son of Joe, d. 12 Dec. 1937 and book 29, p. 68, for Joseph W., son of Joe, died 20 April 1942.

³⁴⁵ Eliza Jane Conner Poteat, daughter of Joseph Conner, died 5 Feb. 1967, McDowell County Marriage Records, book 47 p. 361 (from the index)

³⁴⁶ Williams, Edward P., McDowell County North Carolina Marriages, 1894-1912 (April 1996).

³⁴⁷ Mark Albert Poteat, son of Mark Poteat, d. 11 Jan. 1944, McDowell County Death Records, Marion, NC, book 11 Jan. 1944 (from the index).

³⁴⁸ Also McDowell County Marriage Records, Marion, NC. E. E. Hall, age 25, and M. A. Poteet, age 28, married 16 Feb. 1898.

³⁴⁹ Williams, Edward P., McDowell County North Carolina Marriages, 1894-1912 (April 1996).

³⁵⁰ McDowell County, NC, Delayed Birth Certificates, a CD-ROM copyrighted by Norman J. Davis, 2000.

³⁵¹ McDowell Co., NC, Delayed Birth Certificates, a CD-ROM copyrighted by Norman J. Davis, 2000.

³⁵² tomstone copied 31 Aug. 1974

5303. Sarah Ellen Poteet, was born 2 Dec. 1873(74)? and died 25 Apr. 1910. Her marriage is recorded in the Mark Poteat Bible as J. L. Simmons m. Miss Ellen Poteat, 8 Nov. 1893 at the parent's home and also as Johnnie Simmons m. Ellen Poteat, 8 Nov. 1893. My notes from the McDowell County Marriage Records give them as J. P. Simmons m. Ellen Poteat, daughter of M. B. and Mary Poteat.

5304. Ben Calvin Poteet. b. 16 Oct. 1875

5305. Cora Ader Poteat, b. 30 May 1878. One Cora A. Poteet, age 21, married T. L. Epley, age 25, on 1 Oct. 1902 at Marcus Poteet's home.³⁵³

5306. Nancy Ann Poteat, b. 22 Feb. 1880, d. 16 Sep. 19(01?)

5307. Elizabeth Jane Poteat, b. 8 March 1882

5308. John Merrit Poteat, b. 12 March 1884

5309. Bruce Bailey Poteat, was born 12 March 1887 and died 18 April 1958³⁵⁴, according to his tombstone in the Chapel Hill Cemetery. From another stone there, we can identify his wife as Tina L. Poteat (20 July 1890 - 30 July 1978).³⁵⁵ B. B. Poteat, age 21, and Tina Pyatt, age 17, were married 25 July 1909.³⁵⁶ He had a child L. D. Poteat, who was born 18 April 1918³⁵⁷ and died 19 Feb. 1939³⁵⁸. I visited Mrs. Bruce "Tiney" Poteat in her home, 925 Highway 221S, Marion, NC, on 26 June 1972. She had Mark Poteat's family Bible [Philadelphia, 1886, Nat. Pub. Co.] which contained the records of Mark and Mary and their children. there was also an older record in an envelope in the Bible marked "handle with care, Albert Poteat". On the back of the second sheet in an older, finer hand was the notation "Henry Poteet was borne Jan 3rd 1819 and died Aug 16th 1864".

Children of Bruce Bailey and Tina L. (Pyatt) Poteat

6210. i. Milo French Poteat, b. 26 May 1913³⁵⁹

6211. ii. L. D. Poteat, b. 18 April 1918, d. 19 Feb. 1939

5310. Hessie Edna Poteat, daughter of Marcus Brittain and Mary Poteat, was born 13 March 1889. On 30 March 1961, I visited her (Mrs. Hessie Crawley) in her home in Marion, NC. She had a copy of the Bible record of Marcus Brittain Poteat which included the birth and death dates for his father Henry Poteet as well as the birth dates for Hessie and her brothers and sisters. At the time of my visit, my genealogical questions were centered around the earlier Poteet and Hawkins family members.

³⁵³Williams, Edward P., McDowell County North Carolina Marriages, 1894-1912 (April 1996).

³⁵⁴ Bailey Bruce Poteat, son of Marcus Poteat, died 18 Nov. 1958, McDowell County Death Records, Book 43 p. 237 (from the index)

³⁵⁵Aldridge, Bryan K., Cox, Margie H., Randolph, Jewell R., and Silvers, Peggy G., McDowell County, North Carolina, Cemeteries, Vol. 3, (Appalachian Press, Nebo, NC, 1995)

³⁵⁶ McDowell County Marriage Records, Marion, NC.

³⁵⁷ birth and death dates from the tombstone at the Chapel Hill Baptist Church Cemetery listed in Aldridge, Bryan K., Cox, Margie H., Randolph, Jewell R., and Silvers, Peggy G., McDowell County, North Carolina, Cemeteries, Vol. 3, (Appalachian Press, Nebo, NC, 1995)

³⁵⁸ Death Records, McDowell Co., NC, Book 26, p. 94 (from the index) which lists the father as Bailey Bruce Poteet.

³⁵⁹ Milo French Poteat, b. 26 May 1913, son of Bruce Bailey Poteat, McDowell Co., NC, Delayed Birth Certificates, a CD-ROM copyrighted by Norman J. Davis.

5311. Henrietta Poteat, daughter of Marcus Brittain and Mary Poteat, was b. 9 Sept. 1891³⁶⁰

5320. Frank Bela Poteat was born 2 July 1888 at Bakersville, NC³⁶¹. On 25 Dec. 1911, he married Cora Viola Phillips in Mitchell County, NC. She was born 9 Aug. 1896 in Mitchell County, NC, and died 6 Dec. 1917. She is buried in Jonesboro, TN. Bela Poteat married (2) Jessie Pearl Hilbert on 2 July 1919 at Jonesboro, TN. She was born on 7 Oct. 1898 in Washington Co., TN. Bela died 14 June 1976 and is buried in Jonesboro, TN. "Mama Jessie", daughter of John Adam and Loretta P. (Swinney) Hilbert, died 21 Jan. 1996, at her home, 422 E. Main Street, Jonesborough, TN. At her death she was survived by three sons, a daughter, nine grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, 11 great-great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-great grandchild.³⁶² She was born 7 Oct. 1898.³⁶³

The family is listed in the 15th Civil District, Washington Co., TN, 1920 federal census for 1920. They were Bealer F., age 31, wife Jessie, age 21, father John S., age 70, son John, age 7, daughter Anna, age 4-9/12, and son James, age 2-9/12.

On 28 March 1964, while visiting the family in Florida, I interviewed Bela Poteat and made the following notes for an "autobiography".

"I never knew my grandfather Poteat. His name was Henry. My grandmother Poteat was Elizabeth Hawkins. She was a small, wiry woman -- probably never weighed over 100 pounds -- and a fast talker. She never used a cookstove but always did her cooking in a fireplace. When I visited her, I remember she would send me out to a horse-apple tree near the house to get apples for a pie. She used to let me beat the spice for the pie. The smell and flavor of those apple pies are unforgettable.

"Grandmother Poteat lived about 2-1/2 miles south of Marion. The house was on a hill and they had to carry water from a spring. My father often told this story: Elizabeth had gone to the spring for water and heard a panther scream nearby. (She knew there was a dangerous one in the neighborhood that had previously attacked a squirrel hunter -- jumped on his neck and cut the tendons in it so that he was never again able to hold his head up.) She grabbed the water bucket and ran for the house where the children were and the panther trailed her to the house and began screaming around the house and tearing at the door. Elizabeth and the children got down into the cellar through a trap door in the floor and waited until they heard the sounds of the panther die out in the distance.

"I [F. B. Poteat] can still remember what I was doing when the word came that grandma was dead. I was in the yard sawing wood and my father came from town or the store and told my mother. I believe it was in the spring, perhaps May. My father hired a hack to go to the funeral. I believe Uncle Will went with us. I'm not sure if Aunt Hattie went.

"Grandmother Poteat married second a Norton and then a Duncan. Jasper and Belle Norton were my father's half brothers.

"My grandfather Poteat was killed near Richmond, Virginia, during the Civil War. During the gold rush he went down to Charleston, took a ship to Panama, crossed, then another ship to California. He was out there when my father was born. He had some experience because there was gold south of Marion. I guess he didn't do too well, though. He came back overland.

"I never knew my other grandparents. They both died before my mother was married. They were Robert Greene and Julia Moore. We did not visit my mother's people as often as we did my father's people because it was farther and

³⁶⁰ Henrietta Poteat, daughter of "Markus Brittan" Poteat, born 9 Sept. 1891, McDowell Co., NC, Delayed Birth Certificates, a CD-ROM copyrighted by Norman J. Davis.

³⁶¹ His delayed birth certificate is on file in Bakersville, Mitchell Co., NC, and was based on a Bible Record (dated 1889) owned by R. B. Phillips of Bakersville.

³⁶² Obituary of Mrs. Jessie P. H. Poteat, Johnson City [TN] Press, 23 Jan. 1996

³⁶³ her tombstone, Maple Lawn[?] Cemetery, Jonesboro, TN, copied 19 Aug. 1989

travel was difficult. We usually went by horseback. I remember going once in a buggy. We visited Uncle Dolph Cline. He had married my grandmother's sister Lottie. Once when my father and I visited Uncle Dolph, and he was showing us his fine field of corn, he suddenly shouted "Stop!" and killed a large rattle snake with an old root. He gave the rattles to my father who put them in the clock when we returned home.

"My father was the second son, after Uncle Mark. He lived with grandmother the longest of any of the boys. He farmed, raised tobacco, for a man named Nines. At about age 35, he came from McDowell County to Mitchell County and started a store at Plum Tree. A year or so later, he sold out and went to Bakersville and formed a partnership with Avery Berry. Berry and Poteat was the name of the firm, a general store. This was at the time of the "mica boom". Mica had been discovered in the area and there was a lot of working in the mines. In the meantime my mother, Rosa Anna Greene, had moved to Bakersville to live with her half-sister, Aunt Betty Stafford. My parents met and were married in the Baptist Church at Bakersville by Rev. Stephen Greene. My daddy was a great church man and always took an active part in church work. He used to lead the singing at the Bakersville Baptist Church where he was a deacon.

"Daddy and Mr. Berry were running the store together when Grover Cleveland was elected. There were few Democrats in the county then -- just a few families. Some of the Youngs, the Poteats, the Lamberts and the Baileys were about the only ones. When Grover Cleveland was elected, some Youngs put up a flag. Some of the fellows on Big Rock Creek said they were coming into town to take the flag down. There was going to be trouble because people were serious about this. Some got guns and pistols and went to the second floor of my father's store and Bailey's store across the street. They could see from there. However, somebody slipped in at night and took the flag down. It was supposed that some of our friends did this to prevent a shooting.

"Our home was always the preacher's home. No matter who came to preach or hold the revival, they would always stay at our house. Ed and I had the job of taking care of the horses. We always rode them the long way around to water. We looked forward to the Baptist Association meetings when we had several horses to take care of. I never will forget one time when Ed and I were racing these horses along Cane Creek. My horse slipped on a creek rock and fell. I was thrown into a patch of willow scrub and skinned nearly all over. Ed got a big kick out of this. He was more the daredevil type. One time he was trying to get a preacher's horse in to the stall and the horse had other ideas. Ed got a whip and gave the horse a couple of lashes. The horse reared back and started kicking. Ed crouched down and the horse jumped over him. That was one time he was almost killed.

"I moved from Bakersville to Tennessee and after my first wife died, father and mother came to live with me and the children. He lived with me for the last twenty years or so of his life. My mother went back to Bakersville and stayed with my sister Florence in the home place.

"My father raised watermelon every year and a patch of tobacco for sale. He was a great walker. He could outwalk me. In his last days, father still had a clear mind and was active up until two weeks before he died. He just stopped eating, laid down and died. The doctor couldn't find anything wrong. He just wore out like a piece of machinery does.

"I was born July 2, 1888, at my father's house next to the present Methodist Church in Bakersville. I went to school first in a private school taught by Aunt Betty Stafford in her husband's law office. Uncle Joe's office was alongside Cane Creek but is now washed away. I sat with Retta Buchannon (now Tappan). Then I went to Bowman Academy. I finished under Prof. J. D. Britt. I had a business course and learned to type. I took the teacher's exam in the summer of 1907. That fall I had a first grade certificate. I was seventeen years old and thought I was pretty good because a lot of the older ones just had a second grade certificate. In those days schools were let out by committeemen -- three men per district. I had to try to find a place that would hire a "boy". They said I wouldn't last thirty days. Some of the students were bigger than I was. I had to try several places. I went across Cane Creek to about where Aunt 'Zona was teaching there then. I don't know. Anyway I didn't get the school. I finally got a school in the Roan Valley. I boarded with Gilbert Woody.

"They had run their teachers off at Roan Mountain for two or three years before I taught there. The boys would put pistol cartridges in the fire and things like that. I reckon old man Gil Woody was the reason I got to stay up there. When I started up there, there was a big boy -- big as I was, almost -- in the 5th grade. I was arranging classes and getting things set up and I looked back and this boy -- his name was _____ Thomas -- had put his feet up over the desk

in front of him. I went back and gave him a nice talk about how I had come up there to help them -- not only to teach them arithmetic and things, but also manners. I told him that wasn't a very becoming thing for a young gentleman to do and asked him to take his feet down. He did, but as soon as I got back to the front of the room, he had them up again. I handed my knife to a boy near the front and told him to go out and cut me a couple of switches off a certain bush and I really beat the tar out of that Thomas boy. After that I heard his father was coming to school to beat me up. I was determined not to be run off from that school so I asked "Uncle" Gil Woody if he didn't have a pistol. He gave me an old "owl's head" and I put it in my belt under my shirt. I kept expecting old man Thomas to show up at school, but he never did. I did not find out until nearly the end of the term that "Uncle Gil" had gone over to see old man Thomas and told him how tough "that boy from Bakersville was". He said how I had beat up nearly everybody I ever fought with over there and also told him that the boy got what he deserved and could be ruined if his father stuck up for him. He also said "I think that teacher carries a pistol, I'm not sure". Anyway, he convinced Mr. Thomas what was right to do and the boy came back to school shortly.

"Then, in 1908, I went to Mars Hill College for a year. Then I taught at Glen Ayre a year and went back to Mars Hill. I worked my way through school by making pictures, selling ice cream, etc. I even papered a house for a Mrs. Webster to pay for my board. I roomed with Grover Connelly for a year at Mars Hill. I finished at Mars Hill in 1910 and took the job as principal of Bowman High School. Viola went to school to me. I was principal and taught. She was in some of my classes. She and I were married Dec. 25, 1911. Viola boarded at Will Slagle's. That's where we started courting.

"After I quit teaching (I was making \$100 a month as principal) I went into the furniture business with Bascomb Greene, Walter's brother. I had this business when I was married and kept it until we moved to Tennessee in Oct. 1914. I worked in a grocery and farmed for 2-3 years. Betty's grandmother died in Dec. 1917. She had an infected kidney. During World War I, I was working at a hardware store as bookkeeper and farming. I tried to volunteer for the service but they wouldn't take me because of the children. Dad and mother moved in to help with the children.

"Jessie Hilbert and I were married on my birthday, July 2, 1919. We started for Washington on our honeymoon in an old Maxwell but we broke an axle before we got to Bristol. We spent our honeymoon at the Bristol Hotel.

"I was assistant cashier at the First National Bank for a while but became very interested in politics so I took the job as accounting and purchasing agent (about 1931) for Washington County. In the meantime I had been elected magistrate -- I served for 16 years. I was superintendent of WPA for Washington County for about three years. About 1940 I was appointed area director for the War Manpower Commission. I was in charge of labor in the area. I assigned men to Oak Ridge and all over.

"After the war I went back on the farm. Then I started an appliance store in Jonesboro. I had a successful business for five or six years but I sold it and retired. I had purchased these two lots here [near Avon Park, Florida]. I came down here in the fall of 1953 and built this house and have just been running back and forth ever since.

"We never did take it easy. Always got up early and worked hard. I used to get up before five and milk twenty or thirty cows.

"John delivered the milk in Jonesboro first and when he left, Jim took over the route. When Jim got married, Dick took over the route.

"Estes Kefauver and I were special friends for years. I knew him when he was a football hero at UT. During the war I had some priority on travel and hotel rooms because of my job. I was in the Andrew Jackson Hotel in Knoxville, about ready to leave when I saw him and Nancy and their two children in the crowd trying to get rooms. I let them have my room and I don't think he ever forgot that. I was manager of the Kefauver campaign in Washington County. It was a strong Republican County, but we carried it by a good majority. Once when he was running for president, we saw him in Florida. We were in a large crowd of people but he recognized us and hollered out "Well, Bela Poteat what are you doing down here" -- he came up and put his arm around Jessie with the newsreel cameras running and all.

"Soon after Viola and I were married, her father got sick. We went to take care of him and help her mother. Jess was with us. Walter Greene was stuck on her. Jennie Phillips lived up there and Mabel Greene. They used to skate on the creek.

"A story they used to tell on grandma Connelly: Her husband's family came from Catawba County or somewhere

below Marion. One day some of his people from there came to the house and asked if she knew a Cyrus Connelly or where he lived. She said "No, I don't believe I --- Oh, yes, that's my husband! He's out in the field." Although Mr. Connelly's name was Cyrus, he was always known as "Son" so she did not think of him at first.³⁶⁴

"I taught school at Mine Creek with Estelle Gudger for a year. I forgot to put that in. I guess we'll have to put in a few more years to have room for it all."

Children of Frank Bela and Cora Viola (Phillips) Poteat

- 6300. i. John Howard Poteat, b. 1 Dec. 1912
- 6301. ii. Ann Phillips Poteat, b. 3 Feb. 1915, d. 28 April 1987
- 6302. iii. James Moore Poteat, b. 13 March 1917

Children of Frank Bela and Jessie Pearl (Hilbert) Poteat

- 6303. iv. Frank Bela Poteat, Jr., b. 10 April 1921
- 6304. v. Rebecca Jane Poteat b. 23 Sept. 1934

5321. Edgar Charles Poteat³⁶⁵ was born 15 Oct. 1890 and died 6 Sept. 1971. On 22 Sept. 1915, at Penland, NC, he married Hessie Lee Willis, b. 6 July 1899 at Ledger, NC, and died 19 May 1963. She was a daughter of Milton Alexander Willis (d. 27 Oct. 1912) and Nancy Jane Hensley. The family is listed in the 15th Civil District of Washington County, TN, in the 1920 federal census and included Edgar, age 29, b. NC, Hessie, age 21, Charlie A., age 3-7/12, and Christine L., age 4/12.

Children of Edgar Charles and Hessie Lee (Willis) Poteat

- 6306. i. Charles Albert Poteat, b. 7 May 1917, d. 6 June 1961
- 6307. ii. Christine Louise Poteat, b. 8 Sept. 1919, d. 21 March 1988
- 6308. iii. Mary Willis Poteat, b. 3 June 1923, d.
- 6309. iv. HESSIE Poteat, stillborn, 9:15 am, 1 Dec. 1925
- 6310. v. Jessie Poteat, b. 11 am, d. 6 pm, 1 Dec. 1925
- 6311. vi. Frances Mae Poteat, b. 4 May 1931, d.
- 6312. vii. Edgar Milton Poteat, b. 4 Feb. 1933, d. 24 July 1982
- 6313. vii. Kenneth Martin Poteat, b. 3 Aug. 1935

5322. Florence Poteat³⁶⁶ was born 3 Feb. 1901 in Bakersville, NC, and died 27 April 1979. In Oct., 1928, [check this against 11 Oct. 1927] she married Robert Blalock Phillips, son of W. S. and Sophia (Blalock) Phillips at Bakersville, NC. He was born 30 Oct. 1902. He served in the public schools of Mitchell County for twenty-five years and was a principal. They had an apple orchard on Snow Creek, Mitchell County, and "Uncle Bob" still (1997) lives there. His second wife was Ruth Inez Pittman, daughter of Joseph and Florence (Eva) Pittman.

Children of Robert B. and Florence (Poteat) Phillips

- 6315. i. Anna Catherine Phillips, b. 19 Feb. 1931, d. 17 March 1937³⁶⁷
- 6316. ii. Bobby Phillips, b. 1934
- 6317. iii. Marie Phillips, b. 1938

³⁶⁴ Later I learned that this Cyrus P. Connelly was the grandson of another Cyrus P. Connelly, a likely reason for not being known as Cyrus.

³⁶⁵ Poteat, Kenneth M., 4 Jan. 1989, letter to Dan W. Olds. Kenneth used the family Bible and papers belonging to his parents to reply to my inquiry.

³⁶⁶ Phillips, Robert B., a family information form filled out for Dan W. Olds, Nov. 1972.

³⁶⁷ Poteat, Kenneth M., Jan. 4, 1989, letter to Dan W. Olds

5325. Henry David Smith was born 24 July 1871 and died 31 Jan. 1947. He is buried in the Hoover Cemetery, south of Marion, NC. On 27 Dec. 1894, he married "Sibbie" Turner.^{368 369} She was very helpful to me in my earliest research on the Poteat family. There is a biographical sketch of Mrs. Sibbie Turner Smith in the "Special Bulletin and History of The Chapel Hill Baptist Church" prepared for Memorial Day and Homecoming Services, June 15, 1958. It says she was born 6 Dec. 1876 and married Henry David Smith on 27 Dec. 1895 [differing by one year from the above]. Mrs. Smith had a family of eleven children, seven girls and four boys, as listed below. The charter members of this church were:

Noah Turner, B. F. Corpening, Andrew Yount, Amanda Yount, Ida Duncan, Lettie Bright, Mrs. E. A. Duncan, Richard Turner, Henry Smith, Sibbie Smith, Dora Smith, Sally Smith, Jasper Norton, J.S. Turner, Lizzie Kaylor, Lily Kanipe, Dora Kanipe, Louise Yount, John Yount and Mary Poteat. What I first knew as the Hoover Cemetery south of Marion is now the Chapel Hill Church Cemetery although not right next to the church. Buried there are Henry David Smith (24 Jul 1872 - 31 Jan. 1947) and Sibbie Turner Smith, wife of Henry D. Smith (6 Dec. 1876 - 30 May 1969).³⁷⁰

Children of Henry David and "Sibbie" (Turner) Smith³⁷¹

- 6325. i. Mrs. Edna Flack
- 6326. ii. Mrs. Ada Curtis, deceased
- 6327. iii. Mrs. Rena Mask, deceased
- 6328. iv. Mrs. Clemma Bowman
- 6329. v. Mrs. Lillie Glass
- 6330. vi. Mrs. Blanche Houck
- 6331. vii. Mrs. Faye Williams
- 6332. viii. Rev. James Smith, ordained by the church 20 June 1926
- 6333. ix. Mr. George Smith
- 6334. x. Mr. Keith Smith
- 6335. xi. Mr. Raymond Smith

5326. Luther James Smith was born 2 April 1874 and died 7 June 1889, age 25 years, 2 months and 5 days. He was single and is buried in the Oak Grove Cemetery, Marion, NC.³⁷² My notes from his stone there agree with these dates but give his name as James L. Smith.

5327. Dora Elizabeth Smith was born 2 June 1877 and died 12 Nov. 1957. On 21 Dec. 1898 she married Joseph M. Kanipe.³⁷³ They are buried in the Oak Grove Cemetery, Marion, NC. He was born 21 April 1872 and died 31 Aug. 1960. Dora E. Smith, daughter of Walter and Jane Smith, married J. M. Kanipe, son of J. H. C. Kanipe and F. S. Kanipe, on 21 Dec. 1898.³⁷⁴ Joseph M. Kanipe (21 Apr. 1872 - 31 Aug. 1960) and Dora E. Smith Kanipe (2 June 1877 - 2 [sic] Nov. 1957), wife of Joseph M. Kanipe, are buried in the Oak Grove Cemetery, Marion, NC.³⁷⁵

5328. Sally Caroline Smith was born 1 Nov. 1882 and died 26 March 1940. She is buried at Bethlehem Cemetery,

³⁶⁸ sent by Millie Kanipe, Old Fort, NC, in 1972 from the Walter Smith family Bible.

³⁶⁹ Williams, Edward P., McDowell County North Carolina Marriages 1870-1894, shows H. D. Smith, son of Walter and Jane Smith, married S. A. Turner, daughter of Noah and Rachel Turner, on 27 Dec. 1893.

³⁷⁰ Aldridge, Cox, Randolph and Silvers, McDowell County North Carolina Cemeteries, Vol. 3 (1995).

³⁷¹ Special Bulletin and History of the Chapel Hill Methodist Church, Marion, North Carolina, Memorial Day and Home-Coming Services, June 15, 1958, Church Organized March 20, 1898.

³⁷² sent by Millie Kanipe, 1972; dates from the Walter Smith family Bible.

³⁷³ sent by Millie Kanipe, Old Fort, NC, from the Walter Smith family Bible.

³⁷⁴ Williams, Edward P., McDowell County North Carolina Marriages, 1894 - 1912 (April 1996)

³⁷⁵ Aldridge, Cox, Randolph, and Silvers, McDowell County North Carolina Cemeteries, Vol. 2 (1995).

Old Fort, NC. On 19 Feb. 1902, she married Alonzo W. Parker who died 17 Dec. 1949 and is also buried in Bethlehem Cemetery. Walter Smith lived with Sally Smith Parker in his last days and he gave the Bible to her oldest daughter Janie who lives in Old Fort, NC.³⁷⁶

Children of Alonzo W. and Sally C. (Smith) Parker

6400. Janie Parker m. _____ Faw

5329. Anne E. Smith, was born 17 Aug. 1887 and died 19 Sep. 1887. She is buried in Oak Grove Cemetery, Marion, NC, in the same grave with her mother.³⁷⁷

5334. Annie Poteat. The letter of Clyde Poteat, ca. 1972, shows her as marrying a Duncan and apparently lists the following children (perhaps some are grandchildren). Annie Poteat, daughter of Sam and Polly Poteat, married J. S. Duncan on 20 July 1892.³⁷⁸ John S. Duncan (1868 - 1926) and Annie P. Duncan (1873 - 1916) are buried in the Oak Grove Cemetery, Marion, NC.³⁷⁹

Children of J. S. and Annie (Poteat) Duncan

- 6450. i. William Duncan
- 6451. ii. Bert Duncan
- 6452. iii. Frank Charlie Duncan
- 6453. iv. Rosa Duncan m. a Huffman
- 6454. v. Sarah Duncan
- 6455. vi. Martha Duncan m. an Evans

5335. Hattie Poteat-- no children according to a letter from Clyde Poteat, ca. 1972. She may have died 21 April 1925 as the index to deaths at Marion has this date listed for Hattie J., daughter of Sam Poteat.

5336. Lula Poteat. According to a letter from Walter C. Poteat to me, dated 27 Sept. 1972, Lula Poteat married a Bledsoe and had the two children below. My records on this need some clarification. Lula D. Poteat, daughter of Sam and Polly Poteat, and Albert Bledsoe were married 20 Jan. 1895.³⁸⁰

Children of Albert and Lula (Poteat) Bledsoe

- 6460. i. Walter Bledsoe
- 6461. ii. Hessie Bledsoe d. Dec. 1970?; m. a Proctor

5337. John William Poteat had the following children, according to a letter from Clyde Poteat, ca. 1972.

Children of John William Poteat

- 6465. i. William Ernest Poteat, b. 1909, d. 1963³⁸¹
- 6466. ii. Daniel Lee Poteat, b. 1911

³⁷⁶ sent by Millie Kanipe, Old Fort, NC, from the Walter Smith family Bible.

³⁷⁷ sent by Millie Kanipe, Old Fort, NC in 1972. Dates are from the Walter Smith family Bible.

³⁷⁸ McDowell Co. marriage records

³⁷⁹ Aldridge, Cox, Randopph, and Silvers, McDowell County North Carolina Cemeteries, Vol. 2 (1995).

³⁸⁰ McDowell Co. marriage records

³⁸¹ Wm. Earnest Poteat, son of John W. Poteat, b. 23 May 1909, McDowell Co., NC, Delayed Birth Certificates, a CD-ROM copyrighted by Norman J. Davis, 2000.

6467. iii. Arthur Henry Poteat, b. 1914
 6468. iv. James Clifton Poteat, b. 1916, d. 1917³⁸²
 6469. v. Walter Clyde Poteat, b. 1917³⁸³
 6470. vi. Lloyd Edmond Poteat, b. 1922

5340. Nora Poteat; her second marriage was to a Sizum.³⁸⁴

5341. Quince Poteat

5342. Millard Poteat. A Millard Poteat, b. May 1886, is listed with the Mark B. and Mary M. Poteat family in the 1900 census. Millard Avery Poteat, son of Joseph Poteat, was born 12 May 1886.³⁸⁵

5343. John H. Poteat, son of Joseph N. and Anna (Corpening) Poteat, was born 16 May 1884 and died 26 March 1938.³⁸⁶ He married Cordia Gardin on 15 Jan. 1910 when he was 25 and she was 18.³⁸⁷ John Hosea Poteat (May 16, 1884 - 26 Mar [sic] 1938 and Cordia (Gardin) Poteat (15 Oct.1892 - 27 April 1972) are buried in the Chapel Hill Baptist Church Cemetery south of Marion.³⁸⁸

5344. Annie Poteat

5350. Franklin Allie Poteat³⁸⁹, was born 15 March 1880 and died 7 April 1949³⁹⁰. F. A. Poteat, son of Thos. and Jennie Poteat, married Ella Mackey, daughter of Jasper and Mary Mackey, on 20 Jan. 1896.³⁹¹ He is buried at the Pleasant Hill Methodist Church Cemetery south of Marion, NC. From another tombstone there, his wife may be identified as Minnie J. Poteat, 12 Oct 1886 - 18 June 1969.³⁹² F. A. Poteat, age 24, married Minnie Jarrett, age 18, on 27 April 1904.³⁹³

5355. Ernest Haynes Poteat, son of William Grayson and Harriette Matilda (Greene) Poteat was born 7 May 1895 at Bakersville, NC, and died 19 April 1979. He married Pauline Louise Baker on 6 Sept. 1921. She was born 16 Oct.

³⁸² His death record is at Marion, NC, Book 4 p. 102. I've seen it only in the index.

³⁸³ This Clyde Poteat sent me a list of some of the descendants of Samuel Henry Poteat, ca. 1972. Clyde listed two children for himself -- Walter Erwin Poteat and Connie E. Poteat.

³⁸⁴ Mrs. Bruce Poteat, during my June, 1972, visit

³⁸⁵ McDowell County, NC, Delayed Birth Certificates, a CD-ROM copyrighted by Norman J. Davis, 2000.

³⁸⁶ The record in the index to deaths, McDowell County, NC, shows John H. Poteat, son of Joseph N. Poteat, d. 26 March 1938.

³⁸⁷ McDowell Co. Marriage Index

³⁸⁸ Aldridge, Bryan K., Cox, Margie H., Randolph, Jewell R., and Silvers, Peggy G., McDowell County, North Carolina, Cemeteries, Vol. 3 (Appalachian Press, Nebo, NC, 1995)

³⁸⁹ "Allie" Poteat, son of Tom Poteat, had a son who had a trucking company (Mrs. Bruce Poteat, conversation at her home, 26 June 1972)

³⁹⁰ Franklin Allie Poteat, son of Thomas Poteat, died 7 April 1949, McDowell County Death Records, Marion, NC, Book 36 p. 37 (from the index)

³⁹¹ Williams, Edward P., McDowell County North Carolina Marriages, 1894-1912 (April 1996).

³⁹² Aldridge, Bryan K., Cox, Margie H., Randolph, Jewell R., and Silvers, Peggy G., McDowell County, North Carolina Cemeteries, Vol 2 (Appalachian Press, Nebo, NC, 1995)

³⁹³ McDowell County Marriage Records, Marion, NC.

1897 and died 16 Aug. 1979. They are both buried at Bakersville Memorial Cemetery.³⁹⁴

Ernest Poteat, retired Bakersville banker was nominated by the Mitchell County Democratic Convention to run for the state legislature in opposition to Republican representative Jack Slagle.³⁹⁵ His obituary³⁹⁶ says Ernest H. Poteat, a retired Bakersville banker, died Thursday in a Spruce Pine Hospital after a short illness. Poteat retired in 1962 as a cashier from the Northwestern Bank in Bakersville with 25 years of service. He served 10 years with the Merchant and Farmers Bank in Bakersville. He was elected representative to the North Carolina General Assembly in 1962. ... A veteran of World War I, he served with the Mitchell County Selective Service Board during World War II. A native and lifelong resident of Mitchell County, he was a son of the late William and Hattie Greene Poteat. He was a graduate of Mitchell Collegiate Institute in Bakersville. Surviving are his wife, Pauline Baker Poteat; a daughter Evangeline Davis of Forest City; a son, Dr. Lawrence E. Poteat of Miami, Fla.; two sisters Mabel Young and Lucy Poteat of Bakersville; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. ... Burial will be in Bakersville Memorial Cemetery with graveside rites conducted by Bakersville Masonic Lodge No. 357 AF & AM."

Children of Ernest Haynes and Pauline Louise (Baker) Poteat

6480. i. Evangeline Louise Poteat, b. 24 June 1922

6481. ii. Lawrence E. Poteat, b. 30 Oct. 1926

5356. Robert Henry Poteat, son of William Grayson and Harriette Matilda (Greene) Poteat, was born 24 April 1901³⁹⁷ and died 27 Aug 1964 in Atlanta, GA. In 1919, he married Evelyn (Freeman) Green (11 Sept 1892 - 8 March 1970). He is buried in Bakersville Memorial Cemetery, Bakersville, NC. She had married (1) Lawrence Dewitt Green, Jr., son of Hattie (Green) Poteat's sister Lucy (Greene) and Lawrence Dewitt Green. Evelyn is buried in Garden of Memories Cemetery, Tampa, FL.³⁹⁸

Children of Robert Henry and Evelyn Freeman (Poteat)

6482. i. June Marguerite Poteat, b. 9 June 1921

6483. ii. Bobbie Louise Poteat, b. 20 March 1927, d. 30 Oct. 1977

6484. iii. Carolyn E. Poteat, b. 23 April 1929

6485. iv. Robert Lynn Poteat, b. 4 March 1933

5357. Lucy Marie Poteat, daughter of William Grayson and Harriette Matilda (Greene) Poteat, was born 21 Oct. 1905 at Bakersville, NC, and died 13 May 1986. She never married.³⁹⁹

5358. Mabel Caroline Poteat, daughter of William Grayson and Harriette Matilda (Greene) Poteat was born 30 May 1907 at Bakersville, NC, and died 25 Aug 1984. On 1 Nov. 1940, she married Edgar Young (22 May 1902 - 30 Nov.

³⁹⁴ information supplied by Catherine Poteat, Brandon, FL, in letters to Dan Olds, 27 Jan. 1982, 4 April 1982, and 28 Oct. 1988. In 1999 I visited the Bakersville Cemetery and confirmed these dates from their tombstones. Ernest's tombstone is marked "Pvt U S Army World War I".

³⁹⁵ Asheville Citizen Times, Sunday, Aug. 19, 1962, page 10B

³⁹⁶ Asheville Citizen & Times, Saturday, 21 April 1979

³⁹⁷ My Feb. 1999 note from his tombstone in the Bakersville, NC, cemetery lists his dates as Apr. 25, 1901 - 27 Aug. 1964.

³⁹⁸ information supplied by Catherine Poteat, Brandon, FL, in letters to Dan Olds, 27 Jan. 1982, 4 April 1982, and 28 Oct. 1988.

³⁹⁹ information supplied by Catherine Poteat, Brandon, FL, in letters to Dan Olds, 27 Jan. 1982, 4 April 1982, and 28 Oct. 1988. My Feb. 1999 note from her tombstone in the Bakersville, NC, cemetery lists here dates as Oct. 21, 1903 - May 13, 1986.

1970) who is buried in the Greene-Young Cemetery near Bakersville, NC.⁴⁰⁰

[The information on the families of the children of Posey Poteat [5370-5391] is from Dorothy Poteat unless otherwise noted.⁴⁰¹]

5370. Ella Jane Poteat, daughter of George Posey and Mary (Kayler) Poteat, was born 30 July 1882 and died 19 April 1935. She married William Augusta Proctor (24 Sept. 1875 - 1 Jan. 1943) on 16 July 1899. His second wife was Lydia Davenport.

Children of William A. and Ella Jane (Poteat) Proctor

- 6486. i. Jettie Proctor, b. in 1900, d. as a small child
- 6487-88. ii-iii. Dewey and Dora Proctor died in infancy
- 6489. iv. Mary Proctor died as a child
- 6490. v. William Frank Proctor, b. 3 Dec. 1909
- 6491/ vi. Annie Laura Proctor, b. 9 Dec. 1912
- 6492. vii. Edith Louise Proctor died in infancy
- 6493. viii. Grace Evelyn Proctor, b. 4 Oct. 1917, d. 25 Oct. 1980
- 6494. ix. Cephas Augusta Proctor, b. 1 Dec. 1923

5371. Harriett Lemma Poteat, daughter of George Posey and Mary (Kaylor) Poteat, was born 25 Feb. 1884 and died 27 Dec. 1958. She married Charles Edward Huffman on 23 Aug. 1899.

Children of Charles Edward and Harriet Lemma (Poteat) Huffman

- 6495. i. Infant, b. 8 July 1900
- 6496. ii. Mary Estelle Huffman, b. 9 June 1901, d. 18 Jan. 1957
- 6497. iii. Edward Posey Huffman, b. 11 Nov. 1903
- 6498. iv. Lee Roy Huffman, b. 16 Feb. 1906
- 6499. v. Mattie Lou Huffman, b. 30 Aug. 1908, d. 1911
- 6500. vi. Ruth Mae Huffman, b. 4 Feb. 1912, d. 15 Oct. 1986
- 6501. vii. Sarah Margaret Huffman, b. 8 June 1914, d. 20 Feb. 1987
- 6502. viii. William Luther Huffman, b. 21 June 1916
- 6503. ix. Donnie Elizabeth Huffman, b. 10 July 1920
- 6504. x. Myrtle Fay Huffman, b. 16 Nov. 1924

5372. Dora Elizabeth Poteat, daughter of George Posey and Mary (Kaylor) Poteat, was born 5 July 1887 and died 15 Jan. 1926. She married Franklin Monroe Taylor (31 July 1880 - 15 Sep. 1935). Dora? Poteat and Frank "Tayler" were married 24 Aug. 1902.⁴⁰²

Children of Franklin Monroe and Dora Elizabeth (Poteat) Taylor

- 6505. i. Mary Magolene Taylor, b. 18 June 1903, d. 15 Feb. 1973
- 6506. ii. George Monroe Taylor, b. 11 April 1905, d. 27 July 1945
- 6507. iii. Janie Frances Taylor, b. 29 Oct. 1906, d. 30 Sept. 1967
- 6508. iv. twin sister to Janie, b. and d. 29 Oct. 1906

⁴⁰⁰ information supplied by Catherine Poteat, Brandon, FL, in letters to Dan Olds, 27 Jan. 1982, 4 April 1982, and 28 Oct. 1988

⁴⁰¹ Poteat, Dorothy M., Roots and Branches of the George Posey Poteat, Sr., Family, (1989)

⁴⁰² Burke County Genealogical Society, Index to Marriage Registers, 1867-1908, Burke County, North Carolina (Morganton, 1990, 2nd printing 1993)

5373. George Frank Poteat, son of George Posey and Mary (Kaylor) Poteat, was born 10 Oct. 1888 and died 15 Sept. 1969. He married Grace Isebel Noblitt (20 March 1890 - July 1918) on 8 Aug. 1914.⁴⁰³ He married (second) Johnnie Mae Bridges (1 March 1900 - 10 April 1983) on 5 May 1919.

Children of George Frank and Grace Isebel (Noblitt) Poteat

6520. i. Anna Mae Poteat, b. 24 May 1915

Children of George Frank and Johnnie Mae (Bridges) Poteat

6521. ii. George William Poteat, b. 10 Feb. 1920⁴⁰⁴

6522. iii. Joe Seaph Poteat, b. 28 Oct. 1921

5374. Thomas Edgar Poteat, son of George Posey and Mary (Kaylor) Poteat, was born 2 Aug. 1889⁴⁰⁵ and died 14 Sept. 1949⁴⁰⁶. He married Lula Mae Reel (8 Nov. 1890 - 8 March 1955⁴⁰⁷) on 20 Dec. 1908. They and their son Herman H⁴⁰⁸, are buried in the Glenwood Cemetery near Marion, NC.⁴⁰⁹

Children of Thomas Edgar and Lula Mae (Reel) Poteat

6522. i. William Floyd Poteat, b. 16 Oct. 1909, d. 4 Nov. 1980

6523. ii. Herman Harold Poteat, b. 22 June 1911, d. 18 Oct. 1969

6524. iii. Albert Carl Poteat, b. 26 March 1915, d. 11 Dec. 1987

5375. James Layfatte Poteat, son of George Posey and Mary (Kaylor) Poteat, was born 27 April 1891⁴¹⁰ and died 13 Jan. 1971. He married Macie Ann White (24 April 1894 - 31 Dec. 1983) on 12 April 1913.

Children of James Layfatte and Macie Ann (White) Poteat

6525. i. L. J. Poteat (son), b. 29 March 1914, d. 30 July 1971

6526. ii. William Virgil Poteat, b. 17 June 1918, 30 Oct. 1980

5376. William Luther Poteat, son of George Posey and Mary (Kaylor) Poteat, was born 26 June 1892 and died 1 Feb. 1939⁴¹¹. He is buried in the Oak Grove Cemetery, Marion, NC.⁴¹² He married Mary Belle Howard (28 April 1895 - 13 July 1981) on 19 Aug. 1917.

Children of William Luther and Mary Belle (Howard) Poteat

6530. i. Mary Thelma Poteat, b. 22 Jan. 1925

6531. ii. Billy Donald Poteat, b. 2 Dec. 1927

⁴⁰³ He was age 27 and she was 24 per McDowell County Marriage Records, Marion, NC.

⁴⁰⁴ George William Poteat, son of George Franklin Poteat, was born 10 Feb. 1920 according to McDowell Co., NC, Delayed Birth Certificates, a CD-ROM copyrighted by Norman J. Davis

⁴⁰⁵ Thomas Edgar Poteat, son of Posey Poteat, b. 2 Aug. 1889, is listed in McDowell Co., NC, Delayed Birth Certificates, a CD-ROM copyrighted by Norman J. Davis.

⁴⁰⁶ Thomas Edgar Poteat, son of G. Posey Poteat, d. 11 Sept. 1949 according to my notes from the death records of McDowell Co., NC, at Marion, book 36 p. 38 (from the index).

⁴⁰⁷ Lula Mae Reel Poteat, daughter of Creighton Moore, d. 8 March 1955, McDowell County Death records, book 42 p. 354 (from the index)

⁴⁰⁸ Herman Harold Poteat, son of Thomas E., died 18 Oct. 1969, McDowell County Marriage Records, Book 48 p. 353 (from the index)

⁴⁰⁹ The dates were on the tombstones when I visited there, 5 Aug. 1971

⁴¹⁰ James L. Poteat, son of George Posey Poteat, was born 27 April 1891 according to McDowell Co., NC, Delayed Birth Certificates, a CD-ROM copyrighted by Norman J. Davis

⁴¹¹ His death record, according to the death index in Marion, NC, is in book 26, p. 34, and lists his death date as 1 Feb. 1939 and his father as G. Posey Poteat.

⁴¹² tombstone copied 31 Aug. 1874.

5377. Arrabelle (Arrie) Poteat, daughter of George Posey and Mary (Kaylor) Poteat, was born 5 Feb. 1894 and died 5 Nov. 1974. She married Woodward B. Randolph (d. 1931).

Children of Woodward B. and Arrabelle (Poteat) Randolph

- 6532. i. Fred O. Randolph, b. 28 Nov. 1911
- 6533. ii. Lester Kenneth Randolph, b. 27 Nov. 1924
- 6534. iii. Mary Mildred Randolph, b. 30 Jan. 1928

5378. Jesse Berlin Poteat, was born. 7 Sept. 1895 and died 29 July 1978. He married Stella Sula Hill (14 Jan. 1898 - 5 July 1948) on 7 Jan. 1916.⁴¹³

Children of Jesse Berlin and Stella Sula (Hill) Poteat

- 6535. i. Lenora Beatrice Poteat, b. 27 Oct. 1916, d. 25 April 1917
- 6536. ii. Jessie Faye Poteat, b. 27 Sept. 1919
- 6537. iii. Rachel Pauline Poteat, b. 12 April 1921, d. 30 Dec. 1985
- 6538. iv. Virginia Pearle Poteat, b. 19 May 1922
- 6539. v. Calvin Wayne Poteat, b. 8 Aug. 1923
- 6540. vi. Johnie Junious Poteat, b. 17 Nov. 1925
- 6541. vii. Dora Sue Poteat, b. 18 Aug. 1927⁴¹⁴
- 6542. viii. Sarah Margaret Poteat, b. 1 April 1929
- 6543. ix. Joyce Mavis Poteat, b. 17 July 1931
- 6544. x. Clarence Julious Poteat, b. 27 Sept. 1933
- 6545. xi. Jenne Ree Poteat, b. 3 July 1936

5379. Albert Posey. Poteat, son of George Posey and Mary (Kaylor) Poteat, was born 21 Nov. 1896⁴¹⁵, and died 20 Aug. 1975. On 4 Oct. 1919, he married Birdie Lee Richardson (17 Dec. 1896 - 10 May 1962).

Children of Albert Posey and Birdie Lee (Richardson) Poteat

- 6646. i. Lois Virginia Poteat, b. 25 Sept. 1922

5380. Charlie Everet Poteat, son of George Posey and Mary (Kaylor) Poteat, was born 21 March 1898. On 3 Oct. 1918, he married Minnie Etter Holland (26 Nov. 1901 --).

Children of Charlie Everet and Mary (Kaylor) Poteat

- 6547. i. Mildred Irene Poteat, b. 10 Jan. 1921
- 6548. ii. James Luther Poteat, b. 23 June 1923
- 6549. iii. Lucille Janet Poteat, b. 1 Aug. 1925, d. 2 May 1988
- 6550. iv. Mary Olive Poteat, b. 20 March 1927
- 6551. v. Eula Mae Margaret Poteat, b. 5 June 1929
- 6552. vi. Roy Daniel Poteat, b. 24 May 1931
- 6553. vii. Charles Edward Poteat, b. 5 Nov. 1932
- 6554. viii. Joseph Roger Poteat, b. 13 Feb. 1934
- 6555. ix. Olen Dean Poteat, b. 25 June 1936
- 6556. x. Donald Kelly Poteat, b. 19 Aug. 1938
- 6557. xi. Thelma Karene Poteat, b. 7 June 1941

⁴¹³ According to McDowell County Marriage Records, Marion, NC, he was age 21 and she was 19.

⁴¹⁴ Dora Sue Poteat, daughter of "Jessie" B. Poteat, b. 18 Aug. 1927, McDowell Co., NC, Delayed Birth Certificates, a CD-ROM copyrighted by Norman J. Davis, 2000

⁴¹⁵ Albert Posy Poteat, b. 21 Nov. 1897, son of George Posy Poteat, McDowell Co., NC, Delayed Birth Certificates, a CD-ROM copyrighted by Norman J. Davis

5381. Joe Seaphus Poteat, son of George Posey and Mary (Kaylor) Poteat, was born 5 May 1899 and died 16 March 1987. On 21 July 1919, he married Daizy Hill (8 July 1901 - 22 Dec.1934)⁴¹⁶. They had no children. He married (2nd) Minnie Pearl McGalliard (3 Dec. 1907 - 15 Dec. 1974) on 11 April 1936. After Pearl's death, "Seaph" Poteat married Jennie Lee Poteat, widow of his brother "Dock" Morphew Poteat.

Children of Joe Seaphus and Minnie Pearl (McGalliard) Poteat

- 6558. i. Wilma Jean Poteat, b. 20 Jan. 1937
- 6559. ii. Arrena Ann Poteat, b. 16 Aug. 1938⁴¹⁷
- 6560. iii. Hazel Pearl Poteat, b. 3 Oct. 1939
- 6561. iv. Joe Seaphus Poteat, Jr., b. 23 April 1942
- 6562. v. Sarah Nell Poteat, b. 16 Aug. 1946⁴¹⁸

5382. An unnamed infant son of George Posey and Mary (Kaylor) Poteat was born and died on 9 Dec. 1901.

5383. John Morphew (Dock) Poteat, son of George Posey and Mary (Kaylor) Poteat, was born 2 June 1904 and died 13 March 1965⁴¹⁹. On 4 June 1927, he married Jennie Lee Hill (31 Jan. 1907 -).

Children of John Morphew and Jennie Lee (Hill) Poteat

- 6563. i. Paul Moray (Ray) Poteat, b. 28 March 1928
- 6564. ii. William Morphew Poteat, b. 12 Sept. 1930
- 6565. iii. Milledge Reed (Mickey) Poteat, b. 31 March 1934

5384. Dorothy Mae Poteat, daughter of George Posey and Ruth Maude (Swann) Poteat was born 29 Oct. 1916. Although Dorothy never married, she has an adopted daughter who is now Mrs. Doris Brady Kugley. Dorothy has a Master's Degree in Library Science and has published a book on her father's family.

Children of Dorothy Mae Poteat

- 6566. i. Doris Poteat (adopted)

5385 George Posey (G.P.) Poteat, Jr., son of George Posey and Ruth Maude (Swann) Poteat, was born 27 Jan. 1919. On 8 March 1946, he married Virgie Biggerstaff (8 March 1921 ---). He has a step daughter, Bety Ann Poteat Sneed. G.P. and Virgie divorced 30 May 1986 and he married Maggie Webb Wall (19 Aug. 1921 --).

Children of George Posey, Jr., and Virgie (Biggerstaff) Poteat

- 6567. i. George Michael (Mike) Poteat, b. 22 Dec. 1948
- 6568. ii. Gary Neal Poteat, b. 17 Oct. 1953

5386. David Harden Poteat, son of George Posey and Ruth Maude (Swann) Poteat, was born 21 June 1920, and died 24 April 1949. He drowned in Lake James while fishing. On 6 April 1946, he married Charlotte Dorothy Effler (28 Aug. 1922 -)

Children of David Harden and Charlotte Dorothy (Effler) Poteat

- 6569. i. Dennis David Poteat, b. 5 Dec. 1948

⁴¹⁶ J. S. Poteat was age 21 and Daisy Hill was age 19 according to the marriage record, McDowell County, Marion, NC.

⁴¹⁷ Arrena Anne Poteat, daughter of Joe Seaphus Poteat, b. 16 Aug. 1938, McDowell Co., NC, Delayed Birth Certificates, a CD-ROM copyrighted by Norman J. Davis, 2000.

⁴¹⁸ Sarah Nell Poteat, daughter of Joe Seaphus Poteat, b. 16 Aug. 1946, McDowell Co., NC, Delayed Birth Certificates, a CD-ROM copyrighted by Norman J. Davis, 2000

⁴¹⁹ McDowell County Death Records, Book 46 p. 352, from the index.

5387. Annie Laura Poteat, daughter of George Posey and Ruth Maude (Swan) Poteat, was born 21 Jan. 1922. On 21 Jan. 1939 she married John Sam Duncan (20 April 1917 - 18 April 1974). She married (2nd) Grayson Marlowe.

Children of John Sam and Annie Laura (Poteat) Duncan

- 6570. i. George William Duncan, b. 11 May 1941
- 6571. ii. John Allan Duncan, b. 20 Feb. 1943, d. 11 March 1989
- 6572. iii. Elizabeth Ann Duncan, b. 14 Feb. 1945

5388. Ruth Sylvia Poteat, daughter of George Posey and Ruth Maude (Swann) Poteat, was born 9 Dec. 1923. On 1 June 1940, she married James Albert Condrey (1 Feb. 1915 - 15 Oct. 1980). They divorced.

Children of James Albert and Ruth Sylvia (Poteat) Condrey

- 6573. i. Jimmy Allen Condrey, b. 6 Jan. 1941, d. 3 March 1941
- 6574. ii. Lanny Errol Condrey, b. 19 Jan. 1942
- 6575. iii. James Albert Condrey, b. 9 May 1944
- 6576. iv. Gloria Jean Condrey, b. 2 Oct. 1946
- 6577. v. Randall Nelson Condrey, 27 May 1964

5389. Mamie Eleanor Poteat, daughter of George Posey and Ruth Maude (Swann) Poteat, was born 13 Jan. 1926. She became a nurse and never married, working much of her career in the VA Hospital at Oteen, NC.

5390. Swannie Jo Poteat, daughter of George Posey and Ruth Maude (Swann) Poteat, was born 25 May 1927. On 9 Jan. 1945 she married Dallas David Owen (12 Jan. 1926 -). They divorced in 1964. She married (2nd) Rotha Brown Ayers (26 April 1912 -) on 23 Oct. 1964 and has three stepchildren.

Children of Dallas David and Swannie Jo (Poteat) Owens

- 6578. i. Dallas David Owens, b. 12 Feb. 1941
- 6579. ii. Joe Howard Owens, b. 16 Feb. 1949
- 6580. iii. Eleanor Ray Owens, b. 29 July 1955
- 6581. iv. Sherry Ann Owens, b. 16 Sept. 1958

5391. Betty Jean Poteat, daughter of George Posey and Ruth Maude (Swann) Poteat, was born 25 April 1929 and died 21 April 1981. On 12 Aug. 1949 she married Rev. Walter Boring (8 Aug. 1920 -).

Children of Walter and Betty Jean (Poteat) Boring

- 6582. i. Raymond Boring, (adopted) b. 8 April 1958

5396. Mary J. Marks, b. 1 Oct. 1868, m. J. L. Smith, 25 Dec. 1882

5397. Oda J. Marks, b. 16 Feb. 1871, m. J. L. Holcomb, 7 May 1891

5398. George B. McClellon Marks, b. 11 Feb. 1873, d. 3 June 1889

5399. Peter Tildon Marks, b. 2 Sept. 1876,

5400. Celia V. Marks, b. 12 Feb. 1879

5401. Preston Lenhardt Marks, b. 23 Oct. 1881

5402. John A. Marks, b. 9 Nov. 1884, d. 21 April 1908

5403. Will Franklin, b. Dec. 1864, NC

5404. John H. Franklin, b. Dec. 1866, NC
5405. Julia E. Franklin, b. 14 April 1869, NC, d. 18 July 1969
5406. Jonas Alvie Franklin, b. 7 Aug. 1873, NC, d. 25 May 1960
5407. Amanda "Mandy" Franklin, b. Feb. 1880, SC, d. 17 Dec. 189[?]5
5408. Maggie Franklin, b. 1883, SC. Maggie married Ben Frasier and Mandy married his brother, Jim Frasier.⁴²⁰
- 5409 Robert Walter Franklin, b. June 1886, d. 9 March 1934. "My grandfather Robert Walter Franklin died in March 1934. His death was caused by a truck wreck and he burned to death. He had a son named Floyd that also died from burns in the wreck, also a nephew called "Son Jinks" Frasier. So many fires in our family back then. Daddy had another brother named Harold that died from a fire, he was four years old. I never knew any of them."⁴²¹
- Children of Robert Walter Franklin
6650. i. Harold Franklin
6651. ii. Floyd Franklin
6652. iii. Linda Franklin
5410. Sally Franklin
5411. Gertie Franklin, b. 7 April 1871, d. 20 June 1961. Gertie married Will Bryan and Julie married his brother, Joe Bryan.⁴²²
5412. Mary Ella Smith, b. 21 Aug. 1868
5413. Laura Alice Smith, b. 28 Jan. 1871
5414. Robert Fulton Smith, b. 23 June 1873
5415. Sidney Walter Smith, b. 11 March 1876
5416. Dora Isabel Smith, b. 15 Sept. 1879
5417. David Hill Smith, b. 17 Sept. 1883
5418. Nancy Ann Smith, b. 12 Nov. 1886
m. Haywood Honeycutt, 12 July 1905
5419. Charles Caldwell Smith, b. 21 June 1890
5420. Julius Monroe Smith, son of Cornelius Livingston and Jemima (Poteet) Smith, was born 29 Sept. 1869 and died 26 March 1922. He married Virginia Elizabeth Kelley and is buried in Mt. Grove Cemetery, Caldwell Co., NC.⁴²³

⁴²⁰ Green, Linda (Franklin), Ruston, LA, letter to Dan W. Olds, 6 Aug. 1896.

⁴²¹ Green, Linda (Franklin), Ruston, LA, letter to Dan W. Olds, 18 July 1986.

⁴²² Green, Linda (Franklin), Ruston, LA, letter to Dan W. Olds, 6 Aug. 1896

⁴²³ Mullinax, Mrs. Nellie (Smith), Granite Falls, NC, letter to Dan W. Olds, 18 April 1974.

5421. Mary E. Smith, daughter of Cornelius Livingston and Jemima (Poteet) Smith, was born 23 March 1871 and died 28 Dec. 1940 She married William J. Bean and is buried in Mt. Grove Cemetery, Caldwell Co., NC..⁴²⁴

5422. Albert Stanhope Smith, son of Cornelius Livingston and Jemima (Poteet) Smith, was born 26 Aug. 1874, d. 25 March 1917 On 15 Aug. 1897, he married Gracie Fannoy Kelley and is buried in Mt. Grove Cemetery, Caldwell Co., NC..⁴²⁵

5430. Robert W. Poteat, b. ca. 1871

5431. Eddie J. Poteet, b. ca. 1873

5432. George W. Poteet, b. ca. 1875. A George W. Poteet, son of J. R. and Eliza Poteet, married Lucy Pool, daughter of J. C. and Callie Pool, on 21 April 1901⁴²⁶. The mother's name does not agree with my listing but I have not otherwise identified him.

5433. Sarah Poteet, b. ca. 1878

5440. Neelie Drum married John Benfield

5441. Rhoda Drum m. Omer Herman

5442. Laura Drum m. Jake Deal

5443. Walter Drum m. Candis Fox

5444. Luther Drum b. 7 Oct. 1888, d. 10 Jan. 1944; buried in Bethel Cemetery Lutheran, Catawba Co., NC. He married Laura Dellinger.

5445. Gertie Mary Ann Drum m. James Killian (or Jones Cleveland Killian)⁴²⁷

5446. Rena Drum m. John Setzer

5447. Reuben Paul Drum⁴²⁸ m. (1) Rosa Hollar (2) Cora Brown (3) Flossie Edna Allen

5448. Oren Drum m. Vergie _____

5449. Ora Drum m. Ham Dellinger

[The following list of grandchildren (5460 - 5543) of Sidney E. Poteat is taken from Mrs. Adams' work⁴²⁹ unless otherwise noted.]

⁴²⁴ Mullinax, Mrs. Nellie (Smith), Granite Falls, NC. letter to Dan W. Olds, 18 April 1974.

⁴²⁵ Mullinax, Mrs. Nellie (Smith), Granite Falls, NC. letter to Dan W. Olds, 18 April 1974.

⁴²⁶ Williams, Edward P., McDowell County North Carolina Marriages, 1894-1912 (April 1996).

⁴²⁷ The more complete names for both members of this couple are from "Great-Grandmother", a query posted 3 May 2000 by Lucy Jane Killian on <http://genconnect.rootsweb.com/genbbs.cgi/USA/NC/Catawba>.

⁴²⁸ it was from him that Mrs. Mullinax obtained the Drum data

⁴²⁹ Adams, Nellie D., *These, My People* (Lenoir, NC, 1973).

5460. Addy Poteet, daughter of Elam Haywood and Mary Elizabeth (Hawkins) Poteet, was born ca. 1869⁴³⁰. She married (1) Jim Snipes and (2) Charlie Denton.

Children of Jim and Addy (Poteet) Snipes

6680. i. Lois Snipes m. Harry Crawley

6681. ii. Helen Snipes m. Emerson Walters

Children of Charlie and Addy (Poteet) Denton

6682. iii. Bud Denton

6683. iv. Sudie Denton m. (1) Mack Reed and (2) Joe Crisp.

6684. v. Horace Denton m. Ada Hoyle

6685. vi. Frank Denton m. Agnes Hawkins

6686. vii. Lula Denton m. (1) Chapman and (2) Robert Huffman

6687. viii. Dorothy Denton m. (1) Dobbins and (2) Crawley

5461. Will Poteet, son of Elam Haywood and Mary Elizabeth (Hawkins) Poteet, was born ca. 1872.⁴³¹ He lived in Texas.

Children of Will Poteet

6690. i. Haywood Poteet

5462. Ceily Poteet, daughter of Elam Haywood and Mary Elizabeth (Hawkins) Poteet, was born ca. 1876.⁴³² She married (1) Fate Kisler and (2) William Carswell. An unnamed female child of A. L. Kisler and Cela Poteet was born and died 25 May 1915. Mary E. Poteet was the informant on the death certificate.⁴³³

Children of Fate and Ceily (Poteet) Kisler

6695. i. Aughtman Kisler

6696. ii. Broadus Kisler

6697. iii. Ludiera Kisler

6698. iv. Mae Kisler

6699. v. Eddie Kisler

6600. vi. Rosa Lee Kisler

5463. Wiley Poteet, son of Elam Haywood and Mary Elizabeth (Hawkins) Poteet, was born 20 May 1879 and died 9 Feb. 1960.⁴³⁴ He married Phenia Brittain.

Children of Wiley and Phenia (Brittain) Poteet

6605. i. Jinnia Poteet m. Clarence Denton

6606. ii. Williard Poteet m. May Brittain

6607. iii. Winston Poteet m. Azalea Digh

6608. iv. Howard Poteet m. Fay Bradshaw⁴³⁵

6609. v. Conly Poteet m. Ellen Carswell

6610. vi. Monion Poteet m. Josephine Berry

⁴³⁰ birth date estimated from the 1880 census of Burke Co., NC

⁴³¹ birth date estimated from the 1880 census of Burke Co., NC

⁴³² birth date estimated from the 1880 census of Burke Co., NC

⁴³³ Burke County Genealogical Society, Death Records of Burke County, North Carolina, Volume I (Morganton, 1988).

⁴³⁴ REF??? tombstone??

⁴³⁵ A Howard W. Poteat (25 Aug. 1934 - 4 Feb. 1935) and a Faye B. Poteat (3 June 1908 -) are buried at Denton's Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery. Burke County Genealogical Society, Cemeteries of Burke County, Volume 1 (Morganton, NC, 1995)

6611. vii. Johnsie Poteet m. (1) ____ Tweed and (2) Ray Swink

5464. Maggie Poteet daughter of Elam Haywood and Mary Elizabeth (Hawkins) Poteet, married Frank Denton. F. E. Denton and M. L. Poteet were married 22 May 1895.⁴³⁶ Frank E. Denton, 29 April 1874 - 20 April 1938, and Maggie L. Poteet Denton, wife of Frank E. Denton, 2 Feb. 1876 - 29 Sept. 1952, are buried at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church.⁴³⁷

Children of Frank and Maggie (Poteet) Denton

6612. i. Frank Coy Denton m. Louise Chapman

6613. ii. Jethro Denton m. Elizabeth ? from Raleigh, NC

6614. iii. Forest Denton m. Annie Thacker

6615. iv. Flossie Denton m. Ernest Crawley

6616. v. Callie Denton m. Claude Parlier

6617. vi. Charles Denton m. Barbara Woods

6618. vii. Fred Denton m. Annie Lee Mace

6629. viii. Mary Denton m. Leon Poteet

Leon G. Poteat (7 May 1909 - 6 Nov. 1943) and Mary Denton Poteat, his wife, (2 May 1908 -) are buried at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, south of Morganton, NC.⁴³⁸

6630. ix. Clarence Denton m. Jinnia Poteet

5465. Mae Poteet, daughter of Elam Haywood and Mary Elizabeth (Hawkins) Poteet, married Sim Brittain. S. P. Brittain (father, 8 Aug. 1877 - 11 June 1957) and Mae Poteet (mother, 21 Apr. 1883 - 19 Jan. 1951) are buried at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church south of Morganton, NC.⁴³⁹

Children of Sim and Mae (Poteet) Brittain

6631. i. Roy Brittain m. Pearl Brittain

5466. Fred J. Poteet, son of Elam Haywood and Mary Elizabeth (Hawkins) Poteet, married Emily Smith.

Children of Fred J. and Emily (Smith) Poteet

6632. i. Leon Poteet m. Mary Denton

6633. ii. Geneva Poteet m (1) Whisnant and (2) McCurry

6634. iii. Jesse Poteet m. Beulah Patton

6635. iv. Fred Poteet, Jr., m. Phyllis Adcock

6636. v. Ervin Poteet m. Jane Norman

6637. vi. Nollie Poteet m. Gladys McCurry

6638. vii. Sadie Poteet m (1) _____ Ross and (2) Guy Cagle

6639. viii. Hester Poteet m. Tellis Carswell

6640. ix. Beatrice Poteet m. Thomas Hull

6641. x. Nell Poteet m. Vester Ross

6642. xi. Dorothy Poteet m. Justus Poteet

6643. xii. Tim Poteet

5467. Thomas Tetlow Poteet, son of Elam Haywood and Mary Elizabeth (Hawkins) Poteet, was born 19 June 1886

⁴³⁶Burke County Genealogical Society, Index to Marriage Registers, 1867-1908, Burke County, North Carolina (Morganton, NC, 1990, 2nd printing 1993)

⁴³⁷ Burke County Genealogical Society, Cemeteries of Burke County, Vol. II (Morganton, NC)

⁴³⁸ tombstones copied 31 Aug. 1974.

⁴³⁹ tombstones copied 31 Aug. 1974.

and died 22 Feb. 1962. He married Minnie Butler who was born 27 Aug. 1887 and died 10 Feb. 1920.⁴⁴⁰

Children of Thomas Tetlow and Minnie (Butler) Poteet⁴⁴¹

- 6645. i. T. J. Poteet
- 6646. ii. F. D. Poteet
- 6647. iii. Betty Poteet
- 6648. iv. Vera Poteet
- 6649. v. Lucy Poteet
- 6650. vi. Nora (Dora?) Poteet

5468. Brittain Hawkins [or Harrison] Poteet, son of Elam Haywood Poteet, was born 24 Oct. 1889⁴⁴². I am uncertain which wife was his mother. Mrs. Adams lists him as the first child but this birthdate does not place him there. He married Louise Hoyle. Her tombstone says "Naomia L. Hoyle, 20 June 1882 - 15 June 1955".⁴⁴³

Children of Brittain Hawkins and Louise [Hoyle] Poteet

- 6651. i. Marie Poteet m. Tellis Smith
- 6652. ii. Gertrude Poteet m. Home Dale
- 6653. iii. Hazel Poteet m. Leonard Prewitt
- 6654. iv. Artie Poteet m. James Johnson
- 6655. v. Betty Poteet m. Vestal Garwood

5469. Mary Etta Poteet, daughter of Elam Haywood and Bessie Poteet, married John Wehunt.

Children of John and Mary Etta (Poteet) Wehunt

- 6660. i. Doris Ann Wehunt m. Carl Morrison
- 6661. ii. Mildred Novella Wehunt m. John Henry
- 6662. iii. Johnny Wehunt
- 6663. iv. Judy Marie Wehunt m. Larry White

5470. Virginia Poteet, daughter of Elam Haywood and Bessie Poteet, married (1) Ben Watson and (2) ____ Fendley.

Children of Ben and Virginia (Poteet) Watson

- 6665. i. Mary Sue Watson

Children of ____ and Virginia (Poteet) Fendley

- 6666. i. Virginia Fendley
- 6667. ii. Stephen Fendley

5471. Frank Denton, son of John and Tempie (Poteet) Denton, married his cousin, Maggie Poteet. See their family at number 5464.

5472. Fate Denton, son of John and Tempie (Poteet) Denton, married Emily Smith.

5473. Grover Denton, a son of John and Tempie (Poteet) Denton.

⁴⁴⁰ I copied their dates from tombstones at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, south of Morganton, NC, 31 Aug. 1974.

⁴⁴¹ Two of their children not included in the list are Wm. McKinley Poteet, son of Thomas Poteet and Minnie Butler, d. 14 May 1919, age 3 y, 1m, 27d (book 5 p9) and Sidney Ervin Poteet, age 7m, 26 d, d. 18 May 1919, son of Thomas and Minnie Poteet (Book 5 p12) [Burke County Death Records, Marion, NC]

⁴⁴² tombstone with no death date, copied 31 Aug. 1974, Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, south of Morganton, NC.

⁴⁴³ tombstone copied 31 Aug. 1974, Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, south of Morganton, NC.

5474. Mae Denton, daughter of John and Tempie (Poteet) Denton, was born ca. 1882, and died in the spring of 1973, at which time she was the oldest living grandchild of Sidney Poteet. She married Waits Cook.

Children of Waits and Mae (Denton) Cook

- 6680. i. Lena Cook
- 6681. ii. Callie Cook
- 6682. iii. Opha Cook married Odis Carswell
- 6683. iv. Vertie Cook, daughter of Waits Cook and "Nettie" Denton, was born 3 Oct. 1901 and died 17 Nov. 1918.⁴⁴⁴
- 6684. v. Pearl Cook married Clyde Barnhill
- 6685. vi. Clara Cook, daughter of W. A. Cook and Mae Denton was born 14 Feb. 1919 and died 9 May 1919.⁴⁴⁵
- 6686. vii. Brantley Cook m. _____ Towery
- 6687. viii. Edney R. Cook
- 6688. ix. Vernon Cook m. Belle Carswell
- 6689. x. Charles Cook m. Jessie Butler

5475. Johnny Denton, a son of John and Tempie (Poteet) Denton.

5476. Velvia Denton, a daughter of John and Tempie (Poteet) Duncan, married Ivey Mace. An unnamed son of Ivey Mace and Vela Denton was born 19 Aug. 1914 and died 21 Aug. 1914.⁴⁴⁶

Children of Ivey and Velvia (Denton) Mace

- 6690. i. Naomi Mace m. Goldie Norman
- 6691. ii. Hollis Mace m. Belle Carswell

5477. Buenia Denton, a daughter of John and Tempie (Poteet) Denton, married Belo Smith.

5478. Zulia Denton, a daughter of John and Tempie (Poteet) Denton, married Frances Cook. Zula M. Cook, daughter of John M. and Tempy L. Denton was born 28 Sept. 1879 in NC and died 18 March 1918.⁴⁴⁷ Ernest Ervin Cook, son of F. E. Cook and Zula Denton was born 14 Aug. 1897 and died single, 25 Sept. 1915.⁴⁴⁸

Children of Frances and Zulia (Denton) Cook

- 6695. i. Versie Cook m. Ab Smith
- 6696. ii. Berta Lou Cook m. Otis Lambert
- 6697. iii. Mildred Cook m. Clyde Wagner

5480. Sidney Poteet, a son of John Brittian and Julia Poteet.

5481. William P. Poteet, son of John Brittian and Julia Poteet, married Nettie E. Seagle. An unnamed daughter of

⁴⁴⁴ Burke County Genealogical Society, Death Records of Burke County, North Carolina, Volume I (Morganton, 1988).

⁴⁴⁵ Burke County Genealogical Society, Death Records of Burke County, North Carolina, Volume I (Morganton, 1988).

⁴⁴⁶ Burke County Genealogical Society, Death Records of Burke County, North Carolina, Volume I (Morganton, 1988).

⁴⁴⁷ Burke County Genealogical Society, Death Records of Burke County, North Carolina, Volume I (Morganton, 1988).

⁴⁴⁸ Burke County Genealogical Society, Death Records of Burke County, North Carolina, Volume I (Morganton, 1988).

William Poteet and Nettie Seagle was born and died 17 July 1917.⁴⁴⁹

Children of William P. and Nettie E. (Seagle) Poteet

- 6700. i. Thomas Poteet m. Arvie Childers
- 6701. ii. James Poteet
- 6702. iii. John W. Poteet
- 6703. iv. Conley Poteet
- 6704. v. Alexander Poteet
- 6705. vi. Charles Edward Poteet m. Velma Martin

5482. Emma Poteet, daughter of John Brittain and Julia Poteet, married Pink Ross. They were married 28 Jan. 1895.⁴⁵⁰ Jesse Oliver Ross, son of Pinkney Ross and "Elmer" Poteet, was born 19 Aug 1895 and died 8 April 1914, single.⁴⁵¹ Luster Ross, son of Pinkney Ross and "Emer" Poteet, was born 12 Dec. 1913, and died 5 June 1914.⁴⁵²

Children of Pink and Emma (Poteet) Ross

- 6706. i. Dorothy Ross m. Roy Garrison
- 6707. ii. Nelson Ross
- 6708. iii. Lee Ervin Ross m. Annie Williams
- 6709. iv. Julie Ross m. Sterling Conley
- 6710. v. Lenoir Ross
- 6711. vi. Floy Ross m (1) ____ Berry and (2) Melvin Propst
- 6712. vii. Harrison Ross m. Corinna Mooney
- 6713. viii. Isaac Ross m. Prella Poteat

5483. Minnie Poteat, daughter of John Brittain and Julia Poteet, married Ben Ross. Minnie Poteet married R. B. Ross on 27 Nov. 1899.⁴⁵³ Minnie D. Poteat Ross (13 June 1880 - 22 May 1956) and Robert Ben Ross (6 Sept. 1879 - 25 May 1968) are buried at Burkemont Baptist Church.⁴⁵⁴

Children of Ben and Minnie (Poteat) Ross

- 6715. i. Robert Ross m. Vera Day.
- 6716. ii. Carl M. Ross m. Pearl Barber
- 6717. iii. Juanita Ross m. Oscar Harris

5484. Sallie Poteat, daughter of John Brittain and Julia Poteet, married Ed Brittain. Ed Brittain married Sallie Poteet on 20 May 1895.⁴⁵⁵

Children of Ed and Sallie (Poteat) Brittain

- 6720. i. Bristol Brittain

⁴⁴⁹ Burke County Genealogical Society, Death Records of Burke County, North Carolina, Volume I (Morganton, 1988).

⁴⁵⁰ Burke County Genealogical Society, Index to Marriage Registers, 1867-1908, Burke County, North Carolina (Morganton, 1990, 2nd printing 1993)

⁴⁵¹ Burke County Genealogical Society, Death Records of Burke County, North Carolina, Volume I (Morganton, 1988).

⁴⁵² Burke County Genealogical Society, Death Records of Burke County, North Carolina, Volume I (Morganton, 1988).

⁴⁵³ Burke County Genealogical Society, Index to Marriage Registers, 1867-1908, Burke County, North Carolina (Morganton, NC, 1990, 2nd printing 1993)

⁴⁵⁴ Burke County Genealogical Society, Cemeteries of Burke County, Vol. II (Morganton, NC)

⁴⁵⁵ Burke County Genealogical Society, Index to Marriage Registers, 1867-1908, Burke County, North Carolina (Morganton, NC, 1990, 2nd printing 1993)

- 6721. ii. Harry Lee Brittain m. Lura Whitener
- 6722. iii. Monie Brittain m. Mr. Gormon Orders
- 6723. iv. Paul Brittain m. (1) Annabell Buff and (2) ??
- 6724. v. Sally Mae Brittain
- 6725. vi. Charles Henry Brittain m. Thelma Tyner
- 6726. vii. Julie Addie Lee Brittain m. Hugh H. Taylor
- 6727. viii. Flossie Brittain Samuel David Jarrett

5485. James Thomas Poteat, son of John Brittain and Julia Poteet, married Etta Bumgarner.

Children of James Thomas and Etta (Bumgarner) Poteat

- 6730. i. Vernon Poteat m. Mattie Smith
- 6731. ii. Robert Poteat m. Zinnia Ruth Norman
- 6732. iii. Vergie Poteat m. Ralph Hall
- 6733. iv. Julia Poteat m. Thomas Moore

5486. Annie Poteat, daughter of John Brittain and Julia Poteet, married Benjamin Denton. They were married 16 March 1892.⁴⁵⁶

Children of Benjamin and Annie (Poteat) Denton

- 6735. i. Leila Denton m. (1) ____ Duckworth and (2) H. W. Caraway
- 6736. ii. Annie Dallas Denton m. Buie Helen Smith
- 6737. iii. Ada Denton m. Lee Honeycutt
- 6739. iv. Benny Denton m. Luther Bollinger
- 6740. v. Lillian Denton m. Raymond Williams
- 6741. vi. Julia Denton m. Lawrence Hulseapple
- 6742. vii. Glenn Denton m. Eunice Bennett

5487. Isaac Poteet, son of John Brittain and Julia Poteet, married his cousin Floye Poteet. I. F. Poteet and Floy Poteet were married 20 Dec. 1902.⁴⁵⁷

Children of Isaac and Floye (Poteet) Poteet

- 6745. i. Justus Poteet married Dorothy Poteet
- 6746. ii. Troyal Poteet married Pearl Chapman
- 6747. iii. Mary Etta Poteet married Henry Yarborough
- 6748. iv. Agnes Poteet m. Robert Clark
- 6749. v. Jackson Poteet m. Lavone Orders
- 6750. vi. Norman Poteet
- 6751. vii. Clyde Poteet m. Nita Whisnant
- 6752. viii. Ruth Poteet married Hugh Towery
- 6753. ix. Robbie Poteet married Winfred Norman
- 6754. x. Shirley Poteet married Hugh Murdock

⁴⁵⁶Burke County Genealogical Society, Index to Marriage Registers, 1867-1908, Burke County, North Carolina (Morganton, 1990, 2nd printing 1993)

⁴⁵⁷Burke County Genealogical Society, Index to Marriage Registers, 1867-1908, Burke County, North Carolina (Morganton, 1990, second printing 1993)

5490. John Poteet, son of Henry and Mary Ann (Murphy) Poteet, was born 8 June 1877⁴⁵⁸. He married Laura Rich.

Children of John and Laura (Rich) Poteet

- 6760. i. Mrs. John Browning
- 6761. ii. Mrs. Pearl Church
- 6762. iii. Mrs. Donald Hoke
- 6763. iv. Mrs. James Waters
- 6764. v. Mrs. H. L. Swift
- 6765. vi. Russell Poteat
- 6766. vii. Ressie Poteat

5491. Roscoe Poteet, a son of Henry and Mary Ann (Murphy) Poteet, married Lattie Brittain. From the Hickory (NC) Daily Record newspaper:

Henry Roscoe Poteet, 76, of Portsmouth, VA and Morganton, died 16 Dec. 1969 in Morganton, NC. Born 13 July 1893, son of the late Henry and Mary Ann Murphy Poteet. His wife was the late Lahie Brittain Poteet. Survived by two sons: Pedro Poteet of Portsmouth, VA, and Richard Poteet of Richmond, VA; three daughters, Mrs. John Taylor and Mrs. Beatrice Ritter of Toledo, OH, and Mrs. Gladys Haire of Portsmouth, VA.⁴⁵⁹

Children of Roscoe and Lattie (Brittain) Poteet

- 6767. i. Pedro Poteet
- 6768. ii. Beatrice Poteet
- 6769. iii. Richard Poteet
- 6770. iv. Louise Poteet
- 6771. v. Gladys Poteet

5492. Frances Poteet, a son(?) of Henry and Mary Ann (Murphy) Poteet.

Children of Frances Poteet

- 6772. i. Wiley Poteet
- 6773. ii. Lucy Poteet m. Bill Jenkins

5493. Florence Poteet, daughter of Henry and Mary Ann (Murphy) Poteet, married Frank Brittain.

Children of Frank and Florence (Poteet) Brittain

- 6774. i. Evelyn Brittain

5494. Rose Ann Poteet, daughter of Henry and Mary Ann (Murphy) Poteet, married Tom Richie.

Children of Tom and Rose Ann (Poteet) Richie

- 6775. i. Roy Richie
- 6776. ii. Toy Richie
- 6777. iii. Azalea Richie
- 6778. iv. Viola Richie
- 6779. v. Carrie Richie m. (1) _____ Epley and (2) Turner
- 6780. vi. Eva Richie m. _____ Goins

5495. Floye Poteet, daughter of Henry and Mary Ann (Murphy) Poteet, married her cousin Isaac Poteet. See Number 5487 for their family.

⁴⁵⁸ This date and the names of the surviving are from an obituary clipping for John Ervin Poteat, reproduced by Mrs. Adams. He was buried at Palm Tree Methodist Church in "the Vale section". The clipping has been hand-dated June '56.

⁴⁵⁹ Mullinax, Mrs. Nellie (Smith), Granite Falls, NC, letter to Dan W. Olds, 18 April 1974.

5500. Sim Brittain, a son of Ashby and Theodosia (Poteet) Brittain, married his cousin Mae Poteet See Number 5465 for their family..

5501. Jerome M. Brittain, a son of Ashby and Theodosia (Poteet) Brittain, married Lou Hawkins.

Children of Jerome M. and Lou (Hawkins) Poteet

- 6790. i. Jerome Brittain m. Carl D. Anderson ⁴⁶⁰
- 6791. ii. Elva Brittain m. Frank Strickland
- 6792. iii. Irida Brittain m. James M. Williams
- 6793. iv. Hamilton Brittain m. Lucille Lavane

5502. Elmer Brittain, a son of Ashby and Theodosia (Poteet) Brittain, married Minnie Causby.

Children of Elmer and Minnie (Causby) Brittain

- 6795. i. Albert Brittain
- 6796. ii. Geneva Brittain m. Paul Riley
- 6797. iii. Cordelia Brittain m. Artie Kratzer

5503. Lattie Brittain, a son of Ashby and Theodosia (Poteet) Brittain, married her cousin Roscoe Poteet. See Number 5491 for their family.

5504. Sudie Brittain, a son of Ashby and Theodosia (Poteet) Brittain, married Pink Abshire.

5505. Annie Effie Leila Brittain, a son of Ashby and Theodosia (Poteet) Brittain, married Alden Smith.

Children of Alden and Annie Effie Leila (Brittain) Smith

- 6800. i. Franie Viola Smith m. Roy Littlejohn
- 6801. ii. Phifer Ann Smith m. Ruth Nichols
- 6802. iii. Margaret Jane Smith m. John Lynn Hall
- 6803. iv. Iverson Ashby Smith m. (1) Ann Rowe and (2) Virginia Lester
- 6804. v. Fleta Josephine Smith m. Clyde Joseph Allman
- 6805. vi. Billy Herbert Smith m. Louise Shotwell
- 6806. vii. Nadine Smith m. James Herman Carter
- 6807. viii. Fritz Alexander Smith m. Edith McCormick

5506. C. Alonzo Brittain, a son of Ashby and Theodosia (Poteet) Brittain, was born 18 Sept. 1883⁴⁶¹ and died at age 86. He married (1) Millie Hipps and (2) Essie Young.

Children of C. Alonzo and Millie (Hipps) Brittain

- 6808. i. Flora Brittain m. (1) ____ Parham and (2) ____ Shirley
- 6809. ii. Hugh Brittain
- 6810. iii. Zed Brittain
- 6811. iv. Ramon Brittain m. Nellie Taylor
- 6812. v. Marvin Brittain m. Mamie Hunt
- 6813. vi. Ruth Brittain m. Roy Bumgarner
- 6814. vii. Herbert Brittain
- 6815. viii. Belle Brittain m. ? Eaker

⁴⁶⁰ Names are not always clear indications of gender but I'd like further validation of her name. Mrs. Adams lists children of this couple with the surname Anderson.

⁴⁶¹ This date is from an obituary clipping reproduced by Mrs. Adams. He was buried at the Casar Baptist Church.

6816. ix. Blanche Brittain m. (1) Leighton Horton and (2) Roy McNeely
Children of C. Alonzo and Essie (Young) Brittain
6817. x. Marie Brittain m. James Martin

5507. Mullie Brittain, a daughter of Ashby and Theodosia (Poteet) Brittain, married ___ Prewitt. Her family is not shown by Mrs. Adams.

5510. Lollie Poteet, a daughter of Jim and Jane (Bollinger) Poteet, married Robert F. Snipes. "Laura" Poteet married Robert Snipes on 23 March 1897.⁴⁶²

Children of Robert F. and Lollie (Poteet) Snipes

6850. i. Effie Snipes m. Claus Walker
6851. ii. Herman Hoskey Snipes m. Maybelle Honeycutt
6852. iii. Garland Snipes
6853. iv. Louie Snipes
6854. v. Evelyn Snipes
6855. vi. Catherine Snipes m. ___ Huffman
6856. vii. John C. Snipes
6857. viii. Leon Victor Snipes m. Alice D. _____

5511. Callie Poteet, a daughter of Jim and Jane (Bollinger) Poteet, married Jim Lane. They were married 2 April 1902.⁴⁶³

Children of Jim and Callie (Poteet) Lane

6858. i. Leath Lane
6859. ii. Ruby Lane m. ___ Totten
6850. iii. Iverson Lane m. ___ Phillips
6851. iv. James Lane
6852. v. George Lane
6853. vi. Helen Lane m. (1) George Walker and (2) ___ Devine
6854. vii. Madge Lane
6855. viii. Douglas Lane
6856. ix. Nornan Lane
6857. x. Jack Lane

5512. Ahoskie Poteat, a son of Jim and Jane (Bollinger) Poteet, married Mary Denton. His death record at Morganton lists his parents as James Poteat of Burke County and Jane E. Bollinger of Catawba County, showing he was born 14 Jan. 1880 and died 12 Nov. 1921.⁴⁶⁴ His wife was probably the Mary A. D. Poteat (17 Oct. 1884 - 1 Jan. 1950) from the same record. "Haskie" Poteet and Mary A. Denton were married 13 July 1902.⁴⁶⁵

Children of Ahoskie and Mary (Denton) Poteat

⁴⁶² Burke County Genealogical Society, Index to Marriages Records, 1867-1908, Burke County, North Carolina (Morganton, NC, 1990, 2nd printing 1993)

⁴⁶³ Burke County Genealogical Society, Index to Marriage Registers, 1867-1908, Burke County, North Carolina (Morganton, 1990, 2nd printing 1993)

⁴⁶⁴ Burke County Genealogical Society, Cemeteries of Burke County, Volume 1 (Morganton, NC, 1995), record of E. Hoskie Poteat, Denton's Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery.

⁴⁶⁵ Burke County Genealogical Society, Index to Marriage Registers, 1867-1908, Burke County, North Carolina (Morganton, 1990, second printing 1993)

6858. i. Juanita Poteat m. Walter Hollar⁴⁶⁶
 6859. ii. Melvin Poteat m. (1) Lois Orders and (2) Helen Hennessee⁴⁶⁷
 6860. iii. Roy Poteat m. Rosalee Helton⁴⁶⁸

5513. Frank E. Poteat⁴⁶⁹, a son of Jim and Jane (Bollinger) Poteet, married (1) Emma Epley and (2) Alice L. _____
 . Frank Poteet and Emma Epley were married 15 Oct. 1898.⁴⁷⁰

Children of Frank E. Poteat

6861. i. Ray E. Poteat m. Madge L. _____
 6862. ii. Dewey Poteat m. Annie _____⁴⁷¹
 6863. iii. Jim Poteat m. Bertie _____⁴⁷²
 6864. iv. Annie Mae Poteat m. Charlie Gaddy
 6865. v. Jones Poteat⁴⁷³ m. Gertrude Curtis⁴⁷⁴. Bobby Gene Poteat, child of Jones E. Poteat, died 28 Feb. 1942⁴⁷⁵ and is buried in the Pleasant Gardens Baptist Church/Clear Creek Cemetery as Bobby J. Poteat, April 18, 1938 - 28 Feb. 1942.⁴⁷⁶
 6866. vi. Nellie Poteat m. Jonathan Ledbetter⁴⁷⁷
 6867. vii. Hattie Poteat m. Tom Curtis

⁴⁶⁶ The Juanita P. Hollar (1908 - 1961) and Walter Russell Hollar (1902 - 1983), buried at Denton's Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery, are probably this couple. Burke County Genealogical Society, Burke County Cemeteries, Volume 1 (Morganton, NC, 1995)

⁴⁶⁷ C. Melvin Poteat (12 Oct. 1912 --) and Lois E.O. Poteat (15 April 1915 - 10 Aug. 1939) have markers in the Denton's Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery. Burke County Genealogical Society, Cemeteries of Burke County, Volume 1 (Morganton, NC, 1995).

⁴⁶⁸ The Roy M. Poteet (14 Oct. 1904 - 5 Sept. 1976) and Rosalee H. Poteet (10 Jan. 1907 - 11 Jan. 1988), buried at Denton's Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery, are probably this couple. Burke County Genealogical Society, Burke County Cemeteries, Volume 1 (Morganton, NC, 1995)

⁴⁶⁹ Frank Erwin Poteat, son of James M. Poteat, died 1 Sept. 1958, McDowell County Death Records, Marion, NC, book 43 p. 242 (from the index)

⁴⁷⁰ Burke County Genealogical Society, Index to Marriage Registers, 1867-1908, Burke County, North Carolina (Morganton, 1990, second printing 1993)

⁴⁷¹ Dewey E. Poteat (29 March 1903 - 3 Feb. 1979) is buried in the Pleasant Gardens Baptist Church/Clear Creek Cemetery and listed in Aldridge, Bryan K., Cox, Margie H., Randolph, Jewell R., and Silvers, Peggy H., McDowell County, North Carolina Cemeteries, Vol. 3 (Appalachian Press, Nebo, NC, 1995)

⁴⁷² A James Nelson Poteat, son of Frank E. Poteat, was born 17 Feb. 1913 according to McDowell Co., NC, Delayed Birth Certificates, a CD-ROM copyrighted by Norman J. Davis, 2000.

⁴⁷³ Jones E. Poteat, son of Frank E. Poteat, born 25 Jan. 1908, McDowell Co., NC, Delayed Birth Certificates, a CD-ROM copyrighted by Norman J. Davis, 2000

⁴⁷⁴ Jones Everett Poteat (25 Jan. 1908 - 12 Sept. 1976) and his wife Gertrude Curtis Poteat (23 March 1911 - 8 Jan. 1979) are buried at Pleasant Gardens Baptist Church/Clear Creek Cemetery as listed in Aldridge, Bryan K., Cox, Margie H., Randolph, Jewell K., and Silvers, Peggy G., McDowell County, North Carolina, Cemeteries, Vol. 3 (Appalachian Press, Nebo, NC, 1995)

⁴⁷⁵ Death Records, McDowell County, NC, book 29, p. 135, from the index.

⁴⁷⁶ Aldridge, Bryan K., Cox, Margie H., Randolph, Jewell K., and Silvers, Peggy G., McDowell County, North Carolina, Cemeteries, Vol. 3 (Appalachian Press, Nebo, NC, 1995)

⁴⁷⁷ Jonathan O. Ledbetter (26 July 1907 - 31 Dec. 1969) and his wife Nellie I. Ledbetter (4 Aug. 1915 - 17 May 1979) are buried at Pleasant Gardens Baptist Church/Clear Creek Cemetery as listed in Aldridge, Bryan K., Cox, Margie H., Randolph, Jewell K., and Silvers, Peggy G., McDowell County, North Carolina, Cemeteries, Vol. 3 (Appalachian Press, Nebo, NC, 1995). Their children are listed there as Jonathan, Jr., Mabel, Joyce, Kathleen, and Carolyn.

6868. viii. Clarence Poteat⁴⁷⁸ b. 1899, d. 1940.

5515. Arthur Dale, son of Arthur and Mary Ervin (Poteet) Dale, m. Mary ____.

Children of Arthur and Mary (____) Dale

6900. i. Fritz Ervin Dale m. Abbie Roper. He was killed at age 30 aboard a destroyer sunk in the Phillipines during WW II.

6901 ii. Mabel Dale m. Joe Gardner

6902 iii. Fernifold Dale

6903 iv. Albert Dale

6904. v. Paul Dale m. Vassie Carswell

5520. Tonie Duckworth, a child of Thomas L. and Susan Jane Gertrude (Poteet) Duckworth.

5521. Lottie Duckworth, a daughter of Thomas L. and Susan Jane Gertrude (Poteet) Duckworth.

5522. Bessie Duckworth, a daughter of Thomas L. and Susan Jane Gertrude (Poteet) Duckworth.

5523. Annie Mae Duckworth, a daughter of Thomas L. and Susan Jane Gertrude (Poteet) Duckworth.

5524. Dewey Alexander Duckworth, son of Thomas L. and Susan Jane Gertrude (Poteet) Duckworth, married Ella Lotz

Children of Dewey Alexander and Ella (Lotz) Duckworth

6910. i. Thomas Duckworth m. (1) Louise Dale and (2) Pat _____

5525. Mary Louise Duckworth, a daughter of Thomas L. and Susan Jane Gertrude (Poteet) Duckworth, married Benedict VanDyke from Holland.

Children of Benedict and Mary Louise (Duckworth) VanDyke

6915. i. Benedict VanDyke, Jr., m. Mary _____

6916. ii. Barbara VanDyke m. ____ Frick

5526. Jesse Bertrum Duckworth, a son of Thomas L. and Susan Jane Gertrude (Poteet) Duckworth, married Zula Queen. "He was born in Burke County, May 2, 1896, the son of the late Thomas L. and Susan Poteat Duckworth. He was married to Zula Mae Queen on May 15, 1914 and they celebrated their 50th anniversary last year."⁴⁷⁹

Children of James Bertrum and Zula (Queen) Duckworth

6917. i. Charles Jesse Duckworth m. Myrtle Shell

6918. ii. Clara Ellis Duckworth m. Glen Clontz

6919. iii. James Bennett Duckworth m. Rassie Dale

6920. iv. Nellie Mae Duckworth m. Rev. John O. Adams

⁴⁷⁸ Clarence Edward Poteat, son of Frank E. Poteat, died 26 March 1940, McDowell County, NC, Death Records, Book 27 p. 239 (from the index). He is buried (1899-1940) at Pleasant Gardens Baptist Church/Clear Creek Cemetery as listed in Aldridge, Bryan K., Cox, Margie H., Randolph, Jewell K., and Silvers, Peggy G., McDowell County, North Carolina, Cemeteries, Vol. 3 (Appalachian Press, Nebo, NC, 1995). From another stone in the same cemetery, his wife is identified Alice L. Poteat (1903 - 1971). Clarence, age 20, married Alice Lewis, age 19, on 21 April 1920, per McDowell County Marriage Records, Marion, NC.

⁴⁷⁹ The quote is from the obituary of Jesse Bertrum Duckworth, 68, reproduced by Mrs. Adams.

5527. John Duckworth, a son of Thomas L. and Susan Jane Gertrude (Poteet) Duckworth, married Mary Bartles.

Children of John and Mary (Bartles) Duckworth

6921. i. Millard Thomas Duckworth m. Nancy Honeycutt

5528. Paul Duckworth, a son of Thomas L. and Susan Jane Gertrude (Poteet) Duckworth, married Leila Keller.

Children of Paul and Leila (Keller) Duckworth

6922. i. an unnamed twin

6923. ii. Minnie Duckworth m. Will Roper

6924. iii. Eva Duckworth m. Glen Clontz⁴⁸⁰

6925. iv. Ervin Duckworth m. (1) Louise Grady and (2) Rosa Lee McMahan

6926. v. Ruth Duckworth m. Jimmy Fisher

6927. vi. Ida Jane Duckworth m. (1) Tom Overstreet and (2) Bill Johnson

6928. vii. Leroy Duckworth m. Margie Shuffler

6929. viii. James Robert Duckworth m. Lorene Ledford

5530. Ernest Poteat, son of Joseph Frazier and Ann (Snipes) Poteet, married Bertha Shuping. An unnamed son of Earnest L. Poteet and J. Bertha Shuping was born and died 10 April 1917.⁴⁸¹

Children of Ernest and Bertha (Shuping) Poteat

6940. i. Cleo Poteat m. Oliver Ross

6941. ii. Gerald Poteat m. Mozelle Cooper

5531. Lessie Poteat, daughter of Joseph Frazier and Ann (Snipes) Poteet, married Ralph Williams. They were married 15 Dec. 1907.⁴⁸² An unnamed daughter of Ralph E. Williams and Lessie Poteet was born and died 11 Jan. 1918.⁴⁸³

Children of Ralph and Lessie (Poteat) Williams

6941. i. Cecil Williams

6942. ii. Bono Williams m. (1) Ora Lee Williams and (2) Clara Johnson

5532. Hardie Poteat⁴⁸⁴, a son of Joseph Frazier and Ann (Snipes) Poteet.

Children of Hardie Poteat

6943. Genevieve Poteat m. Mr. Douglas.

5533. Myrtle Poteat, a daughter of Joseph Frazier and Ann (Snipes) Poteet, married Harrison Roper.

Children of Harrison and Myrtle (Poteat) Roper

6945. i. Ophelia Roper m. Clyde Addison

6946. ii. Azalee Roper m. ___ Mickey

6947. iii. Melvin Roper

6946. iv. Joseph M. Roper m. Glenda McMahan

⁴⁸⁰ note that this same name appears at no. 6918 above.

⁴⁸¹ Burke County Genealogical Society, Death Records of Burke County, North Carolina, Volume I (Morganton, 1988).

⁴⁸² Burke County Genealogical Society, Index to Marriage Registers, 1867-1908, Burke County North Carolina (Morganton, NC, 1990, 2nd printing 1993)

⁴⁸³ Burke County Genealogical Society, Death Records of Burke County, North Carolina, Volume I (Morganton, 1988).

⁴⁸⁴ One Hardie Lee Poteat (18 Jan. 1906 - 4 Nov. 1971, NC Pfc US Army WWII) is buried in Denton's Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery. Burke County Genealogical Society, Cemeteries of Burke County (Morganton, NC, 1995)

5534. Hattie Poteat, daughter of Joseph Frazier and Ann (Snipes) Poteet, married Clay Ferree.

Children of Clay and Hattie (Poteat) Ferree

- 6950. i. Sam Ferree
- 6951. ii. Annie Ferree
- 6952. iii. Clara Ferree
- 6953. iv. Fulton Ferr ee

5535. Ira Poteat, son of Joseph Frazier and Ann (Snipes) Poteet, married Willie Dale.

Children of Ira and Willie (Poteat) Dale

- 6955. i. Faye Dale m. Truitt Ross

5536. Mary Otis Poteat, son of Joseph Frazier and Ann (Snipes) Poteet, married Charlie Carswell.

Children of Charlie and Mary Otis (Poteat) Carswell

- 6956. i. J. D. Carswell m. Doris Stephens
- 6957. ii. Elvie Carswell m. Bill Digh
- 6958. iii. Nunn Carswell m. Beatrice Cooper
- 6959. iv. Leonard Carswell
- 6960. v. Edgar Carswell m. Barbara Ann Bollinger
- 6961. vi. Bertina Carswell m. Ted Seagle
- 6961. vii. Mary Etta Carswell m. Connell Pottillo
- 6962. viii. Azalea Carswell m Thurman Brittain
- 6963. ix. Charles Carswell m.
- 6964. x. Gray Carswell m. Betty Bailey

5537. Prella Poteat, daughter of Joseph Frazier and Ann (Snipes) Poteet, married Isaac Ross, a relative, under number 6713.

Children of Isaac and Prella (Poteat) Ross

- 6965. i. Ervin Ross m. Elizabeth Turner
- 6966. ii. Rachel Ross m. Frank Causby
- 6967. iii. Barbara Sue Ross m. James Stamey
- 6968. iv. Betsy Ree Ross m. Elbert Dale
- 6970. v. Nancy Ross m. _____ Davis
- 6971. vi. Shirley Ross m. _____ Carr
- 6972. vii. Joanne Ross m. Bob Williams
- 6973. viii. Owen Ross m. Vivian Chapman

5538. Tellis Poteat, son of Joseph Frazier and Ann (Snipes) Poteet, married Pansy McGramory.

Children of Tellis and Pansy (McGramory) Poteat

- 6974. i. Martha June Brown
- 6975. ii. Gaylove Poteat m (1) ___ Davidson and (2) ___ Robertson

5540. Ivey Shuping, son of Vance and Lillie May (Poteet) Shuping, married Bertha Ledbetter.

5541. Vance Shuping, son of Vance and Lillie May (Poteet) Shuping, was killed on the railroad.

5542. Bertha Shuping, daughter of Vance and Lillie May (Poteet) Shuping, married Earnest Poteat. See their children under Number 5530.

5543. Larry Anderson Matthews, the son of William and Lillie May (Poteet) Matthews.

5757. Oliver D. Poteat (7 May 1897 - 11 Sept. 1945) and Carrie L. Poteat (2 Feb. 1897 - 7 Mar 1943) are buried at Cherokee Springs Baptist Church along with the following two children (tombstones read 8 Aug. 1998).

Children of Oliver D. and Carrie L. (____) Poteat

6974. i. Nannie Lee Poteat, b. 12 Feb. 1918 - 19 Feb. 1918

6975. ii. Myrtle Poteat, 14 Jan. 1919 - 21 July 1919

5758. Annie Kate Poteat, daughter of John H. and Minnie L. (Belcher) Poteat, was born about 1909⁴⁸⁵. Her obituary follows:

“Annie Kate Poteat, 91, of 2902 East Main St. died Nov. 18, 2000, in Magnolia Manor.

“A native of Spartanburg County, she was the daughter of the late John Henry and Minnie Poteat. She was a retired beautician. She also was music director for 50 years at Cherokee Springs Baptist Church where she was also a member.

“She is survived by several nieces and nephews.

“Visitation will be held at 7-9 p.m. at Eggers Funeral Chapel.

“Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Monday at Cherokee Springs Baptist Church with the Revs. Edward Bullington and Bill Lark officiating. Burial will be in the Church Cemetery.

“The family will be at their respective homes.”

5770. Eugene Justice Poteat⁴⁸⁶, son of Samuel Justice and Salley (Mercer) Poteat, was born 9 March 1905. He married Sarah Darnell, born 7 Oct. 1910.

Children of Eugene Justice and Sarah (Darnell) Poteat

6976. i. Wayne McCoy Poteat, b. 18 Jan. 1929

6977. ii. Samuel Eugene Poteat, b. 17 Feb. 1930

6978. iii. Donald Wade Poteat, b. 15 Sept. 1931

6979. iv. Alana Faye Poteat, b. 23 Aug. 1933

5771. Lawrence Poteat⁴⁸⁷, son of Eugene Justice and Sarah (Darnell) Poteat, was born in 1906 and died in Feb. 1963. He married Florence Carpenter who was born in 1900.

5772. Ethel Poteat, daughter of Samuel Justice and Hope (Devine) Poteat

5773. Harry Poteat, son of Samuel Justice and Hope (Devine) Poteat

5774. Dorothy Poteat, daughter of Samuel Justice and Hope (Devine) Poteat

5750. George Valentine Poteat m. Lucy Mae Sain

Children of George Valentine and Lucy Mae (Sain) Poteat

6980. i. Oliver Clint Poteat m. Violet Beatrice Jones

⁴⁸⁵ obituary of Annie Kate Poteat, Spartanburg Herald-Journal, 19 Nov. 2000

⁴⁸⁶ This information is from a pedigree chart prepared by Donald W. Poteat, Charleston, SC, and sent to me by Mrs. J. V. Pitts, ca. 1974.

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5800. Aubrey Highsmith Harrington, was born on 31 March 1915 in Sanford, NC. He married Dorothy Caroline Price in 1937.⁴⁸⁸

Children of Aubrey Highsmith and Dorothy Caroline (Price) Harrington

6981. i. Amy Caroline Harrington, b. 19 Jan. 1942

5950. Henry Irving Poteat, son of Sidney E. and Della Mae (Belcher) Poteat. I have an undated obituary clipping for Henry Irving Poteat, age 72, widower of Grace Lee Poteat, who died "Tuesday". He was the son of the late Sydney E. and Della Mae Poteat. He was survived by daughters Mrs. Della M. Atkins of the home, Mrs. Marion Flo Waddell, Mr. Janell Dill and Mrs. Patricia Eva Bullington of Spartanburg, Mrs. Jacky Lee McComb of Greenwood; sons, Arthur Irving and Charles Eugene Poteat of Spartanburg; sisters, Miss Edith Poteat and Mrs. Roie Peahuff of Cowpens; brothers Perry of Cowpens and Lewis Poteat of Cowpens, Route 1; 24 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Children of Henry Irving Poteat

6982. i. Mrs. Della M. Atkins

6983. ii. Mrs. Marion Flo Waddell

6984. iii. Mrs. Janell Dill

6985. iv. Mrs. Patricia Eva Bullington

6986. v. Mrs. Jacky Lee McComb

6987. vi. Arthur Irving Poteat

6988. vii. Charles Eugene Poteat

5951. Lewis Poteat, son of Sidney E. and Della Mae (Belcher) Poteat,

5952. Perry Poteat, son of Sidney E. and Della Mae (Belcher) Poteat. I talked with him by phone, 13 Jan. 1974, when he was living in Cowpens.

5953. Edith May Poteat

5954. Roie Pichuff

5955. Arthur Wallace Poteat, son of Sidney E. and Della Mae (Belcher) Poteat, was born 24 July 1901, and died 13 Dec. 1920. He is buried at Fairview Baptist Church No. 2, Bryant Road, Spartanburg Co., SC.⁴⁸⁹

5960. Anna Poteat, daughter of James Andy and Clara Belle (Green) Poteat, was born about 1904.

5961. Joseph Clyde Poteat, son of James Andy and Clara Belle (Green) Poteat, died 28 Nov. 1992, age 86, the widower of Mildred Blalock Poteat and survived by the children listed below.⁴⁹⁰

Children of Joseph Clyde Poteat

6990. i. Joseph Clyde Poteat, Jr.

6991. ii. Sidney Wayne Poteat

⁴⁸⁸ Ost, Amy Cardine, North Palm Beach, FL, letter to Dan W. Olds, 21 April 1974, with pedigree chart.

⁴⁸⁹ On 18 Jan. 1921, S. E. Poteet was the administrator of A. W. Poteet who died intestate 13 Dec. 1920, leaving his father S. E. Poteet, mother Della Poteet, brothers Henry, Lewis, Perry and sisters Edith May Poteet and Mrs. Roie Pichurff. Spartanburg County Probate records.

⁴⁹⁰ Spartanburg Herald Journal, 29 Nov. 1992, obituary of Joseph Poteat, Sr. His parents were the late Andrew and Clara Belle Green Poteat and his surviving siblings were Ruth Bishop, Clara Mae Hawkins, Ed Poteat, and Fuman Poteat.

5962. Edward Vance Poteat, son of James Andy and Clara Belle (Green) Poteat, was a native of Spartanburg and member of Cedar Springs Baptist Church. He died 1 Oct. 1997, age 89. He was survived by his wife, AliceLee Poteat and the three sons listed below, eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.⁴⁹¹

Children of Edward Vance Poteat

- 6992. i. Kenneth E. Poteat of Orange City, FL.
- 6993. ii. Carroll L. Poteat of Spartanburg
- 6994. iii. William E. Poteat of Spartanburg

5963. Furman H. Poteat, son of James Andy and Clara Belle (Green) Poteat

5964. Ruth Poteat Bishop, daughter of James Andy and Clara Belle (Green) Poteat, was born about 1916.

5965. Clara Mae Poteat Hawkins, daughter of James Andy and Clara Belle (Green) Poteat, was born about 1920.

5980. Minnie Robert Poteet, daughter of Robert Alexander and Margaret Ann (Largent) Poteet⁴⁹², was born 18 March 1877, at Lovelady in Burke County, NC. On 3 July 1897, she married Charlie George Mitchell.

5981. John William Poteet, son of Robert Alexander and Margaret Ann (Largent) Poteet⁴⁹³, was born 6 Jan. 1879 in Burke County, NC, and died 11 Jan. 1958 at Morganton. He is buried in the Zion Cemetery at Drexel, NC. He married Cordie Mace on 6 Oct. 1901. She was born 11 Aug. 1879 in Burke County, NC, and died 20 July 1914, and is also buried in the Zion Cemetery at Drexel. John William Poteat married (2) Mamie Patterson on 18 Dec. 1945.⁴⁹⁴

Children of John William and Cordie (Mace) Poteat

- 6995 i. Annie May Poteat, b. 17 March 1903
- 6996. ii. Beulah Poteat, b. 4 May 1906
- 6997. iii. Carl William Poteat, b. 14 June 1909
- 6998. iv. Hazel Poteat, b. 7 April 1911, d. 10 April 1911⁴⁹⁵
- 6999. v. Charles Edward Poteat, b. 9 May 1912

5982. David Jones Poteet, son of Robert Alexander and Margaret Ann (Largent) Poteet⁴⁹⁶, was born 30 Dec. 1880 in Burke County, NC. He married Mae Gaddy. D. J. Poteet of Burke County, age 23, and May Gaddy of McDowell County, age 18, were married 23 Dec. 1906.⁴⁹⁷

- i. Donald Conley Poteat, b. 26 Dec. 1910⁴⁹⁸

⁴⁹¹ Spartanburg Herald Journal, obituary of Edward V. Poteat, undated clipping.

⁴⁹² Burnette, Doris Poteet, family group sheet in the LDS files at Salt Lake City, filed by 1960, referring to the family Bible of Robert Alexander Poteet.

⁴⁹³ Burnette, Doris Poteet, family group sheet in the LDS files at Salt Lake City, filed by 1960, referring to the family Bible of Robert Alexander Poteet.

⁴⁹⁴ Mamie Patterson Poteat, 1907 -1982, 2nd wife of John W. Poteat, buried at Zion Memorial United Methodist Church. Burke County Genealogical Society, Cemeteries of Burke County, Volume 1 (Morganton, NC, 1995)

⁴⁹⁵ death date added from the record of her stone at Zion Memorial United Methodist Church. Burke County Genealogical Society, Cemeteries of Burke County, Volume 1 (Morganton, NC, 1995)

⁴⁹⁶ Burnette, Doris Poteet, family group sheet in the LDS files at Salt Lake City, filed by 1960, referring to the family Bible of Robert Alexander Poteet.

⁴⁹⁷ Williams, Edward P., McDowell County North Carolina Marriages, 1894-1912 (April 1996).

⁴⁹⁸ Donald Conley Poteat, son of David Jones Poteat, b. 26 Dec. 1910, McDowell Co., NC, Delayed Birth Certificates, a CD-ROM copyrighted by Norman J. Davis, 2000.

5983. Markus Felix Poteet, son of Robert Alexander and Margaret Ann (Largent) Poteet⁴⁹⁹, was born 16 Dec. 1882 in Burke County, NC, and died 15 July 1936. He married Brentie Stamey.

5984. Bartie Bertsie Poteet, son of Robert Alexander and Margaret Ann (Largent) Poteet⁵⁰⁰, was born 17 Feb. 1885 in Burke County, NC, and died 26 Dec. 1906, unmarried.

5985. Mamie Jeanette Poteet, daughter of Robert Alexander and Margaret Ann (Largent) Poteet⁵⁰¹, was born 18 Feb. 1887 in Burke County, NC. On 20 Nov. 1904, she married Larence [sic] Marvin Stamey.

5986. Gertrude Poteet, daughter of Robert Alexander and Margaret Ann (Largent) Poteet⁵⁰², was born 26 Aug. 1889 in Burke County, NC. One 15 March 1915, she married Olie Mull.

5987. Bescoe Poteet, daughter of Robert Alexander and Margaret Ann (Largent) Poteet⁵⁰³, was born 20 March 1892 in Burke County, NC. On 30 Jan. 1911, she married Mack Moses.

5988. Beulah Poteet, daughter of Robert Alexander and Margaret Ann (Largent) Poteet⁵⁰⁴, was born 31 Oct. 1894 in Burke County, NC, and died 19 Oct. 1918. She married Marshall Berry.

5989. Essie Mae Poteet, daughter of Robert Alexander and Margaret Ann (Largent) Poteet⁵⁰⁵, was born 23 Aug. 1897 in Burke County, NC, and died 9 Nov. 1917. She married Jake McGalliard.

GENERATION 6

In this generation, I shall discontinue listing the descendants of Sidney E. Poteat and George Posey Poteat. These families have been covered in print by Mrs. Nellie Adams and Dorothy Poteat and I have little or nothing to add to those lines. The material I have copied from them in Generation 5 already presses the bounds of "fair use" but I expect to continue to supplement that section from other sources.

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⁴⁹⁹ Burnette, Doris Poteet, family group sheet in the LDS files at Salt Lake City, filed by 1960, referring to the family Bible of Robert Alexander Poteet.

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Appendix

Naturally, I have extended my research for the ancestry of John Poteet to other counties and states. As a warning against too easily identifying one John Poteet with another, consider a few such notes.. An inventory of a John Poteet was taken in Anson County, NC, on 4 Dec. 1774 by Job Calloway and Daniel Banckston and included cash receipts from John Poteet, Thomas Ranals (Reynolds), John Walser (?), Richard Poteat and John Dason(?)⁵⁰⁶. On 12 July 1774, the Count Court of Anson County, NC, appointed Job Calloway to be overseer of a road from the county line to Lince's Creek. Among those who were to work on the road were Edward Moore, John and Robert Walker and John Poteete.⁵⁰⁷ In 1997, I am puzzling over a note I made 20 Feb. 1961 from the Burke County estate papers at the Archives in Raleigh which mentions the executor's bond of John Pettite by Rachele Pettite, Robt. Carruthers, James ____, and Joseph Spencer on 24 April 1798.

A John Poteet died in Orange County, NC in 1788. A John Poteet, born about 1768, died 1849 in Macon County, NC (Macon County was formed partly from Haywood County in 1828). He is listed in the 1840 census there as age 70-79. The 1820 census of Haywood County, NC, shows a John Poteet family with a female age 26-45, 2 males age 18-26, and 2 males under 10.⁵⁰⁸ Through generations of this family, as in many others, the name John was a common one. Miss Dorothy Poteat of Marion, NC, recalls a popular childhood competitive game of seeing how many John Poteets one could name. Aware of this warning, I've nevertheless succumbed to the temptation of listing a few more of the clues that point to a connection between the NC and the MD Poteet families.

⁵⁰⁶ Holcomb, Brent H., Anson County, North Carolina, Deed Abstracts, 1749 - 1766, Abstracts of Wills & Estates, 1749-1795, (Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., Baltimore, 1980), p. 141.

⁵⁰⁷ McBee, May Wilson, comp., Anson County, North Carolina: Abstracts of Early Records, (Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, 1978), p. 91.

⁵⁰⁸ Pitts, Mrs. Jennie Vee, Atlanta, Georgia, located the Bible record of James Poteat, son of this John, which shows John Poteet, father of James Poteet, died 28 May 1849, about 81 years old; Catharine Poteet, wife of John Poteet, d. 4 Feb. 1849, age 78. Mrs. Pitts places this John as son of James, Jr., and Jean (or Jane) Poteat, who came from Virginia to Buncombe Co., NC.

On 7 Nov 1990, Kirby D. Watkins of Arlington, TX, sent some of his information on the early Poteat families to Elizabeth Poteat of Inman, SC. He said that about 1650-1700 Jonathan Massey lived in present day Harford County, MD, (then Baltimore County) and was a leader of about 25 "Indian traders" of whom Francis Poteat, Sr., was one. Several of these traders had Indian wives, including Francis Poteat, Sr., "the Frenchman". Francis Poteat, Jr., married Lucy, daughter of Jonathan Massey. In 1709, Francis Poteat, Jr., died and Lucy married John Siniard (also spelled Sinyard, Cynard, Shiniard, Sinnard, Seynard, Swinyard, etc., an ancestor of Mr. Watkins). Thus Lucy's children by Francis Poteat, Jr., were half-siblings of her children by John Siniard, Jr. John Siniard, Jr.'s will was probated in York Co., PA, and named his son Jonathan Siniard, b. 1740, who was in Orange Co., NC, by 1760 and moved to Spartanburg Co., SC, in 1782. Mr. Watkins also referred to that 1774 estate record of John Poteet in Anson County, NC, 4 Dec. 1774, saying that these Watkins and Reynolds families were also from Baltimore County, MD.

A Revolutionary War grant of 640 acres in NC was made to John Poteat and went to his heir Aquila McComas. A John Poteat and a William Poteat were taxed in Orange County, NC, in 1779 and in Caswell County⁵⁰⁹, NC, in 1789.⁵¹⁰ The estate of a John Poteete was settled in Caswell Co., NC, in 1788.⁵¹¹ His will was made in 1786 and named his sons William, Miles, James, John, Richard, and Thomas and wife Ann.⁵¹² Ann was his administrator with William Poteet and Jacob Miles, Sr., as her bondsmen. John, Sr., Miles and Thomas Poteet appear in the land records of Caswell County. William, John Jr., James and Richard do not. William Poteet married Polly Christenberry and Miles Poteet married Susanah Tapley, both in Caswell County in 1796. This estate record attracts my interest because of a Daniel McComas of Baltimore Co., MD, who may have married Ann, daughter of Thomas Miles on 10 Oct. 1758, and whose estate was administered by his widow Ann Poteet, by then the wife of John Poteet (see their 1762 marriage, below), on 27 June 1763. This Daniel McComas had a brother, Acquila who was dead by 21 Oct. 1771.⁵¹³ According to the 1800 census of Caswell County, Miles Poteet was age 26-45, and thus was born about 1755 - 1774. Richard Poteet was granted 300 acres in Rowan County in 1783 and, as Richard Poteet of Wilkes County, GA, sold it to David Glutz of Rowan County, NC, in 1788.⁵¹⁴

The Poteat family who remained in Caswell County produced well known Baptist ministers and educators for Wake Forest College, Duke University and Furman University (at least). In fact, I presume it was their prominence in North Carolina that eventually caused many of the family in Burke and McDowell Counties to adopt the spelling Poteat rather than Poteet.

Because of the similarity of names used by Poteets in Maryland and in NC (John, William, James, Peter and Francis being especially noteworthy), I had already collected several notes on the Maryland family.

Miscellaneous Poteet notes -- Baltimore & Harford Counties, MD

Section I -- from St. George's Parish Registers, 1689 - 1793, by Bill and Martha Reamy, [Family Line Publications, 1988]

⁵⁰⁹ Caswell County was formed from Orange County in 1777.

⁵¹⁰ Research by Richard W. Price & Associates, done for _____ Poteat

⁵¹¹ Mitchell, Thornton W., North Carolina Wills: A Testator Index, 1665 - 1900, Corrected and Revised Edition (Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, 1992)

⁵¹² Research by Richard W. Price & Associates, done for _____ Poteat.

⁵¹³ Barnes, Robert W., Baltimore County Families, 1659 - 1759, (Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, 1989).

⁵¹⁴ McCubbin Collection, Rowan County Public Library..

15 May 1733 James Preston m. Sarah Putteet
 12 June 1733 William Putteet m. Joan Stewart
 29 May 1734 b. John Putteet, s. of William and Joan Poteet
 22 Dec. 1736 b. Isabel Putteet, dau. of William and Jane Putteet
 22 Jan. 1737 Henry Thomas m. Jane Putteet
 31 Aug. 1739 b. Mary Putteet, dau. of William and Joan Putteet
 13 Nov. 1740 John Thompson m. Mary Puttee
 14 Nov. 1740 John Thompson m. Mary Potee

Section II -- from St. John's & St. George's Parish Registers, 1696 - 1851, by Henry C. Peden, Jr., (Family Line Publications, 1987)

9 Oct. 1712, b. Rebeckah Petete, dau. of John and Elizabeth
 8 Feb. 1715, b. Susannah Petit, dau. of John and Elizabeth
 20 June 1717, b. Abraham Petit, s. of John Eptet [sic] & Elizabeth
 20 June 1717, b. Elizabeth Poteete, dau. of John and Elizabeth
 5 March 1720, d. John Poteete
 19 Oct. 1720, b. Mary Potee, dau. of James and Elizabeth
 12 June 1722, Lewis Puttee m. Catherine Green
 23 Oct. 1722, b. Lewis Potee, s. of James and Elizabeth Potee
 9 Dec. 1722, b. Rebecca Puttee, dau. of Lewis and Catherine
 2 Nov. 1725, b. Catherine, dau. of James and Elizabeth
 2 July 1728, b. James Potee, son of James and Elizabeth
 31 Oct. 1728, m. John Everit and Rebeca Poteet
 5 Oct. 1727, b. Ann, dau. of Lewis and Catherine
 22 March 1741, Thomas Potee m. Ann Potee
 19 Oct. 1742, Charles Summons m. Elizabeth Pottet
 Oct. 1742, Charles Scimmons m. Elizabeth Poteett
 23 Jan. 1743, b. Lewes Poteet, son of Thomas and Ann
 12 Oct. 1743, Peircey Potett m. Jemima Hitchcock
 13 Oct. 1743, Aquila Scott m. Elizabeth Puttee
 29 July 1744, b. Mary Poteet, dau. of Thomas and Ann
 16 April 1747, b. Mary Poteet, dau. of John, Jr., and Ruth
 1 Sept. 1747, Mary Poteet m. John M. Pike
 20 Sept. 1748, James Poteet m. Elizabeth Crabtree
 2 Dec. 1754, Lewis Potee m. Sarah Meadows
 17 June 1755, John Potee m. Elizabeth Ryley
 7 Dec. 1756, Thomas Weir m. Sarah Puttee
 15 Dec. 1757, Abraham Isaac Whitaker m. Mary Potteet
 24 Dec. 1761, Thomas Poteet m. Elizabeth Taylor
 20 April 1762, John Poteet m. Ann M'Comas
 14 Sept. 1762, John Hall m. Hannah Poteet
 25 Aug. 1763, James Whitaker m. Cathrine Potee
 15 Dec. 1763, Thomas Vaughn m. Mary Poteet
 24 Jan. 1765, John Whicks m. Mary Petetow
 5 Jan. 1769, Patrick Cavindire m. Mary Potee
 11 Feb. 1773, Peter Puttee m. Elizabeth Hughes

Section III - from Harford Co. Wills, 1774-1800, by Ralph H. Morgan, Jr. (Family Line Publications, 1990)

The will of Mary Norrington (29 Dec. 1791/17 Apr. 1792) mentions daughter Mary Poteet.

The will of Lewis Puttee of Baltimore Co., 1 Apr. 1772/7 Aug. 1779 mentioned daughters Rebeckah Pollard, Ann Puttee, Mary Cavener, Catherine Whitacre, Elizabeth James, Martha Norris, Frances Puttee and the children of dau. Sarah Weir. His wife was Sarah Puttee. He mentioned grandsons Francis and Isaac, sons of dau. Frances. To his son Peter Puttee (under 21) he left his land.

Abraham Jarrett, in his will probated 4 March 1776, left a 58 acre tract called Potees Industry to Abraham Williams.

Section IV-- Baltimore Families by Robert Barnes.⁵¹⁵ This book connects some of the above and supplements it. It also provides some very tenuous hints of connections with the family in NC because of the mentions of connections with families named Foy, McComas, and Miles.

Mr. Barnes presents his notes gleaned from his study of the records in a way that supports the following family structure.

Francis Poteet, in Baltimore Co. by 3 Jan. 1687/8 and d. there by 1688. His wife Mary ____ may have later m. Michael Hastings. The following were possibly children of Francis.

- i. Susanna, d. ca. 1692-3 and her death led both Anthony Johnson and his wife to be charged with murder.
- ii. Francis Poteet who died in Baltimore County by 3 Aug. 1709⁵¹⁶ ⁵¹⁷. His wife was Lucy who married (2) John Swinyard for whom Lucy posted bond on 4 Aug. 1709. Francis had a daughter Mary, not yet 16 in 1707, who may be the Mary who married George Ogg, Jr., 22 Aug. 1722
- iii. Lewis Poteet, perhaps the one who m. Catherine Green on 12 June 1722. Catherine was daughter of Matthew Green and granddaughter of Jane Boone. Their children were Rebecca, b. 9 Dec 1722, and Ann, b. 5 Oct. 1727.
- iv. John Poteet, named in 1709 will of his brother Francis., dead by 2 May 1721. His widow, Elizabeth, m. (2) John Powell. John Poteet's children were John (who married Ann, executrix of William Noble), Rebecca, b. 9 Oct. 1712, Susanna, b. 8 Feb. 1715, Abraham, b. 20 June 1715.
- v. Peter Poteet, dead by 2 April 1740, m. Rebecca. His children, named in his will, were Lewis, Catherine m. Thomas Miles by 18 Aug. 1719, Rebecca m. Thomas Foy(?), Ann m. (1) Abraham Whitaker and (2) William Pike, Sarah m. James Preston, Jr., Mary m. ____ Chalk, and Elizabeth.

Also mentioned are:

Francis Poteet who m. Elizabeth and had the following children: Francis, b. 30 Sept 1737; Benjamin, b. 17 Nov. 1737(?); William, b. 5 Jan. 1739; John, b. 12 Feb. 1750.

James Poteet who married Elizabeth and had the following children: Lewis, b. 23 Oct. 1722; Catherine, b. 2 Nov. 1725; James, b. 2 July 1728; Mary, b. 19 Oct. 1720.

⁵¹⁵ Barnes, Robert, Baltimore County Families, 1659-1759. The chronological scope of this book ends too soon to fully explore any NC connection.

⁵¹⁶ This will was made 3 June 1707 and probated 3 Aug. 1709. His executors were wife Lucy and brother Lewis. John is not mentioned in the abstract in Baldwin's Maryland Calendar of Wills, Vol. III, p. 145, will of Francis Potee of Baltimore County.

⁵¹⁷ Barnes, Robert, Baltimore County Estates, Vol. 1, 1666-1720, published in Aug. 1968, reports the inventory of the estate by John Deaver and John Webster, with a value of 76.12.8 and the report that his only relatives were three brothers living at the house of the executor "who refuse to conform (approve?)".

John (p. 143) or James Poteet (p. 514) m. Elizabeth Crabtree, 20 Sept. 1748⁵¹⁸
Rebecca Poteet, who in Nov. 1756, named Thomas Norris as the father of her illegitimate child.
William Poteet, dead by 6 May 1741, married Jane or Johann Stewart on 12 June 1733. She m (2), by 1 Dec. 1744,
John Ramsey. His children were: John, b. 29 May 1734, Isabel, b. 22 Dec. 1736, Mary, b. 31 Aug. 1739.

Section V. From Early Harford Countians by Henry C. Peden, Jr., (1993, Family Line Publications, Westminster, MD)
The Potee, Poteet and Potate records reported by Peden begin about 1774. Thomas, son of John, and Thomas, Jr.,
Lewis, Peter, and Thomas, Sr., were all taxable in Bush River Upper Hundred that year. At the census of 1776, Sarah
Potee, age 60, had Peter Potee, age 21, Elizabeth Poteet, age 24, and Sarah Potee, age 1, all in her household in Bush
River Lower Hundred. Thomas Poteet and his son Tom were in Bush River Upper Hundred..

Section VI. Davis⁵¹⁹ has published abstracts the deeds of Baltimore County including:
from his Volume I:

26 Oct. 1686 Francis Potest witnessed a deed from Anthony Demondidier to Thomas Morris.

22 Jan 1736 Lewis Demos of Orange County sold to James Poteet of Baltimore County.

from his Volume II:

15 Aug. 1753 John Poteet, Sr., of Baltimore Co., MD, son John, for 100 pounds tobacco, a Negro man called Cook.
from his Volume III:

[did not copy date] William McComas of Baltimore Co., son of William, assigned lease to John Poteet, Jr., of same,
200 acres, 12 pounds

8 Aug. 1754 James Poteet witnessed a deed from Charles Green to George Green

1755 (incomplete date) James Poteet, planter, of Baltimore Co., MD, to John McGouern, 100 acres, 100 pounds,
“Sheeps Run”

6 Aug 1755 John & Elizabeth Poteet, planter, of Baltimore Co., MD to Henry Green of same, 100 acres, 30 pounds

22 Dec. 1760 mentions line of Lewis Poteet

[did not copy date] John & Ruth Poteet, planter, of Baltimore Co., to Evan Evans, farmer, 100 acres, 35 pounds

12 Feb. 1755 John (x) Poteet, witness to deed

14 Dec. 1765 deposition of Lewis Poteet, age 67, et. al.

27 Oct 1766 Clement Green, planter, of Baltimore Co., to Thomas Poteet, 125 acres

from his Volume IV:

3 Oct. 1767. John (x) Poteet of Baltimore Co. assigned lease to Aquila McComas of same; 100 acres for 100 pounds.

8 Sep 1770. Thomas (x) Poteet, Jr., of Baltimore Co., assigned lease to David Bell, 125 acres for 234 pounds. One
witness was Daniel McComas. Clement Green had assigned lease to Thomas Poteet.

8 April 1771. Charles Taylor, John Taylor, Daniel McComas and Thomas Poteet, all of Baltimore Co., leased to
Thomas Weir. 145 acres. John Taylor had devised to Thomas Taylor who died intestate with two brothers and two
sisters -- Charles, John, Hannah McComas, wife of Daniel, and Elizabeth Poteet, wife of said Thomas. signed: Daniel
McComas and Thomas (x) Poteet

1 Oct 1772. Hannah Poteet of Baltimore Co., 77 acres for 100 pounds. This land patented by Edward Smith who

⁵¹⁸ In both cases, Barnes refers to an Index to the Register of St. John's Episcopal Church made by Helen W. Brown and on file at the Maryland Historical Society. I think this is a simple error in Barnes and resolved in favor of James Poteet being the correct groom. In a message posted on POTEET-L@rootweb.com [Poteet-D Digest V00#5], Ralph Hayes takes note of this discrepancy and gives an impressive list of references supporting James Poteet as the proper groom. The references include Barnes' Maryland Marriages, 1634 - 1737, Peden's St John's and St. George's Parish Registers, and (most importantly) LDS microfilm 0014132 of St. John's and St. George's P. E. Church Parish Registers 1696-1851.

⁵¹⁹ Davis, John, Baltimore County, Maryland, Deed Records, Vol 1 - 4. (Heritage Books). Even Vol. 4, 1767 - 1775, may not be late enough to cover the NC connection.

died intestate and left two daughters: Hannah who m. (1) Charles Simmons, deceased, and (2) John Poteet, deceased; Elizabeth who m. Richard Robinson.

1774. a deposite of Lewis Poteet, age 75 years.

Section VII. – more miscellaneous Poteet notices in Maryland.

The following were among the men of Harford Co., MD who signed allegianceto MD during the Revolutionary War: Alexandar McComas, Daniel McComas of John, Edward Day McComas, James McComas, John McComas of Daniel, John McComas of William, Solomon McComas, William McComas of Solomon, James Poteet and Thomas Poteet, Jr.⁵²⁰

According to Dennis L. Pettit⁵²¹, a John Poteet may have been the father of Mary who married Thomas Crabtree. In 1745, Baltimore County, MD, John Poteet deeded most of his property to Thomas Crabtree, Henry Thomas, Chas. Simmons, Thos. Poteet, John Poteet and James Poteet, perhaps three sons-in-law and three sons. “A lot of the records on John Poteet stated that he was Italian” -- records I'd certainly like to see.

Peden⁵²² quotes records showing that Thomas Miles, son of John Miles, Jr., and Mary Peckett, was born about 1696 in Baltimore (now Harford) Co., MD, married (1) Catherine Poteet and (2) Hannah Whitaker, daughter of John Whitaker and widow of Alexander McComas. Thomas Miles died in Orange Co., NC, in 1766. Among his children were Peter Miles (b. 29 Feb. 1721/2, m. Eleanor McComas and d. in Caswell Co., NC); Jacob Miles (m. Hannah McComas in 1748 in Baltimore Co., MD, and d. in Caswel Co., NC); and Ann Miles (m. (1) Daniel McComas in 1758 and (2) John Poteet and d. in Harford Co., MD).

POTEET FAMILY CENSUS RECORDS Burke County, North Carolina

1784-1787 state census

no Poteets in state-wide index; Burke returns mostly missing.

1790 census, 13th Company of Burke Co. (p. 110 of printed record)

Edwd.. Boteat 1 m. 16 and over, 2 m. under 16, 1 female

Wm. Boteat, 1 m. 16 and over, 1 m. under 16, 2 females

Jn°. Boteat, Sr. 3 m. 16 and over, 2 m. under 16, 3 females

Jn°. Boteat, Jr. 1 m. 16 and over, 1 female

1800 census of Burke Co., NC

John Poteat, 4 m. 0-9, 1 m. 26-44, 1 f. 0-9, 1 f. 26-44

William Poteat, 1 m. 0-9, 1 m. 10-15, 1 m. 26-44, 1 m. 45+
1 f. 10-15, 1 f. 16-25, 1 f. 45+

James Poteat, 1 m. 0-9, 1 m. 16-25, 2 f. 16-25

1810 census of Burke Co., NC (incomplete?)

⁵²⁰ Carothers, Bettie Stirling, Chesterfield, MO, compiler: 9000 Men Who Signed the Oath of Allegiance and Fidelity to Maryland During the Revolution (in the Allen County {IN} Public Library, Aug. 1999).

⁵²¹ Pettit, Dennis L., Dallas, TX, letter to Dan W. Olds, Sept. 1971

⁵²² Peden, Henry C., Jr., Marylanders to Caroline: Migration of Marylanders to North Carolina and South Carolina Prior to 1800.

Samuel Peteet 1 m. 0-9, 1 m. 16-25, 1 f. 10-15, 1 f. 16-25

1820 census of Burke Co., NC

Elrod Poteet, 3 m. 0-9, 1 m. 26-44, 1 f. 16-25

William Poteet, 1 m. 16-25, 1 f. 16-25

1830 census of Burke Co., NC (all found in the 1st and 2nd regiments)

Elrod Poteete, 2m<5, 1 m 5-9, 2 m 10-14, 1 m 15-19, 1 m 30-39

1 f. < 5, 1 f. 5-9, 1 f. 15-19, 1 f. 30-39

William Poteete, 1 m < 5, 1 m. 5-9, 1 m. 30-39

1 f. < 5, 1 f. 20-29

Mark Poteet, 2 m. < 5, 1 m. 20-29

1 f. < 5, 1 f. 20-29

John Poteet, 1 m. < 5, 3 m. 5-9, 2 m. 10-14, 1 m. 30-39

1 f. < 5, 1 f. 30-39

1840 census of Burke Co., NC (all these found south of Catawaba River, West of the North Fork)

Wm. Poteet, 3 m. < 5, 2 m. 5-9, 2 m. 10-14, 1 m. 40-49

1 f. < 5, 2 f. 10-14, 1 f. 30-39

Elrod Poteet, 1m 5-9, 1m 10-14, 1m 15-19, 2m 20-29, 1m 40-49

1f< 5, 1f 5-9, 1f 15-19, 1f. 20-29, 1f. 40-49

John Poteet, 1m 5-9, 1m 10-14, 3m 15-19, 1m 20-29, 1m 40-49

1 f. 10-14, 1 f. 40-49

Peter Poteet, 1 m. 15-19

E. P. Poteet, 2 m. < 5, 1 m. 20-29, 1 f. 20-29

Mark Poteet, 1 m. < 5, 2 m. 10-14, 1 m. 40-49

1 f. < 5, 2 f. 5-9, 1 f. 10-14, 1 f. 30-39

Jn°. Poteet, jr, 2 m. < 5, 1 m 20-29, 1 f. 30-39

Phoebby Poteet, 2 m. 10-14, 1 f. 10-14, 1 f. 30-39, 1 f. 60-69

Joseph Poteet, 1 m. 20-29, 2 f. < 5, 1 f. 20-29

** McDowell County was formed between the 1840 and 1850 censuses **

1850 census of Burke Co., NC

Elisha M. Poteet	28
Susan	27
M. M (or N?)	6 f.
Eliza	4 f.
M.	2 f.
James	8/12
Arthur Mitchell	15*
*labourer	

A Sada Poteet, age 20, is listed in the family of William Carswell, age 56, and Barbara Carswell, age 54

Mark Poteet	49
Mary Poteet	45
Sophonria	16
Phoeba	14
Saml.	10
Martha	7
Robert	22

Peter Poteet	28
Mary A.	28
Cynthia	6
Jane E.	5
Cecilia (?)	2
Elrod Poteet	59

Martha	57
Eliza	18
Wm.	18
Susan Hass	40
Lucinda "	16

Alburto Poteet	29
Louisa	31
Eliza	7
Wm.	4
Marcus	2

John Poteet	22
Cary Poteet	25

Sidney Poteet	23
Mary	19
Haywood	4/12
Elizabeth	19

David McNeely	40
Mary McNeely	43
James	18
Eliza	12
Adeline	2
Phoeba Poteet	78 b. NC
Martha McNeely	77 b. NC

1860 census of Burke Co., NC

E. M. Poteet	37
Susan	36
Martha E.	16
Eliza	14
Gemima	13
Susan	5/12
James R.	10
Mary E.	8
Julia	3

Sidney Poteet	34
Mary A.	28
Elam	10 m.
Tempy E.	8 f.
John B.	6
H. M.	3 m.
M. F.	1 f.
Tempy Hawkins	?? f.

Marcus Poteet	59
Mary	57
Sarah	27
Phebe	22
Samuel	20
Martha	18

Elberto Poteet	39*
Loui..sh(?)	40 f.
Marthy	17 f.
Wm. (W.M?)	14 m.
M. E.	12 m.
Martin Murphy	25*
*R.R. Laborer	

John Poteet	34
Carry	35
William	9
Robert	4
John M.	2
Mary J.	1
Alex Hildebrand	28*
*Laborer	

Peter Poteet	38
Mary	38
Cynthia	16
Jane E.	15
Delia A.	12

1870 census of Burke Co, NC

Louisa Poteet	47
John	7 (or 1)

Sidney E. Poteet	45
Mary A.	38
John B.	16
Henry N.	13
Margaret T.	10
James McD.	8
Mary E.	6
Susan J.	4
John Hudson	18*
Margaret A. Franklin	13**
*farm laborer	
**Domestic Servant	

William Poteet	25
Matilda	23
Walter	1/12

Elam H. Poteet	20
Mary E.	21
Lilly(?) A.	1

Marcus Poteet	60
Phoeba	26
Patsy	23

John Poteet	45
Cary	46
William	16
Robert	14
John M.	12
Joseph	4 [5?]

Marcus Poteet	72
Phoeba	32
Martha	28

(Note the duplication of this listing)

Sarah Poteet, age 10, listed in the family of Elizabeth Brittain, age 53, as Domestic Servant.

Anna Poteet, age 9, listed in the family of Obediance Franklin, age 58, Fanny, 53, Hannah Pruett, 46, and Ellis Pruett, 9.

1880 census of Burke Co., NC

Hayward Poteet	30
Elizabeth	30
Addy	11 dau
Erwin	8 son
Alola	4 dau
Windet	1 son
Birtha	1 dau

Henry Poteet	23
Mary Ann	21
John	3 son
Mary	3/12 dau

Jacob M.	22
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{Should this be read John M??}

Mary	21
Ella E.	6/12 dau

James Poteet	19
Jane	19
Frank	2 son

William	33
Matilda	34
Edward J.	7 son
Maggie	4 dau
Mary	2 dau

James R. Poteet	29
Julia	30
Robert W.	9 son
Eddie J.	7 son
George W.	5 son
Sarah L.	2 dau

John Poteet	25
M. July "	28
Ann	7 dau
Emmer	3 dau
Elizabeth	2 dau

Marcus D. Poteet	32
Mary J.	20 wife
Joseph E.	7 son
Minnie E.	5 dau
Martha L.	3 dau

Robt. A. Poteet	24
Margaret A.	25 wife
Minnie R.	2 dau
John W.	1 son

Sidney Poteet	54
Mary Ann	49
Mary	16 dau
Susan	12 dau
Joseph	10 son
Mittie	6 dau
Lillie	4 dau
Brittain, Ashley	20 son-in-law
" , Margaret,	21, dau
" ,	2, grandson

1890 special census of Burke Co., NC; there are no Poteats in my notes.

1900 census of Burke Co., NC --selected Poteats

Morganton township
 Robert Poteet, 45 March 1855
 Ann M. 45 March 1855
 John W., son, 20, Jan. 1880
 David J., son, 18, Dec. 1881
 Marcus F., son, 16, Dec. 1883
 Bart B., son, 15, Feb. 1885
 Nettie M., dau, 12, Feb. 1888
 Gurtia F.,dau, 10, Aug. 1890
 Bessico, dau, 8, March 1892
 Bular A., dau, 7, Oct. 1892(?)
 Essia M., dau, 2, b. Aug. 1897

Morganton township
 John B. Poteet, 46, Oct. 1853
 Julia M. May 1850
 Sidney E.,son, 17, May 1883
 Isaac (?) 15, Apr. 1885
 William B., 11, Apr. 1889
 Thomas, son 9, Jan. 1891

Upper Fork township
 Sidney E. Poteat, 74, Aug. 1825
 Mary A., wife, 68, Dec. 1831

McDowell County, North Carolina

1850 federal census ⁵²³

Matilda Poteet 45, b. NC
 George 20
 E. M. 18 f.
 John 22
 Pheba 16
 William 15

Henry 13
 Joseph 10
 Mary 8

John Poteet 57
 Susan 53
 George 15

Ezekiel P. Poteet 34
 Jane 38
 Samuel A. 14
 James A. 12
 Martha E. 9
 Eliza J. 2

Henry Poteet 31
 Elizabeth 22
 Marcus B. 2
 John S. 1
 Sarah J. 1/12

Lawson Poteet 29
 Sophronia 25
 Elizabeth 9
 Elrod 7

Joseph Poteet 32*
 Jane 31
 Martha E. 11
 Adaline 10
 Eliza J. 8
 Margaret 4
 Sidney E. 3
 Joseph A. 1
 John H. 6
 *miner

Francis Poteet 23*
 Martha 24
 Elizabeth 2
 Thomas H. 1
 Henrietta Henley 11
 *carpenter

John Poteet 35*
 Elizabeth 46
 James A. 13
 Mary A. 7

⁵²³ An original census book for the 1850 census of McDowell County is in the library at Marion, NC. It differs slightly from the copy microfilmed and I have added notes from it in italics.

John 5
*distiller

1860 federal census - McDowel Co.⁵²⁴

James Poteet 22
Elrod 16
Mary A. 17
infant 1/12

Samuel Poteet 23
Matilda 23
Elrod 2
Henry 1

Jane Poteet 42
E. J. 17 (*Liza J.*)
John 16
Margaret 15
Sidney 13
Joseph 11
George 9
John Hensley 3

Robert Poteet 38
Adline 30
William 10
John 7
Isabella 5 (*Isbill*)

Francis Poteet 33*
Martha 33
Mary 12
Thomas 11
Alvis 10
Ama (?) 8 f. (*Anna*)
Johna(?) 6 f. (*Salina*)
Susanah 5
Julia 2
George 5/12
*miller

George Poteet 30
Sarah 18
J(?) M. 3 f. (*Sarah M.*)
G. A. 10/12 m. (George A.)

Matilda Poteet 50
Edy Watkins 27
John Wadkins 42
Joseph Poteet 16
William Wadkins 5
Matilda Wadkins 3
George Wadkins 10/12 [1/12?] (*10/12*)

Susan Poteet 49 (*Susana*)
George Wadkins 33
Jami..ah Wadkins 37 f. (*Jamimah*)
Elisha Wadkins 12
Bewlow Wadkins 10 (*Buwlow*)
Rufus Wadkins 7 (*Rispian, male*)
George Wadkins 4
John Wadkins 2
William Wadkins 1/12 [10/12?] (*1/12*)

Henry Poteet 41
Elizabeth 32
M. B. 12 m.
J. S. 11 m.
S. J. 10 f.
S. H. 8 m.
N. C. 6 f.
J. M(?) 3 m. (*J. N.*)
Caroline Michel 15 f. (*Michael*)
Alread(?) Poteet 1 m. (*Alred*)

Robert Poteet 37
Adline 35
William 10
John 6
Isabella 4

William Poteet 26
Louisa 26
Mary 2

E. P. Poteet 45
Jane 48
Martha 17 (19?) (*19*)
Eliza 12

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1870 federal census - McDowell Co.

B. Posey Simmons 46
Mary S. 44
Leander M. 20
Mary S. 17
John Poteet 21*
*laborer

Thomas Poteet 23
Mary 23

George Poteet 44
Catharine 27
Sarah M. 13
George A. 11
William S. 9
John H. 6
Joseph J. 4
Mary 1

John A. Poteet 45
Tima L. 26
Juda 11
Sarah M. 9
William L(?) 7
Solomon H. 5
John F. 3
George A. 1/12

Mary Poteet 29
John 4

Francis Poteet 43
Martha 44
Salina 16
Susan 14
Julia 12
George P. 10
Martha 8
Eliza A. 6
Dorotha 4
Isabell E. 2
James Dixon 25
Mary Dixon 22
John Dixon 9/12 b.Oct

Henry Poteet 30
Elizabeth 28
Mary 10
Alice 8
Lou 1
Henry 3

Matilda Poteet 66
Joseph 26
Matilda 23
William 10/12
Matilda 9

Robert Poteet 50
Uvina(??) 40
William 19
John 16
Harriet S. 14
Robert 8
Samuel 8
George 6
Thomas 3
Harriet Haney 37
Catherine Haney 14
James Haney 11
John Hunter 23*
*black, RR worker

Jesse Gaddy 20
Matilda 35
George 2
Elrod Poteet 10
Henry Poteet 8
Laura Poteet 6
Joseph Poteet 5

Ezekiel P. Poteet 53
Jane 59
Martha 27
Eliza J. 23
Joseph 6

Marcus B. Poteet 22
Mary 20
Marcus 1
Samuel H. 19
Nancy C. 17
Joseph N. 13

Thomas A.	11
William G.	9
George P.	7

Joseph Poteet	21
Sarah	20
Crayton	4/12 b.Feb

Jane Poteet	52
John H.	14
Margaret	9

Sidney Poteet	23
Gracy	25
Joseph A.	4
Luthur	11/12 b.Aug

1880 federal census - McDowell Co.

James H. Duncan 28
Elizabeth 54
Nancy C. Poteet 21, step-dau
William Poteet 19, step-son
Posey Poteet 18, step-son
James B. Norton 11, step-son
Joseph W. Norton 8, step-son
Mary Duncan 18, sister
John Owensby 19, no-relat.*
Ephraim Carroler 18, no-relat.*
*farm laborer

Emily Swann 42
Anna 7 dau
Joseph N. Poteet, 23*
Annie Poteet, 19, daughter
*son-in-law, grocer

Marcus B. Poteet, 33
Mary M., 29, wife
Marcus A., 10, son
Mary E., 9, dau.
Richard L., 7, son
Sarah A., 6, dau
Benjamin C., 5, son
Cora A., 3, dau.
Nancy A., 2/12, dau, b. March

Jesse Gaddy, 29
Matilda, 39, wife
George, 11, son
Robert, 8, son
Matilda, 7, dau
Ellen, 5, dau
Laura Poteet, 16, step-dau
Elrod Poteet, 20, step-son
Henry Poteet, 18, step-son
Joseph Poteet, 15, step-son

Sidney E. Poteet, 34
Gracie, 35, wife
Joseph A., 12, son
Luther D., 10, son
John H., 8, son
Adolphus P., 5, son

William Poteet, 24
Nancy E., 26
Robert S., 5, son
Nancy 3, dau
Stephen, 1, son

John H. Poteet, 26
Eliza, 32, wife
George, 1, son
Walter Cheek, 5, stepson

Joseph Poteet, 32
Sarah, 29, wife
Crayton, 10, son
Rufus, 8, son
Laura (or Louisa?), 8
Joseph, 4, son
Frank(?), 1, son
Emily Camp, 22, no-relation*
*domestic servant

Robert Poteet, 59
Ann, 51, wife
Samuel, 19, son
Robert, 19, son
George L., 16, son
Thomas, 13, son

Henry Johson, 43
Martha, 40, wife

Joseph Potteet, 16, nephew

Samuel Poteet, 28
Mary, 30, wife
Eliza Ann, 6, dau
Hattie, 5, dau
Louisa, 1, dau

Thomas Potteet, 21
Eliza, 24, wife, b. VA
Franklin, 3/12, b. March, son

Louisa Poteet, 40
Mary E., 21, dau
Eldorado, 18, dau??
William J., 12?, son

John A. Poteet, 55
Fatima L., 44, wife
Juda Ann, 19, dau
Sarah M., 17, dau
William L(?), 15, son
Solomon H., 14, son
John Frank(?), 12, son
George A., 9, son
Robert B., 6, son
Matilda, 76, mother

Albert Lawin, 36
Georgian, 29, wife
Martha J., 12, dau
Estha L., 9, dau
Michae L., 7, dau
John C., 5, son
Minnie O., 7/12, b Oct, dau
Janie Poteet, 62, mother-in-law

1900 federal census
Selected Poteets in McDowell
Marion township
Thomas L. Poteat, b. Jan. 1866
wife Mary S., b. Apr. 1864
son Henry H., b. Jan. 1887
son Thomas A., b. Aug. 1889

Higgins township
Sidney E. Poteat, b. Nov. 1845
wife, Gracie D., b. May 1842

son, Adolphus P., b. May 1875

Marion township
Samuel A. Poteat, b. Nov. 1862
wife, Mary M., b. Sept. 1855
son, Millard G., b. Aug. 1885
son, Agustus E., b. Nov. 1888
son, Louis M., b. Mar. 1890
dau, Edna E., b. Feb. 1892
son, Arthur L., b. Feb. 1895
son, Earnest C., b. Oct. 1897

Robert A. Poteet, age 14, b. Nov. 1889(?), stepson of Mills Lackey in Marion twp.

Marion twp.
Mark B. Poteat, b. Nov. 1847
Mary M., b. Jan. 1850 in Va.
Benjamin, b. Oct. 1875
Cora, b. May 1878
Nannie, b. Feb. 1880
Bettie, b. Mar. 1882
Merida, b. Mar. 1884
Bruce, b. Mar. 1887
Hessie, b. Mar. 1889
Henne, b. Sept. 1891
Millard, b. May 1886

Marion twp
George P. Poteet, b. Feb. 1863
wife, Mary, b. May 1864
son, George P., b. Oct. 1885
dau, Dora L., b. July 1887
son, Thomas, b. Aug. 1889
James L., b. Apr. 1891
William L, b. Jan(?) 1892
dau, Ira B., b. Feb. 1894
son, Jessie B., b. Sept. 1895
son Albert P., b. Nov. 1896
son Charlie, b. Mar. 1898
son Cephus, b. May 1899
Mother-in-law, Mary Kaylor, b. Jan. 1833 in NC

Mortality schedules of McDowell Co., NC
1850: Eliza J. Poteet, age 9, died in March
1860: John Poteet, b. NC, age 45, laborer, d. July, cause unknown, ill 28 days.
Elizabeth Poteet, age 4, d. Oct., ill 6 days with scarlet

fever.
 1870: no Poteets in McDowell Co.
 1880: no Poteets

1900 census, Cleveland Co., NC
 Selected Poteat Families

Soloman Poteat, 32, b. Jan. 1868
 Nancy, wife, 24, b. Jan. 1876
 Minnie, dau, 6, b. Sept. 1893
 Lonnie, son, b. June 1895
 John, son, b. May 1899

 Poteat, Frances M., 73, b. Feb. 1827
 Martha, wife, 73, b. July 1826
 Odus Poteat, grandson, b. June 1887
 Rosa Ida Denton, dau., b. 1867

POTEET FAMILY NOTES
 Spartanburg County, SC

1880 census, Spartanburg Co.
 (abstracted by Ray Stephens)

George Poteet 52 b NC
 Sarah C. 40 b NC
 G. Alexander 20 b NC
 William S. 18 b NC
 John H. 16 b NC
 Joseph J. 14 b NC
 Mary H. 11 b NC
 Elijah 7 b NC

This family is in the McDowell County census for 1860 and 1870. This may be the George who in 1850 is listed in the family of widow Matilda Poteet. George A. Poteet m. Catherine Barnes in 1856 (McDowell Co.)

 Joseph A. Poteat 39 all b NC
 Matilda 31
 William 10
 Sidney 9
 Andy 7
 Luther 6
 George 3
 John Wadkins 30 cousin

Family records says she was Mary Matilda McNeely. Joseph Poteet m. Mary M. MacKneely in McDowell Co. on 22 Oct. 1868. The family appears in the 1870 census of McDowell Co. with widow Matilda Poteet who may have been his

mother. Family records list this son as Sidney Ervin Poteet. "Mother Matilda Poteet, Aug. 10, 1846 -- Mar. 31, 1926" is buried at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, on Rt. 57 near Cherokee Springs, Spartanburg Co., SC.

 Edith Wadkins 50
 William 26 son
 George 20 son
 Henry 19 son
 William?(?) 18
 {2 Williams??}

She is supposed to have been a Poteet. An Eady Poteet m. John Wadkins on 6 Jan. 1853, McDowell Co. The family is listed in the 1860 census of McDowell Co. with a Matilda Poteet who may have been her mother. Eda Watkins and this family are also listed in the 1870 census of McDowell Co.

 Henry Poteet 45
 Elizabeth 39 b. Ga.
 Mary 18 b. Ga.
 Alice 17 b. Ga.
 Henry, Jr. b. Ga.
 Lou E. 10 b. NC
 Walter 8 b. NC
 Samuel 6 b. NC
 Margaret 4 b. SC
 Anna 2 b. SC
 Sidney Poteet 20 b. NC, nephew

This family appears in the 1870 census of McDowell Co. Where in Georgia did they live? In McDowell Co., NC on 15 Oct. 1870, Matilda Poteet deeded to her son H. D. Poteet, "a cripple and a maimed from the womb". Is this the man? Who were the parents of this nephew, Sidney?

The above notes tend to establish a relationship between the Spartanburg County Poteet families and a Matilda Poteet of McDowell Co., NC. See her listing there in the 1850 and 1860 census records.

This Matilda Poteet was already a widow by 1850. A study of the 1840 census in which only heads of households are given by name suggests she may have been a widow of a William Poteet and there is a marriage record for William Poteet and Matilda Deal (bond dated 3 Aug. 1819.)

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