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., John, Sr., Edward 3 and William 4 (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 Poteet 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 Poteet 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 McGimsey'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 Poney Branch. Elizabeth

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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 Patee or Pateet, 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 Petaat in these records.

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Potate and Thomas Poteet signed by mark, but Mark Poteet wrote his name. 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 Greenlee and the court costs.

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. 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 Poteets. 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.

John Alron or Alran had another Poteet connection.

“Below is a Burke County Court Case of John Alran Vs Elrod Poteet. John died before the conclusion of the law suite. Below is the Court Docket but unfortunately the Court Minutes are not at the North Carolina Archives. I live in Raleigh and spent much time at the Archives researching Alran, Britain, Jones, Sealy and some research of Elrod Poteet. Hopefully this will reach you and we can discuss further.

Regards

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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 Sinkler, 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.
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
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

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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 wrote\(^{12}\) that a ______ Poteat and Phoebe Elrod were the parents of Elrod Poteat who married Martha Powell\(^{13}\) 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.

\(^{12}\) Poteat, Margaret (Ms. 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.
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 Poteet. 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 "Pootet", Pheby Poteet and Elrod "Pootet" were purchasers. Elrod Poteet was also a purchaser at the 4 March 1832 sale of Lott Berry's estate. 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) Poteet

308. i. Ezekial Pendleton Poteet, b. ca. 1816
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. John Poteet is listed as age 57 with Susan, age 53, and George, age 15, in the 1850 census of McDowell Co., NC. 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

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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.
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.
George D. Poteet, d. Nov. 15, 1856, age 21 y., 2 m. 18(13?) days.

These are the only legible inscriptions is a small cemetery at a former homesite on Vein Mountain Road, near Dysartville, NC. Joe Sephus Poteat\textsuperscript{20} 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.\textsuperscript{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".\textsuperscript{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 1860\textsuperscript{23} gives some idea of the resources available on this land. Susana Poteet has 75 acres improved, 325 acres unimproved and the cash value of the farm was $1000 with $10 worth of farm machinery, 2 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. 1843\textsuperscript{24}, 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 Poteat.\textsuperscript{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 Poteat by said Young." The same

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\textsuperscript{20} grandson of Henry Poteet (1819 - 1864).
\textsuperscript{21} McDowell Co. tax lists, microfilm, McDowell County Public Library.
\textsuperscript{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.
\textsuperscript{23} From an original book at the McDowell County Public Library, Marion, NC.
\textsuperscript{24} McDowell Co. Deeds, book 5, p. 427.
\textsuperscript{25} Index to Final Settlements, McDowell County, Marion, NC. The index refers to Book IA1, p. 522, which I have been unable to locate.
three tracts of land are described. 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. 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. In another deed referring to this same property, 21 March 1878, 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 1833 and Sheriff of Burke County.

Susannah Poteet’s Bible record 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.

(one page)
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

(another page)
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]

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

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

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
325. vi. Francis M. Poteet b. 3 [or 8?] Feb. 1827 d. 2\footnote{This is the date from the Bible record. However, the Cleveland Star of 9 April 1902 published an article on the unusual double funeral of Francis Poteat and his wife. This article says she died “last Wednesday” and he died the next morning. 9 April 1902 was a Wednesday so she died on 2 April and he died on 3 April 1902.} April 1902
326. vii. Jemima Poteet b. 18 Dec. 1828 living in 1875
327. ix. George Dickson Poteet b. 2 Sept. 1836 d. 15 Nov. 1856, age 21y, 2m, 18(?)d.
328. 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 identity 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.

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 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 McCall's district, for 1843 and 1844. Perhaps Lawson is also closely connected with Elrod Poteet. The following e-mail explains a little more about Lawson Poteet:

“Dan, I saw your post on ancestry.com and have been looking at your file on the net. I can add a little to what you have on Lawson Poteet. He was my husband's great grandfather. His daughter Sarah Jane "Jenny" Poteet b. Mar. 22, 1854 in Alabama, married Thomas King Connally. She died Mar. 4, 1903 (Date From her Tombstone) She had the following children: Lawson Poteet Connally, Thomas King Jr., Annie Laura, Alice, Lydia, and Adelaide Burns Connally. I found Lawson and Sophronia on Madison County, Alabama 1880 Census It shows Lawson age 57 and Sophronia age 55. I think I have seen them on earlier census with more children. I will check. I don't have a picture of "Jenny" but have of two of her children (Annie Laura was a beautiful woman.) I have a picture of "Jenny's" husband. He looked a little like a River Boat Gambler, :) Do you have any clues to Sophronia's maiden name I had wondered if it was Burns. Also have you found Lawson's parents? I can tell you have really done a lot of work on this family. Thanks, Margaret Connally, Gurley, Alabama”

“Dan, I found Lawson in the 1860 Marshall County Alabama Census (it joins Madison County) as follows: L.A. Poteet age 39 b. in NC; Sophronia 34 b. NC; Elizabeth 17 b. NC Elrod 15 b. NC; Mary 8 b. in Tenn; and Jane 6 b. in Tenn.: So now we know he stopped off in Tenn. long enough to have two children. I have seen no other records for him. I don't get into the Huntsville library much anymore and our library in Gurley is small. The only gravestones I have seen are for Jenny, her husband and some of her children. It is family legend that Jenny was a midwife and herbalist. I will check the 1900 Madison County Census to see if he was still alive then. Yes, you may quote me in your notes.”

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. Joseph Brittain filed an executor’s bond on the estate of Alburto Poteet on 26 Nov. 1862.

33 Mullinax, Mrs. Nellie (Smith), Granite Falls, NC, letter to Dan W. Olds, 18 April 1974.
34 E-mail to Dan W. Olds from Margaret Connally, 19 Feb. 2003
35 E-mail to Dan W. Olds from Margaret Connally, 20 Feb. 2003
37 Burke Co. Estate Records, N. C. Archives, Raleigh, N. C.
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.\(^{38}\) 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.\(^{39}\) Mark Edward Poteat married Mary Elizabeth Largent\(^{40}\) 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.\(^{41}\)

“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 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.”\(^{42}\)

D. Robert Poteat, b. 2 Sept. 1825, d. 15 May 1899. He is buried at Providence Church Cemetery, near Marion, McDowell County, NC.\(^{43}\) 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.\(^{44}\) “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.”\(^{45}\)

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 her\(^{46}\), and Henry’s

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\(^{38}\) Burke Co. Deeds, Book B, p. 332, Morganton, N. C.


\(^{40}\) Marriage Records, Burke County, Morganton, NC. Marcus Poteet to Mary J. Largent, 18 March 1870, both of Burke County.

\(^{41}\) from a biographical article written by Debra Poteat, and published in the Burke County Heritage book.


\(^{43}\) Cemetery Record Card File, NC Archives, Raleigh, NC.


\(^{45}\) Smith, Mrs. Henry D., letter to Dan W. Olds, 20 April 1962

\(^{46}\) 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.
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”47.

Robert Poteet, age 75, married Minnie Reid, age 37, on 30 April 1899.48 Her mother was Sarah Reid.49 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. 1872.50 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 1878.51 He was born about 1853-54 according to the 1860-1870 census records 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.52 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.53

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. 1884.54 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. 1887.55

v. Samuel A. Poteet, son of Robt. and L. A. Poteet, married Mary M. McCurry, daughter of Wm. and Rebecca McCurry, on 22 Oct. 1884.56 He was born about 1862 according to the 1870 census record of

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47 Poteat, Henry, Hendersonville, KY, letters to Mrs. H. D. Smith and to Dan W. Olds, 16 Aug., 4 Sept., and 5 Nov. 1962.
49 McDowell County Marriage Records, Marion, NC.
51 Williams, Edward P., McDowell County North Carolina Marriages, 1870 - 1894
52 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 form an original in the basement of the County Clerk’s Office, Marion, NC, 20 March 1972.
53 Lennie Poteet, daughter of S. A. and M. M. Poteet, b. 1 April 1887, d. 9 Feb. 1888 is buried in the Providence Church Cemetery, near Marion, McDowell Count, 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. Poteet, b. 30 Oct. 1897, d. 14 Nov. 1905, also buried in Providence...
McDowell County, NC. Samuel Aaron Poteet, son of Robert Poteet, died 10 June 1938.  


vi. George Poteet, age 23, son of Robert and Adline Poteet, married S. A. Stroud, age 20, daughter of E. and Rebecca Stroud, on 14 Sept. 1887.  He was born about 1864 according to the 1870 census record of McDowell County, NC. George L. Poteet, son of Robert Poteet, died 21 Oct. 1930. 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.

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.  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. 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.

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.(daughters), 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 Eddy 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 Poteet 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.69

On 15 Oct. 187070, Matilda Poteet deeded to her son H. D. Poteet (“... the said H. D. Poteet is cripple and maimee 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. 188171, 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?] Poteet72 73
330. i. John A. Poteet, b. ca. 1828
331. ii. George A. Poteet, b. ca. 1830, m. Sarah Catherine Barnes74
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

69 Meile, Judy Christie, Swannanoa, NC, letter to Dan W. Olds, received 12 July 1997.
70 McDowell Co., NC, deed book 8, p. 422
71 McDowell Co., NC, deed book 12, p. 239
72 ages estimated from census records unless otherwise noted.
73 Meile, Judy Christie, Swannanoa, NC, letter to Dan W. Olds, received 12 July 1997.
74 Poteet, Arnold Ray, letter to Dan Olds, 10 Nov. 1983, including pedigree chart.
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 who is no longer listed after 1860. Their children (from census listings, anyway) are Sophronia or Sarah, b. ca. 1834, Phoeba, 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 “Polly”, 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.”

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. 5 mo. 14 da.

Children of Mark and Patsy (Carswell) Poteet
350. i. John William Poteet, b. 1826
351. ii. Robert Poteet, b. ca. 1828 (listed out of order in census; in a pedigree chart of Billy D. Poteat (1949 - ) on file in the Morganton, NC, Public Library, Mark and Mary Poteat are shown as the parents of the Robert Poteat who married Adaline Powell.)
352. iii. Sarah Poteet, b. ca. 1834
353. iv. Phoeba Poteet, b. ca. 1836
354. v. Samuel Poteet, b. ca. 1840

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75 Poteet, Ellen Carswell, Morganton, NC, letter to Dan W. Olds, undated but received in Oct. 1974.
76 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.
77 Burnette, Mrs. Doris Poteet, as reported by Mrs. J. V. Pittts in letter to Dan W. Olds, July 1974.
355. vi. Martha Poteet, b. ca. 1843

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308. Ezekial Pendleton Poteet, b. ca. 1816, “Marion’s first doctor”\(^78\), buried in Oak Grove Cemetery, Marion, but with no dates on marker\(^79\), married Jane McNeely (5 Sept 1810 - 17 June 1874)\(^80\). 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 Poteet 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.\(^81\)

Children of Ezekial Pendleton and Jane (McNeely) Poteet\(^82\)

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 Check and (2) a Mr. Poteet who was no kin.

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

\(^78\) Margaret (Blythe) Poteat, letter to Dan W. Olds, 8 Jan. 1968
\(^79\) [www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com) has a photo of the marker on which the name is given as “PELDLETON POTEAT”. Used 4 Sep 2012.
\(^81\) Williams, Edward P., McDowell County North Carolina Marriages 1870 -1894
\(^82\) 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.
310. James Poteet, killed in the Civil War

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. 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. He went to California in the gold rush and was not heard from after that.

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 Hensley 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. 1859; 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. Jane Lawing and Albert Lawing joined by experience on 13 Aug. 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

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83 A James Poteet and Elizabeth Jiles were married 16 Sept. 1860 (bond date, McDowell Co., NC) and are otherwise unknown to me.
84 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”.
85 See the obituary of Jane Poteet, quoted below.
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 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 Poteet 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.


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.""We ar all in bad surcomstanses 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 there has come too pieces of bones out of his hip. And when he is
gon, there won't be no one to help us one bit; and we all want your leaf from you for him to stay. His
name is Jessy Arwood.

“And them that has got the corn to sell is asking eleven dollars a bushel for it, and we can't get it at that.
And we want you ... to have the stuff all put down so we can get it. All hour folks is in the army; and
with out some body dose help us, we all can't live.

“Heare is our names: Susan Harrel, Sarah Harrel, Sarah Dodwell, Poly Morgin, July Morgin, Nancy
Staks and Moly Morgin, 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 anything else, and we can't get no shoes....
We are all barfooted and can't get money anuff to get a pair of shoes, nor one bit of leather, no thread, no
cotton, nor nothing else ... We can't as much as get wool anuff to knit hour husbands and sons socks that is
got out in the field...”

Jane Poteet’s obituary is 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 riddle 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, that 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 (Carswell) Poteet.

4240. i. Martha E. Poteet b. ca. 1839
4241. ii. Adaline Poteet b. ca. 1840
4242. iii. Eliza J. Poteet b. ca. 1842

67 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.”

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321. HENRY POTEET was born 3 Jan. 1819 and died 16 or 17 Aug. 1864.88 The McDowell County bond for his marriage to Elizabeth A. Hawkins is dated 13 Feb. 1847 with Zachariah Hawkins as bondsman.89 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. 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 Elizabith [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. 185590, 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.91 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.92

The Agriculture Census of 186093 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. This company, originally known as the "Watauga Rangers", was organized for the war at Boone, Watauga co., NC, beginning 11 May 1861. 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 back. 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 they had carved his name on a stone and buried him at Yorktown, VA. 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.”

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. 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.” 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

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94 Muster Roll record, National Archives, Washington, D. C.
96 Sims, Becky Poteet, letter to Dan W. Olds, 24 Sept. 1960, (as told by Aunt Hattie Poteat).
97 Smith, Mrs. Sibbie, conversation with Dan W. Olds, 30 March 1961
98 Smith, Mrs. Henry D., letter to Dan W. Olds, 20 April 1962
99 There is a broken stone in the Hoover Cemetery for [James E. Norton, died 2 Dec 1871, aged (?)5 y. 10 m. Mrs. Norton gave his dates as 1835-1871.
100 Norton, Mrs. Clyde, Old Fort, NC, letter to Dan W. Olds, about 1972.
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.!

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 Poteat’s estate. “The Petition of Elizabeth Norton
wife of James Norton and widow of Henry Poteet respectfully sheweth to your Worships, that her said
Husband died intestate in McDowell County 102, 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 sheweth, 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 North one hundred 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

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101 Kanipe, Millie, letter to Dan W. Olds, about 1972.
102 Note that this document explicitly places his death in McDowell County.
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 Holland103 in another tract of land ad joining 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 worshipships 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 disintersted 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 appurtenant 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"104

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”.105

“Elizabeth A. Hawkins Poteat Norton Duncan in later years lived with her two sons, Bulo and Jasper Norton at 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.”106

“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.”107 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

103 This, I believe, is a clue to inheritance in the Hawkins family.
106 Mrs. Clyde Norton, Old Fort, NC, to Dan W. Olds, letter, undated (1972?).
107 Norton, Mrs. Clyde, Old Fort, NC, letter to Dan W. Olds, 1972
be and is hereby appointed Guardian to the minor heirs of Heny Poteet (to wit) J. N. Poteet, T.A. Poteet, W.G. Poteet, and G. P. Poteet".108

“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”109

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
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) Norton110
i. Bulo Norton m. Jane Murphy111
ii. Jasper Norton m. Sarah Malissa Hensley

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.

108 McDowell County, NC, Appointments of Executors, p. 23
109 Mrs. Henrietta Babb, age 80, daughter of Mark B. Poteet, 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).
110 Norton, Mrs. Clyde, letter to Dan W. Olds, 1972
111 In 1972 I visited Ed Norton (age 77) who said his father was Bulo Norton and so was his grandfather. When I said I thought the grandfather was James Norton, he said both were named James Bule Norton.
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.” He was wounded slightly at Bethel, Virginia, June 10, 1861.

The family of Peter Poteet (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.

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. POTEET 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 tradition, 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. According to the census records, Susan was born about 1823 or 1824.

An Elijah Poteet was taxed in Mumford Cove District, McDowell Co, in 1842 and 1843, with holdings

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115 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.
116 Information in this paragraph is from Nellie (Smith) Mullinax, 18 April 1974, great-great granddaughter of Elisha Poteet thru his daughter Gemima.
117 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.
118 Green, Linda, letter to Dan Olds, 6 Aug. 1986
of 216 acres.\textsuperscript{119}

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
4405. v. Mary A. Poteet b. ca. 1851/52
4406. vi. Julia Poteet b. 1856

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.\textsuperscript{120} 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.\textsuperscript{121} 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.\textsuperscript{122}

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

\textsuperscript{119} McDowell Co. tax lists, on microfilm, McDowell Co. Public library. I apparently did not check later lists for this district.

\textsuperscript{120} Burke county estate records, N. C. Archives, Raleigh, NC

\textsuperscript{121} Burke County Deeds, Morganton, N. C., Book F, p. 153.

\textsuperscript{122} tombstones copied 31 Aug. 1974.
| 4430. i. | Elam Haywood Poteet | b. 16 Nov. 1849 | d. 6 June 1932 |
| 4431. ii. | Tempie E. Poteet | b. 2 Sept. 1851\(^{123}\) | d. 9 May 1911 |
| 4432. iii. | John Brittian 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 |
| 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 3 April 1902. His wife Martha was born 18 July 1826 and died 2 April 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.\(^{124}\) These dates are slightly garbled in some reports. The following two references nearly agree and correct some of the more widely varying dates.

Mrs. Owen gives a the following report:\(^{125}\) “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.”

A report in the Cleveland Star of 9 April 1902 states: “Mrs. Mary [sic] Poteat, of Mooresboro, had a stroke of paralysis and fell in her yard last Wednesday afternoon and died at eight o’clock that night from the effects of the stroke. At 4 o’clock next morning her husband, Mr. Francis M. Poteat, died from an attack of heart failure, brought on by his intense grief over the death of his wife. The funeral services of both husband and wife were conducted from the Sandy Run Baptist church Friday afternoon at 1 o’clock by Rev. A. P. Hollifield and both bodies were placed in the same grave. The death of these two old people within such a short space of each other is a rather remarkable occurrence. They were both nearly eighty years old – Mr. Poteat 75 and Mrs. Poteat 76 years old – and lived these useful years together and their love and affection was centered in each other. Both had been consistent church members for the past 44 years together, and they were true disciples of Christ, and have simply changed their residence from earth to Heaven. There are 11 living children and 3 dead, 76 grandchildren and 25 great

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\(^{123}\) Or 1 Sept. 1851 — see the 2001 Poteet Reunion program.

\(^{124}\) 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 Martha’s death date as 8 April 1902.

\(^{125}\) Owen, Mrs. Carolyn (Clark), Creedmoor, NC, to Mrs. Robert Poteat, Brandon, FL, 21 June 1987. Mrs. Owen has transcribed the family letters quoted below.
grandchildren. The bereaved ones have our sincere sympathy.\textsuperscript{126} Since 9 April 1902 was a Wednesday, the deaths are being reported as being on 2 and 3 April.

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:

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Earlier census records show Elizabeth (b. 1848; same as Mary, age 12 in 1860?), Thomas H. (b. 1849), Alvis, b. 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\textsuperscript{127}, 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. "Lem" Dickson of Cowpens, SC, 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

\textsuperscript{126} From a copy given to me by Charlie Rich, 7 Oct. 2001, at the Poteet Reunion.

\textsuperscript{127} I had understood that F. L. Dixon was a son of Francis and Selena (Poteet) Dickson and a brother of John Sherman Dixon, but, in July 2003, Sally Hinton called me to correct this and say that the two men were cousins.
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. 1864, and rejoined the company on 25 May 1864. He was reported present in July-August, 1864.

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 soter 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 howdy for me if I Could se her this morning I dont know what I would give .... tell Gorge & Gemima howdy 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) som(e) 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 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..."

128 note the reference to a guard in letter no. 13, below.
No. 35: Nov. 24, 1864, from Martha A.E. Poteet, McDowell Co., to husband, Francis. "...the Burkle (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 very small for you to write the like to her when you know that she wont help them just for her to tell about all the country what you wrote her like you had moor (more) confidens (confidencse) in her raising your 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 ..."

These letters are all now (2013) available online through the North Carolina Digital Collections project, including images and text transcriptions. The URL for the first letter is http://digital.ncdcr.gov/cdm/compoundobject/collection/p15012coll8/id/2080/rec/16

The collection was pointed out to me by Megan Newson (e-mail, 28 Sep 2013) who also pointed out an associated blog at http://civilwar150nc.wordpress.com/2011/03/18/poteet-family-letters/

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

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


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

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

The 1860 census of McDowell county shows that George 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.

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.
George E. Wadkins, age 36, 5 feet 11 inches tall, born in Claborn Co., Tenn., enrolled for a period of three years active service in Company A, 49th Regiment of North Carolina Infantry (State Troops) on 1 March 1862 in McDowell County and was mustered in at Camp Morgan on 15 April 1862. He was killed 17 Sep 1862 at Sharpsburg. On 6 July 1903, his widow Jemima Bowers, age 74, of Nealsville, applied for a pension based on his service.\footnote{Confederate roster record and widow’s pension application, courtesy of Leon Daniel, Yorktown, VA, 12 Dec. 2006.}

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 Dolly 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, NC\footnote{Cox, Margie H., and Randolph, Jewell R., McDowell County North Carolina 1870 Census (Marion, NC, 1997).}. 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. 1888, at the home of Gemima Bowers.

The 1880 census of McDowell County shows:\footnote{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.}

- 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 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 b. ca. 1860 m. Mary Arrowood
4686. vii. Missouri Wadkins b. ca. 1863 m. Aden Queen
4687. viii. Rowena Wadkins 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. 1856. 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.  

“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.”

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”. However, there is also a McDowell County marriage record for John A. Poteet and Timey Barns 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). In the Boiling Springs Cemetery, Boiling Springs, Cleveland County, NC, are the following tombstone records:

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135 Is this the "Rufus" of the census? Mrs. Hogan remembered her Aunt Rispana.
136 father of Mrs. Orra Hogan
137 not named by Mrs. Hogan, but in census. Not the daughter of a man killed in the Civil War!
139 Miele, Judy Christie, Swannanoa, NC, letter to Dan W. Olds, received 12 July 1997.
140 Stephens, Ray B., Chamblee, GA, correspondence with Dan W. Olds, 1972
141 McDowell County Deed Book 12 p. 239, Marion, NC.
142 NC State Archives, Raleigh, NC, from a card file of tombstone records

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John A. Poteet, b. 20 April 1821\textsuperscript{143}, 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.\textsuperscript{144} 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 Bishop\textsuperscript{145}
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, NC\textsuperscript{146}. 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 Union sharpshooter while Union forces were returning North after Appomattox.\textsuperscript{147}

\textsuperscript{143} 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.
\textsuperscript{144} Stephens, Ray B., correspondence with Dan W. Olds, during 1972
\textsuperscript{145} Poteat, Arnold Ray, letter to Dan W. Olds, 10 Nov. 1983, with pedigree chart.
\textsuperscript{146} one of my notes says 11/21/1852.
\textsuperscript{147} 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.
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.” The McDowell County marriage bond for Phebe M. Poteet and John L. Allred is dated 7 Aug. 1851.

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. His widow was Louisa.

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. 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. “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.”

Children of Henry D. and Elizabeth (Adams) Poteet

4770. i. Walter Poteet
4771. ii. Buddy Poteet
4772. iii. Mary Poteet

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146 Miele, Judy Christe, letter to Dan Olds, received 12 July 1997.
147 information from Jennie V. Pitts when she visited me, 17 June 1972.
149 from a National Archives service report shown to me by Mrs. John V. Pitts, 17 June 1972.
150 Deed Book, McDowell Co., NC.
151 Stephens, Ray B., letter to Dan W. Olds, Feb. 1975
152 Pitts, Jennie Vee, Atlanta, GA, letter to Dan W. Olds, 17 Nov. 1974, referring to Ray B. Stephens.
4774. v. Maggie Poteet
4775. vi. Alice Poteet
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. 1868. 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 Bishop wrote ”my Grandmother -- 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.

Matilda’s obituary appeared in the Spartanburg Herald for 1 Apr. 1926, as follows:

“MRS. MATILDA POTEET
Spartanburg Herald
April 1, 1926
April 1- MRS. MATILDA POTEET, 79, died early yesterday morning at her home near Cherokee Springs after a long illness. Funeral services will be conducted from Mount Pleasant church this morning and burial will be in the churchyard.
Surviving are 4 sons, G.E., J.A., and Z.V. POTEET of the city and S.E. POTEET of Mayo.”

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

4800. i. William J. Poteat, b. 21 Aug. 1869, d. 15 Oct. 1911
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. 20 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. “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

155 McDowell County marriages records, Marion, NC.
157 http://www.spartasc.com/obitp.htm, Spartanburg County Obituaries
158 on 28 June 1988, I searched the Spartanburg Herald for obituaries of these children and found only George E. and Zeb V.
159 My notes of a conversation with Kenneth Poteat of Inman, 11 March 1989, give this name as William Thomas Poteat.
160 day of death added from his tombstone, at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church near, Rt. 57, near Cherokee Springs, SC.
161 Jane Poteat m. Lafayette Christy, 21 Jan. 1858, per McDowell County Marriage records, Marion, NC.
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. The family is listed in the 1870 census of McDowell County, NC, as:

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
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 1826. He married Carry Garrison of Ireland and their children were:

Children of John William and Carry (Garrison) Poteet
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)

\[^{162}\text{Meile, Judy Miele, Swannanoa, NC, great-great granddaughter of Lafayette Christie, letter to Dan W. Olds, received 12 July 1997.}\]
\[^{164}\text{Burnette, Mrs. Doris Poteet, as reported by Mrs. J. V. Pitts in letter to Dan W. Olds, July 1974.}\]
\[^{165}\text{This list was taken from the Carry Garrison Bible by Mrs. Burnette. The same Bible states that William Garrison was born 17 Feb. 1829.}\]
352. Sarah Poteet, daughter of Mark and Patsy (Carswell) Poteet, was born about 1834

353. Phoeba Poteet, daughter of Mark and Patsy (Carwsell) 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 Tennesse on 19-20 Sept. 1863 with about 18000 confederate casualties). This Samuel Alexander Poteet m. Matilda Dale 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. 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.

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.

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

166 McDowell County Marriage Bond, dated 10 Jan. 1855, for Samuel A. Poteet and Matilda Deal, with William Deal as bondsmen
167 Poteat, Macie (Mrs. William Otto Poteat), Johnson City, TN, letter to Dan W. Olds, 15 March 1967.
168 This story was given to me by Dr. Mary Poteat, daughter of Joseph Alexander Poteat, of Duke University, in the early 1960s.
4051. James Poteet, son of Ezekial Pendleton and Jane (McNeely) Poteet, was born in 1838, and died at age 18.

4052. Martha E. Poteet, born 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.  

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 1855. 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.


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

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

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171 McDowell County marriage bond dated 29 Jan. 1855, N. C. Archives, Raleigh, NC.
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)\(^{173}\), wrote\(^{174}\) 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 son\(^{175}\); 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 Vaughan 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".\(^{176}\)

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:

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<td>John Henlee</td>
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\(^{173}\) 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.

\(^{174}\) Poteat, Henry, letter to Dan W. Olds, 5 Nov. 1962

\(^{175}\) 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.

\(^{176}\) Bethel Baptist Church minutes, microfilm, McDowell County Library, Marion, NC
Although Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Slagle identified Adaline Morgan as a sister of Henry Poteet and of Sidney Poteet (the older), it seems more likely that she was a sister of the younger Sidney Potet. 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: 177

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.178

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 5179
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

177 Cox, Margie H. and Randolph, Jewell R., McDowell County, North Carolina, 1870 census (Marion, NC, 1997)
179 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, Cemteries, Vol. 3, (1995), p. 188
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. ¹⁸⁰

Children of John and Adaline (Poteet) Hendricksley
5210. i. John Hendricksley b. ca. 1857

Children of Alvin and Adaline (Poteet) Bright
5211. ii. Jane Bright¹⁸¹ 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.¹⁸²
5215. vi. Minnie Morgan, daughter of J. C. and Adaline Morgan, married George B. Curtis, son of Thomas J. and Mary Curtis, on 28 March 1890.¹⁸³ A George B. Curtis, b. 30 Oct. 1861, d. 18 Feb. 1910, is buried at the Carson’s Chapel Cemetery.¹⁸⁴
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. 1894.¹⁸⁵ For further details, see Richard Lee Poteet, son of Mark Brittain Poteet.

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4242. Eliza J. Poteet was born about 1842. She joined the Bethel Baptist Church "by experience" on 16 Aug. 1859.¹⁸⁶ She married a Vaughan.¹⁸⁷ 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”.¹⁸⁸ R. J.[sic] Vaughn, son of S. Vaughn and Lois Vaughn, married S. J. Conner on 2

¹⁸¹ Robert E. Poteet, 23, son of Robert and Adeline 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.
¹⁸² Williams, Edward P., McDowell County North Carolina Marriages, 1870-1894,
¹⁸³ Williams, Edward P., McDowell County North Carolina Marriages, 1870-1894
¹⁸⁵ Williams, Edward P., McDowell County North Carolina Marriages, 1870-1894
¹⁸⁶ Bethel Baptist Church minutes, microfilm, McDowell Co. Public Library, Marion, NC
Sept. 1894. 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. 

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

- 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:

- Vaughn, Richmond [sic], age 34
- Vaughn, Janc, 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. Vaughn, 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.
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.”

4244. Margaret Poteet was born 17 July 1845 and died 14 March 1919 and is buried in the Old Fort Cemetery, Old Fort, NC. 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. Buttler P. Hensley. The bondsman was James A. Hensley.

Margaret Poteet 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:

- Hensley, Butler P., age 33 farmer
- Margaret S., age 34, wife
- James H., age 12, son
- 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 1947
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

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4245. Sidney Erwin Poteet was born 25 Nov. 1846 and died 11 Aug. 1927. He married Gracie Gemima Hensly.\textsuperscript{201} 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 James\textsuperscript{202}, 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 1849. 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 for a daughter of this couple.\textsuperscript{203} Joseph A. Poteet kept the County Home and thus would be the man that I have heard referred to as “Poor House” Joe Poteet.\textsuperscript{204} I had earlier thought the reference might be to his father.

Joseph A. Poteet (5 Nov. 1848 - 20 Nov. 1934) and Sarah E. Poteet (13 Apr 1851 - 28 June 1927) are buried at Denton’s Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery.\textsuperscript{205}

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

5260. i. Crayton A. Poteet b. 16 Feb. 1870, d. 13 Dec. 1948
5261. ii. Rufus A. Poteet b. 20 Feb. 1872, d. 9 July 1963
5262. iii. Laura Poteet b. ca. 1874

\textsuperscript{201} 6 Nov. 1863, McDowell Co. Marriage bonds, NC Archives, Raleigh. The witness was A. M. Finley, Clk., and R. T. Vaughn was the bondsman.
\textsuperscript{202} Marion, NC, Index to Death Records, Book 16 p. 16. My notes are from the index.
\textsuperscript{203} Tombstone copied 14 Sept. 1974.
\textsuperscript{204} Information from descendant Charles Poteet, as told to me at the Poteet Reunion, 7 Oct. 2001. He assumed care of one of the children from the home, who remained in the family until she died.
\textsuperscript{205} Burke County Genealogical Society, Burke County Cemeteries, Volume 1 (Morganton, NC, 1995)
Her name was added to my list by Charles Poteet and his daughter at the Poteet Reunion, 7 Oct. 2001. Hessie Poteet Perry (24 July 1891 - ) has a marker at Denton’s Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery.

Burke County Genealogical Society, Burke County Cemeteries, Volume 1 (Morganton, NC, 1995)

My notes from the index give her death date as 23 Nov. 1919. according to either Mrs. Hessie Crawley or Mrs. Sibbie Smith, when I visited Marion, NC, 30 March 1961.

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

Children of Albert and Georgia Ann (Poteet) Lawing

Marsha J. Lawing b. ca. 1868
Estha (?) L. Lawing b. ca. 1871
Michell S. Lawing b. ca. 1873
Minnie O. Lawing b. Oct. 1879

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. 1919. 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.

“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.”

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208 Williams, Edward P., McDowell County North Carolina Marriages, 1894-1912 (April, 1996)
209 Her death record is on file in Marion, NC (Book 6, p. 113). My notes from the index give her death date as 23 Nov. 1919.
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Children of Marcus Brittain and Mary M. (Smith) Poteat

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<td>v. Ben Calvin Poteet</td>
<td>b. 16 Oct. 1875</td>
<td>(d. young)</td>
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<td>vi. Corah Ader Poteet</td>
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<td>ix. Merida Poteet</td>
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<td>xii. Henrietta Poteet</td>
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4261. John Spencer Poteat, son of Henry and Elizabeth Anne (Hawkins) Poteat, was born in McDowell County on 8 May 1849 and died near Jonesboro, Tenn. on 10 July 1942. He is buried in Maple Lawn Cemetery there in a lot purchased by Bela Poteat in 1917. 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 step-father 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.213

“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.”214

Rebecca Jane “Becky” (Poteat) Sims, youngest daughter of Bela Poteat, was still just a child (probably about 5 in her earliest memories of him) when her grandfather Poteat died but she remembers him well and some of the stories he told. “He made me tell the stories back to him to make sure I knew them. Sometimes he would leave parts out and I would remind him of the missing parts. He just grinned. He wanted to see if I remembered. Grandpa was good to me. If Mama would get after me, he would be the one to sulk. He might not talk to her for days, then he would finally say ‘Just tell me what the Baby did.”

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212 1869 on tombstone.
Grandpa used to sit on the porch a lot and rock. I still have the rocker he used and it is on my porch now. He used to peel an apple for me while I sat on his lap. He scraped an apple with a spoon, a small, thin section at a time, in such a way that it came off as fine as apple sauce. That was called a “scraped apple”. Grandpa Poteat always worked, stood with a very straight back, used a cane and always wore a sweater. Although he went to church in Jonesborough, I don’t remember him ever “just going to town” for any other reason. He put me on the school bus every day, taking me down to it and waiting with me until I got on. He met me at the bus every afternoon, took me by the hand and walked back home with me, watching out for me just as if we were in some wild place instead of being right at home. Grandpa Poteat raised tobacco in his own tobacco patch and I helped him. He would hoe weeds and I knocked the fat, green worms off the plants into a tin cup. Maybe John or Jim plowed and set the plants for him, I don’t know. He could not do that. Grandpa sold his tobacco each year and sent nearly all the money back to Bakersville for Grandma and Florence (who was still at home). He kept perhaps only $20 for his expenses for the next year. He died at our home. I remember Jim had to come home from Baltimore for the funeral. Jim was working there for the war effort. I thought my world had come to an end and that I just could not live without my grandpa. He lived with us for 26 years. He had moved to Jonesborough although grandma Poteat continued to live in Bakersville. The Poteats had run a store in Bakersville. The Historical Society now owns the store building. Grandma Poteat was “meaner than a striped snake with its tail cut off!”. I really don’t know any other reason why they did not live together. Grandma kept boarders (W. B. Greene, Sr., had boarded there) at her house in Bakersville. When Grandma and Aunt Florence would come to visit Grandpa and us, I remember Grandpa Poteat would pull his chair up close to them on the porch so he could hear. We would ask about his old friends and neighbors (such as Bradshaws) and often he got no answer at all. He was just ignored. I felt that was so mean and it worried Mama too.

“He told me that he and his Mama lived on a mountaintop by themselves. He did not see other people except when they went to the store, perhaps twice a year. After gold was discovered at Sutter’s Mill in California in May 1849, Grandpa’s father left to make his fortune. He walked and hitched rides to the coast (Wilmington?, Charleston?) and took a sailing ship from there. He worked on the ship to pay his passage. (Are there any ship records of a Henry Poteet doing this?) His ship almost sank in bad weather coming around the Cape. They came up by Mexico to California and he got off at San Francisco. We have no information about his days in California nor his “fortune”. On the way back, he drove an empty wagon train back to St. Louis and somehow got back home from there. Grandpa was four years old when his daddy came home. They had not heard where he was and did not know if he was dead or alive. One
day when Grandpa was playing in the pasture, he looked up and saw a man coming. This scared him and he ran to the house, calling to his Mama “There is a man coming! There is a man coming!” When she saw who it was, she smiled and said “That is not a man, that is your father!”.

“During the time Henry was gone to California, a black panther prowled the area. One day, Grandpa was at home alone while his mother had gone to the spring to get water. He heard the panther screaming and saw his mother throw the water bucket. There was what he called a “hidey-hole” in the house, with a trap-door in the floor, covered by a rug. He hid in that. His mother came home, latched the door and got in with him. The cat scratched and scratched at the door but did not get in. Later, when they came out, they saw the claw marks around the cabin door.

“I don’t remember that he told anything about his Daddy being in the war. One story is that his Daddy was wounded in Virginia and his mother took a wagon through army lines (both armies) and brought him home. He had been shot in the leg, I think. He went back to the war after he got well. Maybe I got this story from my daddy (Bela).

“My daddy was left-handed. When he first went to school, the teachers would tie his left hand so that he would learn to write with his right hand. Grandpa Poteat went to the school, talked with the teachers and got that stopped. Daddy wrote and did other things left handed, except for using scissors. They never could afford to get the special left-handed scissors so he used right-handed ones.”

On 28 Sep. 1887, John Spencer Poteat married Rosa Anna Greene. 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.

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. 1903 d. 27 April 1979

4262. Sarah Jane Poteat 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

217 Becky (Poteat) Sims, interview with Dan W. Olds, at her home near Jonesborough, 29 May 2002.
218 Mitchell County Marriage Records, Bakersville, NC.
220 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.
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 Nathan. 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) Poteat

5334. i. Annie Poteat, b. ca. 1874
5335. ii. Hattie Poteat, b. ca. 1875
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. Nanny Elliott of McDowell County, age 58, married James Swann of Mitchell County, age 68, on 28 Dec. 1911.

"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

221 Smith, Mrs. Sibbie, conversation with Dan W. Olds, 30 March 1961, when I visited her in Marion, NC.
222 Williams, Edward P., McDowell County North Carolina Marriages, 1894-1912 (April, 1996)
223 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.
225 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.
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 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 saying?”

“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.”

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. 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.”

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

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 1879. She later left him and he was engaged again when he died. 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

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228 Millie Kanipe, Old Fort, NC, daughter of Don Smith Kanipe, letter to Dan W. Olds, about 1972.
229 My notes from the McDowell Co. marriage record list his name as Joseph A., son of Henry and Elizabeth.
230 Smith, Mrs. Henry D., letter to Dan W. Olds, 20 April 1962
231 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).
232 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.
233 Mrs. Hessie Crawley or Mrs. Sibbie Smith, when I visited Marion, NC, 30 March 1961.
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. Willie and Hattie Matilda 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:

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 Grayson and Hattie (Greene) Poteat

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

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 1915. 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.

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. 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 14
Dora L., dau., b. July, 1887, age 12

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234 Mitchell County Death Records, Bakersville, NC.
235 middle name supplied and other data confirmed by Catherine Poteat, Brandon, FL, 28 Oct. 1988, on a chart I had sent to her.
236 dates confirmed or corrected by Catherine Poteat, Brandon, FL, 28 Oct. 1988, on a chart I had sent to her.
237 McDowell County Deaths, Marion, NC, Book 2 p. 110.
238 McDowell Co. Marriages.
239 Poteat, Dorothy M, Roots and Branches of the George Posey Poteat, Sr., Family [March, 1989]
240 The entry of son George is significantly corrected by Miss Dorothy Poteat’s work, quoted below.

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Children of George Posy and Mary (Kaylor) Poteat

5370. i. Ella Jane Poteat, b. 30 July 1882, d. 19 April 1935
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 Layfatte 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 1978
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

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

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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) Marks
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 born 10 Aug. 1847. She is listed in the family of Peter and Mary Poteet in the 1850 and 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. Information from Linda Green supplements this. They went to Chester, SC, in 1872 and moved to Louisiana in 1890. From Death Records, she adds: The marriage record of Isman Franklin and Martha Poteet on 28 Jan. 1863 is recorded in Caldwell County, NC.


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243 Mrs. Nellie (Smith) Mullinax of Granite Falls, NC, provided the data on these descendants of descendants of Elisha Poteet.
244 Green, Linda, letter to Dan Olds, 6 Aug. 1986
245 Keller, Elizabeth P., Caldwell County, N. C., Marriages 1841 - 1872 (Including the Cohabitation Records of 1866), p. 22. (Gateway Press)
Children of Ishom and Martha E. (Poteet) Franklin

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. 1895
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. 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. "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) Smith

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
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

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246 Green, Linda, letter to Dan Olds, 6 Aug. 1986
247 Burke County, NC, death record as quoted by Mrs. Nellie (Smith) Mullinax of Granite Falls, letter to Dan W. Olds, 18 April 1974.
248 Caldwell County, NC, marriage recorded as quoted by Mrs. Nellie (Smith) Mullinax of Granite Falls, NC, letter to Dan W. Olds, 18 April 1974. Keller, Elizabeth P., Caldwell County, N. C. Marriages (1841 - 1872), p. 53 gives his mother as Lidie Smith and her mother as Susan Poteet (no father listed).
249 Mullinax, Mrs. Nellie (Smith), Granite Falls, NC, letter to Dan W. Olds, 18 April 1974.
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.  

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) Smith

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 Smith 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. 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

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250 Caldwell County NC marriages recorded quoted by Mrs. Nellie (Smith) Mullinax of Granite Falls, NC, letter to Dan W. Olds, 18 April 1974.
251 Mullinax, Mrs. Nellie (Smith), Granite Falls, NC, letter to Dan W. Olds, 18 April 1974
252 grandfather of Mrs. Nellie (Smith) Mullinax of Granite Falls, NC. She provided the data on the descendants of Elisha M. Poteet.
253 Caldwell Co., NC, marriage recorded quoted by Mrs. Nellie (Smith) Mullinax, Granite Falls, NC, letter to Dan W. Olds 18 April 1974. Also Keller, Elizabeth P., Caldwell County, N. C. Marriages 1841 - 1872, p. 44 (Gateway Press)
County area. One child was Gertie Mary Ann Drum, “my grandmother”.  

Children of John H. and Julia (Poteet) Drum

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 Drum
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. Hawkins, was born 3 April 1849 and died 6 Dec. 1920, is also buried at Pleasant Hill. They were married 1 June 1867. He was a merchant and married Bessie Cole on 29 Aug. 1921, when he was 71 and she was 27. 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 Adams 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.

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255 it was this man from whom Mrs. Mullinax obtained the Drum data.
256 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]
258 Burke County Genealogical Society, Index to Marriage Registers, 1867-1908, Burke County, North Carolina (Morganton, 1990, second printing 1993)
259 Marriage Record, Burke Co., NC
260 Nellie D. Adams, These My People(1973, Lenoir, NC). This is a book about the descendants of Sidney Ervin Poteet.
Children of Elam Haywood and Mary E. Poteet

1. Addie Poteet, dau, b. ca 1869
2. Will Poteet
3. Ceily Poteet
4. Wiley W. Poteet, b. 20 May 1879, d. 9 Feb. 1960
5. Maggie Poteet
6. Mae (May) Poteet
7. Fred J. Poteet
8. Thomas Tetlow Poteet, b. 19 June 1886, d. 22 Feb. 1962

Children of Elam Haywood and Bessie (Cole) Poteet

10. Mary Etta Poteet
11. Virginia Poteet

4431. Temperance Elizabeth Poteet was born 2 Sept. 1851 and died 9 May 1911, both in Burke County, NC. She married John Marshall Denton on 4 Aug. 1867 at the home of David Mace, Enola, NC. John Marshall was born 10 Feb. 1848 and died 20 Sept. 1921. They are buried at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church. Mrs. Adams says that the 1900 census shows they had fifteen children, eleven of whom were living. She also says they had twelve children, but lists the following eleven children for this family.

Children of John Marshall and Temperance Elizabeth (Poteet) Denton

1. Mary Jane Denton, b. 19 Feb 1869 in Burke Co., NC
2. Sidney Lafayette “Fate” Denton, b. 9 Sep 1871 in Burke Co., NC
3. Frank E(dwin?) Denton, b. 29 Apr 1874 in Burke Co., NC
4. Charley P. Denton, b. 23 Jan 1877 in Burke Co., NC
5. Zula Mildred Denton, b. 28 Sep 1879
6. Lillie Gennettie Mae Denton, b. 7 May 1882 in Burke Co., NC
7. Grover C. Denton, b. 14 Nov. 1886
8. Velva Naomi Denton, b. 5 Sep 1889

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261 Tombstone, Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, south of Morganton, NC
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263 Tombstone, Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, south of Morganton, NC. No death date in 1974.
265 or 12 Sept. per my notes from her tombstone.
266 Burke County Genealogical Society, Index to Marriage Registers, 1867-1908, Burke County, North Carolina (Morganton, 1990, 2nd printing 1993)
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.

Nellie D. Adams, in Poteet Kindred, gives her name as Julia Mira Anderson, daughter of Sarah Anderson who later married Isaac Franklin. Sarah was abducted by the Cherokees. “When her father and other men in her family found out that she was pregnant, they went to the Cherokee tribe and begged for her to be returned to her family. Their wish was granted and she gave birth to Julie Mariah.” This Cherokee ancestry is also confirmed by the fact that Julie Mirah is listed as Cherokee on her marriage record (per Mrs. Adams).

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

Nellie D. Adams, Poteet Kindred, (Morganton, NC, 2001), p. 83ff, 95ff

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ii. William P. Poteet m. Nettie E. Seagle

iii. Emma Louise Poteet m. Lenoir Pinkney Ross

iv. Annie Luscetta Poteet, b. 20 April 1872, Burke County, NC

v. Minnie Dallas Poteet, b. 13 June 1880, Burke County, NC

vi. Sallie Elizabeth Poteet, m. Charles Edward (Little Ed) Brittain

vii. James Thomas Poteet, b. 8 June 1891 in Burke County, NC

viii. Isaac Finley (or Floyd) Poteet, b. 1 April 1887 in Burke County, NC

4432. John Brittain Poteet was born 10 Oct. 1853 in Burke County and died 20 Jan. 1942, 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 Poteat and Julie Franklin were married 29 Aug. 1871.

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270 Nellie D. Adams, Poteet Kindred, (Morganton, NC, 2001), p. 83ff, 95ff

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

272 An Isaac Finley Poteet, b. 15 April 1885, d. 25 Sept. 1944, is buried at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church

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

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


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

4434. Margaret Theodosia Poteet was born 14 March 1859, near Eneola, Burke County, NC, and died 29 May 1928 in Burke County, age 69 yr., 2 m., 16 d. and was buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery. Her husband was Ashby 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 Hill. 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 Murphy Brittain, b. 12 May 1895, d. 29 May 1974
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 Blaugh. Mrs. Adams gives the wife's name as Jane Bollinger and lists the following children for this family. J. M. Poteet and Jane "Bullinger" were married 3 Feb. 1878.

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277 since 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.
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279 May 30 on tombstone.
280 Ashley on marriage record?
281 tombstones copied 31 Aug. 1974
283 Burke CountyDeath Record, quoted by Nellie (Smith) Mullinax, letter to Dan W. Olds, 18 April, 1974. She lists 2 Dec. 1861 as his birth date.
284 James McDowell Poteet (2 Dec. 1860 - 13 Sept. 1934) and Jane Bollinger Poteet (22 May 1857 - ) have markers in Denton’s Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery. Burke County Genealogical Society, Cemetery Records of Burke County, Volume 1 (Morganton, NC, 1995)
285 Burke County Genealogical Society, Index to Marriage Registers, 1867-1908, Burke County, NC (Morganton, NC, 1990, 2nd printing 1993)

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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.\footnote{Burke County Genealogical Society, Index to Marriage Registers, 1867-1908, Burke County, North Carolina (Morganton, 1990, second printing 1993)}  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.\footnote{Burke County Genealogical Society, Index to Marriage Registers, 1867-1908, Burke County, North Carolina (Morganton, NC, 1990, 2nd printing 1993)}  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.\footnote{Burke County Genealogical Society, Cemeteries of Burke County, Vol. II (Morganton, NC)}  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.  Tonic 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 record\footnote{Burke County Death record quoted by Nellie (Smith) Mullinax, letter to Dan W. Olds, 18 April 1974} and J. F. on his tombstone.)  He married Anna Snipes.  His wife was probably Anna Eliza, b. 2 Oct. 1871, d. 10

Children of Joseph Frazier and Anna (Snipes) Poteet
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.

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


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290 Tombstones for J. F. and Anna Eliza Poteat, Salem Methodist Church, south of Morganton, NC, copied 31 Aug. 1974.
291 Burke County Genealogical Society, Index to Marriage Registers, 1867-1908, Burke County, North Carolina (Morganton, NC, 1990, 2nd printing 1993)
292 Burke County Genealogical Society, Index to Marriage Registers, 1867-1908, Burke County, North Carolina (Morganton, NC, 1990, 2nd printing 1993)
293 Marriage Records, McDowell County, Marion, NC, copied 30 March 1961
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.\textsuperscript{294} Francis M. Dickson (21 Aug. 1850 - 13 Nov. 1935) and Rufina C. Dickson (6 Jan. 1854 - 20 Feb. 1933) are buried at Zion Hill Baptist Church, East Main Street, Spartanburg, SC.

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.\textsuperscript{295}

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.”\textsuperscript{296}

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

5560. Otis Augustus Poteat   b. ca. 1897

\textsuperscript{294} Burke County Genealogical Society, Index to Marriage Registers, 1867-1908, Burke County, North Carolina (Morganton, NC, 1990, 2nd printing 1993)
\textsuperscript{295} Williams, Edward P., McDowell County North Carolina Marriages, 1870-1894 (April 1995).
\textsuperscript{296} Charlie Rich, e-mail to Dan W. Olds, 20 July 1999, after I sent him some Poteet data.
4680. Elisha Wadkins was born about 1848 and never married. He is buried at Macedonia, NC.\(^{297}\) (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, NC\(^{298}\). 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.\(^{299}\) Their family is listed in the 1880 census of McDowell County as follows:\(^{300}\)

Wattkns, 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 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:\(^{301}\)

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.”\(^{302}\)

\(^{297}\) Hogan, Mrs. C. B., letter to Dan W. Olds, 5 July 1972
\(^{298}\) Hogan, Mrs. C. B., letter to Dan W. Olds, 5 July 1972.
\(^{301}\) Cox, Margie H. and Randolph, Jewell R., McDowell County North Carolina 1880 census, (1996), p. 3
\(^{302}\) Hogan, Mrs. C. B., letter to Dan W. Olds, 5 July 1972
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.

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.

Orra Watkins m. C. B. Hogan

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).

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. 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.

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

Sarah M. Poteet, daughter of John A. and Fatima L. (Barnes) Poteet, was born about 1862.

William L(?) Poteet, son of John A. and Fatima L. (Barnes) Poteet, was born about 1863.

Soloman Henry Poteet, son of John A. and Fatima L. (Barnes) Poteet, was born about 1865.

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

The 1920 census of Spartanburg County lists the family, adding the two youngest children in my list below, as [ED79 sheet 4A]:

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

His obituary 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).

Children of George A. and Alice M. Poteat
5600. i. Edgar Poteat b. April 1881
5602. iii. Addie L. Poteat b. April 1886
5604. v. Preston C. Poteat b. Feb. 1891

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4697. William Soloman Poteet, son of George A. and Catherine (Barnes) Poteet, was born about 1863 and married Jessie Lee Bishop. 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.

The 1920 census of Spartanburg County, SC, ED 84, sheets 10B and 11A, shows:

- William S. Poteat 58, head, b. NC, father b. NC, mother b. SC
- Jessie L. 53, wife
- Alexander 25, son
- Lyman C. 10, son

Children of William Soloman and Jessie Lee (Bishop) Poteet

5749. i. Frank Poteat b. Sept. 1886
5750. ii. George Poteat m. Lucy Mae Sain
5751. iii. A. Maud Poteat b. Jan. 1891
5753. v. Willliam 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, John H. Poteet, b. 1864, was Ray’s mother’s brother. The family of John H. Poteet, 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.

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

The 1920 census of Spartanburg County, Ward 5 of Spartanburg, ED 117, Sheet 6A, shows:

- John H. Poteat 55, head, b. NC

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307 Poteat, Arnold Ray, letter to Dan W. Olds, 10 Nov. 1983, with pedigree chart.
308 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)
309 Poteat, Arnold Ray, letter to Dan Olds, 10 Nov. 1983, including pedigree chart.
310 Stephens, Ray B., Chamblee, Georgia, letter to Dan W. Olds, 29 July 1974
311 Marriages from Carolina Spartan Newspaper, 1880-1893, Spartanburg County Library.
Minnie D. 45, wife
Alvin D. 22, son
_____ L. 19, daughter-in-law
Sunie 17, dau.
Curtis W. 15, son
Agnes K. 11, dau
Joan 9, dau
John, Jr. 5, son

His obituary appeared in the Spartanburg Herald of 8 June 1967 as:

“John Henry Poteat, 83, of Spartanburg Route 1, Cherokee Springs, died at 4:30 Saturday morning in General Hospital following a long illness.

“A native of McDowell County, N. C., Mr. Poteat was a son of the late George and Kate Barnes Poteat. He was a member of the Cherokee Springs Baptist Church. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Minne Belcher Poteat; 5 daughters, Mrs. W. G. Bennett of Chesnee Route 2, Mrs. A. Joe Johnson of Cowpens Route 1, Mrs. B. B. Stephens of Gaffney Route 3, Mrs. B. A. Davis, and Miss Kate Poteat, both of Cherokee Springs; 3 sons, H. B. Of Spartanburg Route 1, W. C. of Fairview Heights and J. H. of Chesnee Route 2; one sister, Mrs. Mary Johnson of Spartanburg; 21 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

“Funeral services will be held Sunday at 4 p.m. at the Cherokee Springs Baptist Church, conducted by the Rev. James E. Bryant, the Rev. J. G. Wood, and the Rev. Glenn Felment.

“Pallbearers will be Hugh Johnson, Bobby Johnson, Joe Poteat, Everett Poteat, James Bennett, Raymond Stephens, Tommy Thompson and Harry Berry, all grandsons of the deceased.

“Honorary pallbearers will be Wade Johnson, Walter Brock, James O’Sullivan, Jesse Splawn and Wylie Parriss.

“The body will be taken to the church at 2:30 p. m. to await the service.

“Burial will be held in the Cherokee Springs Cemetery.”

Her obituary appeared in the Spartanburg Herald of 17 Aug 1948 as:

“Mrs. John Henry Poteat, 74, of Spartanburg Route 1, died at 4 a. m. Monday at Mary Black Hospital after an illness of 4 weeks.

“Funeral services will be conducted today at 5 p.m. at Cherokee Springs Baptist Church, of which she was a member. The Rev. James E. Bryan and the Rev. J. G. Wood will officiate assisted by the Rev. Joe Bailey, and burial will be in the church cemetery. Grandsons will be pallbearers.

“The body is at the home of a daughter, Mrs. H. Joe Johnson, near Cowpens. It will be moved to the church at 4 p.m.

“Mrs. Poteat was the widow of John Henry Poteat.

“Surviving are 5 daughters, Mrs. W. G. Bennett of Chesnee Route 2, Mrs. Johnson of Cowpens Route 2, Mrs. B. B. Stephens of Gaffney Route 3, Miss Kate Poteat and Mrs. B. A. Davis of Spartanburg Route 1; 2 sons, W. C. of Spartanburg and J. H. Jr., of Cherokee Springs; 25 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.

“The J. F. Floyd Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.”
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. 1909\(^{312}\)
5759. v. John Henry Poteat, b. ca. 1914\(^{313}\)

4699. Joseph J. Poteat\(^{314}\), 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 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. Mrs. Mary Johnson was a surviving sister of John Henry Poteat, according to his obituary.

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.

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\(^{312}\) added to this list from the obituary of Annie Kate Poteat, Spartanburg Herald-Journal, 19 Nov. 2000

\(^{313}\) 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 aought.

\(^{314}\) 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)
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 ______.315

4708. Rachel Matilda Watkins, daughter of John and Edith Matilda (Poteet) Watkins, was born 29 June 1857 and married Samuel Porter Justice.316

4709. George Watkins, son of John and Edith Matilda (Poteet), was born in 1859 and died in the early 1900s in Farmersville, TX.317

4710. Isaac Henry Watkins, was born in 1860 and married Sally Tallulah Bomar. He died 6 July 1908 in Arizona.318

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

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

4773. Samuel Justice Poteet319, 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 Juy 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.320

Children of Samuel Justice and Salley (Mercer) Poteet

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

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315 Ryan, Mrs. Wm. P., Phoenix, AZ, letter to Dan W. Olds, 10 March 1975
316 Ryan, Mrs. Wm. P., Phoenix, AZ, letter to Dan W. Olds, 10 March 1975
317 Ryan, Mrs. Wm. P., Phoenix, AZ, letter to Dan W. Olds, 10 March 1975
318 Ryan, Mrs. Wm. P., Phoenix, AZ, letter to Dan W. Olds, 10 March 1975
319 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.
320 Cemetery Record Card File, NC Archives, Raleigh, NC.
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, NC.²²¹
   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.²²²

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) Poteat²²³
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, 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

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²²¹ Ost, Amy Caroline, North Palm Beach, FL, letter to Dan W. Olds, 21 April 1974, with pedigree chart.
²²³ 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.
Clara B., 1888 - 19__. She was Clara Green. 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. Poteat 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 86
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 obituary 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) Poteet, 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

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324 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.


326 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.

327 Spartanburg Herald Journal, Jan. 14, 1958, p. 2
to his obituary\textsuperscript{328}, 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 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.

Sallie Redmon Poteat, age 90, died 10 March 2003. She was a native of Boydton, VA, and daughter of the late Mack and Annie Gregory Redmon and widow of the late Zeb Vance Poteat. Among her survivors were the following: Sons and their wives James Norfleet (Shirley) Poteat, Sr., and Warren Talmadge (Charlotte) Poteat; stepdaughters Vernie P. McCarter, Ann Easler and Nan Charles of Spartanburg; grandchildren Dr Amy (husband Danny) Thornton, Angela (husband Jamie) Spears, James N. (wife Tammy) Poteat, Jr., Warren T. (wife Elizabeth) Poteat, II, and Sally Elizabeth Poteat. She was buried at Fairview Baptist Church.\textsuperscript{329}

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

Venie Poteat McCarter

SPARTANBURG, SC-- Venie Poteat McCarter, 97, of 406 Flatwood Road, Spartanburg, SC died Saturday, March 6, 2010 at her home. Born February 22, 1913, in Spartanburg County, she was the daughter of the late Zeb Vance and Nan Kimbrell Poteat and wife of the late Warren Debbs McCarter. She spent her life loving Jesus, her family, and friends. She was a member of Fairview Baptist Church.

Venie was a precious loving Mother and is survived by four daughters, E. Carolyn Horton, Joyce E. McGill and husband Joe, Martha J. Fortner and husband Jack, Miriam B. Morgan and husband Jim all of Spartanburg; a son, Joe Wayne McCarter and wife Ozelle of Spartanburg; a daughter-in-law, Karen McCarter of Spartanburg; a sister, Nan Charles of Spartanburg: two half-brothers, Norfleet Poteat and Talmadge Poteat of Spartanburg; twenty-one grandchildren, June Price (Glen), Joan Droter (Eddie), Jeri Byars (Steve), Jean Ruppe, Rocky McGill (Cindy), Rex McGill (predeceased Nicole), Rodney McGill (Gina), Terri Post (Tom), Jason McCarter (Shannon), Jackie Fortner (Meredith), Mark Fortner (Dawn), Luke Fortner (Allison), John Fortner (Lisa), Harriette Lowe (Jimmy), Kim Bridges, Kelly Wiggins (Nathan), Roger McCarter, Jr., Steven McCarter, Carrie Greer (Glen), Lori Green (Travis), and Daniel McCarter (Lauren); forty great grandchildren; and one great great granddaughter. She was predeceased by a son, Roger Warren McCarter, Sr.; two sons-in law, Lewis A. Horton and Nathan E. Bridges; nine brothers and sisters; two granddaughters, Martha Ann Fortner and infant Rhonda Joyce McGill; and one infant great grandson.

\textsuperscript{328} Spartanburg Herald Journal, 21 June 1971, p. A3
\textsuperscript{329} Spartanburg Herald Journal, 12 March 2003.
Funeral Services will be held at 3:00 p.m. Monday, March 8, 2010 at Floyd's Greenlawn Chapel, conducted by the Rev. Charles Hall, the Rev. John Fortner, and the Rev. Ty Childers. Burial will be in Fairview Baptist Church Cemetery. Grandsons will serve as pallbearers.

The family is at the home.

An online guest register is available at www.floydmortuary.com.

Floyd's Greenlawn Chapel

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

Children of Zebulon Vance and Sallie (Redmon) Poteat

5989. James Norfleet Poteat

5990. Warren Talmadge 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.”

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

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


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

4922. Robert Alexander Poteet, son of John William and Carry (Garrison) Poteet, was born 9 March


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

332 Burnett, Doris Poteet, Madison Heights, Michigan, family group sheet on file with the Family History Library, Salt Lake City.
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. 1927. He mentioned his wife Molly Poteat and children Nettie Stancy, Gertrude Mull, Bessico Moses, Minnie Branch, John Poteat, Daniel [I 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) Poteet

5991. i. Minnie Robert Poteet, b. 18 March 1877
5992. ii. John William Poteet, b. 6 Jan. 1879, d. 11 Jan. 1958
5993. iii. David Jones Poteet, b. 30 Dec. 1880
5994. iv. Markus Felix Poteet, b. 16 Dec. 1882, d. 15 July 1936
5995. v. Bartie Bertsie Poteet, b. 17 Feb. 1885, d. 26 Dec. 1906
5996. vi. Mamie Jeanette Poteet, b. 18 Feb. 1887
5997. vii. Gertrude Poteet, b. 26 Aug. 1889
5998. viii. Bescoe Poteet, b. 20 March 1892
5999. ix. Beulah Poteet, b. 31 Oct. 1894, d. 19 Oct. 1918
5999A. 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”.

5051. John Henry Poteat, son of Samuel Alexander and Matilda (Dale) Poteat, was born ca. 1859. Kelly Poteat 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

333 Burke County wills, Morganton, NC, abstracted 28 July 1962.
334 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.
336 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.
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. There were three brothers, Kelly, Hogue, and Dent. Mary Poteat at Duke University was their cousin.

Children of John Henry and Lila Elmira (Carpenter) Poteat

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]. Laura B. Poteet, daughter of Matilda Poteet, age 22, married James B. Wallace on 12 July 1885.


5054. Laura Poteet, daughter of Samuel Alexander and Matilda (Dale) Poteat, was born ca. 1864 [? per 1870 census]. Laura B. Poteet, daughter of Matilda Poteet, age 22, married James B. Wallace on 12 July 1885.

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 have used the name William here only from the 1860 census listing. I have not located him in 1870. In later records, he is Don R. Camp. I believe these two are the same person but would welcome more proof.

“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.”

“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.”

The 1880 census of Rutherford County, NC, does include:

- Don R. Camp   age 22, b. NC
- Marenar Camp   age 18, b. NC
- Matilda Camp, age 19, sister, b. NC

In 1900, the family appears in the census of Union Township, Marion County, Arkansas.

- Don R. Camp, head, b. Mar. 1856, age 44, m. 10 years, b. NC, parents b. NC
- Martha E. Camp, wife, b. Oct. 1874, age 28, m. 10 years, 4 children, 4 living, b. Ark, p. b. NC
- William J. Camp, son, b. May 1883 in Missouri, age 17
- James A. Camp, son, b. Dec. 1891, in Ark., age 8
- Tiney (?) Belle Camp, dau., b. Dec. 1893, in Ark., age 6
- Richard L. Camp, son, b. July 1896, in Ark., age 3
- David F. Camp, son, b. Nov. 1898 in Ark., age 1

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. 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. 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 what he said.”

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347 McDowell Co. marriage records.
348 tombstones copied 14 Sept. 1974
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.350

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 Henley was Henry Poteet’s 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 Finley John loved the Poteets he gave me a collie dog when my children was small”351

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.352

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.353 Herny 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.354

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

351 Smith, H. D., letter to Dan W. Olds, undated
352 McDowell Co., NC, marriage records.
353 McDowell Co. marriage records
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. Joseph A. and Mittie J. Poteet are buried in the Glenwood Cemetery, south of Marion. Mrs. Adams\textsuperscript{356} 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 Poteet\textsuperscript{57}
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.\textsuperscript{358} 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.\textsuperscript{359}

5253. Adolphus Pinkney Poteet was born 9 May 1875 and died 23 Aug. 1965.\textsuperscript{360} A. P. Poteat, age 34, married Effie Gardin, age 24, on 19 May 1909.\textsuperscript{361} 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.\textsuperscript{362}

5260. Crayton A. Poteet, son of Joseph A. and Sarah Elizabeth (Bright) Poteet, was born 16 Feb. 1870 and died 13 Dec. 1948.\textsuperscript{363}

5261. Rufus A. Poteet, son of Joseph A. and Sarah Elizabeth (Bright) Poteet, was born 20 Feb. 1872 and died 9 July 1963.\textsuperscript{364} He married Nancy Jane Baker.\textsuperscript{365} Nancy Jane Baker Poteet (11 Feb. 1883 - 16 March

\textsuperscript{355} McDowell County Marriage Records, Marion, NC.
\textsuperscript{356} Nellie D. Adams, These my People (1973, Lenoir, NC).
\textsuperscript{357} 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.
\textsuperscript{358} McDowell County Death Records, Marion, NC.
\textsuperscript{359} Williams, Edward P., McDowell County North Carolina Marriages, 1894-1912 (April 1996).
\textsuperscript{360} McDowell County Death Index, for Book 46 p. 351.
\textsuperscript{361} McDowell County Marriage Records, Marion, NC.
\textsuperscript{363} Burke County Genealogical Society, Cemeteries of Burke County, Volume I (Morganton, NC, 1995). Denton’s Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery.
\textsuperscript{364} 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)
\textsuperscript{365} Information from Charles Poteet, Poteet Reunion, 7 Oct. 2001.
Laura Poteet, daughter of Joseph A. and Sarah (Bright) Poteet, was born about 1874. Laura Etta Baker, daughter of Joseph Poteat and Sarah Bright (both of McDowell County), born 15 Feb. 1874, died as a widow on 8 Nov 1919 in Burke County and was buried at Denton’s Chapel. Laura Poteet married S(?) E. Baker on 9 Aug. 1903. Laura Baker (16 Jan. 1874 - 11 Nov. 1919) and S. E. Baker (15 Nov. 1842 - 19 Jan. 1910) are buried at Denton’s Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery.

Joseph W. Poteet, son of Joseph A. Poteet and Sarah Elizabeth (Bright) Poteet, was born 1 Jan. 1877 and died 20 April 1942. The McDowell County 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 Poteet, d. 5 Feb. 1967, age 82. Her death record at Marion says she was a daughter of Joseph Conner. On 11 Aug. 1895, J. W., son of J. E. and Sarah Poteet, married B. E. Conner, daughter of Joe and Jane Conner.

Children of Joseph W. Poteet

Charles Spencer Poteet
Rufus Alfred Poteet
Fred Poteet
Dora Poteet m. a Williams.

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

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

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

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

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

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5266. Burke County Genealogical Society, Cemeteries of Burke County, Volume 1 (Morganton, NC, 1995)
5267. Burke County Genealogical Society, Death Records of Burke County, North Carolina, Volume I (Morganton, 1988).
5268. Burke County Genealogical Society, Index to Marriage Registers, 1867-1908, Burke County, North Carolina (Morganton, 1990, 2nd printing 1993)
5269. Burke County Genealogical Society, Cemeteries of Burke County, Volume 1 (Morganton, NC, 1995)
5273. The names of these children were added in conversation with Charles Poteet at the Poteet Reunion, 7 Oct. 2001.
5274. Minnie O. Lawing, daughter of Albert and Georgia Ann (Poteet) Lawing, was born about 1879.

5300. Mark Albert Poteat, was born 15 June 1867 (68 or 69). He died 11 Jan. 1944. His marriage is recorded in his father's Bible as Albert Poteet m. Miss Emma Hall, 16 Feb. 1898. 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.

Children of Mark Albert Poteat

6199. Kinney Lawrence Poteat, b. 10 Feb. 1901

6200. Reuben Poteat, b. 28 April 1905

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. The McDowell County record shows R. L. Poteet, age 20, married N. E. Morgan, age 20, 2/18/1894. He was the son of M. B. and Mary Poteet and she was the daughter of Tobe and A. Morgan. 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).

The 1900 census shows

Poteet, Lee, head, b. Mar 1872, age 28 (?), m. 6 years, b. NC, father b. NC, mother b. Va.

, Miner, wife, b. Mar 1874, age 26, m. 6 years, 3 children, 3 living, b. NC, parents b. NC

, Arthur, son, b. May 895, age 5

, Horrace, son, b. June 1897, age 2

, Edgar, son, b. June 1899, age 11/12

The 1910 census, Montford Cove, McDowell Co., NC, lists, as servants in the home of Thomas Parks:

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374 Mark Albert Poteat, son of Mark Poteat, d. 11 Jan. 1944, McDowell County Death Records, Marion, NC, book 11 Jan. 1944 (from the index).
375 Also McDowell County Marriage Records, Marion, NC. E. E. Hall, age 25, and M. A. Poteet, age 28, married 16 Feb. 1898.
379 Williams, Edward P., McDowell County North Carolina Marriages, 1870-1894 (April 1995), p. 43. The ages are given in the index at the court house in Marion.
380 Tombstone copied 31 Aug. 1974
381 US Census, 1900, North Carolina, McDowell County, Marion township excluding Marion town, 5 July 1900, S.D. 8, E. D. 119, sheet 23, line 57

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Mina Poteet, age 35, widow, m. 14 yr., 3 children, 3 living
Arthur Poteet, age 13
Horace Poteet, age, 12
Edgar Poteet, age 10

In the 1920 census, Glenwood, McDowell Co., NC:383

Bird, Mills H., age 71,
, Elminer N., wife, 46
, Bin B., son, 24
, Cora E., daughter, 20

The listing for 1930 is:384

Byrd, Mills H., age 81, first married at age 23
Mina, wife, age 57, first married at age 21

Children of Richard L. and N. Elmina (Morgan) Poteet

6205. Arthur Lee Poteet, b. May 1895
6206. Horace Poteet, b. June 1897
6207. Edgar Poteet, b. June 1899

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.385

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

384 US Census, 1930, McDowell County, North Carolina, Glenwood Township.
5309. Bruce Bailey Poteat, was born 12 March 1887 and died 18 April 1958\textsuperscript{386}, 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).\textsuperscript{387} B. B. Poteat, age 21, and Tina Pyatt, age 17, were married 25 July 1909.\textsuperscript{388} He had a child L. D. Poteat, who was born 18 April 1918\textsuperscript{389} and died 19 Feb. 1939\textsuperscript{390}. 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 born 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 1913\textsuperscript{391} 

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.

5311. Henrietta Poteat, daughter of Marcus Brittain and Mary Poteat, was b. 9 Sept. 1891\textsuperscript{392}

5320. Frank Bela Poteat was born 2 July 1888 at Bakersville, NC\textsuperscript{393}. 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 Jonesborough, 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 the maple Lawn Cemetery at Jonesborough, 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

\textsuperscript{386} Bailey Bruce Poteat, son of Marcus Poteat, died 18 Nov. 1958, McDowell County Death Records, Book 43 p. 237 (from the index)


\textsuperscript{388} McDowell County Marriage Records, Marion, NC.


\textsuperscript{390} Death Records, McDowell Co., NC, Book 26, p. 94 (from the index) which lists the father as Bailey Bruce Poteet.

\textsuperscript{391} 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.

\textsuperscript{392} Henrietta Poteat, daughter of “Markus Brittain” Poteat, born 9 Sept. 1891, McDowell Co., NC, Delayed Birth Certificates, a CD-ROM copyrighted by Norman J. Davis.

\textsuperscript{393} 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.
great-great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-great grandchild.\textsuperscript{394} She was born 7 Oct. 1898\textsuperscript{395} near Jonesborough.

The family is listed in the 15\textsuperscript{th} 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 Bellew 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 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.

\textsuperscript{395} her tombstone, Maple Lawn Cemetery, Jonesborough, TN, copied 19 Aug. 1989
“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 into the stall and the horse had other ideas. Ed got a whip and gave the horse a couple of lashes. The horse rared 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.396

“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 1921397
6304.  v.  Rebecca Jane Poteat Living


396 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.
397 Becky Sims changed this date to 21 April 1921 on one of my printouts.
398 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.
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
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
6312. vii. Edgar Milton Poteat, b. 4 Feb. 1933, d. 24 July 1982
6313. vii. Kenneth Martin Poteat, b. 3 Aug. 1935

5322. Florence Poteat\(^{399}\) was born 3 Feb. 1903 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. Florence is buried at Snow Hill in Mitchell County, NC.

Children of Robert B. and Florence (Poteat) Phillips

6315. i. Anna Catherine Phillips, b. 19 Feb. 1931, d. 17 March 1937
6316. ii. Bobby Emerson\(^{401}\) Phillips Living
6317. iii. Theodicia\(^{402}\) Marie Phillips Living

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.\(^{403} 404\) 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

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\(^{399}\) Phillips, Robert B., a family information form filled out for Dan W. Olds, Nov. 1972.

\(^{400}\) Poteat, Kenneth M., Jan. 4, 1989, letter to Dan W. Olds

\(^{401}\) Middle name added to one of my printouts by Becky Sims.

\(^{402}\) First name added to one of my printouts by Becky Sims

\(^{403}\) sent by Millie Kanipe, Old Fort, NC, in 1972 from the Walter Smith family Bible.

\(^{404}\) 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.

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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).^405

Children of Henry David and “Sibbie” (Turner) Smith^406

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.^407 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.^408 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.^409 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.^410

5328. Sally Caroline Smith was born 1 Nov. 1882 and died 26 March 1940. She is buried at Bethlehem Cemetery, 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.^411

Children of Alonzo W. and Sally C. (Smith) Parker

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^406 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.
^407 sent by Millie Kanipe, 1972; dates from the Walter Smith family Bible.
^408 sent by Millie Kanipe, Old Fort, NC, from the Walter Smith family Bible.
^409 Williams, Edward P., McDowell County North Carolina Marriages, 1894 - 1912 (April 1996)
^411 sent by Millie Kanipe, Old Fort, NC, from the Walter Smith family Bible.
Janie Parker m. _____ Faw

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.  

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. John S. Duncan (1868 - 1926) and Annie P. Duncan (1873 - 1916) are buried in the Oak Grove Cemetery, Marion, NC.

Children of J. S. and Annie (Poteat) Duncan

William Duncan
Bert Duncan
Frank Charlie Duncan
Rosa Duncan m. a Huffman
Sarah Duncan
Martha Duncan m. an Evans

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.

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 Poteet, and Albert Bledsoe were married 20 Jan. 1895.

Children of Albert and Lula (Poteat) Bledsoe

Walter Bledsoe
Hessie Bledsoe d. Dec. 1970?; m. a Proctor

John William Poteat had the following children, according to a letter from Clyde Poteat, ca. 1972.

Children of John William Poteat

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412 sent by Millie Kanipe, Old Fort, NC in 1972. Dates are from the Walter Smith family Bible.
413 McDowell Co. marriage records
415 McDowell Co. marriage records
William Ernest Poteat, b. 1909, d. 1963
Daniel Lee Poteat, b. 1911
Arthur Henry Poteat, b. 1914
James Clifton Poteat, b. 1916, d. 1917
Walter Clyde Poteat, b. 1917
Lloyd Edmond Poteat,

Nora Poteat; her second marriage was to a Sizum.  

Quince Poteat

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.

John H. Poteat, son of Joseph N. and Anna (Corpening) Poteat, was born 16 May 1884 and died 26 March 1938. He married Cordia Gardin on 15 Jan. 1910 when he was 25 and she was 18. 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.

Annie Poteat

Franklin Allie Poteat, was born 15 March 1880 and died 7 April 1949. F. A. Poteet, son of Thos. and Jennie Poteet, married Ella Mackey, daughter of Jasper and Mary Mackey, on 20 Jan. 1896. He is buried at the Pleasant Hill Methodist Church Cemetery south of Marion, NC. From another

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417 His death record is at Marion, NC, Book 4 p. 102. I’ve seen it only in the index.
418 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.
419 Mrs. Bruce Poteat, during my June, 1972, visit
420 McDowell County, NC, Delayed Birth Certificates, a CD-ROM copyrighted by Norman J. Davis, 2000.
421 The record in the index to deaths, McDowell County, NC, shows John H. Poteat, son of Joseph N. Poteat, d. 26 March 1938.
422 McDowell Co. Marriage Index
424 “Allie” Poteat, son of Tom Poteat, had a son who had a trucking company (Mrs. Bruce Poteat, conversation at her home, 26 June 1972)
425 Franklin Allie Poteat, son of Thomas Poteat, died 7 April 1949, McDowell County Death Records, Marion, NC, Book 36 p. 37 (from the index)
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tombstone there, his wife may be identified as Minnie J. Poteat, 12 Oct 1886 - 18 June 1969.\textsuperscript{427} F. A. Poteat, age 24, married Minnie Jarrett, age 18, on 27 April 1904.\textsuperscript{428}

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. 1897 and died 16 Aug. 1979. They are both buried at Bakersville Memorial Cemetery.\textsuperscript{429}

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.\textsuperscript{430} His obituary\textsuperscript{431} 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

6481. ii. Laurence E. Poteat

5356. Robert Henry Poteat, son of William Grayson and Harriette Matilda (Greene) Poteat, was born 24 April 1901\textsuperscript{432} 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 (Greene) Poteat’s sister Lucy (Greene) and Lawrence Dewitt Green. Evelyn is buried in Garden of Memories Cemetery, Tampa, FL.\textsuperscript{433}

Children of Robert Henry and Evelyn Freeman (Poteat)

6482. i. June Marguerite Poteat


\textsuperscript{428} McDowell County Marriage Records, Marion, NC.

\textsuperscript{429} 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”.

\textsuperscript{430} Asheville Citizen Times, Sunday, Aug. 19, 1962, page 10B

\textsuperscript{431} Asheville Citizen & Times, Saturday, 21 April 1979

\textsuperscript{432} My Feb. 1999 note from his tombstone in the Bakersville, NC, cemetery lists his dates as Apr. 25, 1901 - 27 Aug. 1964.

6483. ii. Bobbie Louise Poteat, b. 20 March 1927, d. 30 Oct. 1977
6484. iii. Carolyn E. Poteat
6485. iv. Robert Lynn Poteat

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.

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. 1970) who is buried in the Greene-Young Cemetery near Bakersville, NC.

[The information on the families of the children of Posey Poteat [5370-5391] is from Dorothy Poteat unless otherwise noted.]

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 Agusta 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
6494. ix. Cephas Agusta Proctor

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. Harriett Poteat Huffman (Feb. 25, 1884 - Dec. 27, 1959) is buried in Oak Grove Cemetery, Marion, N. C.

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Edward Huffman (July 3, 1878 - July 22, 1954) is also buried there.\textsuperscript{438}

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

6504. x. Myrtle Fay Huffman

5372. Dora Elizabeth Poteat, daughter of George Posey and Mary (Kaylor) Poteet, was born 5 July 1887 and died 15 Jan. 1926. She married Franklin Monroe Taylor (31 July 1880 - 15 Sep. 1935). Dora? Poteet and Frank “Tayler” were married 24 Aug. 1902.\textsuperscript{439}

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

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.\textsuperscript{440} 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

6522. iii. Joe Seaph Poteat

\textsuperscript{438} \texttt{Www.findagrave.com}, including a photo of the marker. Used 4 Sep. 2012,

\textsuperscript{439} Burke County Genealogical Society, Index to Marriage Registers, 1867-1908, Burke County, North Carolina (Morganton, 1990, 2nd printing 1993)

\textsuperscript{440} He was age 27 and she was 24 per McDowell County Marriage Records, Marion, NC.
5374. Thomas Edgar Poteat, son of George Posey and Mary (Kaylor) Poteat, was born 2 Aug. 1889441 and died 14 Sept. 1949442. He married Lula Mae Reel (8 Nov. 1890 - 8 March 1955443) on 20 Dec. 1908. They and their son Herman H444 are buried in the Glenwood Cemetery near Marion, NC.445

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


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. 1939447. He is buried in the Oak Grove Cemetery, Marion, NC.448 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
6531. ii. Billy Donald Poteat

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
6534. iii. Mary Mildred Randolph

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441 Thomas Edgar Poteat, son of Posy Poteat, b. 2 Aug. 1889, is listed in McDowell Co., NC, Delayed Birth Certificates, a CD-ROM copyrighted by Norman J. Davis.
442 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).
443 Lula Mae Reel Poteat, daughter of Creighton Moore, d. 8 March 1955, McDowell County Death records, book 42 p. 354 (from the index)
444 Herman Harold Poteat, son of Thomas E., died 18 Oct. 1969, McDowell County Marriage Records, Book 48 p. 353 (from the index)
445 The dates were on the tombstones when I visited there, 5 Aug. 1971
446 James L. Poteat, son of George Posy Poteat, was born 27 April 1891 according to McDowell Co., NC, Delayed Birth Certificates, a CD-ROM copyrighted by Norman J. Davis
447 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.
448 tombstone copied 31 Aug. 1874.
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.\(^449\)

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
6537. iii. Rachel Pauline Poteat, b. 12 April 1921, d. 30 Dec. 1985
6538. iv. Virginia Pearle Poteat
6539. v. Calvin Wayne Poteat
6540. vi. Johnie Junious Poteat
6541. vii. Dora Sue Poteat
6542. viii. Sarah Margaret Poteat
6543. ix. Joyce Mavis Poteat
6544. x. Clarence Julious Poteat
6545. xi. Jenne Ree Poteat


Children of Albert Posey and Birdie Lee (Richardson) Poteat

6646. i. Lois Virginia Poteat

5380. Charlie Everet Poteat, son of George Posey and Mary (Kay lor) Poteat, was born 21 March 1898. On 3 Oct. 1918, he married Minnie Etter Holland (26 Nov. 1901 --).

Children of Charlie Everet and Mary (Kay lor) Poteat

6547. i. Mildred Irene Poteat
6548. ii. James Luther Potea
6549. iii. Lucille Janet Poteat, b. 1 Aug. 1925, d. 2 May 1988
6550. iv. Mary Olive Poteay
6551. v. Eula Mae Margaret Poteat
6552. vi. Roy Daniel Poteat
6553. vii. Charles Edward Poteat
6554. viii. Joseph Roger Poteat

\(^{449}\) According to McDowell County Marriage Records, Marion, NC, he was age 21 and she was 19.
\(^{450}\) 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

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6555. ix. Olen Dean Poteat
6556. x. Donald Kelly Poteat
6557. xi. Thelma Karene Poteat


Children of Joe Seaphus and Minnie Pearl (McGalliard) Poteat

6558. i. Wilma Jean Poteat
6559. ii. Arrena Ann Poteat
6560. iii. Hazel Pearl Poteat
6561. iv. Joe Seaphus Poteat, Jr.
6562. v. Sarah Nell Poteat

5382. An unnamed infant son of George Posey and Mary (Kaylor) Poteat was born and died on 9 Dec. 1901.


Children of John Morphew and Jennie Lee (Hill) Poteat

6563. i. Paul Moray (Ray) Poteat
6564. ii. William Morphew Poteat
6565. iii. Milledge Reed (Mickey) Poteat

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

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451 J. S. Poteat was age 21 and Daisy Hill was age 19 according to the marriage record, McDowell County, Marion, NC.
452 McDowell County Death Records, Book 46 p. 352, from the index.

Children of George Posey, Jr., and Virgie (Biggerstaff) Poteat
6567.  i.  George Michael (Mike) Poteat
6568.  ii.  Gary Neal Poteat

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


Children of John Sam and Annie Laura (Poteat) Duncan
6570.  i.  George William Duncan
6571.  ii.  John Allan Duncan, b. 20 Feb. 1943, d. 11 March 1989
6572.  iii.  Elizabeth Ann Duncan


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
6575.  iii.  James Albert Condrey
6576.  iv.  Gloria Jean Condrey
6577.  v.  Randall Nelson Condrey

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.


Children of Dallas David and Swannie Jo (Poteat) Owens
6578.  
i.  Dallas David Owens
6579.  
ii.  Joe Howard Owens
6580.  
iii. Eleanor Ray Owens
6581.  
iv.  Sherry Ann Owens


Children of Walter and Betty Jean (Poteat) Boring

6582.  
i.  Raymond Boring, (adopted)

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[?]

5408.  Maggie Franklin, b. 1883, SC. Maggie married Ben Frasier and Mandy married his brother, Jim

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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.”

Children of Robert Walter Franklin

6650. i. Harold Franklin
6651. ii. Floyd Franklin
6652. iii. Linda Franklin

5410. Sally Franklin


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

453 Green, Linda (Franklin), Ruston, LA, letter to Dan W. Olds, 6 Aug. 1896.
454 Green, Linda (Franklin), Ruston, LA, letter to Dan W. Olds, 18 July 1986.
455 Green, Linda (Franklin), Ruston, LA, letter to Dan W. Olds, 6 Aug. 1896.
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.  

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.  

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.  

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 1901. 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.  

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456 Mullinax, Mrs. Nellie (Smith), Granite Falls, NC. letter to Dan W. Olds, 18 April 1974.  
457 Mullinax, Mrs. Nellie (Smith), Granite Falls, NC. letter to Dan W. Olds, 18 April 1974.  
458 Mullinax, Mrs. Nellie (Smith), Granite Falls, NC. letter to Dan W. Olds, 18 April 1974.  
5445. Gertie Mary Ann Drum m. James Killian (or Jones Cleveland Killian)

5446. Rena Drum m. John Setzer

5447. Reuben Paul Drum 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 (5455 - 5543) of Sidney E. Poteat is taken from Mrs. Adams’ work unless otherwise noted.]

5455. Addy Poteet, daughter of Elam Haywood and Mary Elizabeth (Hawkins) Poteet, was born ca. 1869. 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

5456. Will Poteet, son of Elam Haywood and Mary Elizabeth (Hawkins) Poteet, was born ca. 1872. He lived in Texas.

   Children of Will Poteet
   6690. i. Haywood Poteet

5457. Ceily Poteet, daughter of Elam Haywood and Mary Elizabeth (Hawkins) Poteet, was born ca.

\[\text{\textsuperscript{460}}\text{The more complete names for both members of this couple are from “Great-Grandmother”, a query posted 3 May 2000 by Lucy Jane Killian on http://genconnect.rootsweb.com/genbbs.cgi/USA/NC/Catawba.}\]
\[\text{\textsuperscript{461}}\text{It was from him that Mrs. Mullinax obtained the Drum data.}\]
\[\text{\textsuperscript{462}}\text{Adams, Nellie D., These, My People (Lenoir, NC, 1973).}\]
\[\text{\textsuperscript{463}}\text{Birth date estimated from the 1880 census of Burke Co., NC.}\]
\[\text{\textsuperscript{464}}\text{Birth date estimated from the 1880 census of Burke Co., NC.}\]
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.

Children of Fate and Ceily (Poteet) Kisler

- i. Aughtman Kisler
- ii. Broadus Kisler
- iii. Ludiera Kisler
- iv. Mae Kisler
- v. Eddie Kisler
- vi. Rosa Lee Kisler


Children of Wiley and Phenia (Brittain) Poteet

- i. Jinnia Poteet m. Clarence Denton
- ii. Williard Poteet m. May Brittain
- iii. Winston Poteet m. Azalea Digh
- iv. Howard Poteet m. Fay Bradshaw
- v. Conly Poteet m. Ellen Carswell
- vi. Monion Poteet m. Josephine Berry
- vii. Johnsie Poteet m. (1) ____ Tweed and (2) Ray Swink

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. 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.

Children of Frank and Maggie (Poteet) Denton

- i. Frank Coy Denton m. Louise Chapman
- ii. Jethro Denton m. Louise Chapman

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465 birth date estimated from the 1880 censims of Burke Co., NC
466 Burke County Genealogical Society, Death Records of Burke County, North Carolina, Volume I (Morganton, 1988).
467 REF?? tombstone??
468 A Howard W. Poteet (25 Aug. 1934 - 4 Feb. 1935) and a Faye B. Pocate (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)
469 Burke County Genealogical Society, Index to Marriage Registers, 1867-1908, Burke County, North Carolina (Morganton, NC, 1990, 2nd printing 1993)
470 Burke County Genealogical Society, Cemeteries of Burke County, Vol. II (Morganton, NC)
iii. Forest Denton m. Annie Thacker
iv. Flossie Denton m. Ernest Crawley
v. Callie Denton m. Claude Parlier
vi. Charles Denton m. Barbara Woods
vii. Fred Denton m. Annie Lee Mace
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.471

ix. Clarence Denton m. Jinnia Poteet

5460. 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.472

Children of Sim and Mae (Poteet) Brittain

i. Roy Brittain m. Pearl Brittain

5461. Fred J. Poteet, son of Elam Haywood and Mary Elizabeth (Hawkins) Poteet, married Emily Smith.

Children of Fred J. and Emily (Smith) Poteet

i. Leon Poteet m. Mary Denton
ii. Geneva Poteet m (1) Whisnant and (2) McCurry
iii. Jesse Poteet m. Beulah Patton
iv. Fred Poteet, Jr., m. Phyllis Adcock
v. Ervin Poteet m. Jane Norman
vi. Nollie Poteet m. Gladys McCurry
vii. Sadie Poteet m (1) _____Ross and (2) Guy Cagle
viii. Hester Poteet m. Tellis Carswell
ix. Beatrice Poteet m. Thomas Hull
x. Nell Poteet m. Vester Ross
xi. Dorothy Poteet m. Justus Poteet
xii. Dorothy Poteet m. Justus Poteet

5462. Thomas Tetlow Poteet, son of Elam Haywood and Mary Elizabeth (Hawkins) Poteet, was born 19 June 1886 and died 22 Feb. 1962. He married Minnie Butler who was born 27 Aug. 1887 and died 10

Feb. 1920.\textsuperscript{473}

Children of Thomas Tetlow and Minnie (Butler) Poteet\textsuperscript{474}

6700.045. i. T. J. Poteet
6700.046. ii. F. D. Poteet
6700.047. iii. Betty Poteet
6700.048. iv. Vera Poteet
6700.049. v. Lucy Poteet
6700.050. vi. Nora (Dora?) Poteet

5463. Brittain Hawkins [or Harrison] Poteet, son of Elam Haywood Poteet, was born 24 Oct. 1889\textsuperscript{475}. 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”\textsuperscript{476}.

Children of Brittain Hawkins and Louise [Hoyle] Poteet

6700.051. i. Marie Poteet m. Tellis Smith
6700.052. ii. Gertrude Poteet m. Home Dale
6700.053. iii. Hazel Poteet m. Leonard Prewitt
6700.054. iv. Artie Poteet m. James Johnson
6700.055 v. Betty Poteet m. Vestal Garwood

5464. Mary Etta Poteet, daughter of Elam Haywood and Bessie Poteet, married John Wehunt.

Children of John and Mary Etta (Poteet) Wehunt

6700.060. i. Doris Ann Wehunt m. Carl Morrison
6700.061. ii. Mildred Novella Wehunt m. John Henry
6700.062. iii. Johnny Wehunt
6700.063. iv. Judy Marie Wehunt m. Larry White

5465. Virginia Poteet, daughter of Elam Haywood and Bessie Poteet, married (1) Ben Watson and (2) _____ Fendley. Her obituary appeared in the 16 Jan 2010 issue of the Spartanburg [S.C.] Herald Journal as follows:

Virginia Haywood Poteat Fendley

\textsuperscript{473} I copied their dates from tombstones at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, south of Morganton, NC, 31 Aug. 1974.
\textsuperscript{474} 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 Poteat (Book 5 p12) [Burke County Death Records, Marion, NC]
\textsuperscript{475} tombstone with no death date, copied 31 Aug. 1974, Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, south of Morganton, NC.
\textsuperscript{476} tombstone copied 31 Aug. 1974, Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, south of Morganton, NC.
MORGANTON, NC-- Virginia Haywood Poteat Fendley, 82, of Autumn Care of Drexel, died Thursday, January 14, 2010 at Autumn Care. Born in Burke County, NC on October 17, 1927, she was a daughter of the late E. Haywood Poteat and Bessie Lee Cole Poteat. Virginia was an avid flower gardener and cook who loved to cater for her family and for special events. Her creativity served her well in all of her endeavors. She had lived in many different places and had traveled extensively, but the North Carolina mountains were always her home. She attended Snow Hill United Methodist Church. In addition to her parents, Virginia was preceded in death by a sister, Mary Etta Wehunt; and a step-brother, Carl Poteat. Surviving are her daughters and their husbands, Mary Sue Watson Fields and Frank of Morganton, and Virginia Michel and Paul of Spring, TX; a son, Stephen Fendley of Columbus, OH; a sister, Marguerite Poteat Mordan of El Paso, TX; her beloved nieces, Doris Wehunt Morrison, Mildred Wehunt Henry, and Judy Wehunt White; and a nephew, Johnny Wehunt.

The funeral will be held at 2:00 PM, Saturday, January 16, 2009 in the Colonial Chapel of Sossoman Funeral Home with Chaplain Ted Swann officiating. Following the service, the family will gather and receive friends at the home of Doris Wehunt Morrison, 107 Circle Court, Morganton.

Memorial gifts may be made to Burke Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc., 1721 Enon Road, Valdese, NC 28690.

Online condolences may be made at www.sossomanfuneralservice.com.

Children of Ben and Virginia (Poteet) Watson
6700.065.  i.  Mary Sue Watson

Children of _____ and Virginia (Poteet) Fendley
6700.066.  i.  Virginia Fendley
6700.067.  ii.  Stephen Fendley

5466. Mary Jane Denton, daughter of John Marshall and Temperance Elizabeth (Poteet) Denton, was born 19 Feb 1869 in Burke County, NC. On 25 Nov 1888 in Burke County, she married her first cousin, William A. Denton (son of Joseph Albertus and Barbara Adeline (Mull) Denton), who was born on 2 April 1868 in Burke County, NC, and died by suicide in Gaffney, SC, on 29 May 1915. Mary Jane died 30 Aug. 1902 in Burke County. She and her husband are buried at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Burke County.

Children of William A. and Mary Jane (Denton) Denton
6700.100  i.  Tessie C. Denton, b. 23 Feb. 1890 in Burke County, NC
6700.101  ii.  John A. Denton, b. 10 May 1892 in Burke County, NC
6700.102  iii.  Lula Mae Denton, b. 20 Jan. 1895 in Shelby County, NC
6700.103  iv.  Frank A. Denton, b. 7 July 1897
6700.104  v.  Sidney Ervin Denton, b. 25 Aug. 1901

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6700.105  vi. Mary Denton

5467. Sidney Lafayette “Fate” Denton⁴⁷⁹, son of John Marshall and Temperance Elizabeth (Poteet) Denton, was born 9 Sep 1871 in Burke County, NC. He died 11 Apr 1939 in Enola Community, Burke County, NC, and is buried at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Burke County. He married Sallie Adeline Brittain on 4 Mar 1894 in Burke County. She was born 27 Apr 1873 in Burke County and died there on 30 June 1911. Fate married Emily Smith on 14 Jul 1912.

Children of Sidney Lafayette and Sallie Adeline (Brittain) Denton

6700.110  i.  Bertha Irene Denton, b. 17 July 1894
6700.111  ii.  Una Belle Denton, b. 18 Aug. 1896 in Burke County, NC
6700.112  iii.  Ethel Marie Denton, b. 17 Oct. 1898
6700.113  iv.  Marshall Glen Avery Denton, b. 13 Sep 1901, d. 9 Aug 1914
6700.114  v.  Carter Wilson Denton, b. 21 Jun 1904
6700.115  vi.  Beulah Estelle Denton, b. 12 Feb. 1906
6700.116  vii.  Tempa Olive Denton, b. 6 Jan 1909

5468. Frank Edwin Denton⁴⁸⁰, son of John Marshall and Temperance Elizabeth (Poteet) Denton, married his cousin, Maggie Lola Poteet on 22 May 1895. Frank was born 29 April 1874 in Burke County, NC. He died 29 Apr 1938 and is buried at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church Cemetery in Burke County. See their family at number 5459. Maggie, the daughter of Elam Haywood and Mary Elizabeth (Hawkins) Poteet, was born 2 Feb 1876 and died 29 Sep 1952. She is also buried at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church Cemetery.

5469. Charley P. Denton⁴⁸¹, son of John Marshall and Temperance Elizabeth (Poteet) Denton, was born 23 Jan. 1877 in Burke County, NC. He married Eva Smith who was born 3 Jun 1878 and died 27 Aug. 1963.

Children of Charley P. and Eva (Smith) Denton

6700.130  i.  Roy Vernon Denton
6700.131  ii.  Carl Conley Denton, b. 20 Apr 1900
6700.132  iii.  Essie Pearl Denton, b. 1 Jul 1907
6700.133  iv.  Vera A. Denton, b. 19 Mar 1909

⁴⁸⁰ Data abstracted from Adams, Nellie D., Poteet Kindred, (Morganton, NC, 2001), p. 72ff. She lists much more detail.
⁴⁸¹ Data abstracted from Adams, Nellie D., Poteet Kindred, (Morganton, NC, 2001), p. 74ff. She lists much more detail.
5470. Zula Mildred Theodosia Denton\textsuperscript{482}, daughter of John Marshall and Temperance Elizabeth (Poteet) Denton, was born 28 Sep 1879 and died 6 Mar 1918. She married Frances E. Cook on 26 Jun 1896. He was born 12 Aug 1868. He died 16 Apr 1918. Both died in the flu epidemic of that year. Zula M. Cook, daughter of John M. and Tempy L. Denton was born 28 Sept. 1879 in NC and died 18 March 1918.\textsuperscript{483} Ernest Ervin Cook, son of F. E. Cook and Zula Denton was born 14 Aug. 1897 and died single, 25 Sept. 1915.\textsuperscript{484}

Children of Francis E. and Zula Mildred Theodosia (Denton) Cook

- Versie Cook, died of tuberculosis
- Roberta Lou Cook
- Mildred Cook

5471. Lillie Gennettie Mae Denton\textsuperscript{485}, daughter of John Marshall and Temperance Elizabeth (Poteet) Denton, was born 7 May 1882 in Burke County, NC, and died in the spring of 1973. In 1970, at the age of 90, her birthday picture was in the newspaper and she was then the oldest living grandchild of Sidney Poteet. She married Waighstill Alexander Cook who was born 5 Sep 1870 in Burke County, NC, and died there on 23 Feb. 1956. They are both buried at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church Cemetery.

Children of Waighstill Alexander and Lillie Gennettie Mae (Denton) Cook

- Vertie Irene Cook, b. 3 Oct. 1901 in Burke County, NC\textsuperscript{486}
- Pearl Lucinda Cook, b. 13 Jul 1904
- Edney Ray Cook, b. 17 Jul 1908 in Burke County, NC
- Charles Brantley Cook, b. 18 Apr 1911 in Burke County, NC
- Lena Clifton Cook, b. 1 Oct. 1913 in Burke County, NC
- Aaron Vernon Cook, b. 6 Jan. 1916
- Clara Henrietta Cook
- Velva Ophelia Cook
- Callie May Cook
- Waighstill Alexander Cook, Jr.

5472. Grover C. Denton\textsuperscript{487}, son of John Marshall and Temperance Elizabeth (Poteet) Denton, was born

\textsuperscript{482} Data abstracted from Adams, Nellie D., Poteet Kindred, (Morganton, NC, 2001), p. 75ff. She lists much more detail.
\textsuperscript{483} Burke County Genealogical Society, Death Records of Burke County, North Carolina, Volume I (Morganton, 1988).
\textsuperscript{484} Burke County Genealogical Society, Death Records of Burke County, North Carolina, Volume I (Morganton, 1988).
\textsuperscript{485} Data abstracted from Adams, Nellie D., Poteet Kindred, (Morganton, NC, 2001), p. 76ff. She lists much more detail.
\textsuperscript{486} Vertie Cook, daughter of Waits Cook and “Nettie” Denton, was born 3 Oct. 1901 and died 17 Nov. 1918. Burke County Genealogical Society, Death Records of Burke County, North Carolina, Volume I (Morganton, 1988).
\textsuperscript{487} Data abstracted from Adams, Nellie D., Poteet Kindred, (Morganton, NC, 2001), p. 79ff. She lists much more detail.

Children of Grover C. and Ellene (Hood) Denton

- 6700.160 i. Edwin Denton
- 6700.161 ii. Ann Elizabeth Denton
- 6700.162 iii. William Grover Denton, d. 9 Feb. 1961
- 6700.163 iv. Charles Vernon Denton
- 6700.164 v. Jean Denton

5473. Velva Denton\footnote{Data abstracted from Adams, Nellie D., Poteet Kindred, (Morganton, NC, 2001), p. 80f. She lists much more detail.} (\textsuperscript{488}), daughter of John Marshall and Temperance Elizabeth (Poteet) Denton, was born 5 Sept 1889 and died 5 Aug. 1869. She married Ivey Mace who was born 2 Feb. 1876 and died 26 May 1958. An unnamed son of Ivey Mace and Velva Denton was born 19 Aug. 1914 and died 21 Aug. 1914.\footnote{Burke County Genealogical Society, Death Records of Burke County, North Carolina, Volume I (Morganton, 1988).}

Children of Ivey and Velvia (Denton) Mace

- 6700.165 i. William Hollis Mace, b. 2 Feb 1916
- 6700.166 ii. Iva Naomi Mace

5474. Buena Vista Denton\footnote{Data abstracted from Adams, Nellie D., Poteet Kindred, (Morganton, NC, 2001), p. 81. She lists much more detail.} (\textsuperscript{490}), daughter of John Marshall and Temperance Elizabeth (Poteet) Denton, was born 11 Oct. 1895 \[sic\] and died 22 Dec. 1929. She married Thomas Belo Smith who was born 20 Nov. 1885 and died 4 Nov. 1952. He is buried in the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church Cemetery.

Children of Thomas Belo and Buena Vista (Denton) Smith

- 6700.170 i. Maisie Smith, b. 12 Mar 1916

5475. John Anderson Denton\footnote{Data abstracted from Adams, Nellie D., Poteet Kindred, (Morganton, NC, 2001), p. 81f. She lists much more detail.} (\textsuperscript{491}), son of John Marshall and Temperance Elizabeth (Poteet) Denton, was born 5 Oct. 1895 \[sic\] and died at Rocky Mount, NC, where he is buried in the Pineview Cemetery. He married Mary Gertrude Lewis who was born 10 Oct 1897 in Brunswick County, VA, and died 22 Sept. 1938.

Children of John Anderson and Mary Gertrude (Lewis) Denton

- 6700.180 i. John Lewis Denton

5476. William McKinley Denton, son of John Marshall and Temperance Elizabeth (Poteet) Denton, was born 28 July 1899 in Burke County, NC, and died there on 6 Aug. 1904.
5482. Sidney Poteet, a son of John Brittain and Julia Poteet. “Sidney was my great grandfather. He married Eliza Jane Franklin on 17 June 1900 and died 29 June 1909, leaving my great grandmother with 4 children, Lloyd Alexander Poteat (b. 16 Jan. 1902, d. 2 Feb. 1963), Grey “Hamper” Bynum Poteat (b. 1 Sept. 1903, d. 5 Oct. 1958), Onie Mae Poteat (b. 22 Nov. 1905, d. 25 Jan. 1976), and Rosa Lee Poteat (b. 25 Jan. 1908, d. 23 Aug. 1995). Rosa Lee Poteat Hoyle was my grandmother. Sidney is buried in the Salem Methodist Church Cemetery, Burke County, NC. Sometime after Sidney died, Eliza Jane moved to Gaston County, NC with her brothers to work in the mills. Eliza Jane, Lloyd, Hamper, Onie Mae, and Rosa Lee are buried in Bessemer City Memorial Cemetery. I have been trying to find out why he died and something about his life with my great grandmother. Thanks for your interest.”^92

5483. William P. Poteet, son of John Brittain and Julia Poteet, married Nettie E. Seagle. An unnamed daughter of William Poteet and Nettie Seagle was born and died 17 July 1917.493

Children of William P. and Nettie E. (Seagle) Poteet

6701. i. Thomas Poteet m. Arvie Childers
6702. ii. James Poteet
6703. iii. John W. Poteet
6704. iv. Conley Poteet
6705. v. Alexander Poteet
6706. vi. Charles Edward Poteet m. Velma Martin

5484. Emma Poteet, daughter of John Brittain and Julia Poteet, married Pink Ross. They were married 28 Jan. 1895.494 Jesse Oliver Ross, son of Pinkney Ross and “Elmer” Poteet, was born 19 Aug 1895 and died 8 April 1914, single.495 Luster Ross, son of Pinkney Ross and “Emer” Poteet, was born 12 Dec. 1913, and died 5 June 1914.496

Children of Pink and Emma (Poteet) Ross

6707. i. Dorothy Ross m. Roy Garrison
6708. ii. Nelson Ross
6709. iii. Lee Ervin Ross m. Annie Williams
6710. iv. Julie Ross m. Sterling Conley
6711. v. Lenoir Ross
6712. vi. Floy Ross m (1) ____ Berry and (2) Melvin Propst

492 E-mail from marksr1@fct-i.net to Dan W. Olds, 11 June 2003. See also the post by Susan Dameron Marks on the Poteet Family Genealogy Forum, Genforum.com, 10 June 2003.
493 Burke County Genealogical Society, Death Records of Burke County, North Carolina, Volume I (Morganton, 1988).
494 Burke County Genealogical Society, Death Records of Burke County, North Carolina, Volume I (Morganton, 1988).
495 Burke County Genealogical Society, Death Records of Burke County, North Carolina, Volume I (Morganton, 1988).
496 Burke County Genealogical Society, Death Records of Burke County, North Carolina, Volume I (Morganton, 1988).
6713. vii. Harrison Ross m. Corinna Mooney
6714. viii. Isaac Ross m. Prella Poteat


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


Children of Ed and Sallie (Poteat) Brittain
6720. i. Bristol Brittain
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


Children of James Thomas and Etta (Bumgarner) Poteat
6730. i. Vemon 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

5488. Annie Poteat, daughter of John Brittian and Julia Poteet, married Benjamin Denton. They were

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497Burke County Genealogical Society, Index to Marriage Registers, 1867-1908, Burke County, North Carolina (Morganton, NC, 1990, 2nd printing 1993)
498Burke County Genealogical Society, Cemeteries of Burke County, Vol. II (Morganton, NC)
499Burke County Genealogical Society, Index to Marriage Registers, 1867-1908, Burke County, North Carolina (Morganton, NC, 1990, 2nd printing 1993)

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married 16 March 1892.\textsuperscript{500}

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
6738. 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

5489. Isaac Finley Poteet, son of John Brittian and Julia Poteet, married his cousin Floye Poteet. I. F. Poteet and Floy Poteet were married 20 Dec. 1902.\textsuperscript{501}

Children of Isaac Finley and Floye (Poteet) Poteet

6745. i. Justus Poteet\textsuperscript{502} 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

5490. John Poteet, son of Henry and Mary Ann (Murphy) Poteet, was born 8 June 1877.\textsuperscript{503} He married Laura Rich.

Children of John and Laura (Rich) Poteet

6760. i. Mrs. John Browning
6761. ii. Mrs. Pearl Church

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\textsuperscript{500}Burke County Genealogical Society, Index to Marriage Registers, 1867-1908, Burke County, North Carolina (Morganton, 1990, 2nd printing 1993)
\textsuperscript{501}Burke County Genealogical Society, Index to Marriage Registers, 1867-1908, Burke County, North Carolina (Morganton, 1990, second printing 1993)
\textsuperscript{502}Justice McCoy Poteet (name given in e-mail from George and Emily (Poteet) Bass to Dan W. Olds, 23 April 2001. Justice and Dorothy were Emily’s parents.
\textsuperscript{503}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.
6762. iii. Mrs. Donald Hoke
6763. iv. Mrs. James Waters
6764. v. Mrs. H. L. Swift
6765. vi. Russell Poteat
6766. vii. Russie 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. 504

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

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

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iv. Viola Richie

v. Carrie Richie m. (1) ____ Epley and (2) Turner

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.

5500. Sim Brittain, a son of Ashby and Theodosia (Poteet) Brittain, married his cousin Mae Poteet See Number 5465 for their family.


Children of Jerome M. and Lou (Hawkins) Poteet

6790. i. Jerome Brittain m. Carl D. Anderson 505

6791. ii. Elva Brittain m. Frank Strickland

6792. iii. Irilda 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 Litlejohn

6801. ii. Phifer Ann Smith m. Ruth Nichols

6802. iii. Margaret Jane Smith m. John Lynn Hall

505 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.
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. 1883\(^{506}\) 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
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\(^{507}\).

   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

\(^{506}\) This date is from an obituary clipping reproduced by Mrs. Adams. He was buried at the Casar Baptist Church.
\(^{507}\) Burke County Genealogical Society, Index to Marriages Records, 1867-1908, Burke County, North Carolina (Morganton, NC, 1990, 2nd printing 1993)
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 1902.508

Children of Jim and Callie (Poteet) Lane
6858. i. Leath Lane
6859. ii. Ruby Lane m. ____ Totten
6860. iii. Iverson Lane m. _____ Phillips
6861. iv. James Lane
6862. v. George Lane
6863. vi. Helen Lane m. (1) George Walker and (2) ____ Devine
6864. vii. Madge Lane
6865. viii. Douglas Lane
6866. ix. Nornan Lane
6867. 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. 1921.509 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 1902.510

Children of Ahoskie and Mary (Denton) Poteat
6858. i. Juanita Poteat m. Walter Hollar511
6859. ii. Melvin Poteat m. (1) Lois Orders and (2) Helen Hennessee512

508Burke County Genealogical Society, Index to Marriage Registers, 1867-1908, Burke County, North Carolina (Morganton, 1990, 2nd printing 1993)
509Burke County Genealogical Society, Cemeteries of Burke County, Volume 1 (Morganton, NC, 1995), record of E. Haskie Poteat, Denton’s Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery.
510Burke County Genealogical Society, Index to Marriage Registers, 1867-1908, Burke County, North Carolina (Morganton, 1990, second printing 1993)
511The 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)
512C. 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).
iii. Roy Poteat m. Rosalee Helton

5513. Frank E. Poteat, 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.

   Children of Frank E. Poteet
6861. i. Ray E. Poteat m. Madge L. ______
6862. ii. Dewey Poteat m. Annie ______
6863. iii. Jim Poteat m. Bertie ______
6864. iv. Annie Mae Poteat m. Charlie Gaddy
6866. vi. Nellie Poteat m. Jonathan Ledbetter
6867. vii. Hattie Poteat m. Tom Curtis
6868. viii. Clarence Poteat b. 1899, d. 1940.

514 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)
515 Burke County Genealogical Society, Index to Marriage Registers, 1867-1908, Burke County, North Carolina (Morganton, 1990, second printing 1993)
517 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.
518 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
520 Death Records, McDowell County, NC, book 29, p. 135, from the index.
523 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.
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 Philippines 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.”

Children of James Bertrum and Zula (Queen) Duckworth

524 The quote is from the obituary of Jesse Bertrum Duckworth, 68, reproduced by Mrs. Adams.
6917.  i.  Charles Jesse Duckworth m. Myrtle Shell
6918.  ii.  Clara Ellis Duckworth m. Glen Clontz
6919.  iii.  James Bennett Duckworth m. Rassie Dale

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 Clontz
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.

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. An unnamed daughter of Ralph E. Williams and Lessie Poteet was born

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525  note that this same name appears at no. 6918 above.
526  Burke County Genealogical Society, Death Records of Burke County, North Carolina, Volume I (Morganton, 1988).
527  Burke County Genealogical Society, Index to Marriage Registers, 1867-1908, Burke County North Carolina (Morganton, NC, 1990, 2nd printing 1993)
and died 11 Jan. 1918.528

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 Poteat529, 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


Children of Clay and Hattie (Poteat) Ferree
6950. i. Sam Ferree
6951. ii. Annie Ferree
6952. iii. Clara Ferree
6953. iv. Fulton Ferree


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

528 Burke County Genealogical Society, Death Records of Burke County, North Carolina, Volume I (Morganton, 1988).
529 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)
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 Potillo
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


Children of Tellis and Pansy (McGramory) Poteat
6974. i. Martha June Brown
6975. ii. Gaylove Poteat m (1) ___ Davidson and (2) ___ Robertson


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.
5604. Preston Claude Poteat, son of George A. and Alice M. Poteat, was born Feb. 1891
Children of Preston Claude Poteat

6973.001 Johnny Dupree Poteet

5756. 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 were 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 1909. 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.”


Children of Eugene Justice and Sarah (Darnell) Poteat

6976. i. Wayne McCoy Poteat
6977. ii. Samuel Eugene Poteat
6978. iii. Donald Wade Poteat
6979. iv. Alana Faye Poteat

5771. Lawrence Poteat, 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.

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530 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.
531 obituary of Annie Kate Poteat, Spartanburg Herald-Journal, 19 Nov. 2000
532 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.
5772. Ethel Poteat, daughter of Samuel Justice and Hope (Devine) Poteet

5773. Harry Poteat, son of Samuel Justice and Hope (Devine) Poteet

5774. Dorothy Poteat, daughter of Samuel Justice and Hope (Devine) Poteet

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

5800. Aubrey Highsmith Harrington, was born on 31 March 1915 in Sanford, NC. He married Dorothy Caroline Price in 1937.533

Children of Aubrey Highsmith and Dorothy Caroline (Price) Harrington
6981. i. Amy Caroline Harrington

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 Spartaburg; 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


“COWPENS, SC – Lewis Alfred Poteat, 95½, of 689 Corn Mill road, died Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2003, at

533 Ost, Amy Caroline, North Palm Beach, FL, letter to Dan W. Olds, 21 April 1974, with pedigree chart.
his home. Born February 15, 1908, in Spartanburg County, he was the son of the late Sidney Erwin and Della Belcher Poteat. Mr. Poteat was the husband of the late Vera Cash Poteat who died on September 19, 2002. He was a retired farmer and carpenter. He was an active member of the Mayo Baptist Church Senior Citizens until failing health prevented him from attending. He was affectionately called the “Trash Man” because he always helped with the cleaning after meetings. Mr. Poteat was the last surviving member of his immediate family, but is survived by several nieces and nephews.

“Since his wife’s death, he has been cared for by his niece and her husband, Louise and Ben Horton, and his nephew and his wife, Robert and Lib Williams, and a special caretaker and friend, Lorrene Street. The family thanks April Jones and Mary Sue Harvey for their devotion to him also.

... “Entombment will be at Springhill Memorial Gardens. ..... Eggers Funeral Home, Chesnee, SC”

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. 534

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 Bell (Green) Poteat, died 28 Nov. 1992, age 86, the widower of Mildred Blalock Poteat and survived by the children listed below. 535

Children of Joseph Clyde Poteat

6990. i. Joseph Clyde Poteat, Jr.

6991. ii. Sidney Wayne 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, Alice Lee Poteat and the three sons listed below, eight grandchildren and four

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534 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.

535 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.
great-grandchildren.  

Children of Edward Vance Poteat

i. Kenneth E. Poteat of Orange City, FL.

ii. Carroll L. Poteat of Spartanburg

iii. William E. Poteat of Spartanburg

5963. Furman H. Poteat, son of James Andy and Clara Belle (Green) Poteat

He married Mary Eubanks and her obituary states:

“SPARTANBURG, SC– Mary Eubanks Poteat, 99, of 194 Bryant Road, died Friday, February 22, 2013, at Spartanburg Regional. Born December 13, 1913, she was a daughter of the late Jessie Ernest Eubanks and Estelle Mildred Husky Eubanks. She was the wife for 65 years to the late Furman H. Poteat.

“Mrs. Poteat graduated from Gaffney High School in 1932 and worked for 37 years as secretary for Bobo Funeral Chapel, retiring in 1993. She was a member of Spartanburg First Baptist Church and taught Sunday School for most of her adult life and was an active member of Young At Heart, Yesterday's Teens, WMU, and ROTO. Since 1982, she was a volunteer at Spartanburg Regional and in 2008, at age 94, received the American Red Cross Hospital Services' Volunteer of the Year Award. Mrs. Poteat also enjoyed baking and she was a lady of great compassion who loved people, never complained, and had a gentle nature.

“She is survived by a daughter, Betty Poteat, CRNA, of Spartanburg and a son, Dr. Robert Poteat of Chesnee; cousins, Shannon Eubanks (Jim), Jim Harlow (Kati), Phyllis Petty (Paul), Bill Page (Hilda), Ted Page (Sue), Ned Page (Jean), Ann Phillips (Grady), Colleen Martin, and Bud Page (Chick). In addition to her parents and husband, she was predeceased by brothers, Paul D. Eubanks, Dewey Eubanks, and Earl H. Eubanks; sisters, Vera E. Page, Eunice E. Harlow, and Jessie E. Hudgins.

‘Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m., Sunday, February 24, in the church sanctuary of Spartanburg First Baptist Church conducted by Dr. Don Wilton, Rev. Sal Barone, Rev. Bill Adams, and Mr. Al Clark. Visitation will be 1:00-2:00 p.m. in the sanctuary prior to the service. Interment will be in Sunset Memorial Park officiated by Rev. Robert Morgan.

“Memorials may be made to The Encouraging Word or Building Fund of Spartanburg First Baptist, 250 E. Main St., Spartanburg, SC 29306.

“Condolences may be expressed at www.bobofuneralchapel.com.

“Petty-Bobo Co.

“Bobo Funeral Chapel & Cremation Service”

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

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536 Spartanburg Herald Journal, obituary of Edward V. Poteat, undated clipping.
537 Spartanburg Herald Journal, 23 Feb 2013, obituary of Mary Eubanks Poteat
about 1920.

5972. Marceil Poteat, son of George E. and Mary (Jennings) Poteat, is listed as one of the survivors of his brother, Charles T. Poteat, on 15 Aug. 2003.


“CHESNEE – Charles Thomas Poteat, 72, of 162 Whiteside Drive, died on Friday, Aug. 15, 2003 at his residence. He was the husband of Guynell Smith Poteat of the home.

“Mr. Poteat was a native of Spartanburg County and was the son of the late George E. and Mary Jennings Poteat. He was a retired stockman with Bi-Lo. He was a member of Buck Creek Baptist Church.

“In addition to his wife, he is survived by four daughters: Karen Poteat, Kathleen Poteat, Glennis Poteat of Chesnee and Cheryl Tebalt of Boiling Springs; four sons: Wayne Poteat of Spartanburg, Ronald Poteat and Gerald Poteat of Chesnee and Keith Poteat of Boiling Springs; one grand-daughter, Katrina Poteat, reared in the home; one sister, Ada Johnson of Boiling Springs; one brother, Marceil Poteat of Spartanburg. Four grandchildren, Eugene Poteat, Dawn Poteat, Chris Poteat and Kim Poteat as well as five great grandchildren, also survive him.

... “Interment will be in Boiling Springs Memorial Gardens.

“Pallbearers will be Horace Poteat, Chris Poteat, Bernard Geddes, Ray Poteat, David Jones and David Wooten. ... Eggers Funeral Home, Boiling Springs.”

i. Karen Poteat
ii. Kathleen Poteat
iii. Glennys Poteat
iv. Cheryl Poteat, m. _____ Tebalt
v. Wayne Poteat
vi. Ronald Poteat
vii. Gerald Poteat
viii. Keith Poteat

5975. Ada Poteat, daughter of George E. and Mary (Jennings) Poteat, married _____ Johnson and is listed as one of the survivors of her brother, Charles T. Poteat, on 15 Aug. 2003.

5991. Minnie Robert Poteet, daughter of Robert Alexander and Margaret Ann (Largent) Poteet, was born 18 March 1877, at Lovelady in Burke County, NC. On 3 July 1897, she married Charlie George Mitchell.

538 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.
5992. John William Poteet, son of Robert Alexander and Margaret Ann (Largent) Poteet, 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.

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 1911
6999. v. Charles Edward Poteat, b. 9 May 1912

5993. David Jones Poteet, son of Robert Alexander and Margaret Ann (Largent) Poteet, 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. David J. Poteat (Dec. 3, 1881 - Jan. 5, 1955) is buried in Oak Grove Cemetery, Marion, NC.

7010. i. Donald Conley Poteat, b. 26 Dec. 1910

5994. Markus Felix Poteet, son of Robert Alexander and Margaret Ann (Largent) Poteet, was born 16 Dec. 1882 in Burke County, NC, and died 15 July 1936. He married Brentie Stamey.

5995. Bartie Bertsie Poteet, son of Robert Alexander and Margaret Ann (Largent) Poteet, was born 17 Feb. 1885 in Burke County, NC, and died 26 Dec. 1906, unmarrried.

5996. Mamie Jeanette Poteet, daughter of Robert Alexander and Margaret Ann (Largent) Poteet, was

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539 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.
540 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)
541 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)
542 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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18 Feb. 1887 in Burke County, NC. On 20 Nov. 1904, she married Laurence [sic] Marvin Stamey.

5997. Gertrude Poteet, daughter of Robert Alexander and Margaret Ann (Largent) Poteet, was born 26 Aug. 1889 in Burke County, NC. On 15 March 1915, she married Olie Mull.

5998. Bescoe Poteet, daughter of Robert Alexander and Margaret Ann (Largent) Poteet, was born 20 March 1892 in Burke County, NC. On 30 Jan. 1911, she married Mack Moses.


5999A. Essie Mae Poteet, daughter of Robert Alexander and Margaret Ann (Largent) Poteet, was born 23 Aug. 1897 in Burke County, NC, and died 9 Nov. 1917. She married Jake McGalliard.

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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 Bancston and included cash receipts from John Poteet, Thomas Ranals (Reynolds), John Walser(?), Richard Poteet and John Doson(?). On 12 July 1774, the County 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. 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. 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.

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, Shinard, Sennard, 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, 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 Poteet and a William Poteat were taxed in Orange County, NC, in 1779 and in Caswell

555 Pitts, Mrs. Jennie Vee, Atlanta, Georgia, located the Bible record of James Poteet, 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.
The estate of a John Poteete was settled in Caswell Co., NC, in 1788. His will was made in 1786 and named his sons William, Miles, James, John, Richard, and Thomas and wife Ann. 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 Susannah 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. 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.

The Poteet 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]
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 Pott ee, 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 Rebecca 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 Poteet
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 A Closer Look at St. John’s Parish Registers, 1701-1801 by Henry C. Peden, Jr. (Willow

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12 June 1722 Lewis Puttee m. Catherine Green (listed as Poteet by Barnes)
19 Oct 1724 Elizabeth Poteet m. Charles Scimmons (corrected from Poteett and Simmons as given elsewhere)
15 July 1725 Ann Poteet m. Abraham Whittaker (listed as Abraham Whittacre and Ann Puttee in register)
12 Oct 1743 Piercy Poteet and Jemima Hitchcock (listed as Poteit by Barnes)
20 Apr 1762 John Poteet and Ann McComas (M’Comas in the parish register)

Section IV - 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 V -- Baltimore Families by Robert Barnes. 562

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 lead both Anthony Johnson and his wife to be charged with murder.

ii. Francis Poteet who d in Baltimore County by 3 Aug. 1709563 564. 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

562 Barnes, Robert, Baltimore County Families, 1659 -1759. The chronological scope of this book ends too soon to fully explore any NC connection.
563 This will was made 3 June 1707 and probated 3 Aug. 1709. His executors were wife Lucy and brother Lewis. John is not mentionend in the abstract in Baldwin’s Maryland Calendar of Wills, Vol. III, p. 145, will of Francis Potee of Baltimore County.
564 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?)”.

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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, Abrahm, 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.

John (p. 143) or James Poteet (p. 514) m. Elizabeth Crabtree, 20 Sept. 1748.\footnote{565}

Sarah Puttee m. Thomas Weir, 7 Dec. 1756

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.

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 Poteet, 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 V II. Davis\footnote{566} 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, to son John, for 100 pounds tobacco, a Negro man called Cook.

\footnote{565} 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 [Poteed-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.

\footnote{566} 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.
Section VII – more miscellaneous Poteet notices in Maryland.

The following were among the men of Harford Co., MD who signed allegiance to 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.

According to Dennis L. Pettit, 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”. One reference is Baltimore County Land Records, Liber TB/#D Folio 296-297, dated 17 Aug 1745, which says: “John Poteet, Italian, of Baltimore County in the province of Maryland, planter, for 9 shillings current money of said province, paid in

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568 Pettit, Dennis L., Dallas, TX, letter to Dan W. Olds, Sept. 1971
569 Provided by Linda Murray, e-mail to Dan W. Olds, 1 Sept. 2001
hand by Thomas Crabtree, Henry Thomas, James Poteet, Thomas Poteet, Charles Simmonds and John Poteet, Jun.” [lists all his personal property] and is signed by his mark, a capital I (or a J) with a line through and a P – Jno. Poteet, Italian (seal). Linda Murray, posting on GenForum, compares this information with a deed of gift, on 11 June 1744, from John Poteet, Italian, to a Hannah Simmons, widow. (Baltimore County Land Records, TB #C, p. 668). She suggests that it seems likely that Hannah was a daughter of John Poteet, but could not be the widow of Charles Simmonds, living in 1745.570 Because of the 1772 deed by Hannah Simmons, mentioned above, it seems to me that this deed of gift might have been a pre-marital agreement between John Poteet and widow Hannah Simmons and perhaps John Poteet included her son Charles Simmonds [Jr.] in his distribution as a step-son rather than a son-in-law.

Peden571 quotes records showing that Thomas Miles, son of John Miles, Jr., and Mary Peckettt, 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 Caswell Co., NC); and Ann Miles (m. (1) Daniel McComas in 1758 and (2) John Poteet and d. in Harford Co., MD).

Barnes572 further documents some of the Poteet marriage connections in Baltimore County, Maryland:

p. 8, item 137: Everett, John, m. by 9 March 1732, Rebecca, daughter of John Poteet (from Baltimore County Land Records, Liber IS #L, p. 337)

p. 19, item 361: Poteet, Lewis, Jr., m. by 2 Nov 1726, Catherine, daughter and coheir of Matthew Green (from Baltimore County Land Records, Liber IS # H, p.290)

p. 19, item 364: Powell, John, m. by 15 May 1734, Elizabeth, relict of John Poteet, Sr. (from Baltimore County Land Records, Liber HWS #M, p. 55)

p. 20, item 374: Ramsey, John, m. by 1 Dec 1744, Johanna, admins. of William Poteet (from Baltimore County Administration Accounts, Lib 5, p. 4)

p. 23, item 432: Swinyard, John, m. by 8 Oct 1712, Luch [sic – Lucy], execs. of Francis Potee (from Baltimore County Administration Accounts, Liber 1, p. 354)

Section IX. From Baltimore County, Maryland, DEED ABSTRACTS: 1659 - 1750 by Robert Barnes (Westminster, Maryland : Family Line, 1996). Barnes has arranged deed abstracts by land tract name so the history of a piece of land may be followed and examined for family clues. These are the Poteet references.

p. 15. BEAR RANGE. 19 Nov 1728 pat. to Thomas Johnson for 100 a. (HWS#M: 30)

6 Mar 1733: Thomas Johnson of The Land of Nod, conv. Bear Range to John Poteet. TJ’s wife Alice cons. (HWS#M 30)

1750: John Poteet owned 100 a. Bear Ridge (Debt Book)

1755 (no day or month given: James Poteet conv. 100 a. Bear Racing (Bear Range?) to John McGouern. James’ w. Elizabeth cons. (BB#I: 414).

pp. 19-20. BIRR (or BINN). 10 Sep 1712. James Carroll of AA Co., conv. 200 a. Pt. of Birr to Frances, Anna, and Catherine Rhodes, daus. of Henry Rhodes, dec.; ...

571 Peden, Henry C., Jr., Marylanders to Carolina: Migration of Marylanders to North Carolina and South Carolina Prior to 1800.
572 Barnes, Robert, Baltimore County Marriage References, 1659 - 1746. (Baltimore County Genealogical Society, Special Publication #1, Willow Bend Books, Westminster, Maryland, 1988)
13 Mar 1730/1: Michael Taylor conv. 200 a. pt. of Birr to Lewis Potee, Jr.; tract was granted to James Carroll, who devised it to said Taylor (IS#L:68).

Same day; Michael Taylor conv. 120 a. of BIRR to Benjamin Norris (ID#L: 76)

Same day; Michael Taylor conv. 100 a. of BIRR to Daniel Scott (IS#L: 78)

9 Aug 1734; Henry Rhodes, eld. son of Henry and Catherine Rhodes, conv. 2/3 of 200 a. of BIRR to John Nelson (HWS#M 94).

... ...

1750: Lewis Potee owned 200 a. part of BIRR (1750 Debt Book) p. 22. BOND’S LAST SHIFT . 16 Dec. 1723. Tract was surv. (IS#H: 297).

2 Nov 1726: Thomas Coale conv. 125 s. pt. of Bond’s Last Shift to Lewis Putee (IS#H: 297).

7 June 1727: Thomas Bond and w. Anne conv. 224 a. pt of Bond’s Last Shift to Thomas Cole (IS#H: 418).

1750: Lewis Potee owned 125 a. pt of Bond’s Last Shift (1750 Debt Book).

p. 38. CHOICE TRIPPAS. 2 Nov 1726: Lewis Puttee and w. Katherine, dau. and coheir of Matthew Green, and granddaughter of Jane Boone, conv. to Thomas Coale, pt of Choice Trippas, Green’s Chance, and Levy’s Tribe (IS#H: 290). ... ...

p. 84. GOOD LUCK (1724). 10 Sep 1724. Thomas Johnson pat. 100 a Good Luck.


1750: John Poteet owned 100 a. Good Luck (1750 Debt Book).

7 March 1753: James Poteet conv. to his bro. John Poteet, Jr., 100 a. Good Luck. James’ w. Elizabeth cons. (TR#D: 544)

5 Nov 1760: John Poteet of BA Co. conv. To Evan Evans 100 a. Good Luck. John’s w. Ruth cons. (B#I:105)

p. 87. GREEN’S CHANCE. 2 Nov 1726: Lewis Puttee, Jr., and w. Catherine, one of the daus. and coheirs of Matthew Green, dec., and one of the granddaughters and grantees of Jane Boone of BA Co., conv. to Thomas Cole 1/3 of pt. of Levy’s Tribe, pt. of Green’s Chance, and pt. of Choice Trippas (IS#H: 290). ... ...


17 Aug 1663: Walter Dickeson assigns to Richrd Bale [sic] the tract Gunworth, location not stated. (RM#HS 4).

3 Jan 1667: Richard Ball, with cons. of w. Mary conv. 80 a. of land on the n. side of Patapsco R., adj. the land of William Clapham, to Francis Poteet (IR#PP: 63).

14 Oct 1743. [This is the next deed mentioned; no more mention of Poteet under Gunworth]

p. 94. HARRIS’S DELIGHT. 4 June 1735: John Harris, BA Co. shoemaker, and w. Dorothy, conv. 100 a. Harris’ Delight to William (or John Poteet: the clerk seems to have made an error) Putteet, planter (HWS#M: 224).

6 Aug 1755: John Poteet, son of William, conv. to Henry Green 100 a. Harris’s Delight. John’s w. Elizabeth cons. (BB#I: 428). (The dates fit for him to be the s. of William who m. Jane Stewart in 1733; John’s w. could be Elizabeth Ryley).
HEREFORD (also HARRIFORD).  6 Aug 1719: James Isham and w. Mary [my [Barnes'] notes show w. Elizabeth cons.] conv. 179 a. to John Poteet. [TR#DS: 45].

15 May 1734: John Powell and w. Elizabeth, relict and widow of John Poteet, Sr., dec., conv. 179 a. Hereford (Harriford) to John Poteet, Jr. (HWS#M: 55)

15 May 1734: John Poteet, Jr., and w. Ann conv. 179 a. Hereford (Harriford) to Thomas Miles (HWS#M 53).

26 Nov 1751: Thomas Miles of BA Co., and w. Catherine conv. 179 a. to Clement Mattingly of AA Co. (TR#D: 255).


3 Oct 1767: John Poteet assigns lease for 100 a. McComas’ Manor to Aquila McComas. No w. was required to sign and assignment of lease (B#Q: 413).

PRESTON’S LUCK.  50 a. surv. “no time” for Thomas Preston in a small creek called Cooke’s Creek on e. side of Gunpowder R. (MRR: 61).


15 July 1737: John Baker of BA Co. conv. 200 a. Preston’s Luck to Rebecca Puttee, w. of Peter Puttee (IS#IK: 518)

15 April 1741: Rebecca Poteet conv. the tract (surv. for Thomas Preston) to her dau. Elizabeth Puttee, who agrees not to have any right to the land while her mother is living (HWS#1-A: 484).

1750: Rebecca Poteet owned 200 a. pt Preston’s Luck (1750 Debt Book)

S...YARD.  5 Nov 1754: James Potee conv. 100 a. S...yard to John Cawdrick (HWS#M: 132).

THE VINYARD.  2 Sep 1704: 100 a surv. for Jno. Campbell (1723 Rent Roll)

4 Nov 1707: John Campbell and w. Eleanor conv. 100 a The Vinyard to Thomas Burton (RM#HS: 563).

30 Aug 1714: Thomas Burton of PG Co. conv. 100 a. The Vinyard to James Poteet. On the same day he gave p/a to Daniel Scott, Jr., to ackn. the deed (TR#A: 288).

5 Nov 1734: James Poteet conv. to John Chadwick 100 a. of S...yard. JP’s w. Elizabeth cons. and John Putteet was a witness (HWS#M: 132).

29 Aug 1741: John Cawdrick conv. 100 a. The Vinyard to James Preston, planter. Isabella Cawdrick cons. (TB#A: 5). No more Poteets named with The Vinyard.

Section X. Miscellaneous Poteet Notes ---- Early Virginia

There are also Poteets in colonial Virginia and many live there today. Since our family might well have lived in Virginia before arriving in Burke County, NC, as several of their neighbors did, I have also collected a few notes on the family in Virginia before about 1800. Not all possible spellings are included in this search!

Nugent reports George Poteet as one of those who se headright land was claimed by Thomas Stegg in 1640. John Poteet(e), a Chirurgeon, claimed 100 acres of headright land in Charles River County on 22 Feb.1638. He was a neighbor of Hugh Allen there 18 Oct. 1638. He acquired 50 more acres of headright land there on 13

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573 Nugent, Nell Marion, Cavaliers and Pioneers: Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants, Volume One: 1623-1666, (Virginia State Library and Archives, 1992). There are now a total of seven volumes under this title.
Aug. 1639: “Due by purchase from Nicholas Dale, and due sd. Dale for the adv. of Ann574, his wife, & Nicholas Ryman”. Charles River County was later called York County. When John Poteet died he owned 100 acres of land in York County (with one bounding neighbor being Hugh Allen) as well as other tracts of land, all of which escheated (returned to the government) because said Poteete was an alien. The jury made this finding on 20 Nov. 1672.575 In Volume II, Nugent reports several land transactions which recount the further history of the land granted to John Poteet on 10 May 1668 stating that his widow married John Hethersall who obtained the land and sold to Phillip Watkins (with wife Elizabeth) who sold to Thomas Seawall, 10 Jan. 1675, after which the land was deserted and then granted to Edward Chilton and William Leigh, 22 Oct. 1684. Chilton sold his share to to Robert Smyth who sold to Leigh, 18 April 1685 and on 4 Nov. 1685, Mr. William Leigh had the 400 acres in New Kent County, St. Stephens Parish.576

In 1760577 only a John Poteet of Frederick Co., VA, was located in a survey of VA tax lists, order books, and other records.

Wulfeck578 reports only (unless one includes such spellings as Pettett) the marriages of John Poteet of Spotsylvania Co., VA, to Mary (__) Penny ca. 1783-1784 and of George Pottie to Mary Jerdone on 8 Oct. 1771.

Peter Pottet died insolvent about 1775 or 1776. There was no administration and his estate was said to have been taken for rent.579

Torrence580 and Fleet581 report none of this name.

Mrs. Pitts582 did a significant amount of research tracing her Poteet ancestry from Georgia back through North Carolina into Virginia. Her ancestors included John and Catherine Poteet who both died in Macon Co., NC, in 1849. This John (ca. 1768 - 1849) was the son of Capt. James Poteet and his wife Catherine who had lived in Pittsylvania, Bedford, Henry, Franklin and Patrick Counties, VA, and in Buncombe Co., NC, where she found many Poteet records. She concluded that this Capt. James Poteet was the son of James Poteet, Sr. (ca. 1720, d. aft. 1783) and Elizabeth and that he was probably the James Poteet who married Elizabeth Crabtree in 1748 in Baltimore Co., MD. She said that James Poteet and Elizabeth’s brothers William and John moved to Bedford County, VA, about 1756/7.

574 This Ann is listed as Anne Poteet, transported by John Poteete of Charles River County in 1639 by Greer. [Greer, George C., Early Virginia immigrants, 1623-1666 (1912, repr. Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, 1973). Filby says Nugent is superior to Greer because of the many errors in the latter. [Filby, P. William, American & British Genealogy and Heraldry, a Selected List of Books, 2nd ed. (American Library Association, Chicago, 1975)
575 Virginia Genealogist, Vol 20, p. 258., CD version, “Inquisitions on Escheated Land, 1665 - 1676”. I have not verified the meaning of “alien” but I presume he was not an English subject by reason of foreign birth and no oath of allegiance to the King.
576 Nugent, Nell Marion, Cavaliers and Pioneers: Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants, Volume Two: 1666-1695. There are now a total of seven volumes under this title.
582 Pitts, Jennie V., Atlanta, GA, letters to Dan W. Olds, 1966-1974

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Mrs. Pitts also wrote of a John Pateate (Peteate, etc.) with wife Ann who first appeared in Orange County, VA, tax records in 1734 with one taxable. He and George Robinson were granted 1650 acres of land in 1735 which they sold in 1737. An interesting tale is attached to this John Poteet. He was among those commissioned by Gov. Gooch of VA to travel westward to the Mississippi “in order to make discovery of the Country” [also named are John Hayward/Howard and his son Josias, John Peter Salling and Charles Sinekler]. They left in 1741 but were taken prisoner by the French in July, 1742 and held at New Orleans, convicted of spying and sentenced to three years in prison. In 1744, it was reported that two of the Virginia prisoners had escaped and the other three were sent to France. In the genealogy room at the Burke County Public Library in Morganton, NC, there is a set of Family Group Sheets showing the descent from James Poteet, b. 1691, of Baltimore Co., Maryland to son James Poteet b. 1728 and wife Elizabeth Crabtree (m. 2 Sept. 1748, St. Johns Parish, Baltimore Co.) to son Edward Poteet b. Bedford County, VA, and m. Martha _____ on 22 March 1786 in Burke County, NC. This shows John Poteet, born 1760 and married to Phoebe Brittan, as a brother of Edward and son of James and Elizabeth (Crabtree) Poteet. A reference used is “Family history of Poteets S. L. C., Family History Library, Batch 7026515-7-8”. I have not been able to examine this reference.

**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

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583 Her references are: “Vol. 30 Virginia Historical Magazine pgs. 208-213, also Fry’s Transcripts”.
584 Perhaps important because of the Sinclair connection in MD and the Greenlee connection in NC. Also note that there is somewhere a publication of John Peter Salley’s journal, n. v.
1810 census of Burke Co., NC (incomplete?)
Samuel Poteet 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 Poteet, 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
Phoeby 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

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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
Sophronia 16
Phoebe 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

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
Phoebe 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.
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**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
{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

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

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**1890 special census of Burke Co., NC; there are no Poteats in my notes.**

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**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

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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

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Upper Fork township

Sidney E. Poteat, 74, Aug. 1825
Mary A., wife, 68, Dec. 1831

McDowell County, North Carolina

1850 federal census

Matilda Poteet 45, b. NC
George 20
E. M. 18 f.

John 22
Pheba 16
William 15
Henry 13
Joseph 10
Mary 8

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John Poteet 57
Susan 53
George 15

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Ezekiel P. Poteet 34
Jane 38
Samuel A. 14
James A. 12
Martha E. 9
Eliza J. 2

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Henry Poteet 31
Elizabeth 22
Marcus B. 2
John S. 1
Sarah J. 1/12

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Lawson Poteet 29
Sophronia 25
Elizabeth 9
Elrod 7

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Joseph Poteet 32*
Jane 31
Martha E. 11
Adaline 10
Eliza J. 8
Margaret 4
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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
daughter, 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
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

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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

1890 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

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Poteet, 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

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George       3
John Wadkins 30 cousin

Family records say 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.

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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.

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Henry Poteet        45
Elizabeth           39 b. Ga.
Mary                18 b. Ga.
Alice               17 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 maimee 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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