

THE POE FAMILY LINE

A HISTORY OF THE POE FAMILY  
AND COLLATERALS. INCLUDING  
SHORT HISTORIES OF COLLATERALS,  
CORLEY, HITT, CRIM AND SPIELMAN.  
EARLY FAMILIES FOUND IN FAUQUIER,  
WARREN, AND RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTIES  
OF VIRGINIA.

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EDWARD KNOX POE & NANCY MARIA VAUGHT - cont'd.

Edward Knox Poe lived in Howard County, Maryland about 20 years (Scaggsville, Maryland, Laurel and Burtonsville, Maryland). He went to Columbia Primitive Baptist Church in Burtonsville, was baptized there and was a member of this church when he died.

Ref. The Early Marriage records of Fauquier County, Virginia  
The Family Bible of Aunt Eva Stoner of Winchester, Virginia  
The Family Bible of Edward Knox Poe owned by Aunt Lizzie Dietz of Woodstock, Maryland.

1. Worthy Gibson Poe

Born - August 23, 1881 - Browntown, Virginia

Died - May 18, 1938 - Laurel, Maryland

Buried - Ivy Hill Cemetery

Married - August 15, 1901 - Front Royal, Virginia

Wife - Bertha Frances Gore

Born - September 20, 1876 - Browntown, Virginia

Died - February 16, 1960 - Cheverly, Maryland (Prince George Hospital)

Buried - February 18, 1960 - Ivy Hill Cemetery, Laurel, Maryland

Parents - Elizabeth Frances Powell & Dewitt Clinton Gore

Children: 5

1. Verna May Poe

Born - August 10, 1902 - Browntown, Virginia

Died - May 24, 1927

Buried - Ivy Hill Cemetery, Laurel, Maryland

2. Myrtle Menefee Poe

Born - March 15, 1904 - Browntown, Virginia

Married - October 8, 1932

Husband - E. Calvin Donaldson (deceased)

EDWARD KNOX POE & NANCY MARIA VAUGHT

1. Worthy Gibson Poe and Bertha Frances Gore - cont'd.

3. Ruby Frances Poe

Born - August 18, 1906 - Alberton, Maryland

Married - January 1, 1929

Husband - Harry Lewis King

4. Margaret Adelaide Poe

Born - April 30, 1912 - Granite, Maryland

Married - June 30, 1939

Husband - Arthur M. Vogts (Deceased)

5. Gertrude Louise Poe

Born - September 21, 1915 - Granite, Maryland

Unmarried

1. Verna May Poe - died age 24 years old, unmarried

2. Myrtle Menefee Poe

Married - E. Calvin Donaldson (deceased)

Children: 1

1. Joyce Ann Donaldson

Born - February 3, 1938 - Takoma Park, Maryland

Married - June 18, 1960

Husband - T. K. Burk

Children: 2

1. Jennifer Hill Burk - born November 10, 1962 -

Brunswick, Georgia

2. Rebecca Poe Burk - born March 17, 1967 -

Washington, D.C.

3. Ruby Frances Poe

Married - Harry Lewis King

Children: 2

1. Joanne Dolores King

Born - January 17, 1931 - Washington, D.C.

EDWARD KNOX POE & NANCY MARIA VAUGHT - cont'd.

1. Worthy Gibson Poe and Bertha Frances Gore - cont'd.

3. Ruby Frances Poe and Harry Lewis King - cont'd.

1. Joanne Dolores King - cont'd.

Married - May 28, 1955

Husband - Tommie J. Rodgers

Children: 5

1. Vicci Lynn Rodgers - born May 2, 1956 - Bethesda, Maryland
2. David King Rodgers - born March 11, 1957 - Washington, D.C.
3. Lisa Lauren Rodgers - born February 23, 1960 - Pittsburgh, Pa.
4. Danon Eugene Rodgers - born July 28, 1966 - Idaho Falls, Idaho
5. Amy Poe Rodgers - born August 28, 1967 - Idaho Falls, Idaho

2. Jacqueline May King

Born - March 29, 1932 - Takoma Park, Maryland

Married - April 17, 1954

Husband - John H. Ryder

Children: 3

1. John Michael Ryder - born June 3, 1957 - Portsmouth, Virginia
2. Craig King Ryder - born December 16, 1958 - Portsmouth, Virginia
3. Thomas Edward Ryder - born July 15, 1964 - Portsmouth, Virginia

(Information from genealogy forms and Bible records, sent in by Miss Gertrude L. Poe.)

#### MISS POE LEAVING MPA POST

## *This 'Lady Of Press' Combines 2 Careers*

Miss Gertrude L. Poe, who has just retired as the first woman president of an almost all-male organization, the Maryland Press Association, Inc., and Chesapeake Associated Press, successfully combines at least two careers and has the possibility of a third anytime she chooses.

At home in Laurel, she is editor and co-manager of the Laurel Leader, runs her own insurance business, and is an active member of several women's clubs and church groups. Her hobbies are reading and walking.

Miss Poe says she has no regrets about having never practiced law, which education she received from Washington College.

Newspapers offer a fascination and new interest with each day, she says, adding:

"There are so many rewards other than monetary."

WHEN MISS POE started



MISS POE

on the Laurel Leader it was a four-page paper with 300 subscribers, of whom only 5 per cent were paid up. The paper now has paid-up circulation of 4,000.

A newspaper clipping of Gertrude Louise Poe - 5th child of Worthy Poe.

### **Gertrude Poe Gets Prince Georges Post**

Miss Gertrude L. Poe has been appointed to the Board of Library Trustees for Prince George's county by Governor McKeeldin.

Mrs. Lewis P. Ditman, of Berwyn, is president of the board. Miss Poe has been editor of the Laurel News-Leader since 1939, and is secretary of the Maryland Press Association.

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## GERTRUDE LOUISE POE

Youngest of five daughters of Worthy Gibson Poe and Bertha Frances (nee Gore) Poe. Born September 21, 1915, at Granite, Md. Unmarried. Resides at 8713 Briarcroft Lane, Laurel, Maryland 20810.

Editor of The News Leader, weekly newspaper at Laurel, Maryland, since June 1939. Also co-publisher. Has won individual and newspaper awards on state, tri-state (Md., Dela., D.C.) and national levels. Holds Emma C. McKinney Award (1967), highest honor awarded by National Newspaper Association to woman editor "for distinguished contributions in community journalism." Cited by many civic, fraternal, and service clubs for community service. Holds Civilian Patriotic Service Award from Department of the Army.

Only woman to be president of Maryland-Delaware-D. C. Press Association (served in 1958 on its 50th anniversary). Only woman honorary member of Laurel Volunteer Fire Department and of the National Jaycees organization. Received silver loving cup in June 1971 on 40th anniversary as alumnus of Laurel High School. Also received in May 1971 plaque from Prince George's County Secondary Principals' Association as winner "for outstanding service to secondary education in Prince George's County."

In 1970 edited and compiled 120-page history of Town of Laurel on its 100th anniversary as incorporated town.

Holds juris doctor degree from American University, Washington, D. C. Is former newscaster on radio station WLMD at Laurel. Frequent public speaker and master of ceremonies.