

Nancy WATKINS & Descendants

First Generation

1. **Nancy WATKINS** was born about 1743.

"A CATALOGUE of the Descendants of THOMAS WATKINS of Chicahomony, VA. Who was the Common Ancestor of Many of the Families of the Name in Prince Edward, Charlotte, and Chesterfield Counties, VA., by Francis N. Watkins, Prince Edward County, VA." (written 1852) 1899 Atlas Printing Company, Henderson, SC.

"IX. NANCY WATKINS, another daughter, married Mr. Smith BLAKEY, of Henrico, - a highly honorable man, who by great industry and straightforward honesty acquired an ample fortune. He manifested great generosity and kindness to his wife's relatives, very liberally aiding some of them, and otherwise promoting their interests. He had only two children; one of whom (Thomas) was killed by a fall from a horse, the other, (George) left but few descendants. The last son, in many points of character, resembled his ancestors, and in appearance and habits was very much a 'Watkins'."

As we have stated before, at times the Catalogue is not complete or entirely accurate. It seems, in this case, that there were also two daughters that were not mentioned.

Nancy married **Smith BLAKEY of Henrico Co., VA**, son of George BLAKEY and Daniel Clara SMITH. Smith was born about 1747. He died 13 Oct 1804 in New Castle, Botetourt County, Virginia.

Smith Blakey was born about 1747 and was married to Nancy Watkins. Their daughter, Frances married John New. (See John New in this document.) He died October 13, 1804 in New Castle, Botetourt County, Virginia. Smith provided wagons for the State for 24 days; provided team & driver in Henrico County, Virginia.

He was one of the Executor's of his brother-in-law Thomas Watkins' will. Thomas Watkins will was destroyed during Rev, re-recorded 1787. Henrico CO,VA. Bottom of will burned away. His father Thomas Watkins, brother Francis Watkins and his friends Smith Blakey and Stephen Pankey were executors. (see Thomas)

Margaret Recross, a "free Mulatto woman" charged but found not guilty of robbing Dick, "a negro man slave the property of Smith Blakey" in Richmond City on 22 September 1790 [Richmond City Hustings Court Orders 1787-92, 545].

They had the following children:

- 2 M i. **George BLAKEY.**

This George Blakey? George Blakey was guardian of the infant Philip John Lightfoot (1815):

In 1839, William A. Lightfoot of Buckingham county, and Caroline, his wife, deeded a lot in Williamsburg, the property formerly of William Lightfoot, of Charles City, as one of the devisees of Philip John, said William's son. The deed refers to a cause entitled Lewis &c. vs. BLAKEY &c., in the Superior Court of Law and Chancery for Henrico county (1835), in which a division was made of Philip John Lightfoot's property.

George married **Mary Elizabeth Bolling LIGHTFOOT (daughter of Col. Wm. Lightfoot, of Sandy Point)**, daughter of Col. William LIGHTFOOT and Anne.

I have not discovered any children for George and Mary, but assume there were some.

- + 3 F ii. **Frances BLAKEY.**
- + 4 F iii. **Mary BLAKEY** was born about 1770 and died Mar 1825.
- 5 M iv. **Thomas BLAKEY** died in /killed by a fall from a horse.

Second Generation

3. **Frances BLAKEY** (Nancy).

Frances married **John NEW (son of William New)**, son of William NEW.

During the Revolution John New resided in Henrico County, Virginia where he served as a soldier. He probably lived his entire life there, as he had been born there about 1764 and was still living there in 1830. He married Frances Blakey. Their daughter, Clarassa married Charles Beck.

They had the following children:

6 F i. **Clarissa NEW.**

Clarissa married **Charles BECK.**

4. **Mary BLAKEY** (Nancy) was born about 1770. She died Mar 1825.

1749: DAR files. From photocopies made of documents in the possession of the DAR Library in Washington, D.C.

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

Thomas Poe and Mary Poe (Blakey) were born in Spotsylvania County, VA. Their children in the county of Henrico, Va. Gillis Creek, 3 miles south of Richmond. Plantation near Richmond, VA, Willow Grove sometimes known as Seven Pines Farm on account of seven large trees growing on the corner of the estates. children all born here. (Source of information unknown)

Richmond Enquirer: March 24, 1899

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

Children:

Ann Poe married Benjamin Tate

Smith Poe died in infancy

John Poe b. 1782 married Anna Neff

George Poe b. November 15, 1784 married Mary Neff

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

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

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

Caswell Poe b. 1792 married Marian Scott Lee

Benjamin Poe b. 1794 d. 1820

Mary married **Thomas POE**¹. Thomas was born about 1749 in Spotsylvania Co., Va. He died 22 Feb 1825.

I have seen a chart that states they are ancestors of Tom Cruise, actor; his greatx5 grandparents.

More from the DAR files...

Thomas Poe

Born: 1749 Spotsylvania, VA

Died: Henrico Co., VA 22 February 1825

Service: VA
Applicant Mrs. Rena M. Powell
New Orleans Chapter 23 September 1957

Notes from: Poe Family Research: <http://poefamilyresearch.net/VA/PoeVirginiaHenrico.htm>

Richmond Whig: February 25, 1825

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

Not sure of how related, but it seems the Poe Family Research site sees a relationship between these Poe's, and David Poe, Jr., father of Edgar Allen Poe.....

Marriage Bonds of Henrico County, Virginia, 1782-1853, All on page 129

14 March 1800: David Poe, Jr. to Mrs. Eliza Hopkins, widow of Charles D. Hopkins, Richmond, James Whitacre, surety, attested to John's age.

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

David Poe, Jr. (born: July 18, 1784 in Baltimore, Maryland - died: possibly Dec. 1811, perhaps in Norfolk, Virginia) and Elizabeth Arnold Hopkins Poe (born: possibly in 1787 - died: Dec. 8, 1811. Married: sometime in early April, 1806.) Elizabeth had been married to Charles Hopkins from the summer of 1802 until his death on October 26, 1805. This prior marriage produced no children. There seems no justification to the rumor that Elizabeth Arnold was a granddaughter of the infamous Benedict Arnold. The name of her father was probably Henry or William Henry Arnold. Her mother was Elizabeth Smith Arnold, also an actress.

Elizabeth Arnold Poe

Birth: 1787

Death: 1813

Mother of Edgar Allen Poe. (the name is Edgar "Allan" Poe which was not his name at birth. He took the last name of his foster father, John Allan, as his middle name in adult life.) Burial: Saint Johns Episcopal Churchyard, Richmond, Richmond, Virginia, USA

Annals & History of Henrico Parish: Diocese of Virginia. J. Staunton Moore 1979

April 14, 1825

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

Internet Query Posting:

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Subject: Descendants of Thomas Poe & Mary Blakey

Date: Thu, 23 Jul 1998 16:24:14 EDT

Is there anyone out there in POELand that is part of this lineage or knows anything about some of these people? If so please contact me.

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THOMAS POE b. ca. 1750 d. 1825 Richmond, Va. m. 1780-85 Mary Blakey b. ca. 1750 d. 1829 Richmond, Va.

They had issue:

GEORGE POE d. 1827 m. ca. 1815-20 Rebecca Davies

They had issue:

JOHN POE SR. b. 1827 (3 months after father died) 1st. m. 1849 Cornelia Williams, 2nd. m. 1875 Josepine Darrell

They had issue:

*HARVEY POE SR. b. 1876 Richmond, Va. (was youngest of 14 Children) m.

1910 Alice Morris Reddy. * Found a reference to her in DAR files on Ancestry.com as the wife of L. H Poe (the H is obviously Harvey, don't know what the L stands for.) She is the dau. of James Valentine Reddy & Alice M. Colburn.

They had issue:

*HARVEY POE JR. b. 29 Jan. 1916

They had the following children:

- 7 F i. **Elvira POE** died 14 Apr 1854 in Lynchburg, Campbell Co., VA.

Elvira POE was born 1791 in Virginia, and died 14 APR 1854. She married John TOMPKINS 1810 in Richmond, VA. He was born BET 1767 AND 1768 in Virginia, and died 1853 in Lynchburg, Campbell Co., VA.

Virginia History Magazine Vol. 34 (1926)

Richmond City

Marriage Bonds from Records of Hustings Court, Richmond, Virginia

April 1812

John Tompkins to Elvira Poe

Security: Benjamin Tate, 6 Feb. 1810

Family notes of Tim Dowling:

1 Elvira POE b: 1791 d: 14 APR 1854

+ John TOMPKINS b: BET 1767 AND 1768 d: 1853

2 Robert William TOMPKINS b: 1826 d: 21 DEC 1875

+ Susanna E. DEAN b: 1828 d: 20 AUG 1864

3 Elvira TOMPKINS b: 28 AUG 1854 d: UNKNOWN

+ Thomas J. BATEMAN b: ABT 1853 d: UNKNOWN

4 Anna BATEMAN b: 20 JUL 1879 d: 29 NOV 1968

+ Thomas Cruise MAPOTHER b: 1876 d: 12 APR 1939

5 Thomas Cruise MAPOTHER II b: 17 DEC 1907 d: 17 JAN 1986

+ Catherine REIBERT b: 1912 d: 26 APR 1993

6 Thomas Cruise MAPOTHER III b: 15 OCT 1934 d: 9 JAN 1984

+ Living PFEIFFER

7 Living MAPOTHER

+ Living DEVETTE

7 Living MAPOTHER

7 Tom CRUISE b: 3 JUL 1962 d: UNKNOWN

+ Mimi ROGERS b: 27 JAN 1956 d: UNKNOWN

+ Nicole Mary KIDMAN b: 20 JUN 1967 d: UNKNOWN

8 Living CRUISE

8 Living CRUISE

7 Living MAPOTHER

5 Paul MAPOTHER b: ABT 1912 d: 21 FEB 1978

Elvira married **John TOMPKINS**. John died Sep 1853 in Lynchburg, Campbell Co., VA.

- 8 F ii. **Ann POE**.

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

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

- 9 M iii. **Smith POE**.

- 10 M iv. **John POE**.

John Poe 31 July 1827 Richmond, VA

Josephine Dowell 5 December 1849 Richmond, VA

Rena Poe 8 December 1874 Richmond, VA

Josephine Mitchell 19 April 1899 New Orleans, LA
Hilary Lee Mitchell 17 December 1864 MA

Married John Poe and Josephine Dowell 28 June 1871

Hilary Lee Mitchell and Rena Poe 14 June 1898
Rena Mitchell and Charles D. Powell 16 April 1942
Josephine Mitchell and Earle E. Mullin 23 December 1944

11 M v. **George POE.**

VA Death Records; County of Hanover
Rebecca Poe age 62
Date of decease August 1856
Place: Hanover
Chronic Diarrhea
Parents: ____ Davies
(Rebecca) Born New Kent
Widow of George Poe
Name and relations of informant
Edward P. Meredith, Head of Family

12 M vi. **William POE.**

13 F vii. **Selina POE.**

Henrico Seal (embossed copy in file)
March 29, 1827
Deed of Loan was acknowledged by George Poe party to the said and admitted to record:

I George Poe of City of Richmond, Co. of Henrico My sister Selina Brooke, widow of the late Richard Brooke of said county ... lend Selina Brooke for two years following property to wit: One negro man named Armistead, one wagon and gear, one pair of bay mares, one carriage and harnesses, two cows, two ploughs and one lot of farming tools. Dated: 18 March, 1827

Virginia History Magazine Vol. 20 (The Brooke Family) p. 216
Richard Brooke (of Richmond) b. 14 August 1787) married Selina Daniel Poe

Virginia History Magazine Vol. 34; Marriage bond for Records of Husting Court, Richmond, Virginia
Richard Brooke and Selina, daughter of Thomas Poe, 17 February 1808

14 M viii. **Caswell POE.**

Bible Records of Caswell Poe, son of Thomas Poe and Mary Blakey
Copy sent by Mrs. John Lawrence Kier
1146 18th Ave North, Seattle, WA

10 September 1823: Caswell Poe to Marion Nimmo. John Thompkins (Tomkins is seen also), surety, attested to Marion's age and residence.

15 M ix. **Benjamin POE.**

Appendix A - Sources

¹ Poe Family Research, <http://poefamilyresearch.net/VA/PoeVirginiaHenrico.htm>.

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Anne ()	1	
BECK	POE	
Charles (3S)	Ann (8).....	4
2	Benjamin (15)	5
BLAKEY	Caswell (14).....	5
Frances (3)	Elvira (7 - d.1854).....	4
1, 2	George (11)	5
George ()	John (10)	4
1	Selina (13).....	5
George (2).....	Smith (9)	4
1	Thomas (4S - b.1749)	2
Mary (4 - b.1770)	William (12).....	5
1, 2	SMITH	
Smith of Henrico Co., VA (1S - b.1747)	Daniel Clara ().....	1
1	TOMPKINS	
Thomas (5).....	John (4S - d.1853).....	4
1	WATKINS	
LIGHTFOOT	Nancy (1 - b.1743).....	1
Col. William ().....		
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Mary Elizabeth Bolling (daughter of Col. Wm.		
Lightfoot, of Sandy Point) (1S)		
1		
NEW		
Clarissa (6).....		
2		
John (son of William New) (3S).....		
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