

GASCONADE VALLEY COUSINS

Adam Poe

Not much is known to this writer about Adam **Poe**, oldest son of Barnabas Madison **Poe** and Eliza **Backues** and very few records have been found. Everett **King** in "History of Maries County", using information provided by a great-aunt gives his birth date as July 13, 1832 and death date of March 17, 1866 at 34 years of age.

We do know that he purchased two parcels of patent land in Osage and Maries Counties. Certificate 21443 describes forty acres in the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 21 in Township 41 of Range 8 West. This land was purchased on March 1, 1854 but no record of it ever being recorded or sold has been found. This parcel "moved" from Osage County to Maries County in 1855 when Maries County was formed and is located just west of the town of Summerfield. Certificate 24982 describes 160 acres of land in the east half of the northeast quarter and the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter and the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section 21 in Township 41 North of Range 8 West. This land would adjoin the land on certificate 21443. This land was purchased on January 15, 1856 and was in Maries County, Missouri. Again no record or sale of this land has been found in the Maries County, Missouri land records. In the 2006 Maries County plat book, the bulk of this land is owned by E. **Giesler**.

Another 160 acres of land was purchased by "Adam **Poe** of Beaver County, Pennsylvania" in southern Maries County on November 1, 1859 in Section 13, Township 38, Range 9 West. This land was subsequently "moved" to Phelps County along with the rest of this township that was east or south of the Gasconade River when that county was formed. The Adam **Poe** that purchased this land is in question. It could be our Adam but, if so, why the Beaver County, Pennsylvania designation. It was not his grandfather, Adam **Poe**, as he died in Stark County, Ohio in 1838 but could have been his uncle Adam **Poe**, an older brother to Barnabas Madison **Poe**.

In the 1860 Federal Census, the only Adam **Poe** we find that is near the right age to be this Adam is a miner in Leavenworth Gulch, Arapahoe County, Kansas, an area later to become part of Colorado. This is one of the mining locations opened during the Colorado Gold Rush.

We know that Adam served the Confederate States of American in the Civil War but have not found a record. Apparently he returned to Missouri after the war, married or was already married and according to Everett **King** in "History of Maries County", moved to Nebraska City, Nebraska. We have verified Mr. **King**'s information through the 1870 Federal Census as his wife Paradine **Maxwell Poe** and daughter Anna Eliza were still living in Nebraska City in 1870. Further census records also show Anna's birth place as Nebraska. Anna married William E. **Luster** in Maries County, Missouri on September 4, 1884. They subsequently moved to Springfield, Missouri then Oklahoma. Their family consisted of six children. William and Anna died in Oklahoma and are buried at Ardmore, Carter County, Oklahoma.