

Record of

Andrew Aride Benton Poe Grandson of Barnabas Madison Poe

Born: April 3, 1876; Maries County, Missouri
Father: William Pike **Poe**
Mother: Mary Adeline **Richey (Richie, Richa)**
Married: March 18, 1900; Atkins School, Maries County,
Missouri
Service: State Representative for Maries County, Missouri for
two terms.
Died: January 20, 1962; Kansas City, Jackson County,
Missouri
Buried: Liberty Church of Christ Cemetery, Belle, Maries
County, Missouri

Wife: Sophia **Shockley**
Born: December 25, 1875, exact location not known
Father: James Monroe **Shockley**
Mother: Polly Lavinia **Matthews**
Died: January 30, 1954, Belle, Maries County, Missouri
Buried: Liberty Church of Christ cemetery near Belle Maries
County, Missouri

Children; Date and Birthplace:

Steele McPherson January 3, 1901; Belle, Maries County,
Missouri

Infant daughter

Sources: "History of Maries County"; Everett **King**; 1963
"Backues Family"; Samuel F. **Backues**; 1980
Family Records; Nadine **Schwegler**
Obituary, Andrew Aride Benton **Poe**, Maries County, Missouri
newspaper
Obituary, Sophia **Shockley Poe**, Maries County, Missouri
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Andrew Poe Obituary

Published in a Maries County, Missouri newspaper; January 25, 1962.

Funeral services for Andrew **Poe** of Kansas City were conducted Wednesday afternoon at the First Baptist church in Belle with the Rev. L. M. **White** officiating. Burial was in the Liberty cemetery. Masonic rites were conducted Tuesday night at the funeral chapel.

Mr. **Poe** was a retired school teacher, and one time postmaster of Belle, and had served two terms as Maries county representative in the Missouri state legislature. He was a member of the Belle Baptist church.

He was born April 3, 1878 at Belle, a son of Wm. P. **Poe** and Mary A. **Richie Poe** and died after a four days illness, January 20, at the home of his son in Kansas City. Mr. **Poe** was 85 years old.

Mr. **Poe** was married March 28, 1900 to Sophia **Shockley** in the old Atkins school where church services were then held. Two children were born of this marriage, a daughter who died in infancy and a son, Steele who survives. Mrs. **Poe** preceded her husband in death.

Also surviving are a sister Mrs. Anice **Bauman** of Dixon, a granddaughter, Mrs. Dorthaleen **McRuer**, one grandson, Charles William **Poe** and five great grandchildren.

Sophia Shockley Poe Obituary

Published in a Maries County, Missouri newspaper; date unknown

Funeral services for Mrs. Sophia **Poe**, wife of Andrew **Poe**, were conducted Tuesday afternoon at the Belle Baptist Church with the pastor, the Rev. John E. **Mathews**, officiating. Burial was at the Liberty Cemetery.

Mrs. **Poe** was washing her feet preparing for Sunday school when her husband noticed she appeared ill. He carried her to bed and summoned the family physician. She died at 11 o'clock that morning. She was 79 years, 1 month and 5 days old. Death was attributed to heart disease.

She was clerk of the church for many years and until later years was active in all its activities. She had taken a particular interest in her church all of her life and was a leader in missionary work and the Dixon Baptist Association when she enjoyed better health. She was present, as was her custom, at prayer meeting last Wednesday night and had commented to friends that she felt unusually good.

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Sophia **Shockley Poe** Obituary Cont.

Mrs. **Poe** was born near Belle Dec. 5, 1875, a daughter of James J. **Shockley** and Polly **Shockley**, nee **Matthews**. She taught school and March 18, 1900, she and Mr. **Poe** were married at Belle. She had lived in Belle for 40 years and had been a member of the Baptist Church that many years.

Survivors include the husband, a son, Steel M. **Poe** of Kansas City, and a sister Ms. Eliza **Poe** of Belle. There are two grandchildren and one great grandchild. A daughter died in infancy and a brother Mack **Shockley**, preceded her in death.

Burial arrangements were in charge of Sassmann's Service.

These obituary newspaper clippings were found in a scrapbook kept by a cousin, Minnie **Backues Crider**, and owned by her daughter Bernice **Crider Gillispie**.

Notes:

Andrew **Poe** was also a Mason. The birth date of 1878 published in his obituary in the Belle Banner/ Maries County Gazette is incorrect. (WLS)

Andrew's second name should be pronounced Ira-dee; this is also the way I'm accustomed to seeing it spelled. (WLS)

Andrew **Poe** sat for Maries County, Missouri teachers' examinations in August, 1911; June, 1912; and August, 1912; not all subjects were tested at the same time.