

**Record of**  
**William Allen Poe**  
**Grandson of Barnabas Madison Poe**

Born: August 29, 1883; Belle, Maries County, Missouri  
Father: William Pike **Poe**  
Mother: Mary Adeline **Richey**  
Married: November 1, 1908; Kansas City, Jackson County,  
Missouri  
Died: September 25, 1952; Pulaski County, Arkansas  
Buried: Oaklawn Cemetery, Little Rock, Pulaski County,  
Arkansas

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Wife: Nettie Louzetta **Anderson**  
Born: August 2, 1889; Lane, Franklin County, Kansas  
Father: Christopher Jergenson **Anderson**  
Mother: Bertha **Sorem**  
Died: January 3, 1971, Little Rock, Pulaski County,  
Arkansas  
Buried: Oaklawn Cemetery, Little Rock, Pulaski County,  
Arkansas

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Children; Date and Birthplace:

Barbara Aileen                      January 25, 1917; Kansas City, Jackson County,  
Missouri

Sources: "History of Maries County"; Everett **King**; 1963  
"Backues Family"; Samuel F. **Backues**; 1980  
Data provided by Barbara **Poe Hammett**  
Familysearch.org – Ancestral File by Daniel **Scholle**, Aurora CO  
Rootsweb.com – Social Security Death Index  
Obituary; Mrs. William A. **Poe**; The Maries County Gazette,  
Vienna, Missouri; January 4, 1971  
Research data provided by Evelyn **Hammett**, Little Rock, Arkansas

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**The Maries County Gazette**  
January 4, 1971

**Obituaries**

**MRS. WILLIAM A. POE**

Mrs. Nettie Lou **Anderson Poe**, aged 81 of 1709 South Tyler Street, widow of William A. **Poe**, died Sunday. A native of Lane, Kan. she was the daughter of the late Bertha **Sorem** and Christopher J. **Anderson**. She was a member of South Highland Baptist Church. Survivors are a daughter, Mrs. Barbara **Hammett** of Little Rock; two brothers, Frank **Anderson** of Topeka Kan., and Charles **Anderson** of Parkville, MO.; two sisters, Mrs. Clara **Cody** of Kansas City, Kan., and Mrs. Harriet **Green** of Kansas City, Mo., one grandchild and two great-grandchildren. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Healey and Roth.

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Wm. A. **Poe**, of St. Louis, came out to attend the funeral of his nephew, Garfield Shockley.

Notes provided by Evelyn **Hammett** for William Allen "Bill" **Poe**:

He was originally named William Adam **Poe** according to his daughter, Barbara, but did not like the name Adam, so used the middle name as Allen. However, his birth certificate gives the name as William Allen **Poe**.

He left Belle, Missouri in his teens, cutting brush for the Rock Island Surveyors, "picked up" the profession and in less than 10 years was in charge of the surveying party that laid out the Midland Valley Railway south from Wichita, Kansas. (See American Society of Civil Engineers write up below) (There is a William **Poe** listed as a life member of the ASCE. WLS)

He was a civil engineer for the Arkansas Highway Department, a member of the South Highland Baptist Church, a member of Swope Lodge 617 F and A Masons of Kansas City, Missouri and a member of Scimitar Shrine Temple at Little Rock, Arkansas

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#### **William Allen Poe, A.M. ASCE – Memoir No. 2017 cont.**

William Allen **Poe** had no formal engineering education, but he studied engineering under M.M. **Hollenbeck** at Springfield, Missouri while working as a draftsman and instrumentman. Through self-help and conscientious effort he became a competent design and construction engineer.

From 1906 to 1908 he was resident engineer for the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway. In 1911 he became manager of the McMillian Construction Company doing general construction work, which included an important concrete viaduct in Kansas City, Missouri.

From 1919 to 1921 he was with the List Construction Company on Highway work in Kansas.

From 1921 to 1927 he was general manager of a narrow gauge railway which served five strip coal mining operations near Branch, Arkansas. For the next two years he was field engineer and assistance district engineer for District No., 8 of the Arkansas State Highway Department. After his transfer to the Bridge Division of the Arkansas State Highway Department in 1929, Mr. **Poe** became assistant bridge engineer in charge of location and surveys and in general charge of construction. He continued his association with the Bridge Division until 1950, at which time, in a rearrangement of the Bridge Department he became assistant construction engineer. He held this position at the time of his death.

Mr. **Poe** was elected an Associate Member of the American Society of Civil Engineers on November 10, 1930.