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## OKLAHOMA POPLINS



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One problem in getting out this newsletter is in choosing which branch to write about each time. Some of my own branch have asked why I haven't had more about our people. Well, there are many more Poplins in North Carolina than anywhere else. That is the head of the stream. To find out more about our ancestors we have to go back there. I hope we can keep all who receive POPLIN PATTERN happy by including as much material as is possible on all the different lines.

Last issue we had information on Martin Monroe Poplin, Stanly County, N.C. We have had information on others in that area. I have had information on my ancestor William Poplin who came to Bedford County, Tenn. from Montgomery Co. (now Stanly) before 1820 and on his son Green Lee Poplin. I hope to have more on them in an

early issue. I have also had information on Richard Poplin and his son John who came from Guilford, Co. N.C., to Hickman, Co., Tenn., about 1830. Most of their descendants are now in Southern California. I have more in store on them later.

But in this issue I want to get to some information on the Oklahoma Poplins. Back in 1959 I first got in touch with David R. Poplin who at that time was working for Wayside Gardens, Mentor, Ohio. He originated in Oklahoma. Dave did a lot of traveling and like many of us he always looked for Poplins in phone books when he was away from home. While in Atlanta, Ga. on a trip he called my cousin Thomas W. Poplin (Tom later moved to Quitman, Ga. and died there June 8, 1970) and from Tom I heard about Dave and wrote him. After that we corresponded fairly regularly and he furnished me with a lot of information.

I haven't been able to claim kinship with Dave although I would be delighted to do so. That is one of the great things about this work. You meet so many interesting and wonderful people. In 1964 Dave was in Southern Indiana and drove on down to spend part of a weekend with us. On Sunday afternoon we visited my parents on the farm where I grew up. The picture of Dave was made in the front yard of my home place.

Dave is an energetic fellow, and in addition to working and rearing a family (he had one girl when I first heard from him. Now they have two other children) he went to school at night and got his law degree. In his most recent letter, Sept. 10, 1971, he informs me that he has moved back to Adair, Okla. and is practicing law in nearby Pryor.

**POPLIN HUNTING IS FASCINATING WORK** The fascinating thing about this work, in addition to getting acquainted with many interesting people, is that all of a sudden I hear from somebody new from a state and town I hadn't heard from before. This was the case today when I heard from Roy L. Poplin of Springfield, Ore. Roy's son had become acquainted with Claud Poplin of Portland, Ore., and although I have not met either of them, I have met relatives of both of them. Claud sent issues of POPLIN PATTERN to Roy and Roy wrote giving a rundown on his family connections.

WHERE CLAUD I met Claud Poplin's sister Mrs. Ruth Hadden of Hamlet,  
 FITS IN N.C. last year at the home of a cousin of theirs, Oner  
 G. Poplin. I have corresponded with another sister, Mrs.  
 Blanche Poplin Jennings and another cousin Mrs. Beattie F. Price and  
 have received information from them.

Claud is the son of James Thomas and Betty Liles Poplin of Anson County.  
 The father of James Thomas Poplin was John Alexander Poplin (2-12-1852  
 -6-20-1911) and his mother was Mary Ellen Moss (8-23,1853-7-18,1930).

John Alexander was son of Thomas J. (10-20-1831 - 4-23-1885) and  
 Judith Wilertha Murry Poplin (6-25-1835 - 8-20-83)

Parents of Thomas J. Poplin were John Poplin (3-5-1803 - 2-26-1864)  
 and Mary Anna \_\_\_\_\_.

ROY L. POPLIN I also know something about the branch to which Roy  
 SPRINGFIELD, ORE. belongs, BUT FIRST LET ME PASS Along some of his  
 remarks about the origin of the name. He said he was  
 in Hollywood cooking in one of the studio cafes about 20 years ago  
 when a dishwasher recently come over from Germany said he had been  
 employed for many years by Poplin's Beer Gardens in Germany.

"About 10 years ago," he wrote, "my wife was manager of a lunch counter  
 here in Eugene, Oregon, and she hired a young lady from Germany, and she  
 said she knew a lot of Poplins back home and they were well-to-do."

"Also, I asked an uncle not so long ago where the Poplins were from and  
 he said, Germany."

I thank Roy for passing along this information. It would be interesting  
 if we could trace down the origin. Up to now I have thought the theory  
 that they went from France to Holland to Northern Ireland to America  
 was probably right. I know there are Poplins in North Carolina who are  
 Lutherans which might indicate a German origin, but I had thought they  
 might have come in contact with the Lutherans through marriage.

GRANDFATHER "As far as I know, about 1880 my grandfather left  
 FROM ILLINOIS Illinois and went to Texas by covered wagon. My father  
 was born enroute. After several years there they moved  
 to Oklahoma 5 miles west of what is now Meeker. There were three sons  
 and five daughters. My father was the oldest son. Brothers Henry and  
 Sanford all have passed away. Girls were Emma, Cattie, Oma, Lizzie and  
 Effie. Only Emma and Lizzie are still living.

"My father, John Price Poplin, married Annie Sutton from Kentucky in 1902  
 and lived six miles west of Meeker. I was born Jan. 8, 1903 and have 3  
 brothers and 2 sisters, George, Harold, Clarence, Flora Belle and Marie.  
 George and Harold have passed on. Clarence lives in Hutchinson, Kans.  
 Dad's brother Henry had two girls, Florence and Mary, and four sons,  
 Nelia, Rowan, H.S. and Hershel. Nelia lives in Ponca City, Okla.

"The youngest brother, Sanford, had three girls and one son. The son,  
 George is with the department of education in Fresno, Calif. and the  
 girls are teachers there also."

COMMENTS I heard of George Poplin in Fresno, Calif., a good many years  
 ago when relatives of my sister-in-law, Mrs. Glyde Poplin of  
 Santa Rosa, Calif. went to school in Fresno. In 1957 we made a trip to  
 Calif. and I talked to George by telephone. I learned then he was from  
 Oklahoma. I believe he taught in Kerman near Fresno.

A good many years ago I got an address of a Poplin in Chicago. I wrote  
 him and he forwarded my letter on to his mother, Mrs. Flora Poplin, at  
 McCloud, Okla. near Meeker. She was the widow of Henry Poplin brother to  
 John Poplin, father of Roy L. Poplin. I corresponded with Mrs. Flora  
 Sanders Poplin until her death several years ago. In February of 1971  
 I was in Norman, Okla. for two weeks of postal training at the University.  
 On the Washington's Birthday weekend I drove to Meeker where I found that  
 Sanford (Saint) Poplin was no longer living. I talked with his widow who

was his second wife and did not know much about the family. She had been passing along POPLIN PATTEN to Mrs. Van W. Crampton in Shawnee. I went by Shawnee and visited with Mr. and Mrs. Crampton for a pleasant hour or so. She is the daughter of Mrs. Flora Poplin. She gave me some pictures of the family. I remember Mrs. Poplin sending me some pictures of her husband's family which I returned to her after seeing them. Her husband's father, Nelia Poplin, had a full beard, as I remember it. While at Mrs. Crampton's I talked to a sister of Henry Poplin by telephone.

OKLAHOMA SECOND IN NUMBER OF POPLINS? It may be that the number of Poplins in Okla. is next to North Carolina. The only other two states with very many are Texas and California which have a scattering few. There are Poplins in several Oklahoma towns and cities. I have heard from Henry Boyd Poplin in Tulsa whose people trace back to Arkansas. Unlike those in other states, the Oklahoma Poplins have no knowledge of their folks going back to the North Carolina branch.

Dave Poplin's folks are of the same branch as Roy L.'s. In 1959 Dave wrote, "My grandfather, George Washington Poplin, was born in Missouri. He was the son of William Henry Poplin who in turn was the son of Nathan Poplin. Both William Henry and Nathan were born in Kentucky, to the best of my grandfather's knowledge. He died at the age of 82 three years ago. At that time, other than his immediate family, which incidentally was rather large, he had only a few cousins he knew were living. Two of them were Bob and Rube Poplin who live in Missouri. They were second cousins. Saint (Sanford), Henry and John Poplin were either second or third cousins and lived in Meeker. Two of these are now dead, but so far as I know, Saint Poplin still lives in Meeker." (He is now dead. DP).

Dave's father is Gaither Oliver Poplin, He has brothers, Ray, Van, Ross and sisters Anne, Ora, Margaret, Nell, Rosebud and Nan. Ross Poplin was featured in a feed magazine distributed by a feed mill in Lewisburg, Tenn. a few years ago. The article told of his feeding program on his Okla, farm or ranch.

NATHAN POPLIN Dave's earliest known ancestor, Nathan Poplin, lived in BERNIE, MO. Bernie, Mo. He was first married to Martha A. Their children were:

1. Sarah m. John Bailey Spillers
2. Margaret m. Stoughton
3. William Henry 1st marriage Sarah Jane Montgomery  
son George Washington, grandfather of David R. Poplin  
2nd marriage Susan Bumble, no children. 7-11-1872.
4. Nancy m. Henry Brock 1st and Noah Fields 2nd
5. Jane m. Abbott.
6. Maria m. Ben Neighbor (Nabor)
7. Safronia m Park Brock 1st and Johnas Underhill 2nd.
8. John m. Laura B. Hisaw 1-6-1887

Nathan married 2nd to Sarah Sutton. Children were:

1. Green Poplin m. Mary Ellen Dickson (or Dickerson).
2. Rebecca m. John F. Pendergrass.
3. Minerva
4. Millie m. Henry Riggs.
5. James.

If George W. Poplin was second or third cousin to Henry, Sanford and John, then Nelia, their father, must have been a brother of Nathan of Bernie, Mo. Probably Nathan went to Missouri and Nelia to Texas then to Okla. Information I had gave Nelia Poplin's wife as Caroline and children John, Emma, Henry, Lizzie, Oma, Saint, Effie. This checks with Roy L.'s list.

Children of John were Roy (of Springfield, Ore.), Harold, Florabell, Clarence, Marie. Roy L. adds George to my list. Emma married Jack Little, Henry married Flora Sanders and had children Nelia George, Clarence, Florence (Mrs. Crampton) Rowan, H.S. Mary, Hershel. Lizzie married Arthur Akins. Children Agnew and Esther. Oma m. Hugh Wilkerson. Saint (Sanford) m. ? children Maxine (Calif), Pauline (deceased), George (Calif). [Continued on page 4]

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 \* SEASONS GREETINGS \*  
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 \* I would like to take this means of wishing to all who receive\*  
 \* the Poplin newsletter a happy holiday season. It will not be poss-\*  
 \* ible for Sybil and me to send each of you a special greeting even \*  
 \* though we would like to. This will have to be our way of saying \*  
 \* to those of you we have met that we have really enjoyed getting to\*  
 \* know you, and to you we have not met, it is good to know that you \*  
 \* are interested in our efforts. We thank all of you who have given \*  
 \* information or have encouraged and helped us in any way. May the \*  
 \* coming holidays be safe and happy for all of you, and may 1972 be \*  
 \* the best year you have ever had. \*  
 \* Dick and Sybil Poplin \*  
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#### INFORMATION ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER

We have intended to put out four issues each year, but it has not been able for us to get out on time. There are just too many other things to be done to keep me from getting the typing and addressing of envelopes done. There is no shortage of material. There were two other ideas for this issue before I settled on devoting it more to the Oklahoma folks. We have more North Carolina -- much more -- Tennessee and Calif. material for future issues. I have hopes of getting out another one in January of 1972. I hope to continue to put out POPLIN PATER as long as the Lord lets me live and be physically active, if the interest continues as it has up to the present time.

I have been very happy with the interest. My only regret is that I have not been able, because of lack of time, to keep on a regular schedule and that I cannot carry on a regular correspondence with many of you. To those of you I owe letters I make apology. Please do not stop writing me. Send all the information you can. I still want to know about ALL the Poplin families. My address has been the same for 29 years. It is just DICK POPLIN, SHELBYVILLE, TENN. 37160. I live at 112 Lee Lane. Ph. 684-2678.

When I sent out the first issue in July of 1969 I sent it to all the addresses I could get. After receiving it, others sent more names. Now I have between 250 and 300 on the list. Some have been returned because of wrong address and have been removed from the list. It may be that some who have asked to be put on the list have been overlooked. If so, write me again. Some of your names came from telephone books. Some of those names have been on the list from the beginning. I was interested in getting this out to as many people as possible in order to find those who were interested.

I appreciate hearing from many of you. Many have sent help in the cost of printing and mailing. As I have said in earlier issues, This is my project. I have not wanted to put it on a subscription basis for fear that there wouldn't be enough subscribe to justify the time spent on each issue. My idea has been that if you received several of these newsletters on the Poplin family name your interest might be aroused. I think in many respects the purpose has been fulfilled. I believe more people are interested now than ever before.

I have received \$53 from those who receive POPLIN PATER since the last issue went out. I think what was said in that issue caused this response. Although I greatly appreciate this help, I do not want anybody to misunderstand. I DID NOT INTEND TO SAY THAT YOU WOULD BE CUT OFF FROM THE LIST UNLESS YOU SENT HELP IN MAILING IT OUT. I WANT TO KEEP ALL THOSE WHO WANT TO RECEIVE IT ON MY MAILING LIST.

However, it cost about \$40 to print and mail each issue and I feel that I should remove those names which were put on from telephone books and such lists. It may be that you do not care about receiving it. If I have heard from you in anyway that you want your name left on the list I will contine it. But if I have never heard from you and do not hear before the next issue, I will take your name off. If you have told me once you don't have to tell me again. A card will be sufficient to let me know. So please, if you haven't told me, do it now.  
 (From page 3) Effie Married Glen Reed.