

POPLIN PATTERN

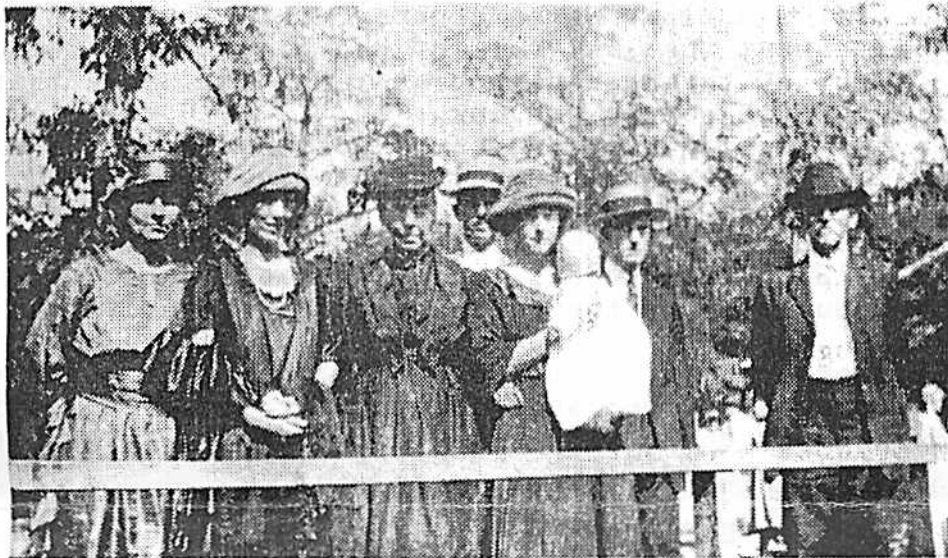
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Left: Picture of Martin M. Poplin. Above: Picture of Martin Poplin and James Alston Poplin b. 1867 at Ronda, Wilkes Co. N.C. Lower left is a group of Ronda, N.C. Poplins.

If we go back to John Poplin who was listed as 47 in 1850 census as about the earliest one we know about,

we can identify these in connection with John. He had a brother named James Alston who was born in 1813. John and wife Mary Anna had a son James Alston also. James A. (1) went to "the mountains" and has many descendants there. He had a son George Crogan Poplin and one named Samuel. Sons of George Crogan were Robert Overton and James Alston, who we will call James A. (3) to distinguish him



from James A. (1) born in 1813, the brother of John, and James Alston (2) born about 1833 and a son of John. There were three identified in the group picture as Iris Poplin, daughter of Samuel, Margaret Poplin dau. of James Alston Poplin (1) and James Alston (3).

In a letter to C.C. Poplin, 117 Northern Ave. Decatur, Ga. 30030, J.H. Poplin, Route 2, Boonville, N.C. 27011 wrote, "The earliest thing I can find about James Alston 1813 is the 1852 tax records of Yadkin County." So he must have gone first to Yadkin from Stanly. He was in Wilkes County about 1866.

J.H. Poplin also wrote "In 1857 he (James Alston) was a witness at the wedding of Green Poplin and Lucinda Collins."

Since the last issue I have become assistant postmaster at Shelbyville. My address is: Dick Poplin, 112 Lee Lane, Shelbyville, Tenn. 37160

It is said by some of the connections that Martin M. visited George Crogan who would have been his first cousin, and that the Wilkes County folks visited Martin M. and Oscar Poplin back in Stanly County.

Martin Monroe Poplin

The 1850 census of Stanly County, N.C. lists John Poplin, 47, Anna, 47, and children Thomas, 19, Alston, 17, Jane, 14, Sarah, 12, John Jr. 10, Martin, 8, and David W. 4 mos.

The 1860 census lists the same family with John now 56, Anna 54, John Jr. 20, Martin 16, Martha A., 14, and David W. 13. So you see that you can't always depend on the ages given in the census record.

Mrs. Juanita Morris of Albemarle has copied the death record of Martin M. Poplin, her great grandfather, the information on which was given by Jonah Calvin Poplin. He stated that Martin's father was Jackie Poplin and was born in South Carolina. He doesn't give the name of his mother but also says she was born in S.C. But I have seen the microfilm of the 1850 census which gives them both as being born in North Carolina.

Could it be that they lived for a time over in S.C. or could their son have been wrong about their place of birth? Some of my line have said that my Poplins came from Kentucky, but I have the proof that they came from Montgomery County, N.C. between 1815 and 1820.

Jack is a name often used as a nickname for John. Martin Poplin was born in 1844 and died in 1922. He seems to have left more records than most of the Poplins. Thank goodness for people like him and John Poplin, son of Richard, who went from N.C. to Hickman County, Tenn. about 1830. Most of the early Poplins seem to have been content to pass through life without leaving any record of where they came from or what they did while there.

OLD LEDGER

On April 25, 1967, the Stanly News and Press, Albemarle, N.C., published an article about the ledger of Martin Poplin. I quote from that article:

"The old ledger book is faded and tattered and its pages are filled with scribbling in an old fashioned hand. But they contain nuggets of interest to persons concerned with events here 50 and 100 years ago.

"Martin M. Poplin was the keeper and writer of the ledger. He must have been a prominent man, serving as coroner during the time covered by the ledger. Only about the last half of the pages are intact; all the pages in the first of the book have been torn out. Those that remain contain entries in both pencil and ink.

"This old ledger was among a host of items auctioned off at the sale of Jonah Poplin, west of Albemarle, many years ago. Jonah, a brother (no doubt his son Jonah instead of a brother, D.P.) to M.M. apparently acquired the ledger after the death of his brother.

"C.C. Mauldin, of 912 Corbin Street, purchased the old book at the sale. Recently he brought it by the newspaper office and left it for a few days.

"Apparently Poplin entered into the ledger anything that occurred to him, for his notes covered a wide range and there is no organization of subject matter. Much of it deals with his recollections of the Civil War days."

EXCERPTS FROM THE LEDGER

Random excerpts from the ledger with the spelling as used retained were included in the article. Here are some of the excerpts.

"Martin M. Poplin was born September 8, 1844, and volunteered in Company C., 42nd Reg., June 10, 1862. Discharged April 13, 1865 in Hillsboro, N.C. General Joseph E. Johnson's Army. This December 22, 1908. Albemarle, Stanly, County, N.C."

"Married May 15, 1910."

"On this 23 day of February 1909, M.M. Poplin of Stanly County proceeded to summons the following jury: E.M. Osborne, H.M. Hathcock, A.M. Hathcock, J.M. Little, J.H. Tarlton and A.J. Deese to hold inquest over Hiram Eudy."

There are other records of coroner's juries summoned by M.M. Poplin.

Will there be reunions this year in Stanly County? What dates?

In one D.M. Dry and John W. Poplin are included. In another T.L. Poplin is mentioned as a juryman. In a grand jury in 1909, George W. Poplin was included.

Among deaths listed are Clemona Sides, died Sept. 26, 1910, age 43 years and nine days, and Rebeckey Poplin departed this life June 26, 1918.

"Battle Shepherdsville Feb. 2, 1864. Bro. John Poplin and James Coley both killed in this fight."

"Battle of Roanoke Feb. 8, 1862. Brother Thomas J. Poplin prisoner perold on the field exchange. May 1862."

Davidson Poplin is mentioned as one wounded on the battlefield, but his wound was "slite."

THE MARTIN POPLIN LINE

(Note: The information I use has come from different sources, so it will not always be possible to give credit to the ones who gave it. I realize there could be some errors also. I would welcome any corrections on anything in these letters.)

As I said before, John Poplin goes as far back as we can go with any certainty. Beyond him we are not sure of the connections. We have records of those in the 1790 census but we do not know the names of their children. I can trace back to my great-great grandfather, William W. Poplin who was born in Montgomery County, now Stanly, before 1790, but I don't know who his parents or brothers were.

John (C.C. Poplin and others use the name Alexander, but I do not have the source of the information on his middle name) was born Mar. 5, 1803 and died Feb. 26, 1864.

The family of John (Alexander?) and Mary Anna Poplin was as follows:

William Henry	1829-1907,	married first	Foreman, 2nd Mauldin
Thomas J.	1831-1885	"	Judith Murray
James Alston	1834-1886	"	Keziah (Kizzy) Allen
Jane	1836 ?	"	Jesse Murray
Sarah (Sis)	1838 ?	"	1st Kimery, 2nd Cooper
John	1840-1864	"	Killed in war
Martin M.	1844-1922	"	Sarah Sides
Martha A.	1846 ?	"	Marion Wilhoit 1842-1923
David Wesley	1850-1905	"	Sarah Lowder

Children of Martin M. and Sarah Sides Poplin were:

Horton Monroe (Haute) Poplin	Married	Martha Lou Thompson
Jonah Calvin	"	1st Swaringen, 2nd Foreman
Johnny	"	Fabry Lou Mabry
Elizabeth	"	Tillman Poplin

Were Elizabeth and Tillman related?

"Haute" and Martha Lou Poplin had 17 children, 13 of which were still living in 1970. First names of 15 are: 1. Ora 2. Ola Mae 3. Charlie Monroe 4. Mollie 5. Rose Lee 6. Gladys 7. Roy 8. Offie 9. Vera 10. Vance Edison 11. Woodrow Wilson 12. Maggie (M.E.) 13. Virginia 14. Ralph Horton 15. Martha Lou.

(Since this came from a grandson, Charles Monroe Poplin, Durham, N.C., son of Charlie Monroe, called Dock, I am sure this is correct, but I also have a list of children for Haute and Lula Poplin like this: 1. George Nathan 2. Lidda Bell 3. Dorsie 4. Bertie Lee 5. Haught R. 6. Martin C. 7. Crawford 8. Samuel 9. Florence 10. Wayne 11. Claudie 12. Sarah Crone 13. Offie and three more not named. Will somebody set me straight on this second set.)

Charlie Monroe Poplin married Johnsie Mae Foreman. Their son Charles Monroe married Jean Hellard. They have children Robert Charles and Rebekah Jean, ages 16 and 11.

There you have six generations from John (Alexander?) and Mary Anna to the children of Charles Monroe. Four generations of Poplin men had the middle name of Monroe. Charles M. said Martin M. and Sarah Sides lived in the Long Creek community in western Stanly County near Oakboro, N.C. Charlie Monroe (Dock) reared his family at Porter.

Robert L. Poplin, city mail carrier of Charlotte, N.C. is a grandson of Johnny and Fabri Lou Mabry Poplin. From his family tree I see that the parents of Sarah Sides were George and Ithenia Sides.

Children of J.W., or Johnny, and Fabri Lou Mabry Poplin were: L.O. (or T. O.) Poplin, Arnold, J.B., Vaughn (?), Raymond, Marshall, Eleanor, Ann, Odessa, Lassie, Lee, Mary and Iosea (?). (Since this is from a Xerox copy of long hand it is hard to be sure about some of the names.

Robert L. Poplin, son of L.O. and Donnie Beatrice Lowder Poplin, has Martin Poplin's Civil War drum. His grandmother had a chest with Martin's uniform, but it was burned when her house burned.

I have as alist of Jonah Poplin's children: 1. Jasper married Rosa Van Hay 2. Bessie m. Jasper Mabry 3. Jay 4. Ethel m. Farris Surratt 5. George 6. Carra m. Edgar Hudson 7. Eunice 8. Flonnie 9. Teto Odus 10. Raymell 11. Annie Wilsie 12. Dewey.

Juanita (Mrs. J.D.) Morris of Albemarle is a granddaughter of Jonah Poplin and is no doubt the best genealogist of the Poplin clan, but unfortunately for us Poplins she has many other lines to work on and I have not had full benefit of her knowledge on the Poplins. She and many others have been most helpful, however.

ANOTHER MARTIN M. POPLIN

Did Martin Monroe Poplin's brother William Henry Poplin have a son also named Martin M. Poplin who married Leah Holt ? I have a list of children of William Henry Poplin as Martin M. Poplin, John (killed in the war) Eliza, Minerva, "Hopping" George and Jennie.

Was the first Martin's brother John killed in the war, as reported in his ledger, and also the brother John of the second Martin killed in the war ?

POPLIN BOOKLET

C.C. Poplin of Decatur, Ga. has put out an eight page booklet of the James Alston Poplin which is a very welcome addition to the Poplin material in print. I like to think that I had some part in getting him started in research into Poplin history. After receiving "Poplin Patter" the first time he contacted cousins, one of whom is Mrs. Lectie Harwood of New London, whom he hadn't heard from in many years.

Also a very welcome addition to my material is a copy of the History of Silver Springs Baptist Church sent to me by Miss Pinze Poplin of Charlotte. Many Poplins are mentioned in it.

A MYSTERY

Did you ever get a Christmast card with just a first name signed and you couldn't figure out who it could have possibly been from? Well we received a card addressed to Mr. and Mrs. Dick Poplin, Lee Lane, Shelbyville, Tenn. 37160 with a postmark of New Glasgow, N.S. and the return address of Merigomish, Pictou Co., N. Scotia. Inside was just the name "Adele." We can not think to save our lives who we could know in Nova Scotia or who we know named Adele. Could it possibly anybody I have contacted through "Poplin Patter?"

 * STRICTLY PERSONAL As you know, I am several months late with this *
 * issue. The only excuse is lack of time. I was too late to beat the *
 * postage increase. It now takes 8¢ for each of these letters. There *
 * have been several who have sent checks and dollar bills to help *
 * with postage and printing which I appreciate very much. Some have *
 * suggested that I drop a hint concerning the cost of this publication *
 * Perhaps this is it. I will say that I began sending out Poplin *
 * Patter in order to interest more people in the history of the ones *
 * bearing that name, and in the hope I could learn more myself. *
 * Although I appreciate the help received toward the cost of printing *
 * and mailing this newsletter, I hesitate to ask for help for one *
 * reason because I have not been on schedule in mailing it out. But *
 * the time is coming when I must decrease my mailing list because of *
 * the cost UNLESS I AM ASSURED OF YOUR INTEREST. I will not take any *
 * body off the list who has asked to be put on or who has written me. *
 * But If I have never heard from you you will have to let me know that *
 * you want to receive it. If you write me I will leave your name on. *
