

*Thomas Pitts Poole and Family of Laurens County,
South Carolina*

January 29, 1861-March 26, 1926

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Thomas Pitts Pool, "the big cotton planter of Tylersville"¹, was born 29 January 1861, the son of George Berry Pool and Mary Frances Farrow. He married Jemie Elizabeth Alexander. They had nine children. He was a cotton farmer, living in the Sandy Springs area of Laurens County, South Carolina. Thomas Pitts Poole died 26 March, 1926, and is buried in the cemetery of Langston Baptist Church.



¹ An article in *The Laurens Advertiser*, "GOING TO MILL" (By R. O. H.), August 25, 1909 makes reference to the farm of "...Thos. P. Poole, the big cotton planter of Tylersville". <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn93067760/1909-08-25/ed-1/seq-5/>

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South Carolina in Thomas Pitts Poole's Lifetime

Thomas Pitts Pool was born little more than a month after South Carolina signed the Ordinance of Secession on Thursday, December 20, 1860. He was a sixteen year old when President Rutherford B. Hayes ended the Reconstruction Era in South Carolina and the Democratic Party under Governor Wade Hampton took over control of the state. Coincidentally, at that same time the bankruptcy of his father, George B. Pool, was beginning to work its way through the Federal Courts.

Thomas P.'s life was dominated by the cotton market. Over time, he built up a large tenant farming operation, producing baled cotton with his own gin. He saw the arrival of the cotton boll weevil² in the early 1920's, an event that was to hasten the end of operations such as his in South Carolina. While Thomas P. clearly earned a respectable income farming cotton, the problems of production caused three of his sons to seek other livelihoods, and the one son that remained a farmer- Martin- never did achieve the prosperity of his father³. (Thomas Pitts' daughter Mary Frances was the only descendant to remain in farming, managing a large plantation near Rembert , SC on land obtained by her marriage to William Alston.)

Thomas Pitts lived through the Spanish-American War in 1898, and in 1918 saw all four of his sons register for the draft for the Great War (WW I). None served in the military, however.

The Great War brought another disruption to his life; wild swings in the price of cotton. In 1914, "prospects looked rosy for the South's cotton farmers."⁴ A huge crop was in the field, and prices were holding at about 12 ¢ per pound. But the war in Europe closed the cotton exchanges and prices plummeted, dropping as low as 5½¢ per pound in some markets, with prices averaging less than 7¢ for much of the winter of 1914. The USDA price statistics⁵ tell the story of the price swings:

2 An undated letter received by my mother around 1930 from a friend in Ruby, SC states: "Well, we'll soon be picking what cotton the boll weevil left us. And that's not much." Privately held letter, N. D., Maggie C. to Leona Davis.

3 At his death in 1943, Martin's estate was assessed at \$369.60. The sale of his final crop brought in \$170.10 to his Estate. He owned 2 mules and miscellaneous farm equipment. Apart from the crop growing in the field, the mules and a 1933 V8 Ford car were the two most valuable assets on his farm. See Laurens County Probate Court, Estate of Martin Poole, Box 634, Bundle 3, June 12, 1943.

4 The quotation and details not otherwise attributed in this discussion of cotton prices are summarized from Cotton Fields no More, Southern Agriculture 1865- 1980, Gilbert C. Fites, 1984, pp. 91- 119.

5 United States Department of Agriculture, Yearbook 1920, Government Printing Office,

Year	1911	1912	1913	1914	1915	1916	1917	1918	1919	1920
Average Price ¢/LB	11.4	10.5	12.4	9.1	9.7	15.1	22.7	29.4	31.4	29.6

Throughout the 1920's prices continued to vary. It is worth noting that when Thomas P.'s heirs sold his last crop in 1926, the December average price⁶ was 10.6¢, not much better than the price received by 23 year old T. P. Pool, as shown in the 1884 Ledger of Laurens cotton buyers G. W. Shell, Watts and Co.⁷:

Date of Purchase	From Whom Bought	No. of Bales	Weights	Gross Weight	Price per LB	Cost
October 11, 1884	T. P. Pool	2	67 ₅₀₀	68 ₄₀₀	960	8 3/4 84.00
December 24, 1884	Tom Pool	1	42 ₄₀₀		400	9 36.00
January 2, 1885	T. P. Pool	1	44 ₄₀₀		425	9 38.25

Two of South Carolina's most notorious Governors served during Thomas P.'s life: "Pitchfork" Ben Tillman, from 1890- 1894, and Coleman Livingston Blease,⁸ from 1911- 1915. Both became U. S. Senators after their terms ended, carrying their fiery racist language and demagoguery to a national stage.

Thomas P. died during the administration of Calvin Coolidge, who "...in his Inaugural ... asserted that the country had achieved "a state of contentment seldom before seen," and pledged himself to maintain the status quo. In subsequent years he twice vetoed

Washington, D. C., 1921, Table 143, p. 640.

6 United States Department of Agriculture, Yearbook of Agriculture 1926, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., 1927, Table 248, p. 972.

7 G. W. Shell, Watts and Company Cotton Merchants of Laurens County, S.C., 1882-1885, SC Dept. Archives and History, L30252.

8 In addition to his white supremacy ideology, Blease had many strange ideas. One lighter example is this comment in his 1911 inaugural address: "I also, in this connection, beg leave to call your attention to the evil of the habitual drinking of Coca-Cola, Pepsi-Cola, and such like mixtures, as I fully believe they are injurious. It would be better for our people if they had nice, respectable places where they could go and buy a good, pure glass of cold beer, than to drink such concoctions."

farm relief bills, and killed a plan to produce cheap Federal electric power on the Tennessee River.⁹"

He probably did not foresee it, but forces were already in place that would forever change the world Thomas Pitts knew—cotton, mules, and tenant farmers. International Harvester had two years earlier introduced the Farmall tractor¹⁰, which effectively ended the need for mules in cotton planting and cultivation. When efficient mechanical cotton pickers began arriving in the late 1940's, the dominance of the mule in Southern agriculture ended. The efforts made by the Roosevelt administration to recover from the great depression and the upheaval of the Second World War would accelerate the move of millions of poor Southerners from the hardscrabble rural life of tenancy to other means of earning a livelihood. And finally, the boll weevil and other agricultural factors led to the demise of King Cotton in the South.

Domestic Matters

Census

Thomas Pitts Poole appears in the United States Census from 1870 through 1920. Examining the Census of 1900 shows that Martin and Russell are already working as laborers, while the eldest

Year	Name	Age	Sex	Color	Marital Status	Occupation	Education	Value of Real Estate	Value of Personal Estate
1870	Thomas Pitts Poole	17	M	W	Single				
1880	Thomas Pitts Poole	27	M	W	Single				
1890	Thomas Pitts Poole	37	M	W	Single				
1900	Thomas Pitts Poole	47	M	W	Single	Laborer	None	None	None
1910	Thomas Pitts Poole	57	M	W	Single	Laborer	None	None	None
1920	Thomas Pitts Poole	67	M	W	Single	Laborer	None	None	None

daughter Nina remains at school, a pattern that was to persist in this family. Also note that one year old Josh Craig is enumerated as "Manley" Pool in 1900.

Year: 1870; Census Place: Scuffletown, Laurens, South Carolina; Roll: M593_1501; Page: 162B; Image: 329; Family History Library Film: 553000.

9 From <http://www.whitehouse.gov/about/presidents/calvincoolidge>.

10 The Farmall was the first tractor designed for row crop farmers, and was small enough, and cheap enough, for mid size Southern farmers to use. The advent of even smaller and more affordable tractors such as the Allis Chalmers B, 1937 list price \$495, accelerated the move from animals to machines so rapidly that the mule had all but disappeared in the South by the 1950's.

Year: 1880; Census Place: Scuffletown, Laurens, South Carolina; Roll: 1233; Family History Film: 1255233; Page: 197C; Enumeration District: 104; .

Year: 1900; Census Place: Scuffletown, Laurens, South Carolina; Roll: T623_1534; Page: 19A; Enumeration District: 59.

Year: 1910; Census Place: Scuffletown, Laurens, South Carolina; Roll: T624_1465; Page: 6A; Enumeration District: 60; Image: 273.

Year: 1920; Census Place: Scuffletown, Laurens, South Carolina; Roll: T625_1700; Page: 2B; Enumeration District: 67; Image: 291.

Jemie Elizabeth Alexander

Jemie Alexander was born near Cross Anchor, South Carolina, the daughter of Wilson Alexander (1825-1899) and Mary Allen (1833- 1905)¹¹. Jemie first appears in the Census of 1870, listed as 8 year old "Jennie" in Wilson Alexander's household in Cross Anchor Township in Spartanburg County. Nineteen year old "Jimmie E" is still at home in the Census of 1880¹². The date of her marriage to Thomas P. Poole is not known¹³.

Mrs. Thomas P. Poole

Laurens, March 7 - Mrs. Jimmie Alexander Poole, 76, wife of the late Thomas P. Poole, died at 10:55 o'clock tonight at her home near here.

Mrs. Poole, a native of Spartanburg county, is survived by four sons, Martin M. and J. Furman Poole, Laurens; Russell E. Poole, Anderson; Josh C. Poole, Greenville; and two daughters, Mrs. W. B. Alexander, Woodruff; and Mrs. Mary F. Alston, Hagood. Funeral services will be held at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning at the Langston Baptist church.

The Spartanburg Herald-Journal, March 8, 1937, pg. 3.

Jemie owned considerable property apart from her husband. The Appendix **Thomas Pitts Poole & Family Land Conveyances** records a number of conveyances she made, including the December 24, 1902 sale of 376 acres to her husband for \$3000. In 1898, the Laurens County Tax Auditor had assessed Mrs. Jemie E Poole's 376 acres at a value of \$1870, with one building worth \$100¹⁴.

She died on 7 March, 1937, and is buried beside her husband in

¹¹ Birth and death dates courtesy of Alexander family researchers. The 1850 Federal Census records Wilson's age as 25, Mary as 18.

¹² Year: 1870; Census Place: Cross Anchor, Spartanburg, South Carolina; Roll: M593_1508; Page: 423A; Image: 246; Family History Library Film: 553007; Year: 1880; Census Place: Cross Anchor, Spartanburg, South Carolina; Roll: 1240; Family History Film: 1255240; Page: 163C; Enumeration District: 141; .

¹³ Alexander family researchers have estimated the marriage date as about 1884.

¹⁴ Laurens County Office: Auditor, Auditor's Tax Duplicate 1898.

the Langston Baptist Church cemetery¹⁵.

Children

Thomas P. and Jemmie had nine children, one of whom died as an infant.

Martin Milton (13 July 1885- 8 June, 1943)
Nina Pitts (17 February, 1887- 25 February, 1914)
Russell Earl (20 November, 1888- 21 February, 1953)
James Furman (12 October 1890¹⁶- 7 February, 1973)
Grace (12 September, 1892- 15 May, 1966)
Mary Frances (28 November, 1894- 12 October, 1979)
Joshua Craig (27 June, 1898- 10 November, 1946)
Mattie Bobo (17 March, 1900- 1 July, 1924)

The infant was born on 2 January, 1897. The tombstone at Langston Baptist Church cemetery reads:

Infant son
Born to Mr. & Mrs.
Thomas Poole
January 2, 1897
He sleeps in that
celestial city

Glimpses of Domestic Life

The Probate papers for Thomas Pitts give us some idea of how the home looked. Some of the contents enumerated were two bedsteads, a cot, two stoves, two dressers, a wash stand, a laundry kettle, four tin tubs, a china closet, ten chairs, six "chairs that rock", a davenport, two chests, and a sewing machine. The kitchen contained a stove, utensils, three tables and a safe. Also enumerated were a "Roller" desk and an iron safe¹⁷.

Jemmie registered ownership of an automobile: Vehicle
Registration: 1928 Dodge Sedan, Mrs. Jemmie E. Poole, R. F. D.

15 Her will specified that she wished a memorial be placed on her grave. The tombstone at Langston Baptist Church cemetery is a joint memorial to Jemmie and Thomas P.

16 James Furman was inconsistent in giving his age throughout his life. The birth year of 1890 is derived from the 1900 Census, but in the earliest surviving documents from his life, he generally gave his birth year as 1892.

17 All items extracted from Laurens County Probate Court, Inventories, Appraisments & Sales, 1897-1929, pp. 441-442.

Lanford Station, Laur. Co., S. C.¹⁸

Land

Both Thomas Pitts Poole and Jemie Alexander were landowners. The Appendix **Thomas Pitts Poole & Family Land Conveyances** lists many of the conveyances made throughout their lifetimes.

One significant transfer is the conveyance of George B. Pool to Thomas of the family farm:

Date of Record	Grantees Given Names	Grantors Family Name	Acre s	Amount Paid	Book	Page	Brief Description
Jan 13, 1896	Thos. P.	G. B. Pool	58	200	7	251	Scuffletown Tp., Mrs. Betsy Moseley, Pub. Rd ¹⁹

Locating the Home Place

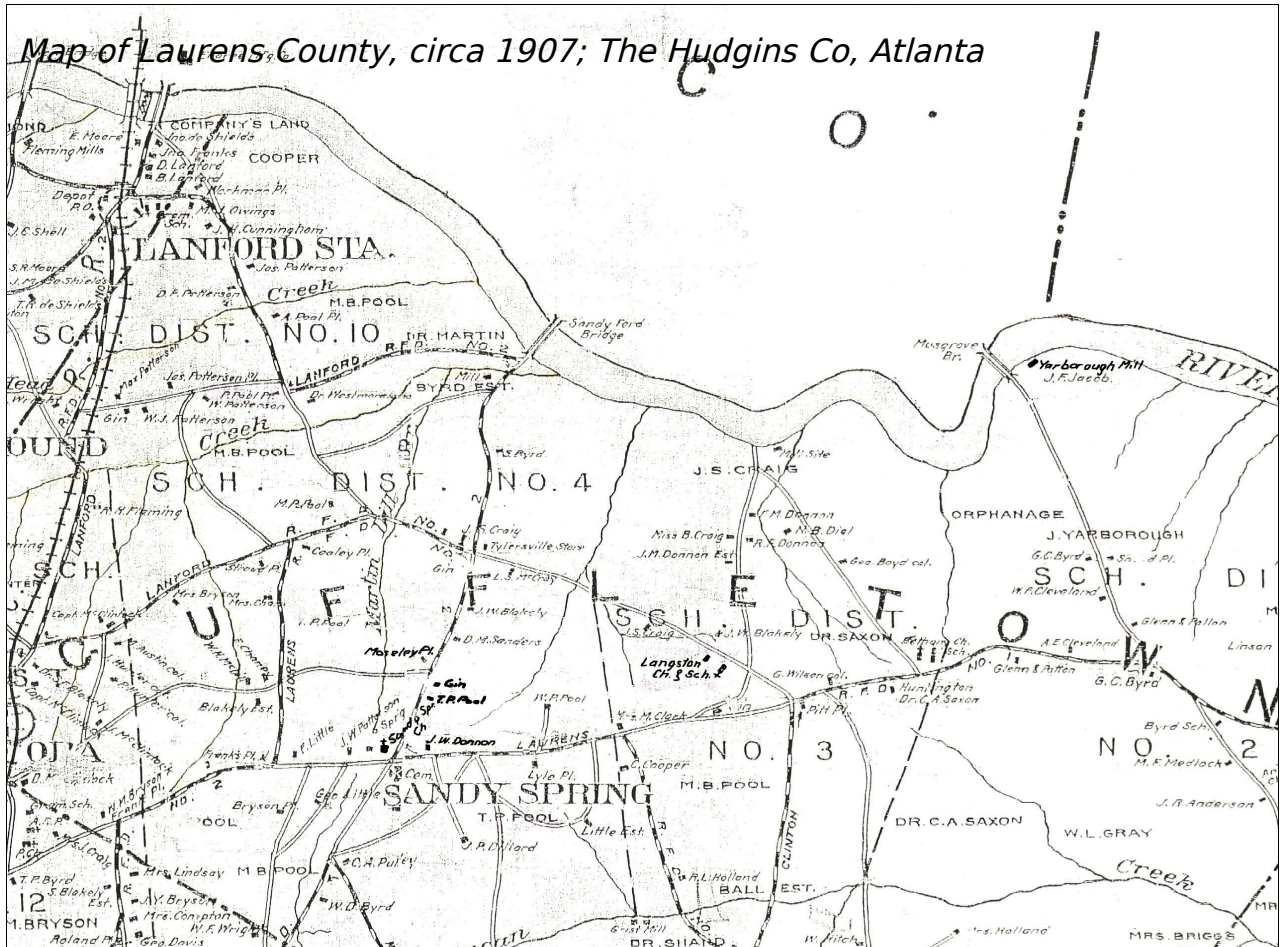
The map of Laurens County published by the Hudgins Company, c. 1907, shows a number of the farms owned by T. P. Pool. Using the adjacencies from Jemie's Will, it is possible to locate the home farm:

"The said homestead tract of land being bounded as follows: on the North by lands belonging to J. W. Peterson, known as the Mosley place, on the West, by the public road leading from Yarborough's Mills by Sandy Springs Church to Laurens, on the South by the public road leading from Sandy Springs Church to Clinton, on the West by lands belonging to J. W. Donnon and the Farmer's National Bank..."

¹⁸ List of Motor Vehicle Registrations 1933- 1937, SC Dept. Archives and History, L30021.

¹⁹ Direct or Grantor Index- Conveyances of Real Estate- Laurens County, S. C., p. 80.

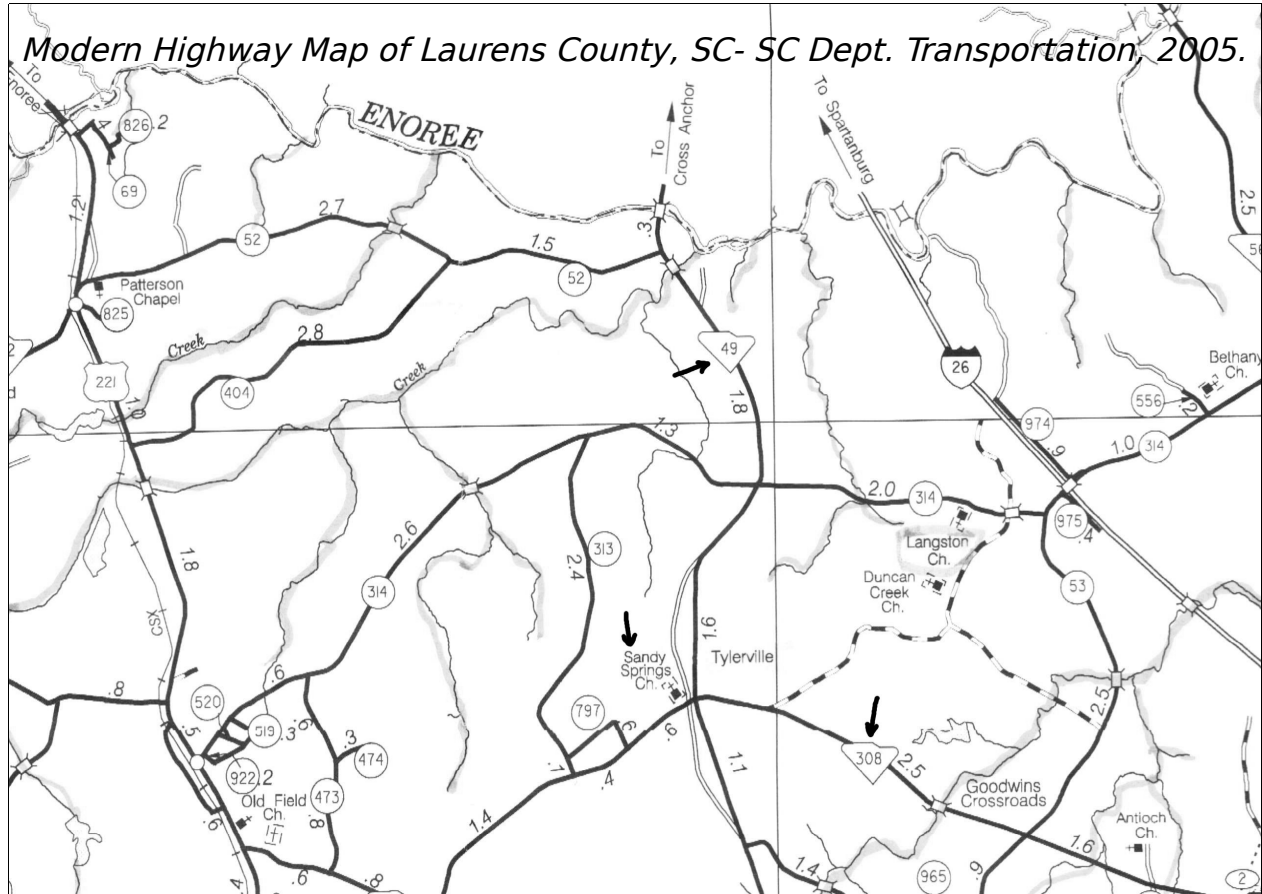
Map of Laurens County, circa 1907; The Hudgins Co, Atlanta



The Hudgin map extract highlights "the Moseley Place", "Sandy Springs Church", "lands belonging to J. W. Donnon", and "Yarborough's Mill". In addition, the map shows the presence of a cotton gin adjacent to the "T. P. Pool" farmhouse, and Thomas Pitts' Estate included "one Ginnery, press, steam engine & fixtures". Comparing this map to a present day highway map of Laurens County, the roads are considerably changed, but the Sandy Springs Church, and the church cemetery across the road, are still easily found landmarks. Doing so identifies the "public road leading from Yarborough's Mills by Sandy Springs Church to Laurens" as modern SC 49, and near its intersection with SC 308 is the location of the T. P. Pool home farm.²⁰

²⁰ Older map published by the Hudgins Company, Atlanta, Georgia, no date, c. 1907. The extracts from the Wills of Jemie and Thomas P. are cited elsewhere in this document. The modern map used for comparison is *General Highway System, Laurens County*, South Carolina Department of Transportation, 2005. All comparisons done by the writer.

The 1930 Federal Census lists Jemie as living on "Union Road" in the Place of Abode entry. Present day South Carolina State Road 49 is called "Union Highway". The previous road visited by the Census taker was "Pooletown Road", which still exists today as South Carolina Secondary Road 313. (See following map).



Occupation

Thomas Pitts Pool seems to have been a full time cotton farmer throughout his life.

At his death in 1926, among the farm machinery listed was "one Ginnery, press, steam engine & fixtures", appraised at \$250. He also owned 25 mules, 3 horses, 5 wagons, 30 plow stocks, 5 cotton planters, and "250 acres farmland, 4 buildings" appraised at \$3625, and an additional "1448 acres farm land, 11 buildings" appraised at \$21,996²¹. This was a clearly a substantial farming

²¹ Laurens County Probate Court, Inventories, Appraisments and Sales, 1897-1929, pp.

A Y Thompson }
Witnesses sworn Thos P Pool J Wofford Peterson A Y Thompson
George Pool"²⁴.

The jury found for the defendant.

From the Laurens Court of General Sessions Index²⁵:

Names	Offense Charged	Disposition of Case	Term when Ended	No. on File
Pool T. P.	Assault and battery with intent to kill	Nol Pros	July 1896	621

The indictment for this case is not present in the South Carolina Department of Archives and History. To date, the Laurens County Clerk of Court has been unable to locate the document either, so no further information is known. Examining the indexes for the Laurens County Court of General Sessions for the term of Thomas Pitts life did not disclose any other court cases.

In the Name of God Amen

Thomas Pitts Poole

When Thomas P. Pool died on Friday, March 26, he did not leave a will. Since it was planting season on his extensive farming operations, it was vital to quickly decide how to continue. The families' agreement on how to proceed was drawn up and signed the following Tuesday.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF LAURENS

In the matter of:

The Estate of T. P. Poole, deceased

AGREEMENT

We the undersigned, sole heirs at law, next of kin and distributors of T. P. Poole, deceased, do

²⁴ Laurens County Clerk of Court Common Pleas Journal 1881- 1885, pp. 294, 322.

²⁵ *Nol Pros* is *Nolle Prosequi*, no prosecution. As of this writing, I have not been able to find any additional information on this case. Many of the original indictments from Laurens have been lost, apparently including this one.

hereby jointly and severally agree as follows:

1st. That our mother, Mrs. Jemmie Poole, apply for and secure Letters of Administration of the estate of our deceased father.

2nd. That our mother do operate, and continue to operate all farms for the year 1926. In other words, that she carry out all arrangements made by our father for farming all of his lands for the rest of this year. For this purpose she shall use all cash money on hand in furnishing supplies for the tenants, and generally in carrying on farming operations, as she lives on the farm and will give the same general supervision we agree that living expenses shall be included in the general farming expenses.

We agree further that she shall make arrangements with Hunter Brothers for such supplies as she will need to carry on the farming operations and supply the tenants from now until she can be appointed and qualify as Administratrix, and such debts as she may incur in this respect shall be claims against the Estate and repaid out of the crops raised this year, or other assets of the estate. We understand that it will be about two (2) weeks before she can qualify as Administratrix, and the tenants are now demanding supplies, advances, etc.

4th. Sometime shortly before our father's death our mother loaned him One hundred and ten (110) dollars of her personal funds, for which she received no note or memorandum. We agree that she may establish this as a claim against the estate.

5th. We agree to assist our mother in any way we can in her administration of the Estate, and to co-operate with her in making the final settlement as expeditiously as possible.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have hereunto subscribed our names and affixed our seals this the 30th day of March, A.D. 1926²⁶

Martin M. Poole
Russell Earl Poole
Josh C. Pool
Grace Pool Boyd
J. F. Pool
Mary F. Alston

During the year, money problems arose with farming operations:

"It appearing that the funds so borrowed and used were insufficient and that it is necessary that certain live-stock belonging to the Estate to-wit: one cow, three calves and some pigs, should be sold for the purpose of raising funds with which to carry on farming operations, purchase materials and supplies and pay labor...".

In addition, the merchant John A. Franks placed a lien on 4 mules, claiming that

26 Laurens County Probate, Bundle 517, Pkg. 3.

John A. Franks
Dealer In
Heavy Groceries,
Plantation Supplies
Buggies, Wagons and
Harness

Thomas Pitts Pool had bought the mules in 1924 along with "certain goods, wares, and merchandise... on open account". This complicated the sale of the large number of mules on Thomas Pitts' estate, but was eventually resolved, and the sale proceeded. In addition to the Franks mules, 22 others were sold, including 9 to Jemie and 2 to Josh Craig.

Several children made claims against the Estate:

J. C. Poole claimed "10 months service in work on farm of T. P. Poole, deceased, beginning April 1st 1926 and ending Jan. 31st at \$20.00 per month", with an additional \$20 "to difference on purchase price of one horse."

Russell Pool claimed \$5000 "on an insurance policy which premiums on said policy were paid by the above creditor and which policy under a written agreement was assigned to above creditor", as well as "cash in the sum of Two Thousand Dollars".

J. F. Pool claimed "two mule collars @ \$5.00", "shoeing 3 mules", and "three and one-half days labor".

Among the Laurens businesses making claims on the Estate were:

Herbert L. Roper & Company

Dealers in
Rough and Dressed
Lumber, Lath,
Shingles, etc
Doors, Sash,
Blinds, Paints,
Oils

Laurens Hardware Company

Hardware, Stoves,
Cutlery and Farming
Implements, Engine
Fittings
Spokes and Rims

**Owings & Owings
General Merchandise**

Flour Hay Grain Feed
Bagging and Ties
Hardware
Dealers in Guano
Cotton Seed Meal
Nitrate Soda
Agents for Lynchburg
Plows
Farm Supplies

Digression- Southern Tenant Farming

It is clear from the farming agreement drawn up By Jemie and the children on Thomas P.'s death that he was running a tenant farming operation. "Tenant farming, which replaced the slave-based agricultural system in the south, enabled farm laborers to rent ground from landowners for a percentage of crops (called crop rent) or cash payments (called cash rent).²⁷" "What began as a device to get former slaves back to work became a pernicious system that entrapped white as well as black farmers.

²⁷ Southern Tenant Farmers Museum, 117 Main Street, Tyronza, Arkansas 72386, website <http://stfm.astate.edu/tenant.html>

After 1900 the number of white tenant farmers grew alarmingly. By 1935 nearly half of white farmers and 77 percent of black farmers in the country were landless²⁸."

The tenant system began to disappear in the late 1930's. "The Agricultural Adjustment Act (AAA) of 1933 led many landowners ... to take part of their lands out of cultivation in exchange for funds offered by the federal government. Thus, landowners eliminated their tenant and sharecropper plots. The AAA program was one of Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal measures designed to end the Great Depression. This program was designed to reduce farm output in order to raise farm prices. An unintended consequence of the program, however, was the displacement of tenant farmers and sharecroppers.²⁹"

The terms of these agreements varied widely, depending in large measure on how much the tenant supplied in addition to his labor, and how much the landowner was expected to supply during the growing season. Sharecropping was the most basic arrangement, in which the tenant supplied only labor. In most cases, this meant that half of the crop went to the landowner at harvest. It appears from the wording in Thomas P.'s Probate that at least a substantial number of his tenants were sharecroppers. I can recall my father referring to this arrangement as "farming on the halvings".

Jemmie Alexander

In the name of God, Amen:

I, Mrs. Jemmie E. Poole, of near Sandy Springs Church in the County and State aforesaid, being of sound mind and memory, and knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, and being desirous of disposing of such worldly goods as it hath pleased God to bless me with, do make, ordain, publish and declare this writing as and for my last will and testament hereby revoking all wills and instruments of a testamentary nature heretofore made by me.

First. I will my body to the earth whence it came, and my soul to God who gave it, redeemed it and preserved it up to this good hour and the only One to whom I may look for eternal life.

Second. It is my will and desire, and I direct that my Executor, hereinafter named, do pay all my just debts, including expenses of my last sickness and my funeral expenses, as soon after my death as may be practicable.

²⁸ Oklahoma Historical Society,

<http://digital.library.okstate.edu/encyclopedia/entries/T/TE009.html>

²⁹ *Farmers Without Land: The Plight of White Tenant Farmers and Sharecroppers*, Charles C. Bolton, *Mississippi History Now*, an on-line publication of the Mississippi Historical Society. <http://mshistory.k12.ms.us/articles/>

Third. It is my will and desire and I hereby direct that my said Executor do erect over my grave as soon after my death as may be convenient, such monument or tombstone as in his good judgment should mark my last resting place.

Fourth. I will, give, devise, and bequeath to my son Martin Milton Poole, in fee simple, all of the rest and residue of my property including all my real estate and especially a one third undivided interest, now owned by me in the homestead tract of land consisting of one hundred acres and all buildings thereon. The said homestead tract of land being bounded as follows: on the North by lands belonging to J. W. Peterson, known as the Mosley place, on the West, by the public road leading from Yarborough's Mills by Sandy Springs Church to Laurens, on the South by the public road leading from Sandy Springs Church to Clinton, on the West by lands belonging to J. W. Donnon and the Farmer's National Bank, and also all of my personal and mixed property of every kind and description wherever the same may be situated or located, including Insurance, Bonds, Choses in action and all property that I am entitled to, or may hereafter be entitled to receive from any person or estate. I acquired the said one-third undivided interest in the said tract of land from each of my two sons, namely: Russell E. Poole, and Joshua C. Poole.

Fifth. I hereby name, nominate and appoint Dr. R. H. Bryson as Executor of this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I, Mrs. Jemmie E. Poole do hereunto set my hand and seal to this my last will and testament, typewritten on two sheets of paper, with my signature on the bottom of the first sheet and also on the bottom of this the second sheet, in the presence of three subscribing witnesses hereunto, who have subscribed their names at my request and in my presence, and in the presence of each other this the 10th day of April, A. D., 1934.

Finding the Children in Public Records

Martin Milton

Martin's WW I Draft Registration card describes him as being of medium height and build, with blue eyes and black hair³⁰.

Managers of Election

The following have been appointed to conduct the primary election in Laurens County August 25th:

...
Langston Church - Reed Todd, M. M. Pool, F. L. Donnan

...
The Laurens Advertiser, August 19, 1908

Laurens, June 8 - Martin M. Poole,

30 Draft registration Card Serial Number 1885 Order Number 1964, 12 September, 1918.

R. P. MILAM & COMPANY
Moved to W. L. Gray's old stand.

We have the choicest line of **Funeral Directors.**
Staple and Fancy Groceries, Hardware
Harness, Guano, Etc.

Our equipment in the Undertaker's line is better than ever before. On Sundays or at night parties desiring anything in this line will phone R. P. Milam at his residence or call on Alec N. Bramlett at his home.

These goods will be sold on a Low Price Full Weight Guarantee, and the quality is the best that can be found on the market.

Adolphus M. Owings, Alec N. Beckett and Martin Poole are with us and will be pleased to see their friends.

R. P. MILAM & CO.,
LAURENS, S. C.

58, well known resident of the Sandy Springs community of Laurens county, died today after a short illness at the old homestead where he had lived most of his adult life as a farmer. He was a son of the late Thomas P. Poole and Jimmy Alexander Poole, and had served as chairman of his local precinct club and for many years as clerk of the Langston Baptist church.

Survivors are three brothers, Russell E. Poole of Knoxville, Tenn., James F. Poole of Shaw Field, Sumter, and Kosh C. Poole of Terre Haute, Ind., and two sisters, Mrs. Frances C. Alston of Rembert and Mrs. W. B. Alexander of Woodruff.

Funeral services will be conducted at the Langston Baptist church Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock by the Rev. Jodie A. Martin and the Rev. Mr. Herbert.

Burial will be in the church cemetery. The body will be at the Kennedy Mortuary until the hour of service.

The Spartanburg Herald-Journal June 8, 1943, pg. 2

Nina Pitts

Mr. T. P. Poole went to Greenwood Saturday to see his daughter, Miss Nina, who is attending school there. The Laurens Advertiser., March 08, 1905

Miss Nina Poole. daughter of Mr. T. P. Poole of the Tylerville section of the county, leaves next week for Columbia where in the Columbia Hospital she will take a course in trained nursing. *The Laurens Advertiser, November 24, 1909*

MISS NINA POOLE DIED YESTERDAY

Miss Nina Poole, aged 28, for several years a Clerk in the office of John J. Burnett, probate Judge for Spartanburg county, died yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. Bridges on North Converse Street, from pneumonia, after a short illness. The body will be taken to Ora, in Laurens county, on the 6:50 o'clock train this morning. The funeral services will be held from Langston church, Ora, tomorrow at noon, the Rev. C. C. Herbert pastor of Central Methodist church, this city, officiating. The interment will be in the churchyard.

The late Miss Poole is survived by the following immediate relatives: Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Poole; three sisters, Misses Grace Poole, Fannie Poole and Mattie Bobo Poole; four brothers, Martin Poole, Russell Poole, Furman Poole and Josh Craig Poole.

The late Miss Poole was born in Ora, Laurens county, 28 years ago, coming to Spartanburg in 1909. While here she was clerk in the office of the probate judge and was noted for her extreme efficiency and industry. To her near friends she was a most lovable young woman, and the officials at the courthouse bespeak words of high praise for her sterling qualities, disposition and character.

She contracted a severe cold last week but would not leave her office as Judge Burnett is absent from the city. Her sense of duty was such that she considered she should keep the office open, although the officials and attaches at the courthouse endeavored to persuade her to go to her home. She became extremely ill Friday afternoon and had to bow to the inevitable. Her cold changed into pneumonia, and she rapidly became worse, losing consciousness a short time before her death. Her father, mother and one sister were at her bedside when death came.

Spartanburg Herald Journal, February 27, 1914.

Although Nina's family were Baptists and she is buried at Langston Baptist Church, Nina was a Methodist, as noted in her obituary in the *Southern Christian Advocate*³¹.

POOLE- Nina Pitts Poole, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Poole, was born in Laurens County February 17, 1886, and died in Spartanburg February 25, 1914. This young woman was given the advantages of a course in Lander College and she also graduated from a business college in Spartanburg. From childhood she was very industrious and always went about her work with a cheerful song. On completing her business course she accepted positions in Spartanburg wherein she proved "a workman that need not be ashamed", meeting faithfully and efficiently each duty and responsibility. She was for several years stenographer and typewriter in the office of the judge of probate of Spartanburg County. She there acquainted herself thoroughly with the various departments of the office work and proved herself a most valuable assistant. During these years of absence her frequent visits home were occasions

31 *Southern Christian Advocate*, v77, #46, p15, c1, Thursday, April 30, 1914.

of great happiness; for she loved her home very dearly and was greatly beloved by the entire family circle. Those happy meetings are remembered now with the deepest joy, and it is a comforting thought to her loved ones that, though she can come home to them no more, she is now awaiting their homecoming at the beautiful gate of the celestial city. Her interest in the church began in childhood. In those early years she delighted to attend Sunday School and took a great delight in carrying beautiful flowers to the church. At about sixteen she became a member of the Church under the pastorate of Rev. G. M. Boyd. She was enrolled as a member of Central Methodist church, Spartanburg, March 20, 1913 and was a faithful attendant upon the public services and an officer of Philathon class. One day while attending to the duties in the office where she worked she was taken violently ill with pneumonia and in five short days this dread disease had done its work. Accompanied by many surviving friends and relatives the body was taken for interment to Langston Cemetery in Laurens county. The services were conducted by her pastor Rev. C. C. Herbert assisted by Rev. J. R. T. Major and a touching tribute was spoken by Hon. J. J. Burnett, judge of probate of Spartanburg county. Miss Nina is missed in a large circle of friends in Spartanburg, she is greatly missed in the office where her work was so faithfully done, and most of all she is missed in the home where as the eldest daughter among eight sons and daughters she occupied a special place in each heart in the family circle. May these dear ones now so deeply grieved experience hereafter a happy meeting in that home of the blest, where there is no more parting and where God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

Russell Earl

Russell's WW I Draft registration card describes him as being tall and slender, with blue eyes and dark hair. It notes that he had broken an arm and a leg in the past³².

LAURENS - Funeral services for Russell E. Poole, 64, formerly of Laurens, who died at Melbourne, Fla., Saturday, will be held at the graveside in Langston Baptist Church cemetery Wednesday at 11 a.m. The Rev. J. E. Rouse will officiate.

Mr. Poole was a native of Laurens County, son of the late Thomas P. and Jimmie Eliza Alexander Poole. He spent most of

³² Draft Registration Card Serial Number 2664, 12 September, 1918.

his life in Laurens County, but had moved to Florida recently because of his health.

He was married twice, first to Mrs. Eva Floride Workman Poole, who died in 1943. From this marriage survive four sons, John H. and Harold D. of Greenville, James R. of New Orleans and Cecil E. of Charleston Naval Base.

Also surviving are; his wife, one brother, J. F. of Shaw Air Force Base; and two sisters, Mrs. W. B. Alexander of Woodruff and Mrs. Fannie Alston of Rembert.

The body will arrive at Kennedy Mortuary Wednesday morning. It will remain there until an hour before the services.

The Spartanburg Herald-Journal, February 24, 1953, pg. 2.

James Furman

Furman's WW I Draft Registration card describes him as tall, medium build, with blue eyes and brown hair. It notes that he "has been operated on for appendicitis."³³

Furman married Ruth Martin of Gray Court, SC on 1 December, 1915. The Reverend T. W. Munnerlyn, pastor of M. E. C. South, Gray Court, performed the ceremony³⁴.

Furman farmed for a while, then found work as a carpenter. He and Ruth lived for a time on Martin Street in Laurens. In the late 1930's, Furman was employed by the Laurens Glass Works³⁵.

Sometime around 1940, Furman moved to Sumter, South Carolina, where he found work in the Carpentry Shop at Shaw Field, the present Shaw Air Force Base. He continued to work at Shaw until his retirement. He never returned to Laurens.

Furman died on 7 February, 1973, and is buried at Evergreen Cemetery, Sumter³⁶.

Grace

Woodruff- Mrs. Grace P. Alexander, 73, of 438 N. Main St. died 2:30 a m Sunday at home of a son after brief illness.

33 Draft Registration Card Serial Number 2665, Number 58, June 5, 1917.

34 Laurens County Marriage License; Laurens County Marriage Register 1912- 1916, p. 333-334.

35 Federal Census of 1920; Federal Census of 1930; Social Security Account application, 12-5-1936

36 Sumter information: personal recollection of the author.

Daughter of the late Thomas and Jimmie Alexander Poole; Member Emma Gray Memorial Methodist Church; member American Legion Auxiliary: hostess for Rotary Club; member Home Garden Club, graduate of Charleston Academy. Twice married. first to Richard F. Boyd, and the late W. B. Alexander.

Survivors: son, Richard F. (Dick) Boyd. Woodruff; step-daughter, Mrs. Irene Westmoreland, Woodruff; step-son, John W. Alexander. Woodruff; sister, Mrs. Fannie Alston, Rembert, S. C.: brother, Furman Poole, Sumter: two grandchildren.

Body will remain at Lamar Lanford Funeral Home. Family will receive friends at mortuary 7-9 tonight.

Spartanburg Herald-Journal - May 16 1966.

Mary Frances

HAGOOD- Frances Poole Alston, 84, widow of Dr William Algernon Alston, died Friday night at Tuomey Hospital.

Born in Laurens County, she was the daughter of the late Thomas Pitts and Jimmie Alexander Poole.

Mrs. Alston was a member of the Church of the Ascension at Hagood. She was a school teacher and retired farmer.

Surviving are a daughter Mary Alston Levine of Charlotte, NC, a son, Col. (Ret) William Pitts Alston Sr. of Sumter, five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 4 o' clock Sunday afternoon in the Church of the Ascension at Hagood by the Rev William Potts. Interment will follow in the church cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Walter Marion LeNoir Sr., Walter Marion LeNoir Jr, John M Brabham, Gordon O. Lindler, Everett Alsbroom, and C E Owens Ill. Honorary pallbearers will be Francis Emanuel, Willie Dinkins, T. O. Bowen, Wilbur Wilson, Benjamin Myers, Maj. Gen. George L. Mabry, Harrison Hopkins Sanders, William Boykin and David Trimnal.

The family will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elliott LeNoir in Hagood.

Shelley-Brunson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

The Sumter Daily Item, 13 October 1979.

Joshua Craig

Josh Craig's WW I Draft Registration card describes him as medium height, with brown eyes and red hair³⁷.

TWO KILLED AS AUTO DIVES INTO GULLY, ONE HURT

Nathan H. Hill, Eldridge Kennedy, Farmers of Near Gray Court Victims, Josh Poole Injured

Laurens, Jan. 29 - Nathan H. Hill, 49, and Eldridge Kennedy, 40, were fatally injured about eight o'clock this morning when their car left the road and plunged into an eight-foot gully. Josh Poole, who was driving the car, received a head injury. The accident was witnessed by Mrs. Poole and her brother, Robert Yeargin, who were following close behind the other machine which was taking Hill, Kennedy and Poole to a CWA project on Warrior Creek. The bodies of the men were extricated from beneath the car. Hill and Kennedy were dead, and Poole was still in a dazed condition. He was taken to Greenville this afternoon for special examination and treatment.

The accident occurred on the Gray Court-Ora road, about a mile from Martin's Cross Roads and about six miles east of Gray Court.

Sheriff Columbus L. Owens, who investigated the tragedy, reported that Poole said the accident occurred when a gleam of sunlight suddenly blinded him as the car was rounding a curve, and before he realized it the car had gone over into the gully, turning over and falling on the trio.

The three men, farmers of the neighborhood, lived about three miles east of Gray Court.

Sheriff Owens announced that no inquest would be held in the case.

The Greenville News, January 29, 1934.

Laurens, Nov 11 - Joshua C. Poole, 45, brother of Mrs. W. B. Alexander of North Main Street, died suddenly late Sunday afternoon in Huron, S.D., where he had gone on a hunting trip with friends.

Mr. Poole was the son of the late Thomas P. Poole and Jemmie

³⁷ Draft Registration Card Serial Number 1903 Order A 795, 12 September, 1918.

Alexander Poole of the Tylersville Section of Laurens County. For the past several years, he had been connected with the DuPont Company, having been stationed in Detroit and for the past few months at Parkersburg, W. Va.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Sara Yeargen Poole of Parkersburg, W. Va.; 2 brothers, Russell E. Poole of Nashville and J.F. Poole of Shaw Field; and 2 sisters, Mrs. W. B. Alexander and Mrs. Fannie Alston of Hagood.

Funeral services will be announced by the Kennedy Mortuary.

The Spartanburg Herald-Journal, November 12, 1946 pg. 2.

Joshua Craig Pool and Sara Yeargin are buried in the Laurens City Cemetery, Laurens, SC.

Josh Craig and Sara had one child who died early. The gravestone in Laurens City Cemetery simply reads: Infant Son 1923- 1925.

Mattie Bobo

Mattie Bobo married John Perry Harling on 20 July, 1922³⁸. Harling was a guard at the South Carolina Penitentiary, later becoming the Superintendent of the State Prison Farm in Boykin, SC³⁹.

Mattie Bobo died 1 July, 1924, at Columbia Hospital, Richland County, SC⁴⁰ as a result of injuries received in an automobile accident. Lamb & Ezell included an eulogy for Mattie in their book⁴¹:

"Just at dawn of day on the 1st of July 1924 the death angel came and bore away the sweet, gentle spirit of Mattie Bobo Poole Harling, leaving in our hearts and homes an aching void and a vacant place which can never be filled.

"Mattie Bobo was the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Poole of the Tylersville section, of Laurens county. She was educated at Lander college and was a favorite of the faculty and of Dr. Wilson. She was always bright and cheerful and never more happy than when working for her church or

38 Richland County Court records, Marriage License 13009, 20 July 1922.

39 Year: 1910; Census Place: Columbia Ward 3, Richland, South Carolina; Roll T624_1471; Page: 6B; Enumeration District: 84; Image: 277; Year: 1920; Census Place: Rafting, Sumter, South Carolina; Roll T625_1712; Page: 13B; Enumeration District: 141; Image: 992.

40 South Carolina Death Certificate 13489, Mattie Harling.

41 Published in A Genealogical History of the Poole, Langston, Mason Families ... by Bessie Lamb..., pp. 57-58.

helping the weak and unfortunate.

She taught one term after graduating and was loved by pupils and patrons. On July 20th, 1922, she was happily married to Mr. J. P. Harling, of Boykin. Shortly after her marriage she was appointed postmistress of Boykin, which position she held until her death. She was the light and life of her husband's home, as she had been of ours. She was a great help in his business affairs.

"On the first day of May as she was returning from a visit to her mother, who was sick, she was injured in an automobile wreck from which she never recovered. She was carried to the Baptist hospital for a week or so and then to the Columbia hospital. All that loving hands and skilled physicians could do was of no avail. She slowly passed away from loss of blood without ever murmuring or complaining. She faded silently as a sweet flower and went home to God to dwell with Him forever. She had a very happy home. She and her husband were so devoted to each other, each trying to make the other more happy. Yes, dear little Mattie was one of the most devoted of girls.

"She would always say when leaving home : 'Take good care of Mother.' She was fond of her father, always so glad to greet him when he came home; a devoted sister to her sisters and brothers, all of whom are heart-broken since she left us, but we all hope to meet her 'In the Sweet By and Bye' where we won't ever have to say goodbye.

She was brought to old Langston church and laid to rest among a large crowd of sorrowing friends. The lovely flowers told of the great love and appreciation of her many friends.

God needed one more angel/ Amidst his shining band;
And so he bent with loving smile / And clasped our darling's hand.
"Mother".

Epilogue: Martin Milton and the End of an Era

"The present universal cry of "keep the boy on the farm" can and should be expanded into a great public sentiment for making country life more attractive in every way. Neither force nor exhortation will keep people in the rural districts if they are to be deprived of the benefits of modern social, educational, and other opportunities."

- Report of the Secretary, USDA, 1920⁴².

The death of Martin Milton Poole on Tuesday, June 8, 1943 marked the end of residence of this Pool lineage in Laurens County, SC. Since the arrival of Martin's second- Great grandfather Seth Petty Pool in the late 1700's, this family had not strayed far from the Buckhead Creek- Warrior Creek area of Laurens County, later organized into the Scuffletown Township.

At the time of his death, Martin's living siblings had all left

⁴² United States Department of Agriculture, Yearbook 1920, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., 1921, p. 37.

the area. Furman was in Sumter, SC⁴³, Grace was in Woodruff, SC⁴⁴, Mary Frances was in Hagood, SC⁴⁵, Joshua Craig was in Terre Haute, IN⁴⁶, and Russell was in Nashville, TN⁴⁷. Russell and Josh were buried in Laurens: Furman, Grace and Mary Frances in their new communities.

Martin's death also marked the practical end of farming as a livelihood in the family⁴⁸. From the time of Seth Petty Pool, each succeeding generation derived at least a part of their livelihood from farming. But the lure of the benefits of commercial and industrial work and the consolidation of Southern agriculture into larger, mechanized farms combined to both push and pull this family away from agriculture as a way of life.

Repositories

Unless otherwise noted, all of the records referenced in this document are housed in the South Carolina Department of Archives and History, 8301 Parklane Road, Columbia, SC 29223.

The Estate papers of Thomas Pitts Pool are available at the Office of the Laurens County Probate Judge, 100 Hillcrest Square-Suite A, Laurens, SC 29630.

The Nina Pitts Poole obituary in the *Southern Christian Advocate* is housed at the Sandor Teszler Library, Wofford College, 429 North Church Street, Spartanburg, SC 29303-3663.

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45 1930; Census Place: Rafting Creek, Sumter, South Carolina; Roll 2214; Page: 3B; Enumeration District: 18; Image: 756.0.

46 South Carolina Delayed Births, 1766-1900 and City of Charleston, South Carolina Births, 1877-1901.

47 *Spartanburg Herald Journal*, 12 November, 1946.

48 As noted earlier, Mary Frances Poole Alston did continue farming as a part time operation near Hagood, SC.

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Appendix- Thomas Pitts Poole & Family Land Conveyances

Date of Record	Grantees Given Names	Grantors Family Name	Acres	Amount Paid	Book	Page	Brief Description
Feb 4, 1885	Pool, M.B.	Jennie E.	140	600	1	17	Warrior Creek adj Geo Little Robt. Franks
Nov 19, 1887	Mrs Jennie E.	F. M. Gennings	52	525	2	12	adj Geo. Pool, Enoree R.
Feb 2, 1889	Mrs. J.E. Pool	M.F. Little	39	300	3	50	adj. Martin B. Pool, Robertson Rowland
Nov 2, 1889	Jennie E.	Martin B. Pool	21	105	3	408	Laurens Tp, Lewis Compton
Dec 4, 1889	Mrs. J. E. Pool	J.W. Donnon	325 $\frac{1}{4}$	2700	3	516	Berry B. Pool, Geo. B. Pool
Oct 25, 1893	T.P. Pool	T.P. Byrd	82	656	6	558	J.M. Lennon, Mrs. J.E. Pool
Jan 13, 1896	Thos. P.	G. B. Pool	58	200	7	251	Scuffletown Tp., Mrs. Betsy Moseley, Pub. Rd.
Jun 29, 1898	T.P.	Claud C. Sanders	10	100	8(2)	383	Elizabeth J. Hefferman, Spring Creek
Dec 21, 1898	Thomas P.	Claud C. Sanders	14.95	103.95	8(2)	323	Enoree R. , Claud Sanders, Janie R. Pool, (plat)
Jan 10, 1899	T.P.	J.W. Donnon	28	325	10	123	Adj. Mrs. Mattie Sanders & Mrs. Junnie Pool
Nov 27, 1899	Thomas P.	C. A. Owens	1	17.75	10	336	Scuffletown Tp., adj.T.P. Pool, Mrs. C.A. Owens
Apr 5, 1900	T.P.	Minnie M. Owens	30	532.25	11	68	Adj. T.P. Poole & J.F.Dillard
Apr 6, 1900	T.P. Poole	J.H. Sullivan	1 45/100	125	11	72	City of Laurens, adj J.H. Sullivan
Feb 6, 1902	T.P. Poole	James I. Sanders	43	500	12	225	Lizzie Sanders Warrior Creek
Feb 21, 1902	Mrs. Sallie Pool	T.P. Poole	Lot	125.25	12	245	Laurens C, Harper Street B.P. Poole
Dec 5, 1902	T.P. Poole	J.S. Craig	31 $\frac{1}{4}$	218.75	13	80	Marvin Sanders
Dec 24, 1902	T.P. Poole	Jennie E. Poole	376	3000	13	104	T.P. Poole J.W. Donnon
Dec 11, 1903	Thos. P Poole	W.F. Wright	73	748.71	14	174	W.T Senn, W.D. Byrd
Dec 31, 1904	Thos. P Poole	W.F. Wright	20	500	13	275	Duncan Creek adj Thad Senn
Aug 10, 1907	Thos. P.	Lizzie Chaney	38	1000	21	215	Adj. M.B. Poole, J.S. Craig
Feb 24, 1908	T.P. Poole	J.S. Craig	3 1/15	30.66	22	124	T.P.Poole
Oct 16, 1908	T.P. Poole	M.J. Owings	80	1200	23	52	Adj. J.W. Peterson, T.P. Poole
Jan 25, 1909	J.F. Poole	T.W. Carnell	49	1000	23	205	Enoree R. adj. Perry Garrett
Apr 16, 1909	T.P.Pool e	T.A. Sims, J.T.Satterwhite	4 3/5	230	231	337	Laurens Tp. Adj. T.P. Poole
Aug 16, 1910	Thos. P.	Ina Pear Cole	51	1000	28	66	Scuffletown Tp., adj.T.P. Poole

Date of Record	Grantees Given Names	Grantors Family Name	Acres	Amount Paid	Book	Page	Brief Description
Jan 12, 1911	Thos. P.	J.F Satterwhite	37 65/100, 2 ½	803	28	394	Laurens Tp., J.S. Cunningham
Mar 10, 1911	Thos. P Poole	T.A. Sewn	2 ½	50	29	159	Duncan Cr. Adj. T.P. Poole
Nov 11, 1911	Thos. P.	Annie Davis	57	1500	32	123	Adj. Mrs. Geo. Little & J.W. Donnon
Dec 20, 1915	J. Furman	Marvin, J.I., Mattie E., R.A. Sanders, et al	39	1400	39	256	Adjacent J.Furman Poole & T.P. Poole
Dec 20, 1915	T.P	Marvin, J.I., Mattie E., R.A. Sanders, et al	33	500	39	257	Adj. T.P. Poole & J.W. Peterson
May 14, 1918	T.P. Pool e et al	American Land Co.	27 7/10	554	38	252	Duncan Creek adj T.P. Poole
May 14, 1918	T.P Poole	American Land Co.	66 5/100	1543.27	38	251	Sandy Fork Road adj Clarence Cooper
Sep 30, 1918	Thos. P Poole	M.J. Owings	32 7/10	300	40	335	Adj Reece Holland Jas Philson
Nov 22, 1919	T.P. Poole	T. L. W. Baily	190	7600	43	216	Laurens Tp. Adj L.W. Ramage
Apr 14, 1920	T.P	M.F. & G.F. Little	8	150	45	75	Adj. T.P. Poole & Mrs. M.F. Little
Dec 20, 1920	T.P.	W.C. Byrd	76 1/10	12000	45	285	Adj. T.P. Poole & J. W. Donnon
Jan 15, 1921	T.P	J.F. Poole	39 1/3	1850	45	319	Adj. T.P. Poole & J.S. Craig
Dec 6, 1921	T.P	? b. Summerell	290 ?	---	48	26	The Ben Jones Place, Adj. C. Little
Dec 17, 1925	T.P	G. T. Blakley	9.6	100	53	375	Adj. T.P. Poole, G.T. Blakley
Jan 21, 1928	Russell E.	Mrs. Grace Boyd	134	10	57	16	Adj. J.W. Donnon & W.D. Boyd
Feb 28, 1928	Mrs. Jemmie E.	C.A. Power C.C	325	3900	55	169	Adj. Lilly Peterson Ewell Blakley
Apr 28, 1928	Mrs. Jemmie E.	Martin M., Russell E., Joshua Poole et al	----- ---	----- ---	57	36	-----
Oct 22, 1928	Mrs. Jemmie E.	Joshua C. Poole	100	300	56	591	Adj. J.W. Peterson, Tylersville Rd.
Nov 1, 1928	Mrs. Jemmie E. Poole	Russell E. Poole	100	250	58(2)	3	Near Sandy Spring Ch adj J.W. Peterson
Jul 9, 1930	Russell E. Poole	J.W. Donnon (Rec)	76	750 Lb Cotton	57	347	Adj. J.W. Donnon & Frank Little
Sep 25, 1934	T.P. Poole	James I. Sanders	133 177	1	64	265	1. Adj. M.B. Poole 2. Adj. T.P. & W.P. Poole
Oct 30, 1937	M.M. Poole	Grace Poole Alexander	100	375	70	73	Adj Walter Jones, G.M. Godfrey
Mar 12, 1938	Martin M.	Fannie P. Alston	100	200	72	294	

Transcribed from Indirect or Grantee Index- Conveyances of Real Estate- Laurens County, S. C.

Appendix- Appraisal of T. P. Poole's Property

Appraisement property of T. P. Poole, deceased. Mrs. Jemmie E. Poole, Administratrix

Cash	\$2,045.21
25 mules, 3 horses	\$2,095.00
7 cattle, 2 milk cows	\$180.00
1 sow, 4 shoats	\$43.00
5 sheep, 3 lambs	\$40.00
5 wagons	\$125.00
wagon harness	\$15.00
plow gear	\$57.50
1 mower & rake	\$50.00
30 plow stocks	\$29.50
5 cotton planters	\$20.00
1 cultivator	\$50.00
1 top buggy and harness, two old	\$70.00
One ginnery, press, steam engine & fixtures	\$250.00
1 smoothing harrow	\$10.00
1 disk harrow	\$5.00
1 saddle, 2 bridles	\$8.00
1 scythe cradle	\$1.00
1 pea thrasher	\$5.00
2 bed steads, 2 stoves,, 2 dressers, 3 chairs, 1 wash pot	\$15.00

1 laundry kettle, 4 tin tubs \$5.00

Kitchen furniture

1 stove, utensils, 3 tables, 1 safe \$30.00

1 dining table, 1 china closet, 10 chairs \$30.00

6 chairs & hat rack \$5.00

1 iron safe \$20.00

1 roller desk \$8.00

1 davenport \$15.00

1 wash stand, 1 bedsted, bureau & rockers \$15.00

2 chests, 1 cot, 1 sewing machine \$8.00

250 acres farmland, 4 buildings \$3,625.00

1448 acres farmland, 11 buildings \$21,996.00

J.S. Craig, A. B. Blakeley, W. D. Byrd appraisers Laurens, S.C., April 29, 1926 O. G. Thompson J.P. L. C.

Transcribed from Laurens County Probate Court Inventories, Appraisements & Sales 1897-1929, pp 441-442.