

Historical Facts: Poplar or Popular?

Hwy 90, Longs, SC

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Objectives*

- ❑ You will know the historical facts associated with the spelling of “**Poplar**,” the community and its institutions.
- ❑ You will know that the correct spelling based on historical data for the spelling of “**Poplar**” from its inception.

**Notes*

- 1. The research for this presentation grew out of concern about the spelling of the Poplar Community Highway 90 identification sign.*
- 2. All information in this presentation was obtained from publicly available sources; therefore, this document is available for public consumption.*

*Origin of the noun “Poplar”

The name ‘Poplar’ was derived from the tree that was very popular or common in the area prior to and beyond 1874.

Species name: Liriodendron tulipifera

Description: This species is one of the tallest hardwood species native to eastern North America. The pale green to yellow flowers produce large quantities of nectar and have a conspicuous orange band at the base to attract bees. As a major honey plant in the eastern United States, its nectar yields a strong, dark red honey. It is also known as Yellow Poplar, Whitewood or Tulip Poplar.

Habitat: Moderately moist, well-drained soils.

Growth Habit: Deciduous tree growing to 60 meters tall with straight trunk.

Bloom Time: Mid to late spring.

Longevity: Moderate.

Presence in the United States: AL AR CT DC DE FL GA IA IL IN KY LA MA MD MI MO MS NC NJ NY OH PA RI SC TN TX VA VT WV

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Photo of Tulip Poplar Tree*



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Communities in the United States named “Poplar”

□ There are 19 communities in the United States that are named Poplar:

- Locations:

California, Idaho, Iowa (2), Kentucky, Maryland, Minnesota, Montana (2), North Carolina, Ohio (2), Ontario, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia and Wisconsin (2), and **South Carolina (Horry County).***

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Terminology

- **Land Deed:** It is a legal document that is signed and delivered, especially one regarding the ownership of property or legal rights.
- **PLAT:** It is a map, drawn to scale, showing the divisions of a piece of land.
- **USGS:** United States Geological Survey
- **GNIS:** Geographic Names Information Systems
- **Genealogy:** It is the study of families and the tracing of their lineages and history. In this presentation it means the tracing of names of institutions and communities.
- **Poplar Training School:** It was the high school for black students living in the northeastern side of the Waccamaw River.
- **Citation:** For this presentation, it means to mention the spelling of as shown **Poplar** in historical and governmental documents.

Importance of Crusoe Dewitt**

Location: Little River Township in 1870*#

Husband: Crusoe Dewitt, b. abt. 1841 (a.k.a. Crusor, Crusaw)*#

Spouse: Phebe Dewitt, b. abt. 1845 (a.k.a. Pheby)*#

Read/Write: Neither Crusoe or Pheby could read or write

Occupation: Farmer (*He farmed his own land*)

Children

1. Benjamin Dewitt, b. abt. 1862*#
2. Elizabeth Dewitt, b. abt. 1863*#
3. Charlotte Dewitt, b. abt. 1865*#
4. Joseph Dewitt, b. abt. 1866*#
5. Willie Dewitt, b. abt. 1875#
6. Ann Dewitt, b. abt. 1878#

SOURCE:

*Year: 1870; U.S. Census Place: Little River, Horry, South Carolina; Roll: M593_1499; Page: 120B; Image: 186065; Family History Library Film: 552998

#Year: 1880; U.S. Census Place: Little River, Horry, South Carolina; Roll: 1232; Family History Film: 1255232; Page: 318D; Enumeration District: 067

**Black former slave

Importance of Crusoe Dewitt – cont'd

Crusoe purchased properties:

- 1874: Five (5) acres of land purchased from William Todd, known as Poplar Swamp Waters*
- 1875: Thirty-six (36) acres of land purchased from Robert Livingston**
- 1878: One (1) acre of land purchased from Robert Livingston in that had a building located on it, which was named **“Poplar School House Lot.”** ***
- It is believed that he and his wife made sure that their children learn to read and write by attending the **Poplar School House** that he purchased for so that children in the black community could receive some formal education.
- It has been proven that via land deeds that the one acre is the exact location where the church is located today and the name of the original church was spelled **“Poplar AME Church”** as attested by African Methodist Episcopal Seventh District South Carolina, which they have maintained the original spelling to this day. *QED*

SOURCE:

*Horry County Register of Deeds, Little River Township, SC, Deed Book R-2, page 638, June 30, 1874

**Horry County register of Deeds, Little River Township, SC, Deed Book S, page 414, June 12, 1875

***Horry County register of Deeds, Little River Township, SC, Deed Book T, page 423, December 14, 1878

1874: Deed – Poplar Swamp Waters

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William F. Todd }
 Crusoé Dewitt } Deed of Conveyance for
 5 Acres of Land in 30th 1874

State of South Carolina

Know all men by these presents that I William F. Todd of the County of Horry in the State aforesaid for and in Consideration of the Sum of ten dollars to me in hand paid by Crusoé Dewitt of the County and State aforesaid have granted, sold, released and Conveyed, and by these presents do grant bargain, sell, and release unto him the said Crusoé Dewitt, One Certain piece, parcel, or tract of land containing Five Acres, situate lying and being in the County and State aforesaid on Poplar Swamp Waters of Tracca Man River bounded by lands of William F. Todd, Robert Livingston and others. The same to begin and run as follows, to-wit: Commencing at a Corner marked by a water Oak, and thence running N 20° E. 4.25 Chains to a Corner marked by a Stake thence N 74° W. 12 Chains to a Corner marked by a Stake then S 20° W. 4.25 Chains to a Corner marked by a water Oak thence S 74° E. 12 Chains to the beginning.

Together with all and singular the rights, titles, members, advantages and appurtenances to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining.

To Have and to hold, all and singular the premises as already described, unto him the said Crusoé Dewitt his heirs and assigns, forever. And I the said William F. Todd, do hereby bind myself my heirs Executors Administrators and assigns to warrant and defend the same unto him the said Crusoé Dewitt, his heirs Executors Administrators and assigns, from and against myself my heirs Executors Administrators and assigns and from and against every other person or persons whomsoever claiming or to claim the same to any part thereof.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal on this 30th day of January A. D. One thousand eight hundred and seventy four, and in the Ninety eighth Year of the Independence of the United States of America.

Signed Sealed and delivered
 in the presence of
 James C. Beatty
 Isaac P. Edge
 John H. Beatty

William F. Todd

For Plat of this land see Book S^c page 420 -
 Plat recorded July 2nd 1874

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William F. Todd to Crusoé Dewitt - Continued

State of South Carolina }
 Horry County }

Personally Appeared James C. Beatty before me who being duly sworn saith that he was present & did see Wm F. Todd sign Seal and deliver the within Deed of Conveyance unto Crusoé Dewitt for the Contained purposes there in mentioned and released, and that him self together with Isaac P. Edge did become subscriber witnesses to the same. Shown to before me this 30th day of January A. D. 1874

for M. King
 James C. Beatty

Office of County Auditor
 Horry County.

I Certify that the within Conveyance has been examined and duly entered in the Office Record Book A Page 44 July 17th 1875.

Wm. H. Beatty
 Recorded July 17th 1875

❖ Horry County Register of Deeds

- Book: R-2, Page: 638
- Poplar Swamp Waters
- William F. Todd sold five acres of land to Crusoé Dewitt for \$10.00 on June 30, 1874. Recorded July 17, 1875

1874: Deed – Poplar Swamp Waters

- Top half of deed for Poplar Swamp Waters:

Enlarged for readability

Crusoe Dewitt

Poplar Swamp Waters

Citation #1

William J. Todd }
To Crusoe Dewitt } Deed of Conveyance for
5 Acres of land for 30th 1874

State of South Carolina
Know all Men by these presents that I, William J. Todd of the County of Horry in the State aforesaid for and in consideration of the sum of ten dollars to me in hand paid by Crusoe Dewitt of the County and State aforesaid have granted, warranted, sold, released and conveyed, and by these presents do grant bargain, sell, and release unto him the said Crusoe Dewitt, one certain piece, parcel, or tract of land containing five acres situate being and being in the County and State aforesaid or Poplar Swamp Waters of Macca-man River bounded by lands of William J. Todd, Robert Livingston and others, — the same to begin and run as follows, to-wit, Commencing at a corner marked by a water oak, and thence running N 20° E 4.25 Chains to a corner marked by a Stake thence N 74° W 12 Chains to a corner marked by a Stake then S 20° W 4.25 Chains to a corner marked by a water oak thence S 74° E 12 Chains to the beginning — Together with all and singular the rights titles, members, hereditaments and appurtenances to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining.

1874: Deed – Poplar Swamp Waters

- Bottom half of deed for Poplar Swamp Waters:

Enlarged for readability

To Have and to hold, all and singular the premises as already described, unto him the said Cross Dewitt his heirs and assigns, forever— And I the said William T. Todd, do hereby bind myself my heirs Executors, Administrators and assigns to warrant and defend the same unto him the said Cross Dewitt, his heirs Executors, Administrators, and assigns, from and against myself my heirs Executors Administrators and assigns, and from and against every other person or persons whomsoever claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal on this the thirtieth day of January A.D. One thousand eight hundred and seventy four, and in the Ninety eight Year of the Independence of the United States of America

Signed Sealed and delivered
in the presence of
James C. Beatty
Franc^{is} J. Edge
mark

William Thomas Todd

For Plat of this land see Book S page 420—
Plat recorded Sept 2nd 1876.
J. C. Beatty

1874: Deed – Poplar Swamp Waters

- ❑ Page 2 of Poplar Swamp Waters Deed. *Enlarged for readability*

- ❑ Recorded July 17, 1875

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William F. Todd to Crusoe Dewitt - Continued

State of South Carolina }
Horry County }

Personally Appeared James C. Beatty before me who being duly sworn saith that he was present & did see Wm. F. Todd - sign seal and deliver the within deed of conveyance unto Crusoe Dewitt for the content and purposes there in mentioned and released, - and that him self together with Isaac P. Edge did become subscribing witnesses to the same. Sworn to before me this 30th day of January A.D. 1874

J. M. Ring James C. Beatty
N.P.

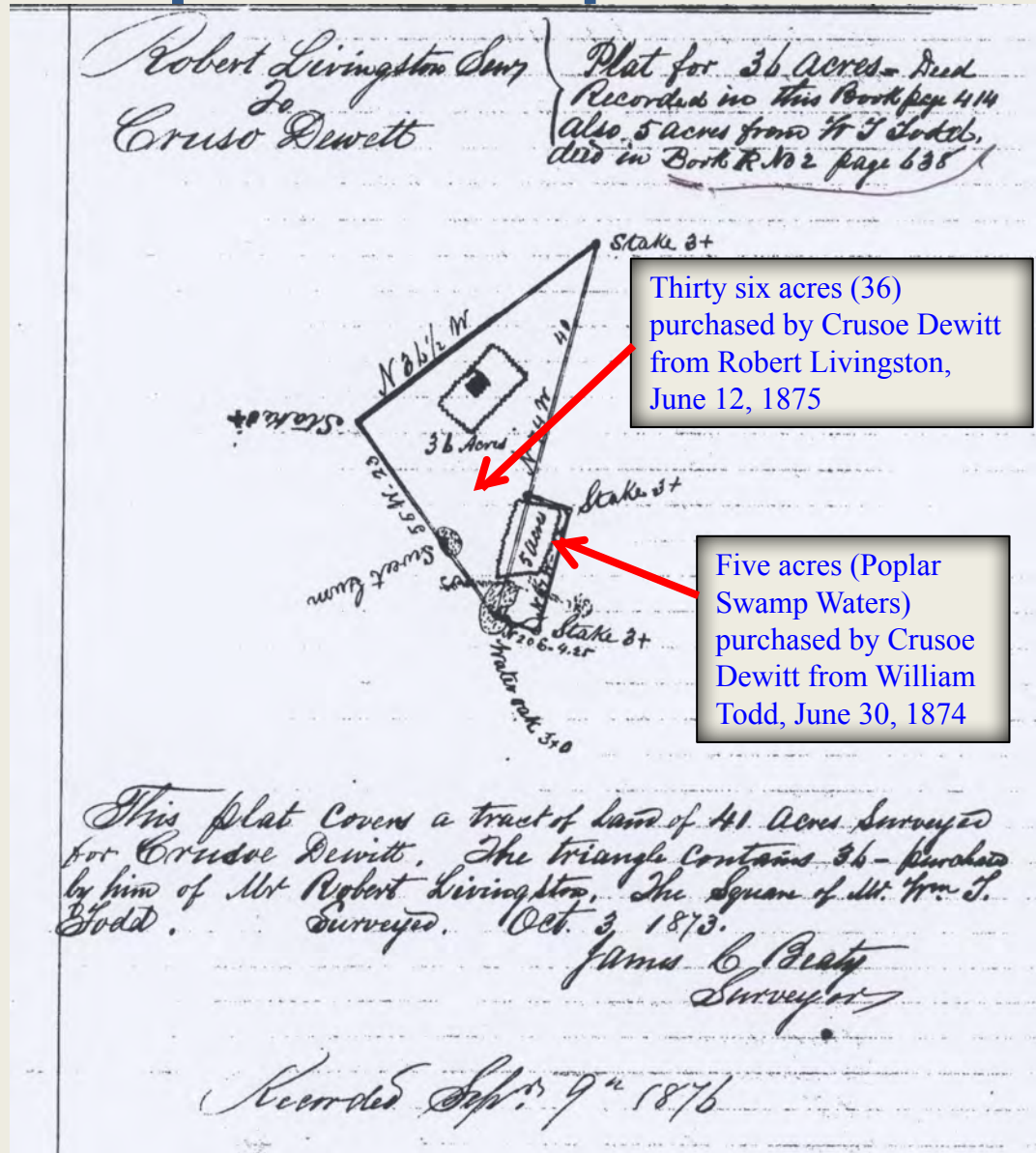
Office of County Auditor
Horry County

I Certify that the within conveyance has been examined and duly entered in this Office Record Book A Page 44.
July 17th 1875. W. G. Sessions
A. H. C.

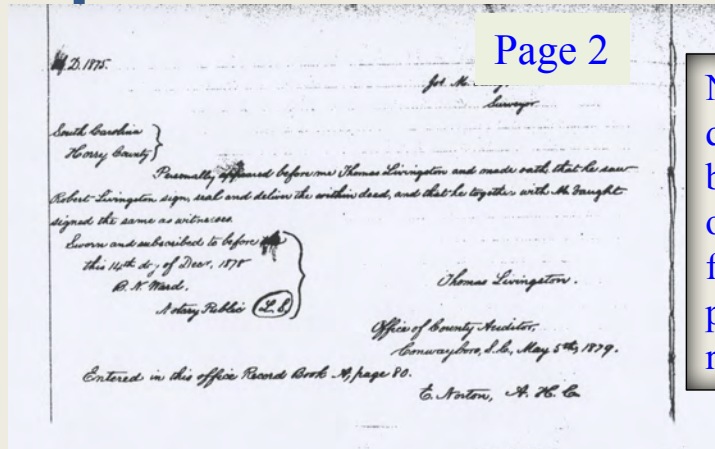
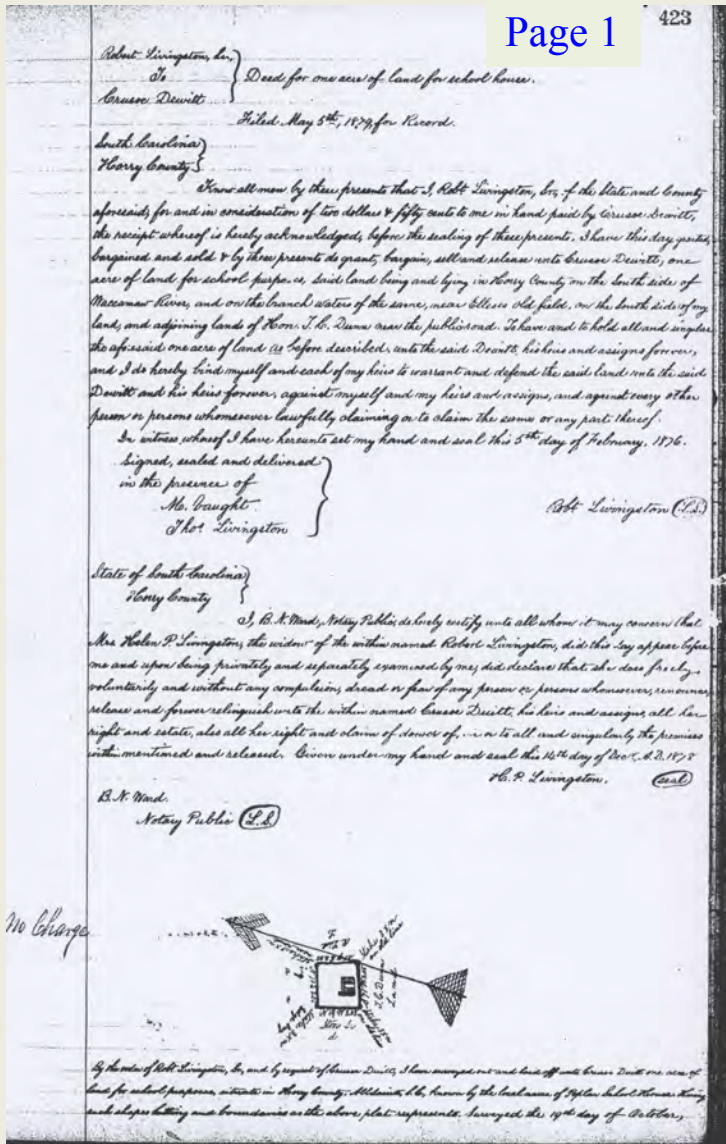
Recorded July 17th 1875

1875: PLAT – Poplar Swamp Waters

- PLAT (Survey) for 36 acres from Robert Livingston to Crusoe Dewitt Deed Book “S” Page 414 dated June 12, 1875 and recorded August 1, 1876.
- The PLAT also covers the 5 acres purchased by Crusoe Dewitt from William Todd on June 30, 1874, Deed Book R-2, Page 638 and recorded July 17, 1875.



1878: Land Deed – Poplar School House Lot



Note: Land deed will be enlarged on the following pages for readability.

Horry County Register of Deeds

- Poplar School House
- Book: T / Pages: 423 & 424
- Robert Livingston sold 1 acre of land to Cruseo Dewitt for \$2.50 For Poplar School House Lot on December 14, 1878
- This is the exact lot where Poplar AME Church sits on today.

1878: Land Deed – Poplar School House Lot

Robert Livingston, Sr. }

To

Census Dewitt }

Deed for one acre of land for school house.

Page 1

Filed May 5th, 1879, for Record.

Enlarged top portion of Poplar School House deed from previous page for readability

South Carolina }

Horry County }

Know all men by these presents that I, Robt Livingston, Sr., of the State and County aforesaid, for and in consideration of two dollars & fifty cents to me in hand paid by Census Dewitt, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, before the sealing of these presents, I have this day granted, bargained and sold & by these presents do grant, bargain, sell and release unto Census Dewitt, one acre of land for school purposes, said land being and lying in Horry County on the South side of Maccamaw River, and on the branch waters of the same, near Elleses Old field, on the South side of my land, and adjoining lands of Hon. J. C. Dunn near the public road. To have and to hold all and singular the aforesaid one acre of land as before described, unto the said Dewitt, his heirs and assigns forever, and I do hereby bind myself and each of my heirs to warrant and defend the said land unto the said Dewitt and his heirs forever, against myself and my heirs and assigns, and against every other person or persons whomever lawfully claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 5th day of February, 1876.

Signed, sealed and delivered

in the presence of

Mo. Baught

Tho: Livingston

Robt Livingston (L.S.)

1878: Land Deed – Poplar School House Lot

Enlarged middle portion
of Poplar School House
deed for readability.

State of South Carolina }
i Long County }

I, B. N. Ward, Notary Public, do hereby certify unto all whom it may concern that Mrs. Helen P. Livingston, the widow of the within named Robert Livingston, did this day appear before me and upon being privately and separately examined by me, did declare that she does freely, voluntarily and without any compulsion, dread or fear of any person or persons whomsoever, renounce, release and forever relinquish unto the within named Casson D. D. his heirs and assigns, all her right and estate, also all her right and claims of dower of, in or to all and singularly the premises within mentioned and released. Given under my hand and seal this 14th day of Dec^r, A. D. 1878

H. P. Livingston, (seal)

B. N. Ward.

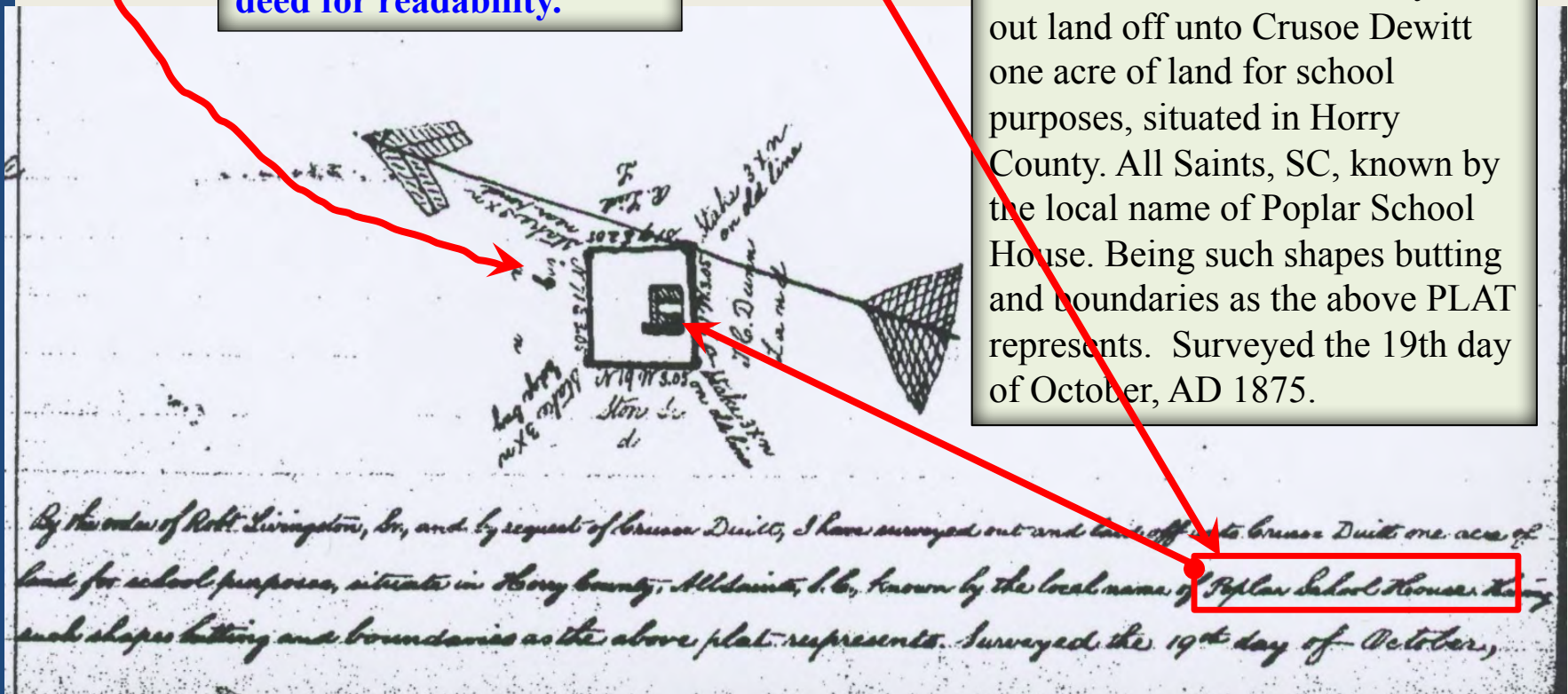
Notary Public (L.S.)

1878: Land Deed – Poplar School House Lot

- Bottom of Page of Deed for Poplar School House Lot
- Survey of property where Poplar AME Church is now located
- Note Spelling: Poplar School House

**Enlarged bottom portion
of Poplar School House
deed for readability.**

The following was typed from from below. By the order of Robert Livingston Sr., and by request of Crusoe Dewitt, I have surveyed out land off unto Crusoe Dewitt one acre of land for school purposes, situated in Horry County, All Saints, SC, known by the local name of Poplar School House. Being such shapes butting and boundaries as the above PLAT represents. Surveyed the 19th day of October, AD 1875.



1878: Land Deed – Poplar School House Lot

- Enlarged excerpts with original spelling of Poplar School House
- Exact spot where Poplar AME Church is located today

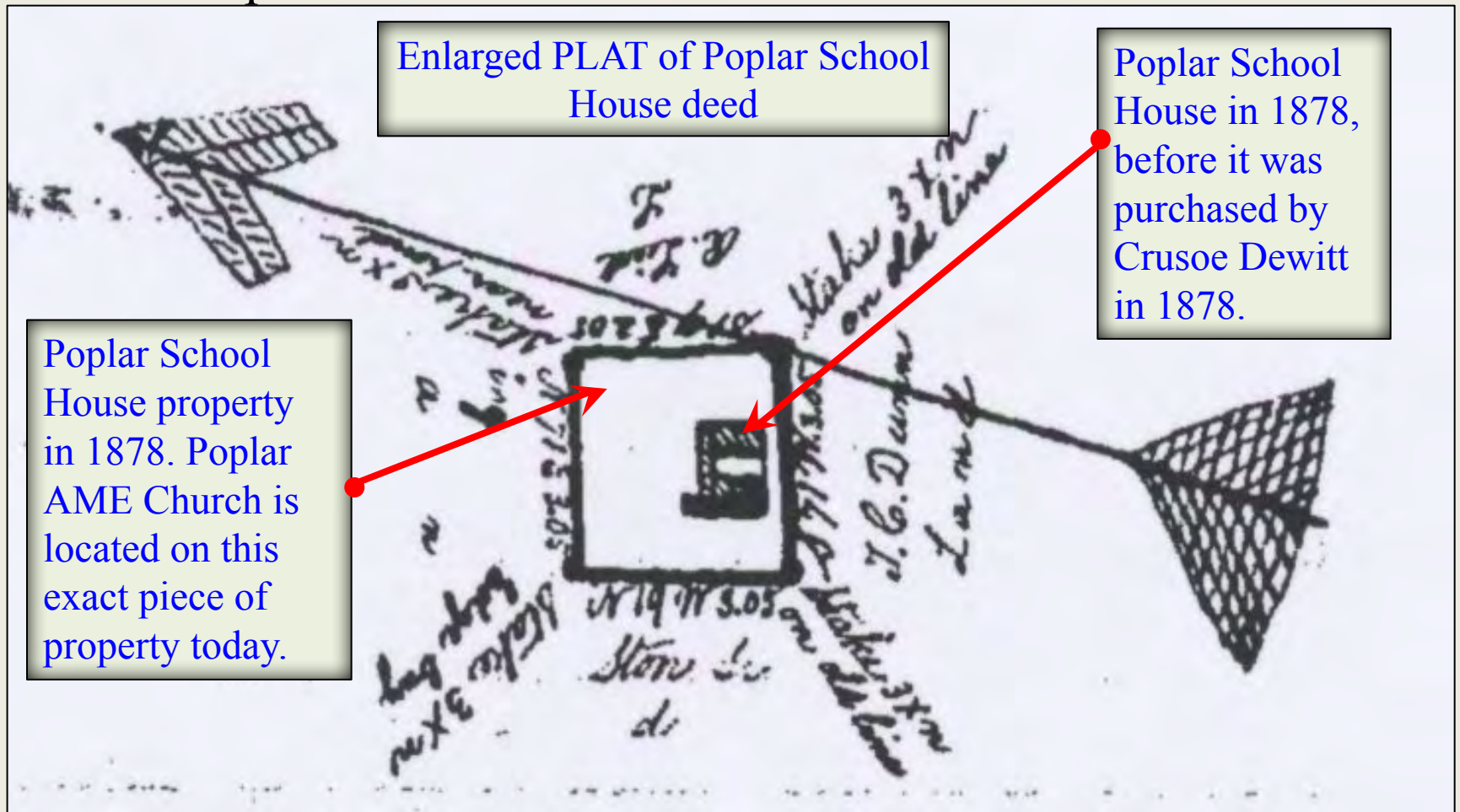
Citation #2

out and laid off unto Bruce Duilt one acre of
the local name of Poplar School House. Surveyed the 19th day of October,

By the order of Robt. Livingston, Sr, and by request of Bruce Duilt, I have surveyed out and laid off unto Bruce Duilt one acre of land for school purposes, situate in Honey County, Alldaints, S. C., known by the local name of Poplar School House. Having such shapes, siting and boundaries as the above plat represents. Surveyed the 19th day of October,

1878: PLAT– Poplar School House Lot

- ❑ Survey in 1875 of Poplar School House property Crusoe Dewitt purchased in 1876



1878: Land Deed – Poplar School House Lot

□ Page 2 of Poplar School House deed filed May 5, 1879

May 2, 1878

for M. King,
Surveyor

South Carolina }
Horry County }

Personally appeared before me Thomas Livingston and made oath that he saw
Robert Livingston sign, seal and deliver the within deed, and that he together with M. Knight
signed the same as witnesses.

Sworn and subscribed to before me
this 14th day of Decr, 1878
B. N. Ward,
Notary Public (L.S.)


Thomas Livingston.

Office of County Auditor,
Conwayboro, S. C., May 5th, 1879.

Entered in this office Record Book A, page 80.

E. Norton, A. H. C.

United States Geological Survey (USGS)

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Geographic Names Information System (GNIS)

Citation #3

Feature Detail Report for: **Poplar Training School (historical)**

ID: 1250220
 Name: **Poplar Training School (historical)** **Citation #4**
 Class: **School (Definitions)**
 U.S. Geological Survey. Geographic Names Phase I data compilation (1976-1981). 31-Dec-1981. Primarily from U.S. Geological Survey 1:24,000-scale topographic maps (or 1:25K, Puerto Rico 1:20K) and from U.S. Board on Geographic Names files. In some instances, from 1:62,500 scale or 1:250,000 scale maps.
 Citation:
 Entry Date: 13-Jul-1980
 *Elevation: 36/11

Citation #5

Variant Names

Variant Name
 Poplar School [Citation](#)

Counties

Sequence	County	Code	State	Code	Country
1	Horry	051	South Carolina	45	US

Coordinates (One point per USGS topographic map containing the feature, NAD83)

Sequence	Latitude(DEC)	Longitude(DEC)	Latitude(DMS)	Longitude(DMS)	Map Name
1	33.8543388	-78.7650199	33°51'16"N	078°45'54"W	Hand

Mapping Services

- [GNIS in ESRI Map](#)
- [USGS The National Map](#)
- [HomeTownLocator](#)
- [ACME Mapper 2.0](#)
- [Microsoft Virtual Earth](#)
- [TerraFly.com](#)
- [Find the Watershed](#)
- [MapQuest](#)

Important Links

- [GNIS Home](#)
- [U.S. Board on Geographic Names](#)
- [Mapping Information](#)

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http://geonames.usg.gov/apex/f?p=gnis:3:0::NO::P3_FI D:1250220

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 Reston, VA 20192, USA
gnis_manager@usgs.gov
 Form updated: July 28, 2015

Horry County South Carolina Genealogy Trails

Schools and Post Offices

Horry County, South Carolina Genealogy Trails

Post Office

Aynor Post Office
 Carolina Forest Post Office
 Cherry Grove Beach Post Office
 Coastal Post Office
 Conway Post Office
 Garden City Beach Post Office (historical)
 Little River Post Office
 Live Oak Post Office
 Longs Post Office
 Loris Post Office
 Myrtle Beach Post Office
 North Myrtle Beach Post Office
 Surfside Beach Post Office

Schools

A Touch of Christ	Felton School	Martins Chapel	
Christian School	Finklea High School	School	Saint Andrews
Allens School	Finklea School	Midland Elementary	School
Allsbrook School	(historical)	School	Saint James
(historical)	Floyds High School	Mill Swamp School	Elementary
Athens School	Floyds School	Mount Calvary	School
Aynor	Forestbrook	School (historical)	Saint James
Elementary	Elementary School	Mount Herman	High School
School	Forestbrook Middle	School	Saint James
Aynor High	School	Mount Olive School	Middle School
School	Four Mile School	Mount Olive School	Saint Paul
Aynor Middle	(historical)	(historical)	School
School	Fowler School	Mount Vernon School	Salem School
Aynor School	(historical)	Mount Zion School	Sandy Plains
(historical)	Freemont School	(historical)	School
Barter School	Good Hope School	Myrtle Beach	Savannah Bluff
Bayboro School	Grace Christian	Elementary School	School
Bear Bay School	School	Myrtle Beach	Seaside
Beulah School	Grassy Bay School	Grammar School	Elementary
(historical)	(historical)	(historical)	School
Big Swamp	Green Sea-Floyds	Myrtle Beach High	Silent Grove
School	Middle School	School	School
Black Water	Green Sea Floyds	Myrtle Beach	(historical)
Middle School	Elementary School	Intermediate School	Simpson Creek

- ❑ Horry County South Carolina Genealogy Trails
- ❑ List contains historical and current entities

Source:
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Horry County South Carolina Genealogy Trails

Brooksville School (historical)	Green Sea Floyds High School	Myrtle Beach Junior High School (historical)	School Socastee Elementary School
Brownway School (historical)	Gunter Island School (historical)	Myrtle Beach Middle School	Socastee High School
Brunson School	Hickory Grove School	Myrtle Beach Primary School	Socastee Middle School
Bucksport School (historical)	Hickory Hill School	North Myrtle Beach Christian School	South Conway Elementary School
Burgess Elementary School	Number 2 (historical)	North Myrtle Beach Elementary School	Spring Branch School (historical)
Calvary Christian School	High Hill School	North Myrtle Beach High School	Sweet Home School
Carolina Forest Elementary School	High Point School	North Myrtle Beach Middle School	Sweet Home School
Carolina Forest High School	Homewood Elementary School	North Myrtle Beach Primary School	Todd Swamp School (historical)
Carolina Forest Middle School	Homewood School	Norton School (historical)	Toddville School (historical)
Carolina Forest School (historical)	Horry Elementary School	Oak Dale School (historical)	Union Chapel School
Cedar Branch School	Hulls Island School (historical)	Oak Grove School	Valley Forge School
Cedar Creek School	Inland School (historical)	Oak Grove School	Virgo School
Cedar Creek School	Joiner Swamp School	Ocean Bay Elementary School	Waccamaw Elementary School
Cedar Creek School (historical)	Kingston Elementary School	Ocean Bay Middle School	Waccamaw School
Central School (historical)	Lakewood Elementary School	Palmetto Bays Elementary School	Wampee School (historical)
Chapel Hill School	Leon School (historical)	Pawleys Swamp School (historical)	Watson School
Clio School	Lewis School	Pee Dee Elementary School	White Oak School
Cockran School	Number 1	Pee Dee School (historical)	Whittemore Park Middle School
Cockran School (historical)	Number 2	Pine Grove School	Wildwood School
Conway Christian School	Little River Neck School	Pine Grove School	Woodland Park School
Conway Education Center	Little River School	Pine Island School (historical)	Zion School
Conway Elementary School	Little River School (historical)	Pine Level School (historical)	
	Long School	Pineland School	
	Loris Elementary School	Pisgah School	
	Loris High School	Pleasant Hill School	
	Loris Middle School	Poplar Hill School	
		Poplar School	
		Poplar School (historical)	
		Poplar Training School (historical)	

Citation #6

- ❑ Schools and Post Offices: Horry County South Carolina Genealogy Trails
- ❑ List contains historical and current entities
- ✓ ***Note: Spelling for Poplar School and Poplar Training School (historical)***

Source:
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Conway High School
Conway Middle School
Cool Spring School (historical)
Daisy Elementary School
Daisy School (historical)
Deep Branch School
Dogwood Neck School
Durham School (historical)
Ebenezar School
Ebenezer School
Eldorado School Number 1
Eldorado School Number 2
Evergreen School

Powell School (historical)
Red Hill School
Rehobeth School (historical)
Rehoboth School
Richardson School
Risen Christ Lutheran School



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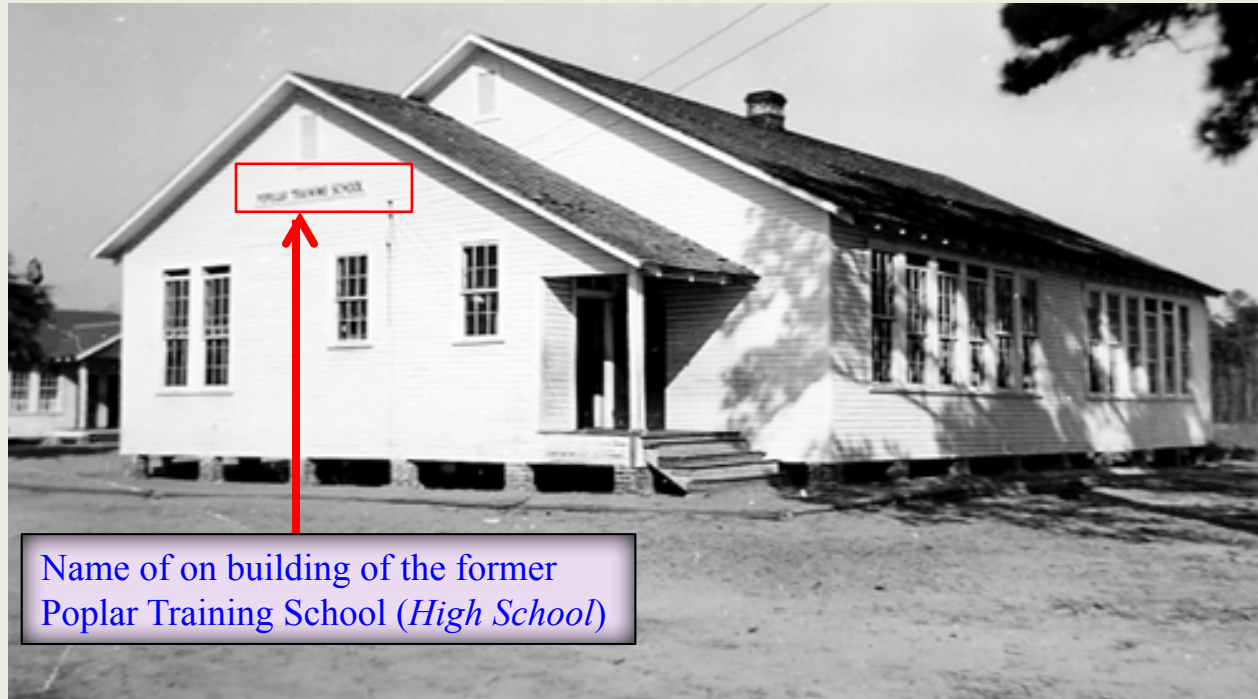
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Poplar Training School – Between 1935 - 1950

- ❑ Photo taken for insurance purpose by the state of South Carolina between 1935 – 1950.

(South Carolina Department of Archives and History)



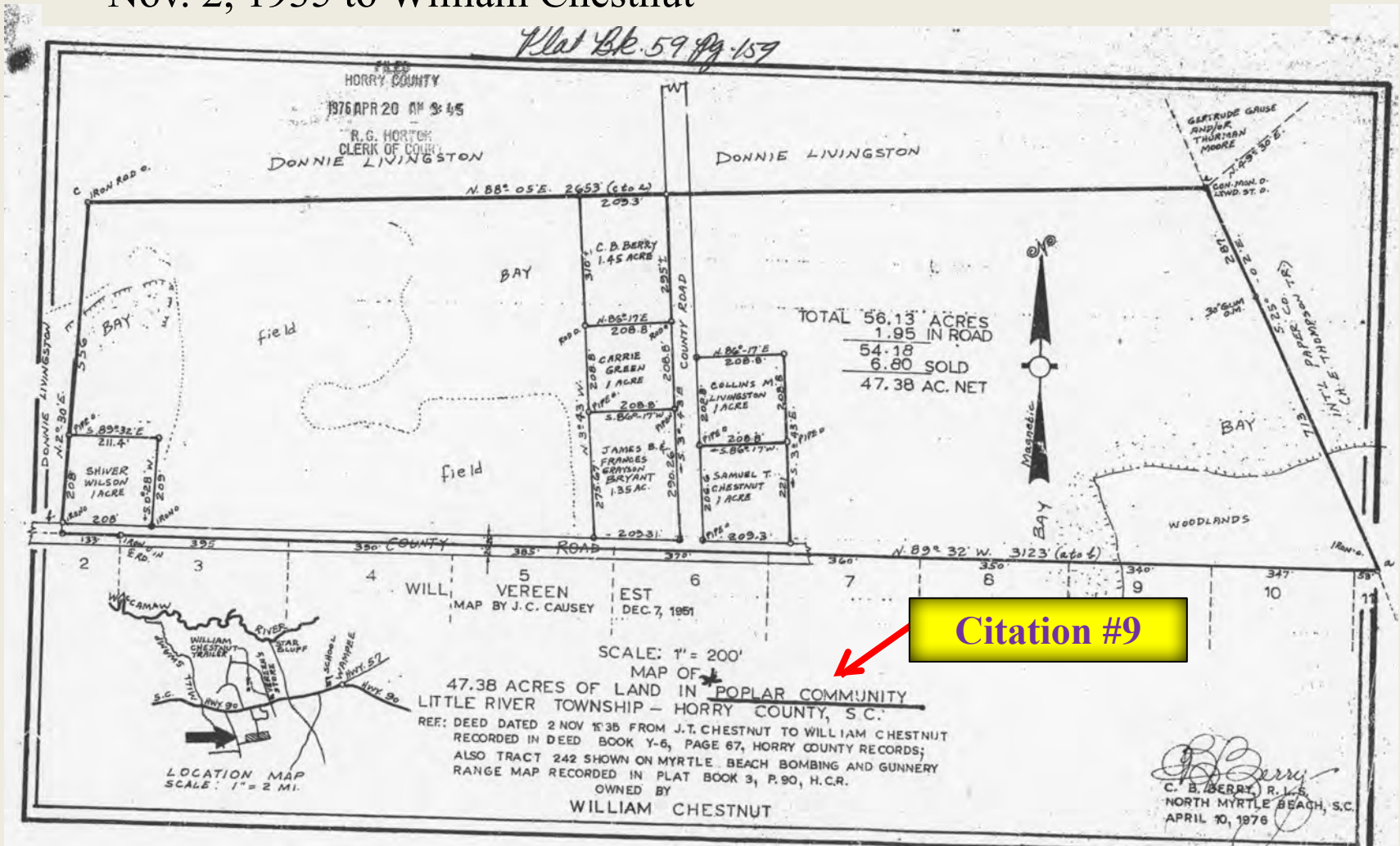
- ❑ Note: Although, all state and county records spelling was “**Poplar Training School,**” no effort was made by board of education officials to instruct Mr. Jacob Chestnut or Mr. E.M. Henry on the correct spelling. The name on the building reads “**Popular Training School.**”

Citation #8

Construction Date:	1925 - 26
Rosenwald Appropriation:	\$1,100.00
White Contribution:	\$0.00
Negro Contribution:	\$1,550.00
Public Contribution:	\$2,000.00
Total Cost:	\$4,650.00
Original Acreage	5
Number of Teachers	4

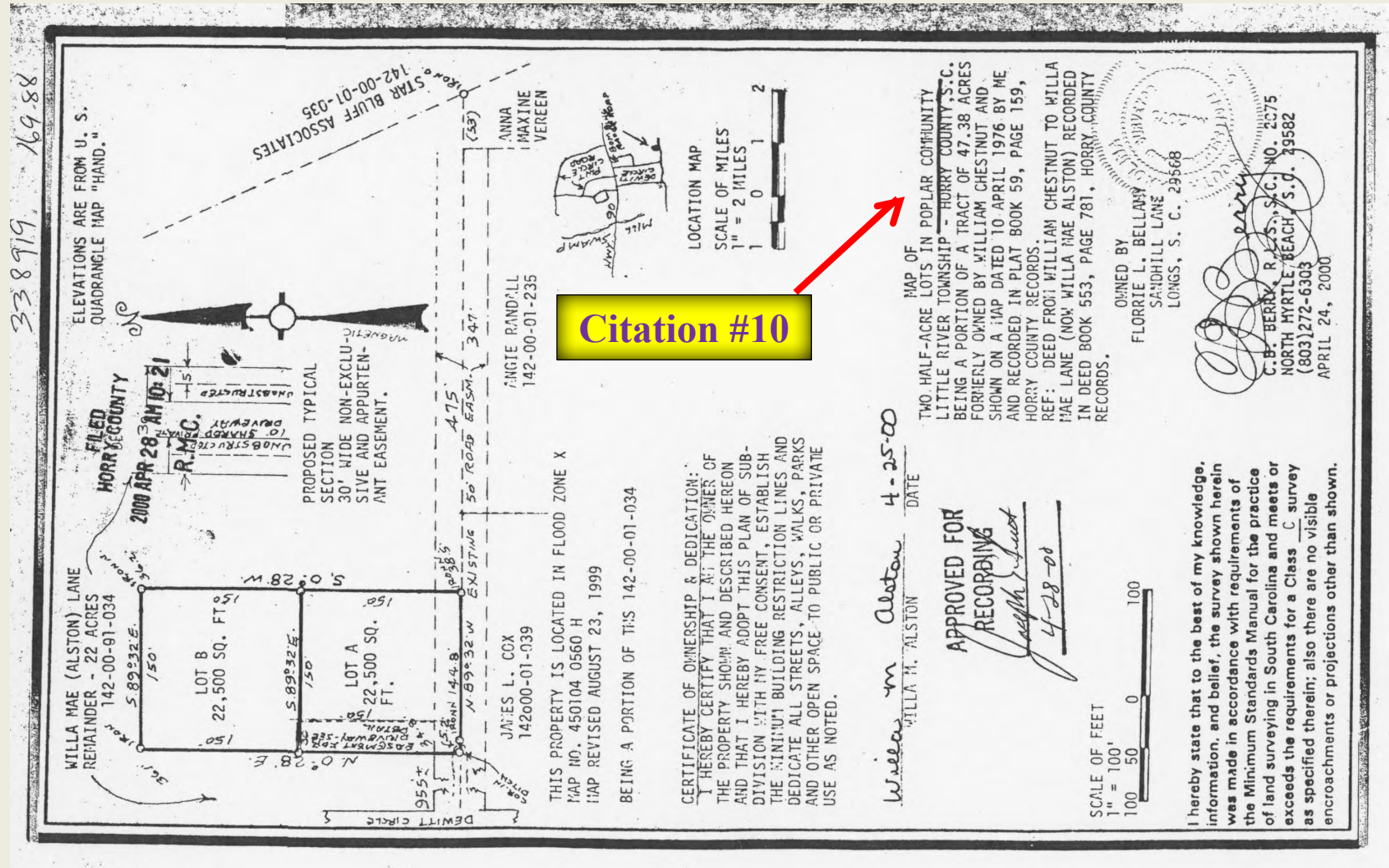
1935 Property: PLAT Date 1976 - Horry County

- Poplar Community PLAT 59-159 for Property sold by J.T. Chestnut Nov. 2, 1935 to William Chestnut



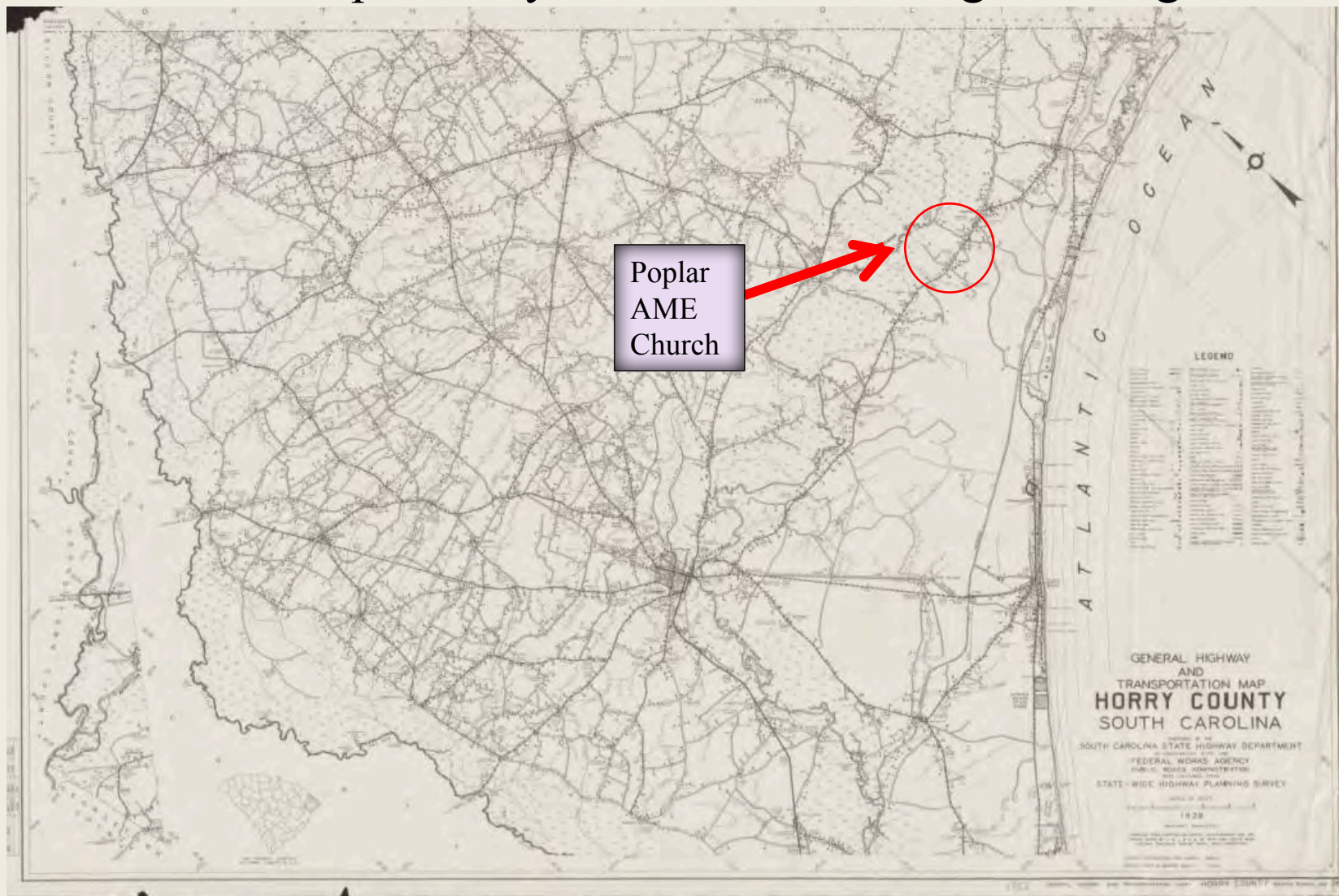
1935 Property: PLAT Date 2000 - Horry County

❑ Poplar Community –PLAT 169-88 for Property sold by William Chestnut to his daughter Willa Mae Lane, a.k.a. Alston, April 18, 1976

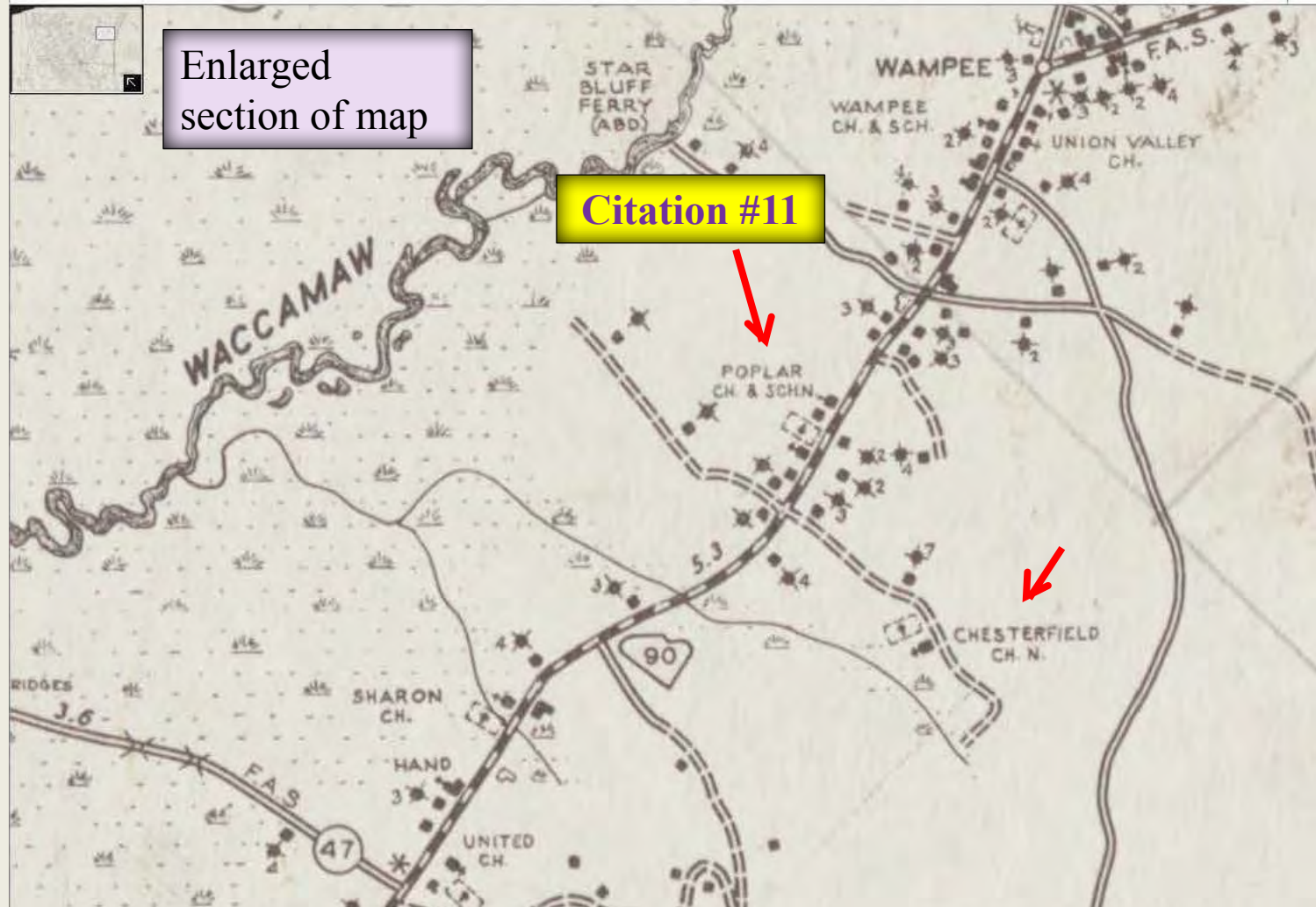


1939: General Highway Map – Horry County

□ This is the map used by SCDOT for road sign naming



1939: General Highway Map – Horry County



Website: <http://library.sc.edu/digital/collections/scrm.html>

2005: General Highway Map – Horry County

❑ This is the map used by SCDOT for road sign naming

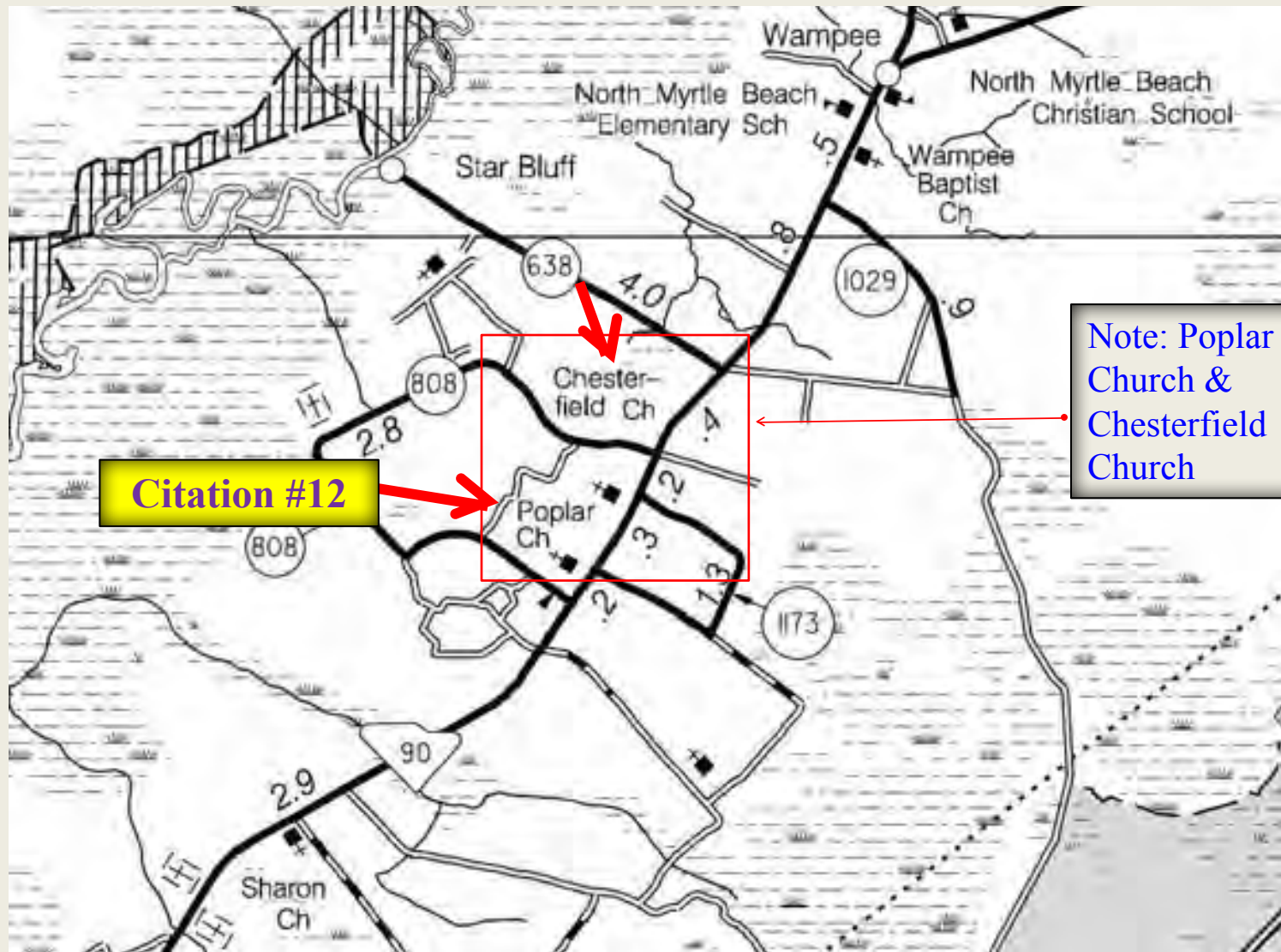
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http://info.scdot.org/sites/GIS/GISMapdl/Horry_County.pdf

Poplar AME Church: See next slide for this enlarged section of the map.

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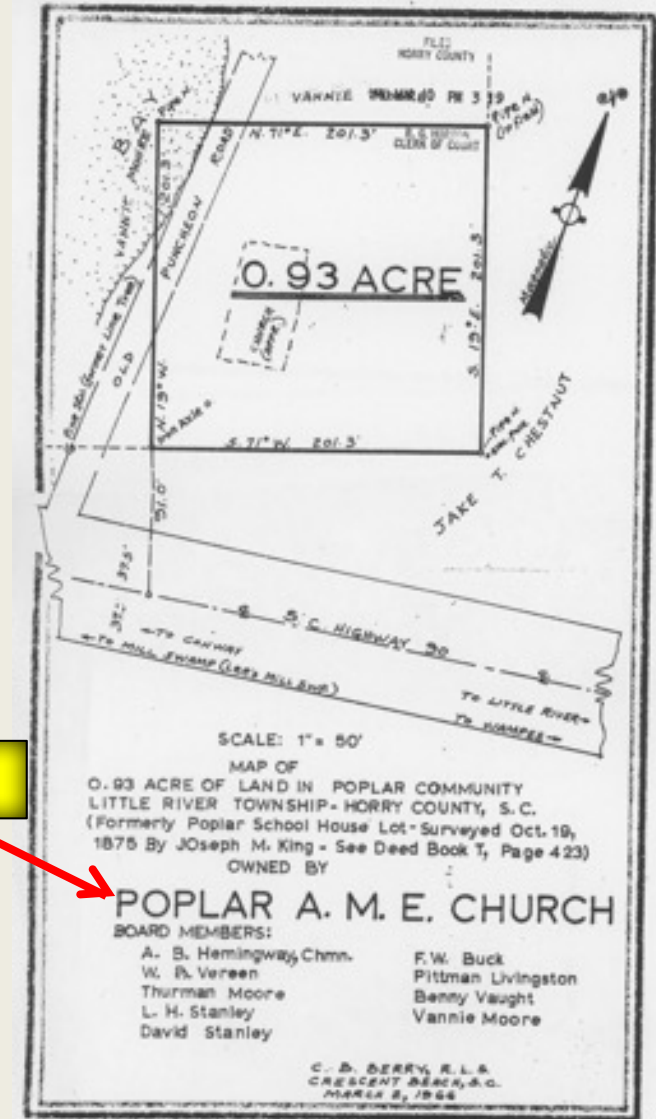


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Note: Poplar Church & Chesterfield Church

1966: Land PLAT – Poplar AME Church

- Surveyed March 2, 1966 by C.B. Berry, R.L.S.
- Church's property is the exact location where Poplar School House Lot was located in 1876. See Deed Book T, Page 423. *Hence: Spelling was Poplar in the beginning of the institutions naming*
- It is based on the survey done for Poplar School House Lot on October 19, 1875 by Joseph M. King
- This was Horry County Board of Education property in 1966.
 - ✓ Church was located on Horry County Board of Education property until 1986



Aerial View – Poplar AME Church*

- ❑ Owner: Poplar AME Church
- ❑ Physical Address: 8415 Hwy. 90, Longs, SC 29568
- ❑ Postal Address: PO Box 87 North Myrtle Beach, SC 29597
- ❑ TMS: 1280002054
- ❑ PIN: 34702030021
- ❑ Description: 100 N of SC 90
- ❑ Deed Book: 1198
- ❑ Deed Page: 685

Church's Land & Perimeter

*Horry County
[ArcGIShttp://www.horrycounty.org/OnlineServices/GISApplicationTerms](http://www.horrycounty.org/OnlineServices/GISApplicationTerms)



1986: Property Deed – Poplar AME Church

- Property was conveyed to Poplar AME Church Trustee Board from Horry County Board of Education on February 5, 1986. Book 1168, Page 635. *Enlarged on next pages for readability*
- This is the same property conveyed from Robert Livingston to Crusoe Dewitt Deed Book T, page 423, Horry County Office Deeds
- Property is in the exact location where Poplar School House Lot was located in 1876
- The spelling "Poplar" is consistent with the spelling in 1875 when the survey was done for poplar School House Lot.

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
COUNTY OF HORRY

WHEREAS, the Poplar A.M.E. Church has existed upon a tract of 0.93 acres of land in the Poplar Community, on S.C. Highway 90, as shown on a map hereinafter referred to, and the said property has never been conveyed to the trustees of the church. The said property was conveyed from Robert Livingston to Crusoe Dewitt for the location of a school house as shown on deed dated the 5th day of February, 1886, and recorded in Deed Book T, at Page 423, Horry County records; and

WHEREAS, the said property has been in use by the said church for more than sixty (60) years and the Horry County Board of Education has no interest in the property and desires to quit claim any title it may have to the trustees of the said church,

NOW, THEREFORE: Know all Men by these Presents,

That it, the Horry County Board of Education,

in the State aforesaid for and in consideration of the sum of Ten and No/100 (\$10.00) DOLLARS

to it paid by Seubin Gause, Heseckiah Henningway, W. B. Vereen, Thurman Moore, David Stanley, T. C. Moore, Henry Vereen, George Livings and Bennie Vaught, Trustees of Poplar A.M.E. Church in the State aforesaid, (Receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged) it

have granted, bargained, sold and released, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell and release unto the said Seubin Gause, Heseckiah Henningway, W. B. Vereen, Thurman Moore, David Stanley, T. C. Moore, Henry Vereen, George Livings and Bennie Vaught, Trustees of Poplar A.M.E. Church, their successors and assigns forever;

ALL AND SINGULAR, all its right, title and interest in and to that piece, parcel or lot of land situate, lying and being in Little River Township, State and County aforesaid, and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at an old iron axle 91.0 feet from the center line of S.C. Highway 90 and continues a course of South 19° West 201.3 feet to a pipe in a bay adjacent to land of Vannie Moore's estate; thence continuing with said estate lands, North 71° East 201.3 feet to a pipe at the estate lands of Jacob T. Chestnut; thence with the said estate lands of the said Jacob T. Chestnut South 19° East 201.3 feet to a pipe near an electric pole; thence continuing with said estate lands of Jacob T. Chestnut property South 71°-00' West 201.3 feet to the beginning. Bounded on the West and North by the estate lands of Vannie Moore; on the East and South by estate lands of Jacob T. Chestnut.

This is the identical property on which the Poplar A.M.E. Church now stands and is shown on a plat dated March 2, 1966, made by C. B. Berry, E.L.S., as containing 0.93 acre and was formerly the Poplar School House lot, as surveyed October 19, 1875, by Joseph N. King and shown in Deed Book T, at Page 423, Horry County records.

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HORRY COUNTY
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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
COUNTY OF HORRY

Citation #15

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NOW, THEREFORE:

Know all Men by these Presents,

That it, the Horry County Board of Education,

in the State aforesaid _____ for and _____ in consideration of the sum of Ten and No/100 (\$10.00) ----- DOLLARS

to it paid by Reubin Gause, Hezekiah Hemingway, W.B. Vereen, Thurman Moore, David Stanley, T.C. Moore, Henry Vereen, George Livings and Bennie Vaught, Trustees of Poplar A.M.E. Church in the State aforesaid, (Receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged) _____ it

1986: Property Deed – Poplar AME Church

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have granted, bargained, sold and released; and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell and release unto the said Reubin Gause, Hezekiah Hemingway, W. B. Vereen, Thurman Moore, David Stanley, T. C. Moore, Henry Vereen, George Livingston and Bennie Vaught, Trustees of **Poplar A.M.E. Church**, their successors and assigns forever:

Citation #16

ALL AND SINGULAR, all its right, title and interest in and to that piece, parcel or lot of land situate, lying and being in Little River Township, State and County aforesaid, and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at an old iron axle 91.0 feet from the Center line of S.C. Highway 90 and continues a course of North 19° West 201.3 feet to a pipe in a bay adjacent to land of Vannie Moore's estate; thence continuing with said estate lands, North 71° East 201.3 feet to a pipe at the estate lands of Jacob T. Chestnut; thence with the said estate lands of the said Jacob T. Chestnut South 19° East 201.3 feet to a pipe near an electric pole; thence continuing with said estate lands of Jacob T. Chestnut property South 71°-00' West 201.3 feet to the beginning. Bounded on the West and North by the estate lands of Vannie Moore; on the East and South by estate lands of Jacob T. Chestnut.

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BOOK 1193 PAGE 685

1986: Property Deed – Poplar AME Church

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- Deed for transfer of property where the church is located from Horry County Board of Education to Poplar AME Church is dated February 5, 1986 and finalized January 27, 1988.

TOGETHER with all and singular, the Rights, Members, Hereditaments and Appurtenances to the said premises belonging, or in anywise incident or appertaining.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD all and singular the premises before mentioned unto the said:

Reubin Gause, Hezekiah Hemingway, W. B. Vereen, Thurman Moore, David Stanley, T. C. Moore, Henry Vereen, George Livingston and Bennie Vaught, Trustees of **Poplar A.M.E. Church**, their successors and assigns forever.

Witness the execution hereof by grantor this 27th day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-eight and in the _____ year of the Sovereignty and Independence of the United States of America.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in the Presence of

Edward Boyd
Anna B. Barber

BY: _____ (L. S.)

_____ (L. S.)

HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION (L. S.)
EDUCATION (L. S.)

Citation #18

Horry County Board of Education

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

COUNTY OF Henry

PERSONALLY appeared before me, Edward Boyd

and made oath that he saw the within named _____

Franklin C. Blanton, Barry Sheppes, James W. Barnette,
Jerry Hucks, Henry W. Maulover, Helen M. Smith,
as members of the Henry County Board of Education

_____ Sign, Seal and as these Act and Deed deliver the within written Deed; and that he with
June B. Barber _____ witnessed the execution thereof.

Sworn to before me this 27th

day of January A. D. 19 88

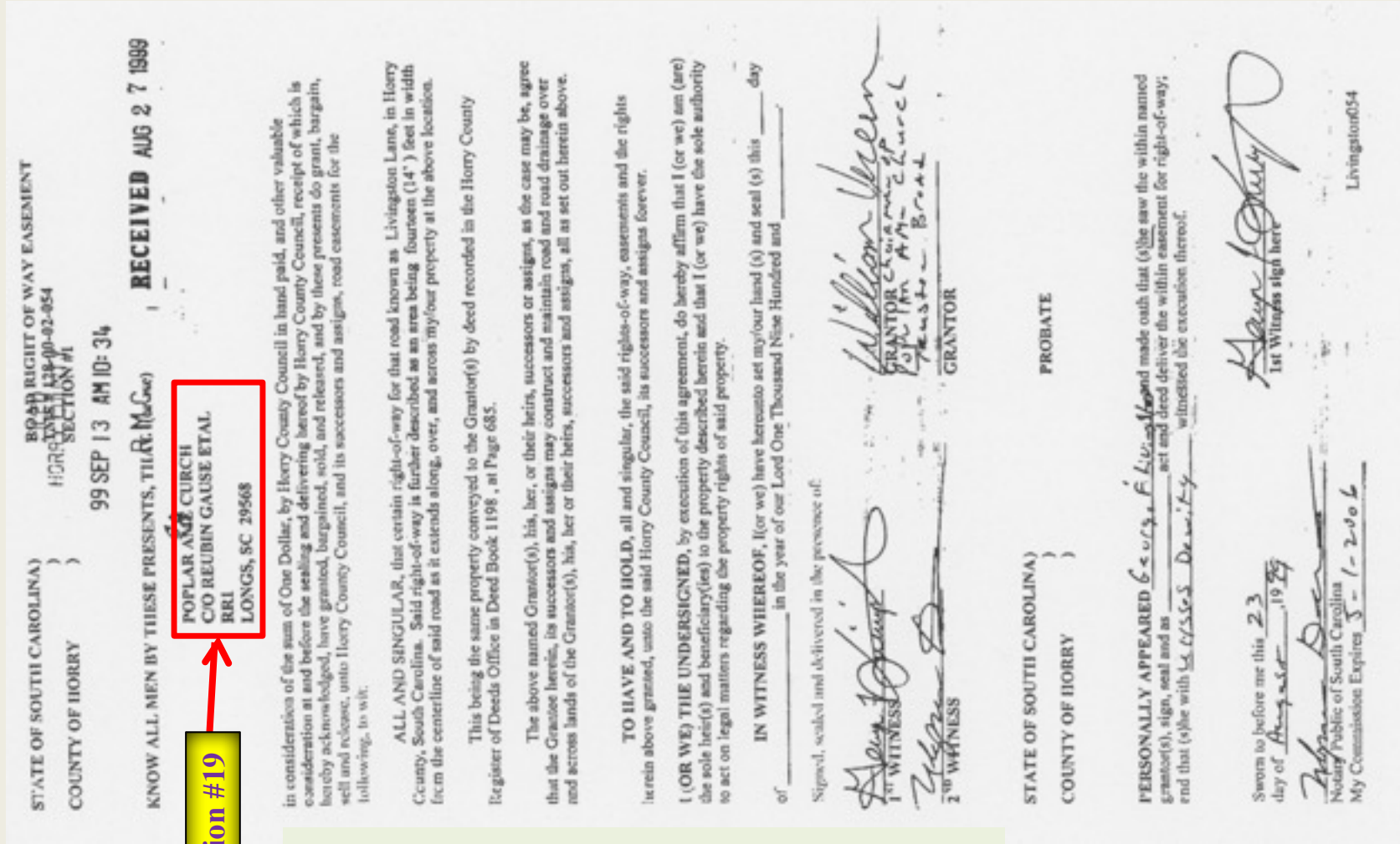
June B. Barber (L. S.)
Notary Public for South Carolina

Edward Boyd

My Commission expires January 27, 1989

BOOK 1103 PAGE 687

1999: Easement – Poplar AME Church



Citation #19

Note: Poplar AME name spelling

AME 7th District South Carolina



Poplar AME

Citation #20

District: Marion

District Elder: Rev. Dr. William Smith, Jr.

Conference: Northeast Conference

Pastor: Rev. Dr. James C Evans

Note: Poplar AME name spelling. All historical data prove conclusively that when the church applied for membership in the AME more than 130 years ago, the name was spelled Poplar, not Popular.

CHURCH LOCATION

8415 Highway 90

Longs, SC 29568

CONTACT

Phone: 843-399-3878

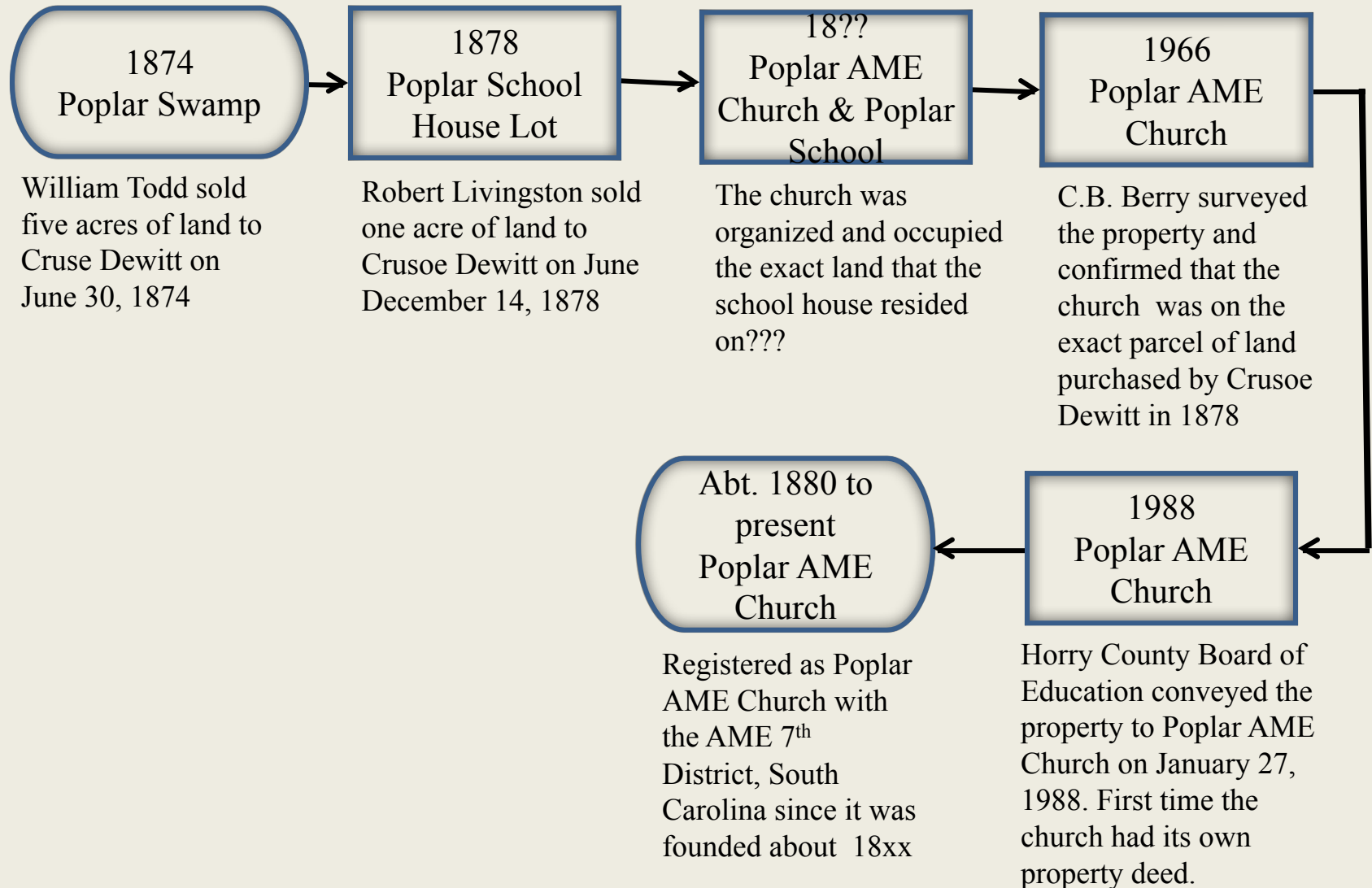
Fax: 843-399-6231

MAILING ADDRESS

P. O. Box 87

North Myrtle Beach, SC 29597

Chronological Summary



Summary

- People now have a preponderance of historical evidence on the correct spelling for “**Poplar**” as it was originally spelled at least back to 1874.
- People now know that the name “**Poplar**” was derived from the tree named poplar, which grew plentiful in the area.
- People now know that the intent of their native son, a former slave, namely Crusoe Dewitt, that the name should be spelled “**Poplar**” for your the community, church, school, and other institutions.
- People now have irrefutable evidence that the intended spelling was Poplar from the beginning of the community.

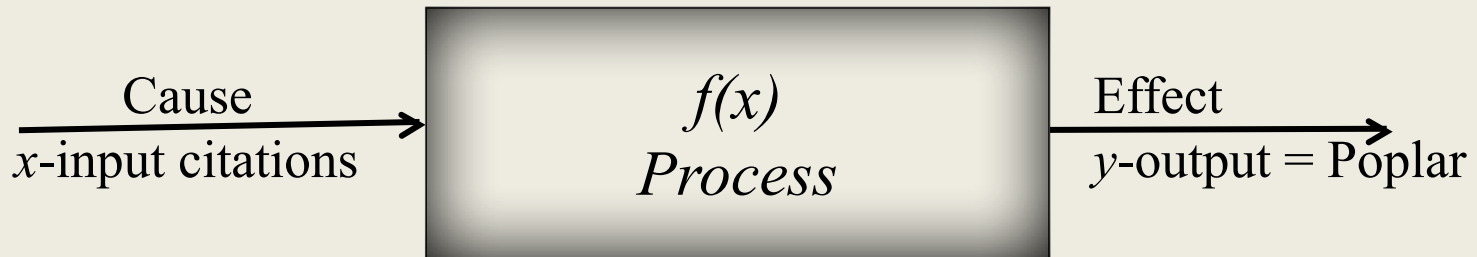
Mathematical Summary

$$\text{If } f(x) = y$$

$$\text{Then: } f(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n) = y$$

Let $f(x)$ = cause = input = citations

Let y = effect = output = Poplar



These little x 's represent the 20 citations that support the spelling **Poplar**.

x_1 = Poplar Swamp Waters (1876)

x_2 = Poplar School House Lot (1878)

x_3 = USGS

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x_n = Citations

Q.E.D.

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South Carolina Department of Archives and History

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Military Service: United States Army (3-years)

Volunteer Experience: Tutoring mathematics and science, Boys Scouts, science fairs, speaking to student groups, and family history research

Family: Lives in Conway, South Carolina with his wife, Beverly. They have two adult sons and two daughters-in-law and six grandchildren.



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**Thank you for your
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