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Edgar Poague's mother, Lucy Walworth Poague, and Annie Walworth Brooks (wife of Dr. Brooks) of Brooksland Plantation were sisters. Edgar was born in Natchez 1885 and his father, Dr. Poague, died when he was six years old. In his early twenties he worked for the Brooks family and was close to his cousin, Douglas Brooks.

By 1920, Edgar was 35 years old and managed to buy the small plantation at Deeson. It may have been sold to him by Dr. Brooks (not sure about that). It is my impression that Edgar either bought the plans for the green shingled Craftsman bungalow and had it built or ordered the house pre-fabricated, which was a booming business for Sears Roebuck, Montgomery Ward, Alladin, and others. They are to be found still in existence all over the United States. All the materials were pre-cut, shipped, and constructed on site. They ranged from modest to quite elaborate. There was one in Gunnison built by Dr. Simmons which my family rented from 1936 to 1943 and in memory, my childhood home.

Edgar lived in the green-shingled house with his mother until she died in late 1927 or early in 1928. In the fall of 1928 he married Mildred Lobdell of Rosedale. Their daughter and my wife, Marsha Poague, lived the first 12 years of her life there and went to Gunnison School through 8th Grade. In 1945 at the age of 60 Edgar died of pancreatic cancer. Mildred stayed on until about 1948, at which point she had several unsatisfactory experiences first with managers and later renters. She began working for the County Welfare Department in Rosedale and in 1950 built a new house there. In 1957, she sold the Deeson property to M. A. and Edna Bell. Mildred died in 1978 and Marsha in 1995.

After a time, the Bells remodeled the house very attractively, faced the exterior with brick, and made other improvements. I was in it once on one of our trips to Rosedale (probably 1978) and was favorably impressed with what they had done. The original house had a very large and high beamed attic with an existing staircase, which lent itself well for extra bedrooms.

This is all off the top of my head. If you have further questions, I can be reached by e-mail at the above address.

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