

EA Poole (1857-1946)

Everett A. Poole is remembered perhaps only by a few of the oldtime penmen. However, he, was an exceptionally skillful pen artist. His work always impressed us as being unusually delicate and artistic.

At the age of 13 he became interested in penmanship and attended the classes of an itinerant teacher of penmanship. We do not know the teacher's name but he left a very definite influence upon young Poole, who became very skilled with pen and brush.

The day of the itinerant teacher is no doubt gone but those old teachers filled a definite niche in our educational system and the work which they did left a wholesome influence. Perhaps their efforts and results have been more outstanding than that of many present day teachers.

He was the town clerk of South Bristol, Maine. He passed away on February 18, 1946 at the age of 89. He was born in Bristol in 1857. As a young man he, became interested in pen work and oil painting. He followed this interest throughout his life. For several years he taught penmanship, and at one time was associated with H. W. Shaylor of Portland, Maine. No doubt Shaylor, who was one of the outstanding penmen of that time, had quite an influence on the work of Mr. Poole.

Mr. Poole was South Bristol's only town clerk from 1915 until his death. It is stated that his records appear like steel engravings.

Some of Mr. Poole's work appeared in The Educator in the past years.