

**Amelia County, Va.  
Documents**

**1735**

Amelia County formed from Prince George and Brunswick Counties.

**9 Apr 1736**

Judgment Francis Poythress vs. Benjamin Mathews, to Ptf. for £4 and costs. (Amelia Court Orders, p. 8, Book 1, 1735-1746)

Later Sheriff's Return: (Francis Poythress vs. Benjamin Mathews): "Benjamin Mathews not to be found within my bailiwick. John Dawson, Sheriff." (p. 1, Sheriff's Returns; entered in the back of Order Book 1 cited above)

**12 Nov 1736**

"In the action upon the case between **William and Francis Poythress**, executors of John Fitzgerald, dced. against Charles Clay "to Ptf. £14/10/8 ½ & costs"), etc. "last Will and Testament of John Fitzgerald." (Author notes there is no such Will in Amelia County). Amelia Court Orders, p. 14, Book 1, 1735-1746)

**11 Mar 1736/7**

**Ditto above** vs. James Clay, to Ptf. £10/3/2 ½ & costs. (Amelia Court Orders, p. 21, Book 1, 1735-1746)

**11 Nov 1737**

**Ditto above** vs. Chichester Sturdivant, to ptf. for £2/7/8 & costs. (Amelia County Court Order Book 1)

**9 Dec 1737**

**Ditto above** vs. Henry Cabiness, to ptf. for £4/9/7 & costs. (Amelia County Court Order Book)

**9 Feb 1738**

Judgment **Francis Poythress**, Ex. of John Fitzgerald, dec'd., vs. Arthur Leigh, to ptf. £3/18/6 ½ , costs and lawyer fee. (Amelia County Court Orders, 1735-1746, Book 1, p 62, )

**1739**

Amelia County tithables, year 1739: **Wm Poythress** 1....

“Between Deep Creek & Flat Creek”  
(Va. Gene. Soc. Qrtly., Vol. 35, # 2, 1997)

**15 Feb 1739**

Case **William & Francis Poythress**, Exors. of Joseph FitzGerrald (sic?- see below) vs. James Clarke, dismissed. Ptf. to receive costs. (Amelia County Court Orders, Book 1, p. 93, 1735-1746)

**15 Feb 1739**

Action **William & Francis Poythress**, Exors. est. of John FitzGerrald vs. John Nance dismissed, as one of the Ptf. is dead. (Amelia County Orders, Book 1, p. 95, 1735-1746)

**15 Feb 1739**

Idem. (same name) vs. John Winingham dismissed. (Amelia County Orders Book 1, 1735-1746, p. 95)

**15 Feb 1739**

Idem. vs. William Coleman dismissed. (Amelia County Orders, Book 1, 1735-1746, p. 95)

**15 Feb 1739**

Judgment **William & Francis Poythress**, Ex. of John FitzGerrald, dec'd., vs William Gamblin for £11/12/11, to Ptf. for £5/16/5 with Int. & costs. (Amelia County Orders, Book 1, p. 95, 1735-1746)

**15 Feb 1739**

Idem. (same names) vs. Laughland Flyn for £12/4/5 to Ptf. for £6/2/2 ½ with int. (Amelia County Orders, Book 1, 1735-1746, p. 95)

**15 Feb 1739**

Judgment **William & Francis Poythress**, Exors. of John Fitzgerrald, dec'd., vs. Robert Moody for £13/4/6 to Ptf. for £6/17/3 with int. & costs. (Amelia County Orders, Book 1, 1735-1746, p. 96)

**15 Feb 1739**

Judgment **William & Francis Poythress**, Ex. of John Fitzgerald, dec'd., vs. Matthew Tolbott, to Ptf. for £3/12/6, with int. & costs. (Amelia County Orders, Book 1, 1735-1746, p. 96)

**15 Feb 1739**

Judgment **William & Francis Poythress**, Ex. of John Fitzgerald, dec'd., vs. John Mays, dismissed ptf. being dead. (Amelia County Orders, Book 1, 1735-1746, p. 96)

**15 Feb 1739**

Judgment **William & Francis Poythress**, Ex. of John Fitzgerald, dec'd., vs. James Edmonds for £8/17/10, for £4/8/11. (Amelia County Orders, Book 1, 1735-1746, p. 96)

**15 Feb 1739**

Judgment **William & Francis Poythress**, Ex. of John Fitzgerald, dec'd., vs. Joseph Hawks to Ptf. for £1/17/4, with int. & costs. (Amelia County Orders, Book 1, 1735-1746, p. 96)

**21 Mar 1739**

Judgment **William & Francis Poythress**, Exors. of John FitzGerrald vs. William Coleman for £19/10/9 due by bond; Deft. failed to appear, so judgment confirmed against him and Robert Davis, his Common Bail, for sum. Judgment to be discharged by pmt. of £19/15/4 1/2 with int. till same is paid. (Amelia County Orders, Book 1, 1735-46, p. 101)

**18 May 1739**

Deed of John Harris and Susanna his wife ----

(Author note: There were several suits brought by **William and Francis Poythress**, executors of John Fitzgerald – Will not recorded in Amelia County).

**13 Sept 1739**

Deed. Joshua Glass of Prince George Co. (Va.) to Walter Childs. D. Sept. 13, 1739. Consid: 16£. Wit: Peter Wynne, **John Poythress** & Charles Anderson. 200 acres, bounded in part by, etc.

Possession obtained by Walter Childs in presence of Peter Wynne, John Poythress & Charles Anderson.  
(Amelia County DB # 1, p. 202)

**1740 Reconstructed Virginia Census (Amelia County)**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Source</u>
<b>Poythress, Francis</b>	Amelia County Order Bk 1, 1735-1746

**Poythress, William**  
**Poythress, William**

Amelia County Order Bk 1, 1735-1746  
Amelia County Tithables 1736-1771  
(below Deep Creek)

**1740**

Tithables, year 1740 (one of three lists of Amelia tithables). This list “below Deep Creek”, **William Poythress** listed with James Clark and John Bedlock for a total of 3 tithables.

**19 Aug 1743**

Chancery suit Henry Fitz. vs. Christopher Robertson; by consent of parties, commission directed to Peter Bolling, William Poythress, Peter Jones & Theophilus Feild, Gent., or any 2, to take depositions of wits. in Prince George Co.; Edward Booker. R`ichard Booker, Samuel Tarry & William Booker, Gent., or any 2, to take depositions of wits. in Amelia Co. (Amelia OB 1, 1735-46, p. 133)

**10 Jun 1746**

Tithables Below Deep Creek and above the Celler. Taken June 10, 1746 by Charles Irby:

Poythress, Elizabeth Liste:

Jack and Phillis 3

**10 Jun 1747**

1747 June: 10, This List of Tithes Taken by me Abraham Greene below Deep Creek for Amelia County:

**Poythress, Eliz<sup>a</sup>**

List, Phillis

Willm Hammelton

Boatswain, Jack Total 4

(Mag. of Va. Genealogy, Vol. 42, # 4, Nov. 2004, p. 331)

**June 1748**

Amelia County tithables: “A list of Tithables Below Deep Creek, and above the Seller.” Taken by Charles Irby June 1748, (column 7):

“**Elizabeth Poythress** list- Jack, Boatswain, Phillis -3”

(Mag of Va. Genealogy, Vol. 43, # 1, Feb. 2005, p. 25)

**15 Aug 1748 (o.s.) Road Order, p. 105**

Ordered that William Stone be appointed Surveyor of the Road from the County Line into James Jackson’s and that Robert Taylor, Lewis Hammond,

William Manire, **Mrs. Elizabeth Poythress**, George Hill, Henry Clark, Robert Stadley, John Bentley and all their Maile Labouring Tithables assist him in doing so.

**2 Dec 1748 (will)**

Stone, William. d. 2 Dec 1748. One legatee (among many): dau. Katherine Stone 200 acres lying between the lines of George Hill, **Robert Poythress**, and Richard Parr, etc. WB 1, p. 55.

**10 Jun 1749**

Amelia County Tithables; List of tithables taken by order of Court. June 10<sup>th</sup>, 1749.

Sub: A list of tithables taken by Charles Irby for Nottoway Parish June 10<sup>th</sup>, 1749:

	<u>Tithables</u>	<u>Heads</u>
<b>Peter Poythress List</b>		
Jack, Bosun, Phillis	3	5

Sub: List of tithables taken below Flatt and Nibbs Creeks by Edw<sup>d</sup> Booker:

Hen Randolphs List [Hen Randolph m. **Tabitha Poythress**]

Tho<sup>s</sup> Green, Robin, Ceesar, Joe,

Hampton, Bristol, Lewis, Sue                      8                      36

(Tithable Lists, Amelia County, Virginia, Accession No. 20919, Archival and Information Services Division, Library of Virginia. Printed in Mag. of Virginia Genealogy, Vol. 43, # 2, May 2005)

**11 Sep 1749**

Deed. Samuel Jordan the younger, late of the county of Prince George in the colony of Virginia, one part; **William Poythress** of the same county, other part – said Samuel Jordan conveys to **William Poythress** tract of land in Amelia – 450 acres – in order to indemnify said William for having become surety for said Samuel.

(Amelia DB 3, p. 315) see immediately below ↓

**20 Apr 1750**

Deed. **William Poythress** of Prince George County of one part and Walter Boyd of Prince George County, merchant, of the other part, conveys certain plantation or tract of land containing 450 acres in Amelia on south side of Little

Nottoway River, being the same land conveyed to the said **William Poythress** by deed from Samuel Jordan the younger on 11 Sep 1749.  
(Amelia DB 3, p. 394)

[note to above, Craig Scott: “William evidently lost this land in some court action brought by Alexander Marshall, Admr. of George Todd.” No source cited.]

### 1750

“Rauleigh Parish, List of Tithables taken by Wood Jones below Deep Creek:  
Henry Randolph: (the one who m. Tabitha Poythress?)  
Nathl: Jefferies: Robin: Jason: Glasgo: Dick: Oto: Seth Lewis: 8

### 14 May 1750 (survey)

For James Draper 149 a., a Survey between Tommahitton and the Birchen Swamps joyning Jackson’s, [**William**] **Poythriss**’s and the County Lines. (William Watson’s Surveyor Book 1736-1751, Amelia County Land Records). See 16 Aug, 1756 entry below. This entry from Magazine of Virginia Genealogy, Vol. 42, No. 3, August 2004; also, “A List of the Surveys made in the County of Amelia from the 1<sup>st</sup> day of September 1746 to the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 1751 by William Watson, Suryr.” (Transcribed from the microfilm of document on [www.BinnsGenealogy.com](http://www.BinnsGenealogy.com), CD-R # 000304)

### 10 Jun 1750

“A List of Tithables in the Lower End of Nottoway Parish, June 10, 1750 Taken by Charles Irby:  
**Peter Poythress** lists:  
Jack, Ned, Phillis 3

### 1751

Amelia County Tithables:  
**Peter Poythress** lists:  
Jack, Ned, Phillis, Cabe 4

### 10 Jun 1752

“A List of Tithables for Nottoway Parish June 10, 1752:  
**Poythress, Peter** lists:  
Jack, Ned, Phillis, Cabe 4

### 1753

“A List of Tithables taken by Cha. Irby of the west end of Nottaway Parish’s Amelia:

**Poythress, Peters** List: Rich<sup>d</sup>, Cross, Jack, Mingo, Cabe, Phillis, Moll.

### 1753

Will. Jones, Major Peter, 1753, will probated 1759; names executors, his friends Richard Jones, Jr., Peter Jones (son of Major Richard Jones) and Edmund Jones, etc. Wit: **William Poythress**, Thomas Williams, Richard Jones, Sr. (Amelia Co. WB 1, p. 233) [Father: Peter Jones, Mother: Mary Batte, Family: Mary Chamberlain] See entry for 24 Dec 1758 below.

### 1754

“Amelia County a List of Tithables on the Lower Part of Nottaway Parish for 1754.” **Poythress, Peter** List: Richard, Cross, Jack, Mingo, Phillis, Cabe, Moll, Pompy.

### 10 Jun 1755

“A List of Tithables taken by Charles Irby in the Lower End of Nottaway Parish for the year 1755: Poythress, Peter List: Rich, Cross, Jack, Mingo, Pompey, Phillis, Cabe, Moll 7

### 16 Aug 1756 (survey)

For James Draper....PB33:228...between Tommahitton & Burchen Swamps, on County Line, adj. Jackson, Joseph & **William Poythress**. (William Watson’s Surveyor Book, Amelia County Land Records). This entry from Magazine of Virginia Genealogy, Vol. 42, No. 3, August 2004.

### 24 Aug 1758 (see will of Major Peter Jones, 1753 above)

At a Court held for Amelia County the 24<sup>th</sup> day of August 1758, this will was proved by the Oath of William Poythress Gent., one of the Witnesses thereto who made oath that Thomas Williams and Richard Jones Senr. were present at the signing sealing and publishing thereof and that they subscribed their names with him as Witnesses thereto and then the same was to be recorded, and on the motion of said Peter who entered into and acknowledged bond with Wood Jones his security certificate was granted him for obtaining probat in due form Richard Jones Jr. and Edward Jones Jr. the other Exrs. appeared in Court and refused to act as such. Teste: T. Griffin Peachy  
A copy Teste: S. L. Farrar, Clerk.

(Source: Peter Jones & Richard Jones Genealogies, compiled from Original Sources by Augusta B. Fothergill).

### **24 Dec 1758**

See Peter Jones will above (1753):

24 Dec 1758. Proved by the oath of **William Poythress, Gent.** Sworn to by Peter Jones one of the executors who acknowledged bond with Wood Jones his security. Richd. Jones, Jr. and Edwd. Jones refused to act as such.

24 April 1759 Proved by Thomas Williams. Amelia Will Book # 1, p. 133-4. (The Virginia Genealogist, Vol. 17, # 2, p. 175-6, 1973)

### **19 June 1760**

Deed. Jun. 19, 1760 from Matthew Ornsby of A, to William Glascock of Dinwiddie County, for £100, a certain tract of land of about 400 acres in A. on both sides of Butterwood Cr and bounded by John Lewis, Haynes, North Branch, George Lewis, Steger, Hood. Signed - Matthew Ornsby. Wit- **Francis Poythress, John Poythress**, James Hinton, John Hightower, Jr., **Edmund Poythress**. Recorded Nov. 27, 1760. (Amelia Deeds, Bk 7, p. 361)

### **8 Jul 1760**

Receipts from a decree obtained vs. John Hardyman in chancery in the Court of Charles City. Sworn before **Peter Poythress**. Amelia County WB # 1. Virginia Genealogist, Vol. 18, # 2, p. 108.

### **21 Apr 1762**

Deed. April 21. 1762 from Charles Connally of Nottoway Parish in A. to Robert Williams of same, for £40, all that tract of land lying in Nottoway Parish and A. containing 200 acres of land lying between...**Poythress**...Recorded April 22, 1762. (Bk. 7, p. 583)

### **10 June 1762**

(List of tithables Amelia County) By John Winn and Hampton Wade:

(blotted) Poythress List:

(blotted), Morton, Jack, Mingo, Pompey, Phillis, Kate, Moll 7

### **10 May 1763**

Deed. Charles Connally & Catherine his wife, of Nottoway Parish in Amelia, to Robert Williams of same, for £40, all that tract of land of 200 acres in Nottoway Parish lying between the lines of George Hill, **Poythress** and Parrs (alias)



Haymes line, it being amongst other things devised by Wm Stone, deceased, to his daughter Catherine, wife of the said Charles Connally.

Sig: Cha: Connally, Catherine Connally.

Wit: John Mainere, Wm Tucker, Samuel Bentley. Recorded 27 Oct 1763  
(Bk 8, p. 217)

### **23 Apr 1764**

Deed. April 23, 1764 from William Cryer Sr. of Dinwiddie County, to William Cryer Jr. of A, for 5 shillings and for other good causes, all that tract of land of about 570 acres on the south side of Tommahitton Swamp in A, and bounded by John York.....**Joseph (Joshua?) Poythress**. Recorded April 26, 1764. (Bk. 8, p. 326)

### **21 May 1764**

Deed. May 21, 1764 from Robert Williams and Mary, his wife, of St. Andrews Parish & Brunswick County, to Dibdale Holt of Nottoway Parish and A, for £60, a certain tract of land of 200 acres in Nottoway Parish & A, and bounded by **Peter Poythress**,.....Recorded Sep. 27, 1764. (Bk 8, p. 435)

### **18 May 1767**

Deed. May 18, 1767 from Phillip Stone of Dobbs County, North Carolina, to William Manire of A, for £85 and for divers other good causes, a certain tract of land in A and bounded by Nottoway River, **Poythris**, Dibdalls Holt, etc....  
Recorded Jun. 25, 1767. (Bk 9, p. 150)

### **24 Jun 1767**

Deed. William Manire of A, to **Peter Poythress** of the County of Prince George, for £31/5/0, a certain tract of land in A, bounded by said **Poythress** Corner on Nottoway River, Wolf Pitt Branch, containing **50 acres** of land, as will appear by the plot (plat). Signed – William Manire. Wit: John Manire, William Manire, Jr., George Connally. Recorded 25 Jun 1767. (Bk 9, p.152)

### **Aug 1766**

Deed. Amelia County to wit. To **Peter Poythress & John Poythress**, Gent., greeting. Peter Leath, by his deed of August, 1766 sold to Peter Randolph Bland of Prince George County, a certain tract of land of about 400 acres in A on Leath's Cr. Eliz<sup>a</sup>, the wife of said Leath cannot conveniently travel to our county to make acknowledgement of the deed. You are therefore authorized to go to Eliz to receive her acknowledgment. Signed Jun 9, in the 7<sup>th</sup> year of our reign – TG Peachy

Eliza Leath relinquished her right of dower to the conveyed lands. Signed – **Peter Poythress, John Poythress**  
Recorded 24 Mar 1768. (Bk 9, p. 298)

### 18 Mar 1768

Deed. Mar 18, 1768 from William Manere of A, to Joseph Harper, Jr. of Dinwiddie County, for £63/15/0, all that tract of land in A, 170 acres bounded by the County line, Daniel's Branch.....**Poythress**. Recorded Jun 23, 1768. (Bk 9, p. 348)

### 12 Nov 1771

Deed. Between **Peter Poythress** of Branchester, Martins Brandon Parish in **Prince George County** of one part, and John Bland **of said Parish and county** of the other part: all that tract of **land lying in the county of Amelia** commonly called and known by the name of Hariane Quarter....excepting water mill and 2 acres adjacent thereto on Nottoway River 128 acres. s/ **Peter Poythress**  
wit: John Ruffin, Jr., Jerman Baker, T. G. Peachy  
(source: R. B. Batte card # 144)

### 2 July 1772 – Va. Gazette

“TAKEN away, on the 28th of May last, from Northumberland Courthouse, by one **Robert Poythress**, from the **County of Amelia**, a Negro Slave named Dick, belonging to the Subscriber; he is a black Fellow, about twenty Years of Age, five Feet seven Inches high, very likely and sensible, has been brought up in the House as a Waiter, is very skilful in the Care of Horses, and a good Rider. He is well known by many Gentlemen and in all the Towns in Virginia, as he always waited on me whenever I went from home, and is also known by some in Carolina, but is much grown since he was there. The said **Robert Poythress** pretends that he bought him; but his not having either a Bill of Sale or a Receipt for the Money, sufficiently proves it to be false. This is to forewarn all Persons from purchasing or entertaining him, as they may expect to have the Law put in Execution to the utmost Extent. I do likewise offer a Reward of TEN POUNDS to any Person that brings the said Slave to me, in Lancaster, if taken in this Colony, and TWENTY POUNDS if out thereof”.  
JOHN WORMELEY”.

### 10 June 1782

1782 Tithables  
Name

#slaves

Wm Cryer	15
Col. Peter Eppes (P. George)?	11
Thomas Woodlief	6

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**2 Jun 1795**

Samuel Jordan Assignee of **Robert Poythress**, Plt vs. Edward Blair admr in the right of his wife Letice of Nelson Jones decd. In Debt. Abates by deft's death 2 Jun 1795. (Amelia County Order Book, 1793-1799, OB 20, p. 459)

**2 Oct 1780**

Deed of 2 Oct 1780: **William Poythress and Mary**, his wife, of Prince George, parties of the first part and William Samuel Peachy of County of **Amelia** of the other part; land on James River, county of Prince George- **300 acres** – being lower part of **Flower De Hundred Tract, whereon Joshua Poythress the elder formerly lived** and which was devised to the said **William Poythress** by the last will and testament of said **Joshua** his late father and one other tract in county of Prince George about 1 mile from above mentioned tract containing 100 acres which tract the said **Joshua Poythress** in his lifetime purchased from Hatch and by his will aforesaid devised the same to said **William Poythress**, party to these premises. /s/ **William Poythress**

Wit: Charles Duncan, Wm. M. Carter (PG Deeds 1787-92, p. 422)

**2 Jun 1795**

Samuel Jordan Assignee of **Robert Poythress** Plt. vs Edward Bland admr in the right of his wife Letice of Nelson Jones dec'd. Deft. In Debt. Abates by Plt's death. (Order Bk 20, p. 459)

**1803 (ff)**

Va. Hist. Soc. Mss1 N 1786 a 5681-5683

Materials concerning the lawsuit of **Benjamin Poythress Yates** (administrator of Francis Muir) v. William Yates (b. 1778) in the Superior Court of Law of Prince George County, Va. Include bond of William Yates to Francis Muir, affidavit (copy) of William Yates, and an account.

**1804 (ff)**

Va. Hist. Soc. Mss1 N 1786 a 8-890, record # 218402

Letters concerning **Benjamin Poythress Yates** and the estate of Francis Muir; letters concerning **Benjamin Poythress Yates** and slaves; Douglas Muir, son of Francis Muir, concerning **Benjamin Poythress Yates**, who was administrator of his father' estate.

**1810 (ff)**

Va. Hist. Soc. Mss1 N 1786 a 5684-5703, record 218589

Concerning the lawsuit of Ann (Yates) Gholson Freeman and Thomas Gholson (administrator of William Yates [d. 1789] v. **Benjamin Poythress Yates** (administrator of Francis Muir) in the Virginia Superior Court of Chancery, Richmond.

**1818 (ff)**

Va. Hist. Soc. Mss1 N 1786 a 5758-5771

Materials, 1818-1852, compiled by John White Nash (of Powhatan County, VA) concerning lawsuits involving the estates of Francis Muir and **Benjamin Poythress Yates**. Also includes bill of complaint concerning the Commonwealth of Virginia v. Benjamin Poythress Yates (administrator of Francis Muir).

Also includes report, 1814, of **Benjamin Poythress Yates** concerning the sale of land in Kentucky and Ohio belonging to the estate of Francis Muir (bears decree of the Superior Court of Chancery from Richmond concerning the lawsuit of John Hanserd, Nathaniel Friend, John Batte, Theodorick Love and Somerville and Conrad of [?] v. **Benjamin Poythress Yates** [administrator of Francis Muir]) and numerous other suits.

**1827 (ff)**

Va. Hist. Soc. Mss1 N 1786 a 5633-5641, record 218581

Concerning estate of **Benjamin Poythress Yates**.