



### 26 Mar 1639

“Governor Harvey has set up a commission consisting of John Chew, Thomas Stegg, Thomas Burbage and George Ludlowe, merchants, to examine the complaint of Laurence Evans, merchant, against abuses committed by his factor **Thomas (sic, s/b Francis) Poythres**, a planter of Virginia.” (Calendar of State Papers, American and Colonial Series, Ed. Sainsbury, W. N., Pub. Longman & Green, 1860). The “four of the ablest merchants in Virginia” above, arbitrators, decided that Evans’ present factor should pay Poythress £10 in the hundred for goods sold and tobacco received. (Dr. W. B. Hall, William & Mary Quarterly, Vol. 15, p. 78, 1935)

### 23 Jul 1639

Report of Sub-Committee for foreign relations to the Lords of Privy Council on petition of Lawrence Evans and letter from the Governor and Council in Virginia concerning their proceedings in cause between Evans and **Poythress** as of March 23, 1639 – directed a further inquiry when Evans was to go to Virginia himself. (Sainsbury Papers, XIV, p. 77; Colonial Papers, X, # 29, p. 77) See Virginia Historical Magazine, Vol. 12, p. 394, 1904.

### 1641/42

Following appears to be an incomplete fragment of a Charles City County Order book for 1641/2 which itself is identified as a fragment by researcher B. B. Weisiger, referenced as Mss3c3807 a26, Virginia Historical Society: Following an unrelated deposition by one William Thomas comes a deposition of William Hinman, age 20, having to do with a Mrs. Heyman’s calves, **Mr. Poythris’s** house, etc. Entry is significant to **Poythress** research only for the mention of “**Mr. Poythris’s house**”, without question **Francis RBB 0, Lt. Poythress** at the time shown in the entry immediately following.

### 2 Mar 1643

Att the Grand Assemblie holden at James City 2<sup>d</sup> of March, 1643, P<sup>s</sup>ent. Sr. William Berkeley Kn<sup>t</sup> Governor &c, The Names of the Burgesses for the Severall Plantacons in this Collony. Vizt. (among others) Charles City County: Capt. Edw: Hill, **Lef<sup>t</sup> ff<sup>r</sup> Poyethres**, M<sup>r</sup> John Bishop, M<sup>r</sup> John Westropp. (Minutes of Grand Assembly of Virginia, 2 Mar, 1643, Virginia Historical Magazine, vol. 23, p. 228, 1914)

### 12 Jan 1643/4

John Fludd witnessed the will of Capt. Thomas Pawlett (owner of Westover) who left one silver spoon and one sow shote apiece to his god-children Wm. Harris, John Woodson, Tho. Aston, Thomas Fludd, Henry Richley, John Bishop, Tho. Woodward, Tho. Boyse, **Tho. Poythers**, and William Bayle. (“Title of Westover”, by Dr. Lyon G. Tyler, in William and Mary Quarterly, Vol. 4, p. 151).

### 1 Oct 1644

General Assemblie, James City I, Oct. 1644. **Mr. Fra. Poythress**, Burgess for Charles City, Daniel Llewelin for Henrico. (Henings Statues, Vol. I, p. 283).

### 17 Feb 1644/5

Assemblie 17 Feb 1644/5; for Charles City. Mr. Rice Hooe and **Lt. Francis Poythress**. (Henings Statues, Vol. I, p. 289)

### **2 Mar 1645/6**

Act XVIII – Whereas the Governor, Council and Burgesses of this present Grand Assembly have maturely weighed and considered the great and vast expense of the colony, in prosecuting the war against our common enemies the Indians, and the almost impossibility of a further revenge upon them, they being dispersed and driven from their townes and habitations, lurking up and downe the woods in small numbers, And that a peace (if honourably obtained) would conduce to the better being and comoditie of the country, have enacted, and be it therefore enacted by the authority aforesaid, That three-score be forthwith raised on the north side of the James River, well provided with fixed guns, shot bags and swords, That is to say from Henrico 2 men, **Charles Cittie countye 13**, Yorke county 16, Warwick county 8, Eliz. Citty county 8 and Northhampton county 9- All of which said men shall march under and be obedient to the command of **Leift. Fra: Poythers** in the managing of any occasionall war, And that upon all emergent occasions in the treaty for the accommodation of a peace, the said **Leift. ffrancis Poythers** shall follow the advice of Capt. Henry Fleet, And that the said Capt. Henry Fleet shall according to his undertakeing and propositions made to the Grand Assembly provide and make readie his barque, boat and shallop, victuals and men for the managing of the said vessels for the space of sixe weeks...[description of provisions]...and if it shall soe happen that a peace may not or cannot be concluded, that then they the said Fleet and **Poythers** shall erect and build a forte in any convenient place in Rappahannock River, or before if they shall soe think fitt, And follow such further instructions as shall be given them, by this Grand Assembly or the Governour and council.

(Grand Assembly Holden at James Cittie, The Second of March 1645/6, Mss in Library of Congress and as compiled in Hening's Statues Vol. 1, pp. 317-318)

### **6 Mar 1645/6**

Assemblie 6 March 1645-6. Act to raise force of men on North side of James River from counties of Henrico, Charles City, Warwick, Elizabeth City and North Hampton under command of **Lt. Fra. Poythress**, who shall follow directions of Capt. Henry Fleet, and they shall build a fort on Rappahannock River, etc. (Henings Statues, Vol. I, p. 318)

### **3 Nov 1647**

Assemblie 3 November 1647. Burgess from Charles City **Capt. Francis Poythress**. (Henings Statues, Vol. I, p. 339)

### **12 Oct 1648**

Grand Assembly, beginning the twelfth of October 1648:

It is enacted by the Governor, Council, and Burgesses of this Grand Assembly, That the 9<sup>th</sup> act of Assembly a'o 1647<sup>1</sup> for the reducing of the inhabitants of *Chickcoun* and other parts of the Neck of land between Rappahanock River and Potomack River be repealed, and that the said tract of land be hereafter called an knowne by the name of the county of *Northumberland*<sup>2</sup>, And that henceforth they have power of electing Burgesses for the said county to serve all Assemblies upon lawful summons from the Governor, which they are

authorized to doe by virtue of this act to the next sessions of this Assembly, *And it is further thought fitt* that patents be granted unto them for their lands with such reservations and provisoes & upon such certificates of right as is usuall granted to the planters by virtue of his Majesties instructions or otherwise. *And it is further enacted,*

That the said inhabitants de futuro be rated proportionably in all levyes to the rest of the inhabitants of the colony, And that they make payment of all assessments made by this Assembly and all arrears due from them, for which their so doing **Capt. Francis Poythers** hath undertaken to the Assembly who is therefore authorized to collect the same, with power to distreyn in case of refusal either of the said arrears or of the leavye ordered att this sessions of Assembly.

Hemings footnotes:

<sup>1</sup> This is an erroneous reference, as indeed most of the references in the MS acts are; no such law as this appearing among the acts of 1647. See Act XXIX of October 1646.

<sup>2</sup> The name of Northumberland first occurred in the IX<sup>th</sup> act of February, 1644-5. In November, 1645, it was represented by one member in the General Assembly, as also in 1647.

(Hening's Statues, Laws of Virginia, Vol. 1, p. 352)

### **3 Apr 1656**

Capt Tho: Stegge and **Capt Robt Wynne** sworne Com'rs for this Com, according to elec'con. (Charles City Court Orders 1655-1666, p. 45; abstracted by Mr. B. Fleet).

### **23 Jul 1659**

Ann Fuller of Sanford [sic], Glos, bound to **Thomas Poytres**, merchant, to serve 5 years in Virginia. ("The Complete Book of Emigrants, 1607-1660", Coldham, P. W., Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, 1988). Original source: Bristol Records Office, City of Bristol Record Office, manuscript volumes entitled "Servants to Foreign Plantations."

### **3 Dec 1659**

Arthur Graunt to carry **Thomas Poythress** this yeare to England in my ship and at his arrivall in case Mr. George Laud shall not accommodate him with Dyett and lodging, I oblige my selfe to do it until the retorne of the next shipping to this Countrey of Virginia, which I am to do gratis without expecting any pay, and ye next year to bring him into this Countrey againe he paying for his passage inward as others doe. To the performance thereof I bind me my heires ex'rs and adm'rs and in testimony thereof put my hand this 30<sup>th</sup> of November 1659. Arthur Graunt, 30 Nov 1659

Wits: John Stith, Thomas Mallory

(Charles City Records 1655-1665, p. 213)

### **Apr 1661**

Att a Co'rt holden at Westov'r April ulte 1661

Present: Coll Edward Hill, esqr

mr Thomas Drewe

mr John Holmwood

Capt Robt Wynne

mr Steph Hamelin  
(Charles City County Court orders 1658-1661, p. 271)

**Apr 1661**

Abstract. Memo: that Coll Edward Hill esqr, at this Court did give to **John Poyt'res** the son of **Capt ffran Poythres dec'd**, 50 acres at Jordan's, adj the land now occupied by Capt Robt Wynne. (Charles City County Court orders p. 272).

**3 Jun 1665, Court at Westover**

To All to whom these presents shall come. I Anthony Wyatt aged 60 yeares or thereabouts do declare upon my oath to the best of my knowledge that the fifty acres of land wch I sold to **Capt Poythres** was the outside Land of Capt Woodleife and del'red to me by mr Gabriell Hollan then Guardian of Capt Woodleife estate beginning at a great Wallnut tree then standing n'er Jenkin Osborne (wch then had purchased Jarretts Land) and mr Hollan to divide the land of Woodleife and Jarretts, and Jarrett was to begin at the tree and so to the Creeks. This is to the best of my knowledge nothing but truth  
As witness my hand this 16 of May 1665,

Anthony Wyatt

(Charles City Court orders, p. 552)

**3 Jun 1665, Court at Westover**

**Francis Poythres** hath proved right by testimony of Capt Robert Wynne to 450 acres of Land for the adventure and importacon of **Francis Poythres**, Tho Mallory, Wm Hind, Jo: Barlow, John Ward, James Cobcock, Ellin'r Towle and Sampson Ellis twice.  
(Charles City Court orders, p. 554)

**5 Jun 1665**

John Poythress on a Charles City Jury 5 June 1665. (R. Bolling Batte, card # 84)

**19 Jun 1665, Court at Westover**

Abstract. Power of Atty. 19 Jun 1665. Richd Wedgeborrow holding a letter of atty from Francis Langworth appoints "my Loveing friend Charles Power" to prosecute action commenced agst Robert Short in C. C. Co.

Wit: Signed Richard Wedgeborrow

**Francis Poythres**

Thomas Malory

(Charles City County Court Orders, p. 568)

**3 Aug 1665**

We underwritten being sum'oned and sworne to inquire and examine the cause of unnaturall death of Katherine the daughter of John Lanier, do find and returne our verdict (as we have discovered by prooffe and circumstance) that the 7<sup>th</sup> of this instant May the sd child being layd on a bed to sleepe (and none by to take care of her) tumbled, by reason of the heat till she came under a rayle fastened at the beds side, where, w'th the face downward, she recd

her accidentall death, having the body ov'r the bed and hanging by the head stifled agst the bed and clothes. Witness o'r hands this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1665.

Signed: **John Poytres** (among 11 others)  
(Charles City County Court Orders, p. 565)

I Parcevall Barton do declare to the Jury that I found the child of John Lanier smothered and dead betwixt the bed and a rayle, the 7<sup>th</sup> of May 1665.

Signed Parcevall Barton

**3 Aug 1665, p. 568**

Abstract. Power of Atty. 19<sup>th</sup> June 1665. Richd Wedgeborrow holding a letter of atty from Frncis Langworth appoints "my Loveing friend Charles Power" to prosecute action commenced agst Robert Short in C. C. Co.

Wit: Signed: Richard Wedgeborrow

**Francis Poythres**  
Thomas Malory

**4 Feb 1672/3**

Deposicon of Wm Vaughn aged 46 years with respect to the whereabouts of the will of Morgan Jones. Witnessed: **Francis Poythres**  
(Charles City County Court Orders, p. 518)

**3 Apr 1673, Court at Westover**

Abstract. Present. Mr. Anthony Wyatt, Coll. Robt. Wynne, Majr Edward Hill, Mr. John Drayton, Mr. Thomas Epes, Mr. James Bisse, **Capt: Francis Poythres.**  
(Charles City County Court Orders, p. 509)

**3 Apr 1673, Court at Westover**

Abstract. Deposition of Wm Vaughn wherein Vaughn deposes with respect to the location of a will of Morgan Jones, recently deceased.

Jurat Coram: **Francis Poythres**  
(Charles City County Court Orders, p. 518)

**4 Jun 1673, Court at Westover**

present Mr. Anthony Wyatt, Lt Coll Epes, Collo Wynne, Ma'r Hill, Capt Southcott, Mr. Bisse, Mr. Clarke, **Capt Poythres.**  
(Charles City County Court Orders, p. 526)

**4 Jun 1673, Court at Westover**

Abstract. Ordinary at Westover. Capt Edw Hill proposes to lease new building there for 21 years, the Court not to be removed from Westover for that term and no other to have license to keep an ordinary on North side of river during this time. Proposition accepted 28 Nov 1672. Signed as foll:

Robert Wynne Anthony Wyatt      John Drayton, sen'r  
John Epes      Thomas Malory      **Francis Poythres**

Nicholas Wyatt      Danl Clarke      James Bisse  
                                 Thomas Epes  
(Charles City County Court Orders, p. 532)

**July 1673**

Proposal to lease a new building at Westover for 21 years for the Court.  
Signed as foll: Frances Poythres (among 12 others).

**4 Aug 1673, Court at Westover**

Present. Mr. Antho: Wyatt, Lt Coll John Epes, Collo Robt Wynn, Majr Edw Hill, Capt Otho Southcott, Mr. John Drayton, Capt. Nich'o Wyatt, **Capt Franc Poythres**.  
(Charles City County Court Orders, Fragments, 1650-1696, p. 533)

**4 Aug 1673, Court at Westover**

Judgt to Antho: Wyatt agst **Francis Poythres atty** of Jas Halladay for pmt of 4 gal rum due by testimony of Robt Wynne.  
(Charles City County Court Orders, Fragments, 1650-1696, p. 533)

**5 Aug 1673 (Com Civitat Carol)**

Present. Mr. Anth: Wyatt, Lt Coll John Epes, Collo Wynn, Capt Southcott, Mr Drayton, **Capt Fr: Poythres**.  
(Charles City County Court Orders, p. 541)

**3 Oct 1673**

presentibus ut ante and Mr. Bisse and **Capt Poythres**  
                                 Mr. Drayton absent  
(Charles City County Court Orders, p. 548)

**3 Oct 1673**

Abstracts. "John Black for laying hands on John Coggan in the Court and Coggan appearing bloody in the nose" committed till he give sec for good behavior. Also: "John Coggan for an assault made by him on John Black by pulling him by the hayre of the head in the Court and other rudeness com'ited in the face of the Court" fined 500 lb tobo and committed till he give sec for good behavior.  
(Charles City County Court Orders, p. 549)

[note: this John Coggan is likely the father of Rebecca Coggin/Coggan who married Francis Poythress RBB 4. Mr. Coggan had previously demonstrated untoward behavior in court and other public places]

**4 Oct 1673, Court at Westover**

Present. Lt Coll John Epes, Majr Edw Hill, Capt O Southcott, Mr. John Drayton, Capt N. Wyatt, Mr. Dan Clarke, **Capt Fran: Poythres**.  
(Charles City County Court Orders, p. 550)

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**12 Jun, 1677, Court at Westover**

Present Coll. Edw. Hill; Coll. Jno Eppes; Maj. Jno Stith; Capt. Thos. Mallory; Capt. Fran. Poythris; Capt. Danl. Lewellin.

It is ordered that a list of tithables of this county be taken by the 20<sup>th</sup> day of this instant June by these persons herein nominated.

To **Capt. Fran. Poythris**, at Jordans [among others]

Action of Dr. Geo. Lee plt. and **Capt. Fr. Poythress deft.** referred to next court.

The action of Jno. Coggin plt. and Allen Jenkins deft. is dismissed.

Peter Field, plt. against the estate of Wm. Jenkins, decd, attachment upon a horse by order April 16 last, sd. horse appraised by Jas. Wallis, **Jno. Poythress** & Roger Reese and valued at 1000 lbs tob. But Jenkins was indebted to Field for 1368 lbs. tob. Judgm. granted unto Field on the horse also for 368 lbs. tob.

(Charles City County Court Orders, p. 176)

**12-14 June 1677**

John Eppes, James Bisse, Nicholas Wyatt, John Stith – 12, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 14<sup>th</sup> of June, 1677 acting as Commissioners examined various persons in regard to a certain petn. that had been presented to the Governor and Council from Charles City County. Among others were **Capt. Francis Poythress**, Mr. Henry Batte, and others. This at Westover. (Winder Papers II, p. 406-431 as rendered by Dr. W. B. Hall, W&M Quarterly, Vol. 15, p. 78, 1935)

**13 Sep 1677**

Court at Westover. Jno. Finley aged 24 years deposes that about 16<sup>th</sup> of Sept, 1666 last he was among a group brough[t] to Nevet Wheeler's in Martin Brandon. All put in confinement and urged to join the rebels. Refusing he was continued in confinement longer became ill and was dismissed. Referred to a jury, Mr. Thos. Cocke, foreman:

Mr. Jas. Gunn: Mr. Wm. Randolph: Mr. Sampson Ellis: Mr. Tho. Hamlin: Mr. Jno. Mayton: **Mr. Jno. Poythress**: Mr. Rich. Pace: Mr. Thos. Gregory: Mr. Jno. Marshall: Mr. Henry Burton: Mr. Jno. Hamlin.

(Charles City County Court Orders, p. 191)

**14 Sep 1677, Court at Westover**

Admin. granted on the estate of Jno. Harwood late of **Flowerde hundred** dec'd to Wm. Gardner who married the relict. Security.

(Charles City County Court Orders, p. 195)

**14 Sep 1677, Court at Westover**

At action for trespass depending between Capt. Arthur Allen plt. agst. Jas. Mumford, Wm. Tompkins, Auth. Havyland, Jno. Tate, Rich. Heller, Jas. Barnet, Robt. Rowse, Jno. Harrison, Wm. Cooke, Edw. Norwood, Wm. Sandbourne & Henry Browne, all deft. in ad. action, referred to a Jury.

Mr. Wm. Randolph, foreman; Mr. Hen. Burton; **Mr. Jno. Poythris**; Mr. Sampson Elis; Mr. Thos. Gregory; Mr. Jno. Mayton; Mr. John Marshall; Mr. Rich. Pace; Mr. Jno. Hamlin; Mr. Hen. Blanks. The action withdrawn.

(Charles City County Court Orders, p. 196)

14 Sep 1677, Court at Westover

Mr. Thos. Blayton as atty, of Mr. Jno. Sadler plt. presents that Henry Preston deft. as for himself and as Extr. of Thos. Stevenson dec'd both have forcibly entered and used a parcel of land of 50 acs. belonging to John Sadler and for 26 years kept him from its possession. Damage asked for 4000 lbs. tob. and restitution of the land. Referred to a Jury: Mr. Wm. Randolph, foreman: Mr. Hen. Burton: Mr. Thos. Hamlin: Mr. Jas. Gunn: Mr. Jno. Hamlin: Mr. Jno. Mayton: **Mr. Jno. Poythris**: Mr. Henry Blanks: Mr. Thos. Gregory: Mr. Robt. Bolling: Mr. John Marshall: Mr. Wm. Harrison. The Jurors return their verdict.  
(Charles City County Court Orders, p. 205)

15 Sep 1677, Court at Westover

Pres. Sept. 15: Coll. Edw. Hall: Maj. Jno. Stith: Mr. Jno. Drayton: **Capt. Fran. Poythris**.  
(Charles City County Court Orders, p. 210)

7 Nov 1677, Court at Westover

Pres. Col. Edw. Hall; Maj. Jno. Stith; Mr. Wm. Duke; Capt. Thos. Mallory; Capt. Dou. Lewellin; **Capt. Fra. Poythress**.  
(Charles City County Court Orders, p. 226)

19 Nov 1677, Court at Westover

Pres. Col. Edw. Hill; Maj. John Stith; Mr. Thos. Grendon; Capt. Thos. Mallory; Mr. Jno. Drayton; **Capt. Fra. Poythress**; Mr. Wm. Duke; Capt. Dan. Lewellin.  
(Charles City County Court Orders, p. 227)

19 Nov 1677, Court at Westover

The commission by Gov. Herbert Jeffreys of the Gentlemen Justices for Charles City County recites the orders of King Charles I of 28 June 1622 for the establishment of inferior courts; the Act of Assembly of 2 Mar. 1661 for their continuance; the order of the Gen'l Court that two persons more be added; therefore because of the confidence in the last appointed Justices they are re-appointed and commission issued for Coll. Edw. Hill, Coll. Jno. Eppes, Lt. Coll. Dan Clark, Capt. Thos. Mallory, **Capt. Francis Poythres**, Mr. Thomas Grendon; Mr. Wm. Duke; Maj. Jno. Stith; Mr. Jno. Drayton; Capt. Dan Lewellin.

signed: Herbert Jeffreys

(Charles City County Court Orders, p. 228)

19 Nov 1677, Court at Westover

Upon Pet. of Jno. Leigh showing that he came into the county a servant to Capt. Thos. Mallory for the term of 4 years, and having served 2 years longer than the agreement he being sold by Capt. Mallory to **Mr. Jno. Poythris** who yet claims a longer time of service. The court having considered a certificate from the Corp. of Virginia produced for 4 years it is ordered that Jno. Leigh remain with Mr. Mallory until the next court when Mr. Poytress and Capt. Mallory may appear & show reason for his longer service; if no reason sd. Leigh to be free.

(Charles City Court Orders, p. 231)

19 Nov 1677, Court at Westover

Ann Yong gives to here 3 sons, Dorrill, Jno., Thos., a heifer, a mare and a gun each. Registered.

Wit: **Fra. Poythris**

Jno. Stith

(Charles City County Court Orders, p. 234)

19 Nov 1677, Court at Westover

Where as at the death of Jno. Barker of Flowerdew hundred all the tract of land known as Flowerdew hundred did descend to Sarah then the wife of Richard Taylor, dec'd, and now the wife of Robt. Lucy, and to Elizabeth the wife of Phillip Lymbry, sister and co-heir with the sd. Jno. Barker who since sd. Barker's decease have held the land in co-partnership at inconvenience to themselves and detriment of the land. Now the sd. Lucy & wife and the sd. Lymbry & wife do wish the land divided and have appealed to the court by mutual consent. Coll. Robt. Winn & Lt. Coll. Geo. Jordan are empowered by court order dated 3 Apr. 1677, to do so, Jas. Minge, surveyor, has been instructed to lay out the bounds dividing sd. Flowerdew hundred into equal parts, the north land bordering the James River and Macock's land belonging to Dorothy, wife of Hubert Farrel; the other being a line of stakes parting the sd. Flowerdew hundred in two parts. The south part is bounded by the east side of James River by Flowerdew hundred Creek, by Macock's and by the above line of stakes. A plan was gave one showing the north part to the sd. Robt. Lucy & Sarah, his wife and the south part to Phillip Limbry and Elizabeth, his wife, the parties having agreed to abide by the division and the drawing. 4 April 1673.

Wit: Robt. Wynn

Thos. Liggon

Jas. Minge

Thos. Blayton

(Charles City County Order Book, pp. 236: 237: 238)

19 Nov 1677, Court at Westover

The difference between Coll. Edw. Hill & **Capt. Fra. Poythres** & Jno. Woodlif is referred by mutual consent to arbitration of Maj. Jno. Stith & Capt. Thos. Mallory.

(Charles City County Court Orders, p. 240)

19 Nov 1677, Court at Westover

Thos. Chapple agst. **Capt. Fra. Poythres** for land Poythres' possession. Dismissed.

(Charles City County Court Orders, p. 242)

19 Nov 1677, Court at Westover

An acct. of 800 lbs. tob. in default of Coll. Jno. Epps when sherr., which else must be borne by Coll. Epps or by the public and to avoid precedent by the one & to ease the other it is ordered that the Justices of the bench (vs) Col. Hill, Capt. Mallory, **Capt. Poythres**, Maj.

Stith, Mr. Grendon, Mr. Duke, Capt. Dan Lewellin & Coll. Jno. Epps, do each person bear equal amount being 100 lbs. tob. each.

Ordered that **Capt. Fra. Poythress** be allowed his disbursement for several things imprest in the late troubles by the Parrish.  
(Charles City County Court Orders, p. 247)

**3 Dec 1677, Court at Westover**

Pres.: Coll. Jno. Epps; Capt. Thos. Mallory; **Capt. Fra. Poythress**; Mr. Thos. Grendon; Maj. Jno. Stith.  
(Charles City County Court Orders, p. 251)

**3 Dec 1677, Court at Westover**

The difference between Coll. Hill, **Capt. Poythress** & Woodliff is referred to the arbitration of Mr. Grendon & Maj. Jno. Stith.  
(Charles City County Court Orders, p. 266)

**15 Apr 1678, Court at Westover**

Pres: Coll. Jno. Epps: Maj. Jno. Stith: Mr. Thos. Grandon: **Mr. Fra. Poythress**: Capt. Dan'l Lewellen.  
Adm. is granted Mrs. Eliz. Mallory on the estate of Capt. Thos. Mallory her dec'd husband .  
**Capt. Fra. Poythress**, Security.  
(Charles City County Orders, p. 287)

**3 June 1678, Court at Westover**

Present: Mr. Thos. Grendon: Maj. Jno. Stith: Coll. Jno. Epps: **Capt. Poythres**: Mr. Ber. Sykes: Capt. Dan Lewellin.  
(Charles City County Orders, p. 300)

**5 Aug 1678, Court at Westover**

Pres: Coll. Edw. Hill, Coll. Jno. Epps; **Capt. Fra. Poythress**; Maj. Jno. Stith, Capt. Dan. Lewellin.  
(Charles City County Court Orders, p. 312)

**5 Aug 1678, Court at Westover**

Court adjourns for 1 hour. (justices then joined by **Poythress** who was not there earlier that day). Present: Coll. Hill: Coll. Clark: Mr. Sikes: Mr. Grendon: Mr. Batt.  
(Charles City County Court Orders, p. 320)

**5 Aug 1678, Court at Westover**

**Capt. Poythers** plt. agst. Jno. Hood deft., the deft. not appearing & no security, judmt. agst. the sherr. Attachmt. granted sherr.  
(Charles City County Court Orders, p. 334)

**4 Dec 1678, Court at Westover**

Pres: Coll. Edw. Hill: Mr. Bern Sikes: Mr. Dan'l Clark: **Capt. Poythres**: Mr. Jno. Stith:  
Mr. Blayton: Mr. Tho. Grendon : Mr. Batt.  
(Charles City County Court Orders, p. 340)

5 Dec 1678, Court at Westover

Pres: Coll. Epps; **Mr. Poythres**; Coll. Grendon; Mr. Blayton; Mr. Sikes; Mr. Batt; Maj.  
Stith; Capt. Wyet.  
(Charles City County Court Orders, p. 343)

6 Dec 1678, Court at Westover

[authorized payment] to **Maj. Poythres** for 2 coroner's fees – 200 (lbs. tobacco?)  
(Charles City County Court Orders, p. 349)

6 Dec 1678, Court at Westover

Ord. that **Maj. Fra. Poythres** collect [taxes] Jordan's Par. with Thomas Blayton & Coll. Jno.  
Epps security.  
(Charles City County Court Orders, p. 350)

6 Dec 1678, Court at Westover

Following is probable listing first of the tax/tithe that Francis Poythres owed, perhaps for the  
collections he made at Jordan's , minus his salary and payment due him for a cask:

**Maj. Fran. Poythres**, Collector at Jordan's

To 93 at 51 ½ per head --- 4789

for cask and salary --- 956

(net after subtracting) --- 3833

(Charles City County Court Orders, p. 350)

18 Feb 1678/9, Court at Westover

Pres: Coll. Edw. Hill; Lt. Coll. Dan'l Clarke; Maj. Jno. Stith; Lt. Coll. Thos. Grendon; Mr.  
Thos. Blayton; Mr. Bernd. Sikes; **Maj. Fra Poythres**; Mr. Hen. Batt.  
(Charles City County Court Orders, p. 356)

3 Apr 1679, Court at Westover

**Maj. Poythress** declares that he imprest a cow valued at 450 lbs. tob. from John Hughson for  
use of soldiers. Certificate granted to the Assembly.  
(Charles City County Court Orders, p. 374)

4 Apr 1679, Court at Westover

**Maj. Poythress** vs. Wm. Hoskins, dismissed. (Charles City County Court Orders, p. 375)

18 Feb 1679, Court at Westover

Pres: Lt. Coll. Clarke; Lt. Coll. Grendon; Mr. Bar. Sykes; **Maj. Poythres**; Maj. Stith; Mr.  
Blayton, Mr. Hen. Batt.  
(Charles City County Court Orders, p. 380)

1680 Fragment (3 Feb 1680/81)

At a Court Holden at Flowerdehundred at the house of Capt. Robert Lucy, the 3<sup>rd</sup> of Feb 1680: Present: Lt. Colonel Clark, Capt. Batt, **Maj. Poythress**, Mr. Drayton, Capt. Wyat, Mr. Netherland. (end of 1680 fragment).

1681, Last page, top with date worn away

	Coll <sup>o</sup> Hill		
Lt Col'o Clark	Capt Llewwellin }		
<b>Majr Poythres</b>	Capt Batt	}	Justices
Mr Drayton	Mr Netherland	}	

7 Apr 1681

Will of Frances Pluckwell, of Allhallows Staining, London, Relect of George Pluckwell dec'd To Thomas Crane, son of Thomas Crane all such debts as are owing to me by bill or otherwise from **Francis Poythres**, now or late of James River in Virginia.

Proved 7 April, 1681 Comm'y of London, 353.  
(Extracts from English Wills, &c, Virginia Mag. of History, vol. 17, p. 99)

3 Feb 1685

Court at Westover, present: Coll. Edw. Hill, **Major Poythress**, Capt Batt, Mr. Netherland-Justices.  
(Charles City Court Orders, p. 5)

3 Feb 1685, Court at Westover

Abstract. Com of admr jointly to **Maj Fran: Poythres** and Mr Peter Read an est of Anne Young decd. Est to be equally div betw orphans of dec'd. **Major Poythres** and Mr Robt Bolling give bond £60 Sterl. Mr Peter Read and Mr John Jean give bond in same amt.  
(Charles City County Court Orders, p. 6)

3 Feb 1685, Court at Westover

Abstract. Tony a stray negro to live with **Maj Fran: Poythres**.  
(Charles City County Court Orders, p. 8)

30 Feb 1686

“Xb<sup>r</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> 1686,  
S<sup>r</sup>

I wrote to you ab<sup>t</sup> a moneth Since p Bradly w<sup>h</sup> hope by this time w<sup>th</sup> w<sup>t</sup> Sent him may bee come to your Hands, this Serves onely to cover the inclosed bills of Ex'ca & informe you of our welfare, designing this day (God willing) to remember all our friends with yo<sup>r</sup> kind token, at Cap<sup>t</sup> Randolphs, where you will not bee forgotten: My Service to m<sup>rs</sup> North & all our friends from

S<sup>r</sup>  
Yo<sup>r</sup> frd & Servant  
Wm Byrd

Corn: Dabany's 2<sup>d</sup> bill for £37. 10<sup>s</sup>.  
**ffran: Poythres** 1<sup>st</sup> bill for 25.15.

(Letters of William Byrd, First. From his letterbook collection in the Collection of the Virginia Historical Society, Virginia Hist. Magazine, vol. 25, p. 138, 1917)

**15 Apr 1687, Court at Westover**

Pres: Coll. Jno. Epps; Maj. Jno. Stith; Mr. Thos. Grandon; **Mr. Fra. Poythress**; Capt. Dan'l Lewellen.

(Charles City County Court Orders, p. 287)

**3 Jun 1687, Court at Westover**

Pres: Coll. Epps; Maj. Stith; Lt. Coll. Clark; **Capt. Poythres**; Mr. Gredon; Capt. Lewellin.

(Charles City County Court Orders, p. 299)

**00, 000, 1687, Court held at Westover (order)**

The suit commenced by Dr. John Terrey agst. James Roberts for 800 lbs. tob. is referred to next ct., that he may procure the oath of **Maj. Fra. Poythress** concerning what agreement was made between the plt. and one Roger Obryan his late patient in reference to this suit.

Doctor Jno. Terrey behaving himself very unduly and unmannerly in threatening to appeal before judgement given and challenging the court with oppressing a subject's privilege, he is committed to give bond for his good behavior.

(Charles City County Court Orders, p. 96)

**00, 000, 1687, Court held at Westover (order)**

Whereas **Maj. Fra. Poythress**, Capt. Nich. Wyatt, Capt. Hen. Batte & Mr. Robert Nederland, His Maj. Justices of the Peace of this county have utterly neglected their attendance at this court on His Majesties and the County's service, whereby the business of this county cannot be so fully and effectually persued in all respects, as if a full bench were present, we do therefore award the sd. Gent. and every one of them, such fine or fines as the law in this case directs unless reasonable excuse relieve them.

(Charles City County Court Orders, p. 104)

**00, 000, 1688, Court held at Westover (order)**

By absence of **Maj. Fra. Poythress**, sickness of Capt. Hen. Batte and death of Mr. Robert Netherland, the court is weakened. The Gent. request the Burgesses of this county to move his Excy that Mr. John Taylor and Mr. Robert Bolling be added to the seat of Justices.

(Charles City County Court Orders, p. 120)

**00, 000, 1688, Court held at Westover (order)**

Judgt. granted Jo. Wynne, attorney for **Maj. Fra. Poythress**, agst. estate of John. Peters, dec'd, for 400 lbs. tobo.

(Charles City County Court Orders, p. 175)

**18 Dec, 1688, Court held at Westover (order)**

Suit commenced by **Jno. Poythress** as marrying Christian, daughter of Elizabeth Peebles, agst. Tho. Busby, referred to next court, in regard Ja. Wallis, an evidence in the case is sick and cant attend. Robert Bolling and Jno. Taylor to take his oath and report to next court. (Charles City County Court Orders, p. 180)

**After 8 Jan, 1688, At the House of Maj. Fra. Poythress, dec'd 8 Jan, 1688,**  
(order)

Administration with will annexed granted **Rebecca, widow of Fra. Poythress**, dec'd, she does quit claim to what goods are now in Capt. Emberly's ship, belonging to Tho. and Joshua Wynne.

Signed: Pr. Perry

(Charles City County Court Orders, p. 188)

**4 Feb, 1688, Court held at Westover (order)**

Judgt. granted Doctor Ja. Tubb agst. estate of **Maj. Fra. Poythress**, dec'd, for 8£, "for physical means administered in his last sickness."

(Charles City County Court Orders, p. 190)

**4 Feb, 1688, Court held at Westover (order)**

Administration granted Sarah Wallis, relict of Jno. Wallis on his estate; Mr. Ja. Munford, Security, Jno. and \_\_\_\_ Woodleiffe and **Jno. Poythress** to value the estate.

(Charles City County Court Orders, p. 191)

**4 Feb, 1688, Court held at Westover (order)**

Suit of **Jno. Poythress** as marrying Xtian, daughter of Eliza. Peebles, vs. Tho. Busby, referred to next court. (Charles City County Court Orders, p. 193) See 5 Aug 1689 below.

**3 Apr 1689, Court held at Westover (order)**

Capt. Henry Batte, Mr. Robert Bolling, and Mr. Jno. Hardiman to value **estate of Capt. Fra. Poythress, dec'd**, and Capt. Perry to swear them.

(Charles City County Court Orders, p. 202)

**4 Apr 1689, Court held at Westover (order)**

Suit of **Jno. Poythress** vs Tho. Busby referred to next court.

(Charles City County Court Orders, p. 205)

**4 Apr 1689, Court held at Westover (order)**

Judgt. granted **Jno. Poythress** agst. estate of Edward Foster for 902 lbs. tobo. for physick administered said Foster.

(Charles City County Court Orders, p. 214)

**5 Aug 1689, Court held at Westover (order)**

Case of **Jno. Poythress** as marrying the daughter of Eliza. Peebles agst. Tho. Busby, let fall in court and avers that land claimed by him in is plat drawn by Mr. James Minge called "Bonnicord Plat."

(Charles City County Court Orders, p. 225)

**22 Jun 1691, Court held at Westover (order)**

**Rebecca Poythress**, Administratrix with will annexed of **Fra. Poythress**, dce'd, vs Mr. Jno. Everitt, referred to next court.

(Charles City County Court Orders, p. 351)

**3 Aug 1691, Court held at Westover (order)**

A non suit granted in case of **Rebecca Poythress**, Adm'x with will annexed of **Major Fra. Poythress, dec'd**, vs. Jno. Everett.

(Charles City County Court Orders, p. 356)

**3 Aug 1691, Court held at Westover (order)**

Geo. Woodleiffe and **Jno. Poythress** are assigned to value what goods Mr. Jno. Hardiman hath attached belonging to estate of Geo. Taylor, and return to next court.

(Charles City County Court Orders, p. 361)

**3 Feb 1691/2**

(first part missing)...a deed from **Rebecca Poythress** to Joshua Wynne.

Wit: Charles Bartholomew, Wm Epes, Elizabeth (x) Smith.

Signed: **Rebecca Poythress** Recorded 3 Feb 1691/2.

(Charles City County Court Orders, p. 150)

**3 Feb 1691/2**

Power of Attorney from **Rebecca Poythress** to Charles Bartholomew to convey above land.  
2 Feb 1691/2.

Wit: Charles Bartholomew, Wm Epes, Elizabeth (x) Smith

Signed: **Rebecca Poythress** Recorded 3 Feb 1691/2

(Charles City County Court Orders, p. 150)

**3 Feb 1691/2**

Court at Westopher; in suit of Cha. Bartholomew, assignee of **Mrs. Rebecca Poythress**, against James Denson, and deft. not appearing, an order is granted agst Sherr. for £10.

(Charles City County Court Orders, p. 385)

**3 Mar 1691/2**

Court at Westopher; Judgement granted Charles Bartholomew, assignee of **Mrs. Rebecca Poythress**, agst James Denson for £6.

(Charles City County Court Orders, p. 390)

**15 Sep 1692, Court held at Westover (order)**

Capt. Peter Perry and Mr. Richard Bland to administer oath to **Mrs. Rebecca Poythress**, relict and Adm'x. with will annexed of **Francis Poythress**, late dec'd, to make inventory.

(Charles City County Court Orders, p. 419)

**30 Oct 1693**

Whereas a letter of attorney, bearing dated \_\_\_\_\_, London appointed me, Richard Tibbott, Mariner, to be attorney for Thomas Crane to receive of the heirs and Executors of **Francis Poythress**, late of Charles City County in Va., dec'd, £10 with interest, I substitute Capt. Petter Perry of said County to act for me. 30 Oct 1693.

Wit: Richard Blande, Hugh Davis

Signed: Richard Tibbott

Recorded 3 Apr 1694

(Charles City County Court Orders, p. 185 and/or CC Will & Deed Book 1692-94)

### **3 Apr 1694**

From a work titled "80% Heaven Bound: Deaths and Burials in Charles City County, Virginia" compiler S. B. Tyler notes the death of **Capt. Ffran. Poythres** prior to a court date of 1661 "who left his land to son John" and cites an entry from Charles City County's "Will and Deed" Book, 1692-94 fragment referencing a 3 Apr 1694 "letter of attorney." (MP notes: while it is indeed likely that the referenced **Capt. Ffran. Poythres** died prior to 1661, it appears more likely that the "late" entry involved in this mention is actually **Capt. Poythres'** son "**Major**" **Francis Poythress** who died about 1688. The qualifier "left his land to his son John" is not a determinant since each Francis had a son named John and insofar as is known, the will of neither **Francis Poythress** exists. **Capt. Francis Poythres** led an expedition against the Indians in 1647 into what became Northumberland County and is recorded in 1649 as a Burgess of that county. The last recorded presence of **Capt. Francis Poythres** [Poythers] is receiving a settlement from the estate of one Thomas Sedgraves 20 Sep 1651 in Northumberland County (N. Co. Record book 14, p. 9). There is no known evidence to suggest that he ever returned to Charles City County and his death is not known to be recorded ).

### **4 Jun 1694, Court held at Westover (order)**

Joseph Perry brings action agst. Thomas Harnison for defamatory words, to 10,000 lbs. tobacco damages. Jury is empaneled: **John Poythress** [among others]. Jury finds for the deft. (Charles City County Court Orders, p. 500)

### **4 Jun 1694, Court held at Westover (order)**

Attorney General exhibits information agst. **Charles Bartholmew** for making and unlawful marriage. Attachment awarded agst body of sd. Charles, returnable to next court. Sherriff is to summon **Rebecca, relict of Francis Poythress**, to appear and answer information of an unlawful marriage to **Charles Bartholmew**. (Charles City County Court Orders, p. 502)

### **14 Jun 1694**

The Attorney General reported that on the 27<sup>th</sup> of April last, he took process at last County Court for Charles City vs. Charles Bartholomew and Rebecca, widow and relict of **Major Francis Poythress**, and John Moore and Elizabeth, daughter of Seth Perkins for their incestuous marriages, etc. (Executive Journal Council Colonial Virginia, Vol. I, p. 3131)

### **3 Aug 1694, Court held at Westover (order)**

Case of Attorney General vs Charles Bartholmew for unlawful marriage to **Rebecca Poythress**. Bartholmew now appears and quotes 2 statutes re marriage and says his marriage is cognizable only by ecclesiastical jurisdiction. Court overrules this plea. Bartholmew says he has not violated the law.

(Charles City County Court Orders, p. 505)

**3 Aug 1694, Court held at Westover (order)**

Deposition of John Jane that he knew Frances, late wife of Charles Bartholmew, and knows **Rebecca, relict of Francis Poythress**, and says the two were sisters, being daughters of the same mother. John Bishop swears the same. Joshua Wynn says he knew both women from childhood and they were always taken as sisters by one mother. Because of absence of Mr. George Robinson, Clerk, who joined them in marriage, case is referred to next ct.

(Charles City County Court Orders, p. 506)

**3 Aug 1694, Court held at Westover (order)**

In case of William Harrison vs William Wiggins a jury was sworn: **John Poythress** [among others]. Parties agree on settlement in presence of jury, Signed 10 July 1694. John Hardiman, foreman.

(Charles City County Court Orders, p. 507)

**00, Nov (?) 1694, Court held at Westover (order)**

p. 509

William Randolph, Esq., Attorney General, brings case agst. Charles Bartholmew, referred from last court (Repeats that Charles Bartholmew and **Rebecca, wife of late Maj. Francis Poythress**, were married in Westover Parish 2 Feb 1693 by Mr. George Robinson of Bristol Parish, Henrico County, Clerk, and live together).

p. 510

Charles Bartholmew pleads not guilty to unlawful marriage. Jury impaneled composed of.....(etc.). George Robinson, Clerk, says he married Charles Bartholmew and said Rebecca 2 day of Feb. 1693 in Henrico.

Wm. Epes said he saw same. John Jane says **Rebecca** and Frances noted in case are daughters of one mother but different fathers. Thomas Blighton says he frequented the house of one John Coggan in his lifetime and often heard Coggans wife call said Rebecca and Frances daughters and the said daughters own themselves sisters. Jury sent out and William Harrison, foreman, brings in verdict of not guilty. Attorney General appeals to the 4<sup>th</sup> day of next General Court. Sheriff to take Bartholmew to give sureties to live apart from Rebecca until suit settled.

(Charles City County Court Orders, pp. 509-510)

**9 Nov 1694, Court held at Westover (order)**

John King vs. William Walker. Jury impaneled: **John Poythress** [among others].

(Charles City County Court Orders, p. 536)

**4 Dec 1694, Court held at Westover (order)**

p. 549

Henry Reed exhibits his bill in chancery agst. **Charles Bartholmew and Rebecca his wife, Executrix of Maj. Francis Poythress**. Plt. shows that one Ann Young, sister of the orator, dying intestate, in this county, before commission of administration was sent forth, **Maj. Francis Poythress** inventoried her estate and had it appraised to value of 5664 lbs tobacco, and was thereof possessed. Thereafter administration was granted to said **Poythress** and to Peter Reed, the orator's father. That the moiety that belongs to one of the orphans of said Ann was in custody of said Peter. That said Peter had of said moiety only a mare and a cow, to value of 950 lbs tobacco. There remained in custody of said Poythress 1882 lbs tobacco, but **Poythress** shortly afterward went to England and died, in the nonage of your orator, who begs recovery of 1882 lbs tobacco, and prays that Charles Bartholomew and Rebecca his wife be subpoenaed to answer. (Several questions follow to be asked of the Bartholomews re this estate, one of which asks if **Poythress** had in his custody any of the estate of the orphan John, one of the orphans of Ann Young).

p. 550

Ordered that the Bartholomews answer at next court, and a dedimus potestatum issued to Capt. Peter Perry, Mr. Henry Batte, Capt. Charles Goodrich, Mr. Robert Bolling and Mr. Richard Bland, to administer oaths to Bartholomews.

(Charles City County Court Orders, pp. 549-550)

### 3 Apr 1695, Court held at Westover (order)

Thomas Crane of London, Gent., by Capt. Peter Perry his attorney, agst Charles Bartholomew and **Rebecca his wife, Executrix of Francis Poythress, dec'd**, the plt. failing to prosecute, the case is dismissed.

(Charles City County Court Orders, p. 562)

Note to above, 16 years later PG deed of 1711:

I, **Charles Bartholomew & Rebecca Bartholomew** of Prince George County, for love and affection to our daughter **Rebecca Poythres** of same, deed 300 acres of land on a branch of Easterly Run in said county and Parish of Westopher, and a moiety thereof presently belonging to Col. Littlebury Epes, bounded by innermost sides of said patent, path from Jordans to Blackwater, with all houses, etc. Quit rents to be paid by said Charles and Rebecca for two years. 10 September 1711

Charles Bartholomew, Rebecca (x) Bartholomew

### 1 Oct 1698

"This Indenture made 1st October 1698 between John Bolling of the County of **Henrico** and parish of Varina, Gent, son and heir of **Jane late wife of Robert Bolling**, of **Charles City County**, Gent, which Jane was the only child of Thoms Rolfe, dec'd, conveying to William Brown, of the parish of Wilmington, in the County of James City, one thousand acres of land commonly called the Fort of Chickahonimy River, as per patent granted to Thomas Rolfe (this was Fort Chickahonimy granted him in 1646)."

("Ancestors and Descendants of John Rolfe", VA Magazine of History and Biography, p. 205; this was among the James City records (now destroyed which was communicated to the Southern Literary Messenger by the once well known Virginia antiquary, Richard Randolph)

### 12 Mar 1701/2

Governor and Council of Virginia made an address of loyalty to the King. A Similar Loyal Address was received from (among others) Charles City County: various officials among whom:

Militia Officers: **Peter Poythres, Jno. Poythres, Jno. Poythres.**

(Calendar of State Papers, Colonial Series, Vol. 20, pp. 155-160)

(Comment Mike Tutor: I see where you are going and I think you may have a strong point. I wish we knew the law and custom for that time frame. The following entry shows two John Poythresses at one time, neither is shown with a title to differentiate them. As you can see, Peter Poythress is named also. I can only assume that the John Poythresses are Peter's brother and nephew as old man John Poythress would have been at least 64 years old at the time. Peter Jones would be John Poythress' brother-in-law. John Wicket may be Elizabeth Tye's husband or their son, if they had a son named John. Joshua Wynne would have been the son of Robert Wynne and Mary Poythress, widow of Francis Poythress (1). Several others were at least "in-laws." Following this entry, is a John Poythress taking up some of Major Francis Poythress' land.)

### Jul Court, 1741

**Robert Poythress, Robert Poythress and Thomas Poythress**, Executors of **Joshua Poythress**, dec'd, VS Benjamin Harrison, Gent. (this is all that is abstracted).

(Charles City County Court Orders, 1737-51, p. 168)

### July Court, 1741

Robert Poythress and Robert and Thomas Poythress, exrs. of last will and testament of Joshua Poythress, d'ced, vs. Benjamin Harrison, no prosecution, case dismissed.

(Charles City County Court Orders, 1737-51, p. 172)

### Dec Court, 1745

Will of Samuel Harwood, Gent. dec'd, presented by **Agnes Harwood**, one of the executors, and proved by Peter Fontain, **Robert Poythress** and **Mary Ann Minge**. (Charles City County Court Orders, p. 389)

### 8 Jul 1760

Receipts from a decree obtained vs. John Hardyman in chancery in the Court of Charles City 8 Jul 1760 sworn before **Peter Poythress**. Amelia County WB# 1, Virginia Genealogist, Vol. 18, # 2, p. 108.

### 7 Jun 1772

Accounts of Thomas Moody, dced., 1753-1771. Lists money paid to Edward Minge (for reading), John Brown, Edward Major, **Poythress and**

**Ealbank Store Account**, etc. Rec: 5 Aug 1772

(Charles City County Court Orders, p. 381)

### 1 Oct 1815

“Died, on Friday, October 1, in her 8<sup>th</sup> year, Caroline Poythress, eldest daughter of Capt. Thomas E. Poythress of Charles City County. (Richmond Enquirer of 8 October 1824, p. 3, col. 5)

### **19 Jun 1818**

This Indenture made this 19th day of June in the Year of Christ one thousand eight hundred and eighteen between **Thomas E. Poythress** and **Bersheba his wife** of the County of Charles City and State of Virginia of the one part and George Pollock of the County of Northampton and State of North Carolina of the other part. Witnesseth that the said Thomas Poythress and Bersheba his wife, for and in consideration of the sum of one thousand five hundred and forty five dollars, current money to them in hand paid by the said George Pollock, the receipt whereof the said **Thomas E Poythress & wife** do hereby acknowledge, have granted bargained, sold and conveyed and by then presented(?) grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said George Pollock and his heirs and assigns(?), a certract of parcel of land continuing one hundred and three acres, mor or less, situate, lying and being in the County of Northampton and State of North Carolina and know by the name of Parker place and bounded as follows. Beginning at a corner gum in Polloks back line, in the head of the crooked meadow along the nineN-30 120 poles (??) to Wim Bennets corner gum in said back line, thence along a Huckleberry Pond S 75 W 92 poles to a red Oak, then Stile along the Huckleberry Pond S10 W 10 poles to a red oak, then North 70 E176 poles to the first station. To have and to hold this said tract or parcel of land with the spurtenances(?) thereto belonging to him the said George Pollock, his heirs and assigns to the only proper use and behalf of the said George Pollock his heirs and assigns forever. And the said **Thomas E Poythress and Bersheba his wife** for themselves their heirs Execs(?) and administrators do hereby covenant and agree to anst(?) with the said George Pollock his heirs and assigns that they the said **Thomas E Poythress and Bersheba his wife** and their heirs the said tract or parcel of land with the appertenances unto him the said George Pollock his heirs and assigns against them the said **Thomas E Poythress and Bersheba his wife** and their heirs and assigns all persons whomever shall and will by these presents warrant and foreverdefend. In witness where--(?) the said **Thomas E Poythress and Bersheba his wife** have hereunto setttheir hands and affixed their seal the day, month and year first in this Indenture written Signed seald acknd & del In the presence of Ed (?) Folkes  
Jno Arnistead (?)  
Henery Abington  
(Charles City DB 20, p. 134)

### **1823**

Charles City County VA Minute Book 1; 20 Nov 1823. Thomas E. Poythress had married Bersheba Bryant Harrison whose earlier husband Collier Harrison died in 1809, owning the property known as “Kittewan” on the James River. (Bersheba lived 1787-1850). Per Minute Book 1 entry of 20 Nov 1823, Bersheba and Thomas E. Poythress were guardians of Collier Harrison’s orphans Braxton Harrison and Robert C. Harrison.

### **1 Oct 1824**

Died, on Friday, October 1, 1824, in her 8<sup>th</sup> year, **Caroline Poythress**, eldest daughter of **Capt. Thomas E. Poythress**, of Charles City County. (Richmond Enquirer, 8 Oct 1824, p. 3, c. 5) [likely burial at “Kittewan”]

### **18 Apr 1826**

Harrison, Braxton & Camilla A. M. Johnson; Security: **Thomas E. Poythress** (Charles City County Marriage Licenses, Va. Gene. Soc. spec publication 4, 1972). [note: this Thomas E. Poythress m. Beersheba Bryant. He d. Va. 1847]

### **Feb 1831**

[re Braxton Harrison, the elder, who died by 1823] “Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia, Feb. 1831 – Lamb vs Harrison’s Admr &c: 20 Nov 1823, administrator Thomas Poythress, appointed; Minute book 1: 18 Dec 1823, order to settle account; May 1827 court, settlement returned & recorded for Braxton Harrison, the elder.” Source: Deaths & Burials in Charles City County, compiled for the CC County Historical Society.

### **7 Jul 1832**

Died, on the 7<sup>th</sup> instant, at Kittiewan, in Charles City County, Anna Marie, the only child of **Thomas E. and B. Poythress**, in the 11<sup>th</sup> year of her age, with scarlet fever, after an illness of 36 hours. (Richmond Inquirer, 13 Jul 1832, p. 3, col. 6) [likely buried at “Kittewan”]

### **28 Jan 1834**

[re Braxton Harrison b. c. 1803-15 Dec 1833] 18 Jan, 1834: Braxton Harrison died at his residence, “Farmer’s Rest” in Charles City County, age 30, leaving wife and 5 children (Richmond Enquirer, 28 Jan 1834, p. 3).

### **20 Feb 1834**

[see above]: “administration of estate (including residence “Farmer’s Rest”) granted to Thomas E. Poythress.” (Minute Book 2, 20 Feb 1834)

### **1834**

Charles City County, Virginia Deed Book 8, p. 156: St. Thomas Episcopal Church was built in 1834 on a site of about 10 acres along a bank of Mapsico Creek. The deed from Collier H. Minge conveyed to Fielding Lewis, Thomas Poythress and John Minge, for the establishment of a church, a tract of land described: “...on the main road leading from Charles City Courthouse to Barrett’s Ferry and running along the line that divides the lands of said Minge and the heirs of John Creighton, to the swamp and thence down the swamp to the road leading to the house of the said Collier H. Minge, thence up said road to the main road;

Thence up to the Main road to the beginning, upon which said piece or parcel of land, the said building for the Church aforesaid is erected.....”

**18 Jun 1840**

William Poythress “mentioned as son of Capt. William S. Poythress (Charles City County Minute Book 3, 1838-1847)

**18 Jun 1840**

Charles City County Minute Book 3, 1838-1847, Capt. William S. Poythress deemed “certified officer in the Rev. War – died leaving four children certified as only heirs: Thomas E(ppes); Joshua; William (died intestate, no issue); Patrick H. [note: this would be William Poythress (RBB211 2) m. Mary Gilliam].

**1845**

Death of Robert C. Harrison (c. 1809-1845). Westover Parish Register: buried at Kittewan, age 36, died of consumption. [was resident of Kittewan]. (Charles City County WB 4, p. 528)

**18 Dec 1845**

*Stampless folded letter sheet.*

*Partial blue circular postmark:*

FRE [Fredericksburg] Va  
DEC 18

*Blue handstamp:*

PAID *and:* 5

*Addressee:*

Tho. Levell  
Charles City, County  
Cou. House Po. Office

*Docket:*

The P. Master  
will please forw<sup>d</sup>.  
this immediately

*Letter's author:*

M. T. Lynch

*Contents:*

Frede.g Decem. 15<sup>th</sup> /45

Rev. Mr. T. Levell:

Dear Sir, -- I wrote some ten days ago to Cap. Poythress and made him an offer of \$6,250-- for Kittewon. I have not yet received an answer. Did I understand you to say that the property would again be offered at Auction and on this day 15<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup>? I did intend leaving home on Saturday to attend the sale to day. If no sale has yet been effected, be pleased to write me a few lines on the subject. If the Cap. Refuses my offer, say to him I will give him \$6,500.

Six thousand five hundred dollars. We will execute a Bond, satisfactorily endorsed, and a Deed of Trust on the property to secure the purchase Money -- I have received propositions from a couple of Gentlemen relative to the purchase of a tract of land on the RappaK\* called Bowlin -- belonging to my Wife. So soon as we can sell that Farm or the property here, we would prefer making a payment of 2 or 3 thousand dollars. Do not make this offer till you can ascertain he will not take what I have offered in my letter to him. Should I not be able to get Kitten, I do not know but that I will immediately make an offer for "North Bend." Please answer this as soon as convenient. -- I saw your eldest Brother a few day since, he said Your relations in Spots<sup>a</sup> were well.

Very Respectfully  
Your friend &c-----  
M. T. Lynch

P. S. If the above should be  
Refused ascertain what is the  
least Cap P. will take for the land.

*Notes:*

\*RappaK is Rappahannock River. Kittewon, Bowlin, and North Bend are land tract names.

**17 Apr 1845**

Will of Robert C. Harrison (above) was proved and recorded with executor Thomas E. Poythress. (Charles City County Minute Book 3).

**22 Mar 1847**

Date of will of Thomas E. Poythress 22 Mar 1847, probated 15 Apr 1847 (Charles City County, Will Book 5, p. 35).

**25 Mar 1847**

Thomas E. Poythress (c. 1802-1847); Westover Parish Register: buried at Kittewan, resided at "The Glebe." Leavell's Register: buried 25 Mar 1847, died of intemperance, resided at "The Glebe."

**1847**

1855: From Circuit Court, Charles City county. **Poythress** et als. v. Harrison: **Thomas E. Poythress**, of Charles City County, died 1847. Will: Widow, **Beersheba** inherited estate for life, and at her death goes to legatees: a brother, Joshua; nephew **William P. Poythress**; niece Nancy G. B. Harrison; Thomas P. Harrison, an infant, and his sister, Oceana, children of Braxton Harrison, dec'd. Camilla A. M. Harrison was Thomas P. Harrison's guardian. He willed his watch to his friend and neighbor, Thos. H. Wilcox. George Walker, Executor.  
(Wm & Mary Quarterly, 2<sup>nd</sup> series, vol. \_ , p. 130)

**April 1850**

Death of Mrs. Bersheba Poythress, (c. 1787-1850), relict of Col. Harrison, age 63, buried at Kittewan, residence "The Glebe." (Westover Parish Register; Leavell's Register, Will written 1 May 1849, probated 18 Apr 1850. (Will Book 5, p. 182). 18 Apr 1850, will proved & recorded – Thomas E. Willcox, executor. (Minute Book 4).

**Jan 1855**

Poythress et als Vs Harrison: Thomas E. Poythress' death date given as 1847 with his will recorded in Charles City County and George Walker was his executor. (Reports of Cases Decided in the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia, held at Richmond, Vol. 1, Patton & Heath, pub. The Michie Company, p. 521)