

Dinwiddie Records

(created in 1752 from Prince George County. Virtually all records prior to 1833 were destroyed by Union forces in the WBTS)

1742

Bath Parish created from the western part of Bristol Parish. The early churches of Bath Parish were Spony (1725-26) and Hatcher's Run (1738-1740), both established in Bristol Parish prior to the creation of Bath, and Butterwood (built before 1762). These served the major portion of the area that was to become Dinwiddie. Spony Church was situated in the southern part of Bath, Hatcher's Run in the northern, and Butterwood in the western. Blanford (1734-1737), now in Petersburg, was a church of Bristol Parish. ("Dinwiddie County..the country of the Apamatica"...anonymous)

4 Oct 1750

Tombstone, Bothwell Cemetery, Ford, Dinwiddie County. "Here lyes the corpse of **Mary Poythress**, daughter of Captain William Epps and wife to **William Poythress, Jun**, who dyed the 4th day of October 1750 aged 19 years."

Oct, 1750

Death of Sarah Poythress Eppes. Tombstone in Blandford:

Here lyes the corpse
of Sarah Poythress
Daughter of Collonel(l)
Francis Eppes and wif(e)
to Collonel William
Po(yth)ress
Th(e) October 1750
Aged 48 years

(see 18 Jan 1763 for death of husband William)

1752

Dinwiddie County formed in 1752 from Prince George County.

1752

Militia officers of Dinwiddie County for 1752:

William Poythress	County Lieutenant
John Banister	Colonel of Horse

Robert Bolling Colonel of Foot
Isham Eppes Major of Horse
Anthony Haynes Major of Foot.

The above gentlemen are the most proper for the offices of the Militia in the County of Dinwiddie.

(Colonial Papers, Archives Division, Virginia State Library – The Virginia Genealogist, Vol. 7, # 4, p. 173, 1963)

18 Apr 1753 (surveyor's platt book)

John Williams 38 ac. both sides of Reedy Br. adj. **William Poythress**, William Cryer, Samuel Gordon & **Edward Poythress**. This certificate afterwards altered to the name of Zacharias Penn.

28 May 1755

General Assembly 28th May, 1755: “An Act for the relief of the proprietors of the tobacco burnt in Bolling’s Point warehouse, in the county of Dinwiddie.

(Full text in Swem index, Hening’s Statutes, vol. 6, pgs. 485-488) including:

“That John Jones, Isham Eppes, Richard Bland, Stephen Dewey, **William Poythress**, John Banister and Robert Ruffin, gentlemen, shall be, and they are here by constituted and appointed commissioners for taking, examining, and stating the accounts, claims, and demands of all the proprietors....”

(Hening’s Statutes of Virginia, vol. 6, pp. 485-488)

17 Nov 1759

William Poythress of Dinwiddie Co, to Thomas Dance of Chesterfield Co., for £60, 447 1/2 acres purchased of Henry Randolph on 6 Sept 1740 in Henrico Court. Wit: Joseph Rowlet, William Worsham, Essex Worsham. Signed **William Poythress**. Recorded 2 May 1760.

30 Nov 1759 (Virginia Gazette)

“To be SOLD to the highest Bidder for ready Money or Short Credit, on Friday the 14th of December next, at the Plantation of Edward Munford, deceased, in Dinwiddie County,

Ten or 12 valuable Virginia born Slaves, chiefly Fellows; one of them an extraordinary good Carpenter, about 25 years old. – Likewise some Household Furniture, being Part of the Estate of Edward Munford, deceased.

Joshua Poythress)
George Turnbull) Administrators”

30 Jan 1760

William Poythress of **Dinwiddie County** to William Broadnax of same, for £5, on lot in Town of Blandford, number 5.

Wit: John Butler, Peter Bland, Samuel Gordon, William Batte, Jr.

Recorded 12 Feb 1760

(PG Deeds & Wills 1759-60, p. 154) Note: in PG records and item is posted in that database also)

7 Feb 1760

Deed of Sale

William Poythress of the County of Dinwiddie

to

Samuel Gordon of Prince George County

Sum of £192/1/8

One parcell of land near the town of Blandford, Bristol Parish, Prince George County....105 acres at outermost corner of Main Street and Neilson St.

Signed: **William Poythress**

Wit: John Butler, William Black, William Davis, Isham Browder, Henry Batte, Jr.

(PG Deeds & Wills 1759-60, p. 153)

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).

18 Mar 1761 (surveyor's platt book)

Robert Hutchings, 16 ac. adj. **Hanna Poythress, John Grant, Abner Griggs, & Richard Taylor.**

18 Mar 1761 (surveyor's platt book)

John Hardy, 96 ³/₄ ac. adj. **Hanna Poythress, John Grant, William Featherstone, William Eppes, James Merrymoon & Zachary Overby.**

20 Apr 1761 (surveyor's platt book)

Robert Bolling, 350 ac. both sides of Bolling Run in counties of Dinwiddie and Prince George on SS Appomattox R. adj. Ravenscroft & Jones line, Lewis Parham, Thomas Goodwin & John Butler's Storehouse.

18 Jan 1763

Death of Col. William Poythress. Tombstone in Blandford:

Here lies the Corpse
of
Col. William Poythress
Son of
John Poythress
Who died
the 18 Jan 1763
Aged 68 years.

10 May 1768 (surveyor's platt book)

Lenord Claiborne, 3,074 ac. NS Nammusseen Cr. in Dinwiddie and Amelia Counties. Adj. Robert Bolling, ___ Reese, ___ Hamlin, formerly granted John Fitz-Gerald, the elder, by Patent, no date for 2,836 ac.

1771-1785

Letters written to Gray Briggs (as an attorney in Dinwiddie County) by Robert Alexander regarding the construction of roads in Dinwiddie County, Virginia, Joseph Jones and **Hannah Poythress**. VA Hist Soc, Mss1B7686a1-3 (3 items), Record # 188256.

12 Sep 1771 (Virginia Gazette)

“To be SOLD to the highest Bidder, on Thursday the 26th of September, on Butterwood Creek, in Dinwiddie County, at the Plantation where Nathaniel Hobbs is Overseer.

About thirty likely VIRGINIA BORN SLAVES belonging to the Estate of **Mr. William Poythress, deceased**. Credit will be allowed to the 10th of next December, giving Bond and approved Security to the executors.

[also filed in Prince George database]

21 Jul 1772

Will of **Mary Poythress**. (see wills archive)

15 Aug 1772 (surveyor's platt book)

Buffington Darwell, 32 ac. in Bath Parish on SS Butterwood Cr. adj. **Peter Poythress** & Glover's line.

23 Dec 1775 (Virginia Gazette)

Executors of the estate of **Major William Poythress, deceased**, advertise sale on Monday the 8th day of January next, at the Plantation of **Major William Poythress, deceased**, on Little River, in Charlotte County:

All the PERSONAL ESTATE of the said deceased _____ Also will be sold on the Friday following, being the 12th, at the Butterwood Quarter, in Dinwiddie County all the crops, etc. etc. at that place. _____ Likewise will be sold on the day following, being Saturday the 13th, at the Tombeaton Quarter, all the crops, etc. etc.

[above entry cross filed in PG, Dinwiddie, Charlotte Counties]

8 Aug 1777 (Virginia Gazette)

“Deserted from capt. Pierce’s company of artillery, John Griffith (alias Wells) who is about 5 feet 10 inches high, has a family on the Eastern Shore, and is very well acquainted about Back River and Hampton. He was a sailor on board the Virginia frigate, and has taken several unlawful bounties. Whoever delivers the said deserter to his company, at Portsmouth, shall have 20 dollars reward.
WILLIAM POYTHRESS, lieut.”

31 Oct 1777 (Virginia Gazette)

“Taken up, on Butterwood Creek, in Dinwiddie County, a BAY MARE, about 4 Feet 9 Inches high, with hanging Mane, neither docked nor branded, her off hind Foot white, appears to have been forfeited [modern: foundered] lately.

Potted and appraised to £40.

Benjamin Poythress

(Va. Gazette, Publisher: Dixon, p. 3, c. 1, 1777-10-31)

....., 1778 (surveyor’s platt book)

Peter Poythress, Esq. of Prince George, 13 ac. in Bath Parish on SS Butterwood Cr. adj. Peter Wynne.

5 Nov 1780

William Poythress C^o Lieut:

John Banister Col: of Horse

Rob^t Bolling, Col: of Foot

Isham Eppes Major of Horse

Anthony Haynes Major of Troops

The above Gentlemen are the most Proper for the Officers of the militia, in the County of Dinwiddie.

(Virginia Calendar of State Papers, Vol. 1, p. 332)

17 Apr 1782 Revolutionary War Public Claims

At a court held for Dinwiddie County at the Court House on Monday, 17 April 1782 for the adjusting of Publick Claims – The State of Virginia & Continent to the following persons:

Peter Poythress for 8 days waggonage for Cont. £4. (p. 2)

Peter Poythress for 727 bu wheat for Cont. £144/4; for 308 bu wheat for Cont. £3/116 (sic); for 3625 lbs. beef for Cont. £46/8/11. (p. 2)

18 Apr 1782 Revolutionary War Public Claims

At a Court continued and held at the Court House of Dinwiddie County on Tuesday 18 April 1782:

Miss Mary Poythress for 2 beeves 800 lbs. £10 (p. 5)

10 Apr 1782 Dinwiddie Tithables for year 1782

(note: this is certainly a duplicate of the same record of this title on the next page; however, the detail immediately below was transcribed from microfilm of the original Dinwiddie records on June 2007 by John M. Poythress and is therefore almost certainly more correct as to detail).

A List of Tithes and Taxable People taken by Danl Rose, Gent. The 10th day of April, 1782:

Estate of Anthony Peniston (p. 11)

Cross, Hester, _____, _____, Sylvia, Judah, Aggy

Free male tithes 1

Negro tithes 4

Negroes under age 2

No. horses 4

No. cattle 1

Tables (?) 11

_____ 0

Wheels 0

-Do-----Anthony Peniston (p. 12)

Hoddy, Fred, Moll, Annica, Fanny, Jimey

Free male tithes 0

Negro tithes 5

Negroes under age 1

No. horses	3
No. cattle	21
Tables (?)	0
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Wheels	0

For Peter Poythress (p. 12)

John Lamb, Joe, Bill, Paul, Bidy, Winny, China, Ned, Antony, Kate, Moll, Pat, Isham, Maria, Aggy, Matt, Sarah, Bick.

Free male tithes	1
Negro tithes	6
Negroes under age	11
No. horses	3
No. cattle	23
Tables (?)	0
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Wheels	0

Francis Poythress (p. 12)

D. G. Meanly, Dick

Free male tithes	2
Negro tithes	1
Negroes under age	0
No. horses	0
No. cattle	0
Tables (?)	0
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Wheels	0

Peter Poythress (p. 12)

Matt, Moses, Scott, Moll, Pall, Sarah, Pris, Jane, Tab, Sid, Peg, Hannah, Peter, Chance, Dilse, David, Mingo, Stephen, Tab, Billy, Nelly, Lily, Beck, Tom, Aggy.

Free male tithes	-
Negro tithes	12
Negroes under age	14
No. horses	?
No. cattle	47
Tables (?)	-
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Wheels	-

20 Apr 1782 Revolutionary War Public Claims

At a Court continued and held at the Court House of Dinwiddie County on Saturday 20 Apr 1782:

Peter Poythress 4 beeves £15 (p. 12)

30 Apr 1782 Revolutionary War Public Claims

At a Court continued and held at the Court house of Dinwiddie County on Tuesday, 30 Apr 1782:

Peter Poythress for 2 horses for Cont. £45/7 (p. 22)

6 May 1782 Revolutionary War Public Claims

At a Court continued and held at the Court house of Dinwiddie County on Monday 6 May 1782:

Joshua Poythress for craft and hands for Cont. £100 (p. 28)

1782 Dinwiddie Personal Property Taxes

<u>Name</u>	Fr	Male	Tithes	Negro	Tithes	Negros	underage	Horses	Catle
John Jones, Jr.		3		26		43		13	41
John Poythress									
Joseph Hazlewood									
Peter Poythress		1		6		11		3	23
John Lamb									
Francis Poythress		2		1					
D. G. Meanly									
Peter Poythress				12		14		8	47

Also listed in Virginia Tax Payers 1782-87 by Augusta B. Fothergill:

Peter Poythress 1 Fr Male Tithable 26 slaves

Peter Poythress 1 Fr Male Tithable 17 slaves

John Poythress

Francis Poythress 2 Fr Male Tithable 1 slave

1782 Dinwiddie Land Taxes

Poythress, Colo. Peter, BW [Butterwood] 1000 acs.
Adj. Cryer 324 acs.
Tommy Hilton (?) 404 acs.

8 June 1782

Peter Poythress asks for compensation for the execution of his two slaves named Will and Minas. (Court minutes and deposition, drawer 46, reel 63, p. 5, Petitions to the General Assembly 1776-1865, Library of Virginia).... documents in LVA file include minutes and deposition).

28 Jun 1783

Peter Poythress in Prince George County advertises for sale 1000 acres on Nottoway River in Sussex County near Bollings Bridge (described), 500 acres on Tomaheton Creek in **Dinwiddie County** about thirty miles from Petersburg, and a tract in the same county adjoining Major Muir, about 25 miles from Petersburg. The merchant mills on Swift Creek in Chesterfield County, lately called Randolph's Mills, will be sold or rented. (Virginia Gazette 28 June 1783)

13 May 1784

William Mayo, Excr of **Peter Poythress dec'd Plt**

Against

Edward Reese, Deft (Defendant)

In Debt:

This day came the parties by their attornies and thereupon came also a Jury, to wit: John Pegram, Jeremiah Overby, Rice Newman, George Loyd, Dudley Brown, Dennis Hill, John Jones, Bernard Major, Jeremiah Pritchett, John Chambers, Joel Burge and Joel Hammon who being Elected, tried, and Sworn the truth to speak upon the Issue joined upon their Oaths do say that the Deft hath not paid the Debt in the declaration mentioned nor any part thereof and they do assess the Plt damages against him by reason thereof to one penny. Therefore It is considered by the Court that the Plaintiff recover against the said Deft his Debt amounting to Sixty Seven pounds ten Shillings together with his damages aforesaid in form aforesaid assessed and his Costs by him in this behalf expended and the said Deft in Mercy. But this Judgment, the Costs excepted, is to be discharged by the payment of Thirty three pounds fifteen shillings with lawful Interest thereon from the 13th day of May 1784 to the time of payment.

(Dinwiddie County Court Orders 1789-91, August Quarterly Session, 1789, p. 85)

8 Feb 1786

Wm. Mayo, executor, at Powhatan, Henrico County, advertises the sale agreeable to the last will of the late **Colonel Poythress** the commodious situation in the Town of Blandford called Boyd's tenement containing near 20

acres (described), about 500 acres on Tomaheton Creek in **Dinwiddie County** and about 300 acres two miles from the last, adjoining the lands of Colonel Muir. All persons having demands against the estate of **Col. Peter Poythress** of Prince George County are requested to bring forward their claims. (Virginia Gazette, 8 Feb 1786, Virginia Genealogist, Vol. 35, # 1, p. 38)

1787 Dinwiddie Land Taxes

Col. Peter Poythress, Butterwood: 1000 acs., 324 acs., 404 acs.

1788 Dinwiddie Land Taxes

Col. Peter Poythress, Butterwood: 1000 acs., 324 acs., 404 acs.

1789 Dinwiddie Land Taxes

Col. Peter Poythress, Butterwood: 1000 acs., 324 acs., 404 acs.

Nov, 1789

William Yates, Complt

Against

Francis Muir, Administrator of John Gordon dec'd, Francis Muir & Mary his wife, Francis Muir Administrator "de Bonis non" [the administrator of an estate that has been partially settled by a previous Administrator] of **Benjamin Poythress, decd**, and Lucy Gordon Infant of the said John Gordon by the said Francis Muir her Guardian, Defts.

By consent of the parties, this cause was this day heard upon the B[inders and] Exhibits filed and the arguments of counsel on all sides on consideration [thereof]. It is ordered and Decreed by the Court that the Judgment at Law obtained by the Deft Francis Muir as administrator of the said John Gordon decd against the complainant be enjoined perped [illegible] and that Kennon Jones, John Jones, David Walker and John Edmondson Gent or any three of them be appointed Commissioners to audit and Settle the accounts of the administer of the Estate of **Benjamin Poythress decd** and to divide his Estate and set apart to each of the claimants their proportion thereof and make report of their proceedings [illegible] to the Court in Order to a final decree.

(Dinwiddie County Court Orders 1789-91, November Quarterly Session, 1789, p. 126)

1790 Dinwiddie Land Taxes

"A List of Land Taxes within the District of William Watts one of the Commissioners in the County of Dinwiddie for the year 1790"

<u>Name</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Pr/Ac</u>	<u>Value£</u>	<u>Tax£</u>
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Poythress, Colo. Peter	1000	9/1	454.3.4	6.16.4
ditto	324	7/7	122.17.0	1.17.0
ditto	404	9/1	183.9.8	2.15.2

1791 Dinwiddie Land Taxes

Col. Peter Poythress, Butterwood: 1000 acs., 324 acs., 404 acs.

15 Sep 1791

State of Georgia, Richmond County; Robert Dixon, William Nicholson and **George Poythress** testify under Oath, that a certain Benjamin Woodward, then in common jail, in the County of Richmond, in the State of Georgia, is the identical person who was formerly a resident of **Dinwiddie County**, in the State of Virginia, and has long been noted for his vilany for counter-feiting the public papers of that State, and for whose arrest and delivery to the proper authorities, a large reward was offered by the Governor of Virginia.* (Calendar of State Papers, vol. 5, p. 367)

* Original transcriber's note: The capture of Benjamin Woodward was regarded as a matter of such importance that a reward of \$400 was offered for his arrest and delivery to the District Jailer at Petersburg. He was arrested at Augusta, Georgia, and brought by Major Longstreet and Alexander McMilean, to the City of Richmond.

1792 Dinwiddie Land Taxes

Col. Peter Poythress, Butterwood: 1000 acs., 324 acs., 404 acs.

1793 Dinwiddie Land Taxes

Col. Peter Poythress, Butterwood: 1000 acs., 404 acs.

1794 Dinwiddie Land Taxes

Col. Peter Poythress, Butterwood: 1000 acs., 404 acs.

1795 Dinwiddie Land Taxes

Col. Peter Poythress, Butterwood: 1000 acs., 404 acs.

Francis Poythress: 100 acs. (conveyed by William Cross)

1796 Dinwiddie Land Taxes

Col. Peter Poythress, Butterwood: 1000 acs.

Francis Poythress 100 acs.

1797 Dinwiddie Land Taxes

Col. Peter Poythress, Butterwood: 1000 acs.
Francis Poythress 100 acs.

1798 Dinwiddie Land Taxes

Col. Peter Poythress, Butterwood: 1000 acs.
Francis Poythress 100 acs.

1799 Dinwiddie Land Taxes

“District of Daniel Pegram one of the commissioners in this county for the year 1799”

Name: Poythress, Peter

Acreage: 1000

Rate of land per acre: 9/1

Value of Land: £ 454.3.4

Amount of Tax \$ 7.23

1799 Dinwiddie Land Taxes

“District of Daniel Pegram one of the commissioners in this county of Dinwiddie for the year 1799”

Name: Poythress, Francis

Acreage: 100

Rate of land per acre: 6/8

Value of land: £ 33.6.8

Tax @ 48¢ = .50

9 Feb 1799

Death of Susanna Maitland nee’ Poythress. Tombstone in Blandford:

Memento Mori

In Remembrance of

SUSANNA MAITLAND

the affectionate wife of David Maitland

merchant in Blandford

who departed this life the 9th

of February 1799 aged 39 years.

She was daughter of Joshua &

Mary Poythress, of Flower de Hundred

Mary Currie Maitland

daughter of David and Susanna

died the 27th January 1795
aged 4 years.

1800 Dinwiddie Land Taxes

Col. Peter Poythress, Butterwood: 1000 acs.
Francis Poythress 100 acs.

1800 Dinwiddie Personal Property Taxes

List of Joseph Boisseau. In the following entries if one number appears after the name it is the number of horses owned. If three numbers appear, the two numbers following the number of horses are the number of slaves over 16 and the number aged 12-16.

Poythress (sic), Francis 3-3-1
Poythress, John 1

1801 Dinwiddie Land Taxes

Col. Peter Poythress, Butterwood: 1000 acs.
Francis Poythress 100 acs.

1802 Dinwiddie Land Taxes

Col. Peter Poythress, Butterwood: 1000 acs.
Francis Poythress 100 acs.

1803 Dinwiddie Land Taxes

Col. Peter Poythress, Butterwood: 1000 acs.
Francis Poythress 100 acs.

1804 Dinwiddie Land Taxes

(illegible)

1805 Dinwiddie Land Taxes

Col. Peter Poythress, Butterwood: 1000 acs.
Francis Poythress 100 acs.

1806 Dinwiddie Land Taxes

Col. Peter Poythress, Butterwood: 1000 acs.
Francis Poythress 100 acs.

1807 Dinwiddie Land Taxes

Col. Peter Poythress, Butterwood: 1000 acs.

Francis Poythress 100 acs.

1808 Dinwiddie Land Taxes

(no report located)

1809 Dinwiddie Land Taxes

(no report located)

1810 Dinwiddie Land Taxes

(no report located)

1813 Dinwiddie Land Taxes

Patrick H. Poythress 94 ³/₄ acs.

1813 (ff)

Va. Hist. Soc. Mss1 N1786 a 5797-5831

Concerns the estate of Benjamin Poythress Yates (of Dinwiddie County, Va.)

Also, includes notes listing the administrators of Benjamin Poythress Yates.

1814 Dinwiddie Land Taxes

Patrick H. Poythress 94 ³/₄ acs.

1815 Dinwiddie Land Taxes

Patrick H. Poythress 94 ³/₄ acs.

1816 Dinwiddie Land Taxes

Patrick H. Poythress 94 ³/₄ acs.

(taxed on Archer Coleman live 94 ³/₄ a.)

1817 Dinwiddie Land Taxes

Patrick H. Poythress 94 ³/₄ acs.

(taxed on Archer Coleman live 94 ³/₄ a.)

1817-1824

Va. Hist. Soc. Mss1 N1786 a 5832, record 218615.

Account book kept in Dinwiddie County. Concerns the administration of the estate of Benjamin Poythress Yates by Henry Cousins, David Buckner Smith, Stith Tucker, and John Watkins.

1818 Dinwiddie Land Taxes

Patrick H. Poythress 44 ³/₄ acs.
(taxed on 44 ³/₄, 50 a. to Charles Clay)

1819 Dinwiddie Land Taxes

Patrick H. Poythress 44 ³/₄ acs.
(taxed on 44 ³/₄, 50 a. to Charles Clay)

1820 Dinwiddie Land Taxes

Patrick H. Poythress 94 ³/₄ acs.
(improperly charged last year).

26 Jan 1865

May 1864-April 1865, Register of rebel deserters taking the oath of allegiance,
Provost Marshal, Department of VA & NC:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Subscriber</u>	<u>Residence</u>
26 Jan 1865	Poythress, Louisa O.	Petersburg, Va.

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