

## Mecklenburg Records

### **1765**

Mecklenburg County formed in 1765 from Lunenburg County.

### **14 Sep 1772**

Thomas Taylor, Jr. to Messrs. Dinwiddie Crawford & Co.

Witness: William Poythress. (DB 3, p. 439)

### **2 Feb 1773**

Benjamin Smith to Dinwiddie Crawford (sic) & Co.

Witness: William Poythress. (DB 3, p. 542)

### **8 Mar 1773**

Henry Langford to Dinwiddie Crawford (sic) & Co.

Witness: William Poythress. (DB 3, p. 548)

### **8 Mar 1773**

Henry Langford to James Hargrove

Witnesses: Lewis Parham, Isham Malone, William Poythress.

(DB 3, p. 553)

### **4 May 1773**

Joseph Magoune to Dinwiddie Crawford (sic) & Co.

(deed as bond for sum owed)

Witnesses: Lewis Parham, William Poythress, John Lucas.

(DB 4, p. 82)

### **11 Oct 1777**

d. Jane Poole Cleaton, will proved 11 Oct 1777. m. William C. Cleaton II. Mother of Edith Cleaton m. Meredith Poythress 1781. She was daughter of William Poole and Elizabeth Tapley. Meck WB 1, p. 241.

### **12 Apr 1779**

An Indenture of Bargain and Sale between William Cleaton of the one part and Poythress Cleaton of the other part and the Memorandum thereon endorsed were proved by the Oaths of Benjamin Malone, Jones Malone & James Standley Witnesses thereto & are Ordered to be recorded. [Order Book 4, page 458, Mecklenburg Co.]

**22 Aug 1782 (marriage bond)**

Know all men by these presents that we John Morris Meredith Poythres----are held firmly bound unto the Commonwealth of Virginia in the sum of fifty pounds current money of Virginia to which payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves and each of our heirs Executors and Administrator jointly and severally firmly by these presents sealed with our seales and dated this 22nd Day of August 1782. The condition of this obligation is such that whereas there is a marriage suddenly intended to be solemnized between the above bound John Morris & Elizabeth Edwards daughter of Thomas Edward deceased-----If therefore there be no lawful cause to obstruct the said marriage then this obligation be void.

Sealed and delivered  
in the presence of  
John Morris (his seal)  
Griffen Stith + his mark  
Meredith + Poythres (mark)  
(Mecklenburg OB 2, p. 506-507)

**25 Sep 1783**

Inventory and appraisal of the estate of Poythress Cleaton, deceased. Appraisers: John Eppes, Charles Coppedge, John Smith. Date 25 Sep 1783 Recorded 9 Aug 1784  
(From Katherine Elliott's "Early Wills (1765-1799) Mecklenburg County" : Cleaton, Poythress pg. 70 (no book cited)

**Nov 1790**

A list of insolvents and non-resident for the Revenue Taxes due for the year 1789 returned by John Wilson, Junr. D. Shff. Mecklenburg to November Court 1790:

Merodith Poythress                      Insolvent                      1 Horse

**1790 Reconstructed Virginia Census (State census of heads of families)**

Mecklenburg County:

<u>Name</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>
Cleaton, Poythress	7	1
Cleaton, William	11	1

Speed, James	6	2
Speed, Sarah	3	5

**14 Jul 1781**

Meredith Poythress m. Edith Cleaton, Surety: William Cleaton

**1782**

Name: **Cleaton Poythress**

State: Virginia

County: Mecklenburg

Township: 07 01

Year: 1782

Record Type: Continental Census

Page: 33

Database: VA Early Census Index

**1782**

Personal Taxes, 1782 (List taken by William Starling, Gentleman)

**Clayton, [Cleaton] Poythress**

1 Household tithable males

0 Slaves

3 Cattle

1 horse/mule/colt

0 Wheels for Carriages

0 ordinary licenses

0 billiard tables

Total Personal Property tax due: 12s

(Tax Lists of Mecklenburg County, 1782 & 1784, D. Simmons; also, image 15, microfilm copy of original handwritten document by William Starling, Binns Genealogy.com, CD-R # 000419). **Meredith Poythress** m. Edith Cleaton 14 July 1781; clearly this entry above implies that a **Poythress**-Cleaton relationship of some type existed previously, likely one of some length of time inasmuch as **Poythress Cleaton** above dies in the following year with no hint of unnatural causes).

**27 Mar 1783**

Roger Atkinson of Dinwiddie County to John Ogburn of Brunswick County.

Witnesses: Joseph Jones, **Peter Poythress**, Charles Cabaness, John Atkinson.

(DB 6, p. 82)

**8 Sep 1783**

It appearing to the Court by a note proved by the Oath of Lewis Williams that Delphy Whitlow widow of **Poythress Cleaton** deced. has relinquished her right of administration to Stephen Mabry. On the motion of the said Stephen certificate is granted him for obtaining letters of administration on the estate of **Poythress Cleaton** deced. he having made Oath and together with Lewis Williams his security entered into and acknowledged their Bond in the penalty of five hundred pounds conditioned as the law directs. [Order Book 5, page 421]

**8 Sep 1783**

Ordered that John Smith, John Epps, Charles Coppage and James Baugh or any three of them being first sworn do appraise in Current money the slaves (if any) and personal estate of **Poythress Cleaton** deced. and return the appraisement to the Court. [Order Book 5, page 422]

[comments by Carol A. Morrison: \*\*\* Thomas Cleaton, son of William Cleaton, married Elizabeth Ann Barner. One of their sons, Thomas Cleaton, married Mary Thacker (daughter of Joel Thacker and Rebecca Lanier). Thomas Cleaton and Mary Thacker had a son named Poythress Cleaton but he is definitely not the **Poythress Cleaton** mentioned above. Ann and I have thought that maybe Charles P. Cleaton, son of Thomas Cleaton and Elizabeth Ann Barner, might actually be Charles Poythress Cleaton. My guess is that there is a Poythress-Cleaton marriage before Edith Cleaton.]

**9 Sep 1783**

Delphy, widow of Poythress Cleaton, m. \_\_\_\_\_ Whitlow.  
(Meck. Order Book 5)

**1 Mar 1786**

Poythress  
to  
Cleaton

( 1 March 1786)

Know all men by these presents that I Merideth Poythress of the County of Mecklenburg have Bargained and sold unto William Cleaton of the same county two feather beds and furniture one Iron Pott one Dutch Oven one Iron

skillet one half Dozen house chairs one chest one Sow and six piggs one heifer yearling one Woolings wheel and Cards one flax wheel one Table two pewter dishes five plates two basins three punch Boles half Dozen knives and forks one looking Glass one Mare filley one water pale one washing tub two Small Axces Two plow hoes three weeding hoes one coffee pot two small \_\_\_\_ one Grid Iron one cheese Toster one Rost Meet Spit two flat irons one pair of fire tongs one Shovel one hoecake one half Dozen Spoons two small casks one Churn one furkin\* one Candle Stand one reel two geese forteen pottrey one canteen two Sugar boxes two flags\*\* three bottles one raw cow hide one \_\_\_\_\_ and all the Rest of my Goods and Chattels for the sum of five hundred and fifty weight of Inspected Petersburg Tobacco and thirteen pounds Eighteen shillings and the tax of three hundreds and seventy five Acres of Land of two years paid in hand. I, the said Merideth Poythress do warrant these said articles to him the said Cleaton from persons whatsoever as witnessed by my hand and seal.

Signed Sealed and Delivered  
in presence of  
Isham Eppes  
Alexander hisXmark Pointer  
Henry Wartman

Merideth Poythress (LS)

March 1st day, 1786

At court held for Mecklenburg County the 10th day of July 1786.  
This Bill sale was acknowledged by Merideth Poythress \_\_\_\_\_ and  
ordered to be recorded.

John Brown \_\_ \_\_

Meck DB 7, p. 62.

\*firken=small pail for clabber, butter, etc.

\*\*Flagons ?

[notes

- Bill of Sale Merideth Poythress to William Cleaton dated 1 March 1786: (transcribed from photostat of original record by Maynard Poythress 2 December 1993
- Merideth spelled with the "i" first instead of the "e" first as later.
- unless Merideth had inherited someone's household goods, it can be suggested that he is selling his household goods to his father-in-law William Cleaton preparatory to moving to Georgia.
- had Edith Cleaton Poythress (married 1781) died? Nothing in this document suggests yes or no even though she is not mentioned.
- it appears to be reasonable for Merideth to want to sell his household goods

for liquidity and simply buy more in Georgia. Five Hundred & Fifty weight of tobacco would likely have been in negotiable warehouse receipts

### **1787 Personal Prop Tax proxy Census of Virginia**

Mecklenburg County

Poytress, Meredith

Charged with tax: self

1-Additional male tithables over 21 0

2-White males between 16 and 21 0

3-Slaves over 16 0

4-Slaves under 16 0

5-Horses, cattle & carriages 0

### **30 Mar 1789**

“Thomas Poythress for removing Henry Woodward”....meeting of the Overseers of the Poor at the Court House....from St. Andrews Parish Vestry Book 1732-1797 of Brunswick County, VA. By Wm. Linsay Hopkins (abstracted from photocopies in Library of Virginia).

### **1790**

A list of insolvents and nonresident for the Revenue Taxes due for the year 1789, returned by John Wilson Junr. D.Shff. Mecklenburg to November Court 1790:

Merodith Poythress Insolvent 1 horse

(Some Delinquent Taxpayers, 1787-1790, Mecklenburg County, Va. Genealogist, Vol. 22, p. 49, 1978)

### **12 Nov 1791**

d. of William Cleaton. Will dated 12 Nov 1791, proved 11 Apr 1796. Sons, John Cleaton and Thomas Cleaton. Daughters, Mary Cleaton, Martha Cleaton, Jeane Giles, Edith Poythress, Lucy Matthews, Judith Wilkinson and Nancy Pointer. Grandson, Woodley Cleaton. Meck WB 3, p. 330 [note: Edith Cleaton m. Meredith Poythress 14 Jul 1781] [note: this post conflicts with July 1809 entry below]

### **26 Dec 1792**

Marriage Bond of Lewis Poythress and Patsey Giles; surety: Meredith Poythress; Sealed and delivered in presence of Newman Dortch. (Mecklenburg County Marriage Bonds & Consent Papers, 1770-1810, p. 376)

**27 Dec 1792**

Lewis Poythress m. Elizabeth Giles, Surety: Meredith Poythress,  
Minister: John Loyd

**2 Mar 1796**

John & Martha Cleaton sold 98 acres in Mecklenburg County to Lewis  
Poythress. (Mecklenburg County, Abstract DB 10, p. 62)

**1800**

Personal Property Tax List:

- Poythress, Lewis 1-1-1-0  
    Frank, 16
- Poythress, Meredith 2-1  
    son Peter

\* tithes....the numeral following the name represents the number taxable.  
All males sixteen or over were taxable. Estates, women and non-residents  
were not taxable. The names indented were taxable to the preceding name.  
The indented names preceded by the word son, or sons, were sons between  
the ages sixteen and twenty one. If one number appears after the name it is the  
number of white male tithables over age 16. The second number is the horses  
owned, and the third and fourth, if given, are the number of slaves over 16 and  
the number aged between 12 and 16. Taxing district for the above was  
Mecklenburg Lower District, John Holmes, Commissioner.

**13 Jan 1801**

Lewis Poythress sold to John Giles 100 acres in Mecklenburg County.  
Mecklenburg County DB, p. 605)

**4 Nov 1801**

Thomas Watson and his wife Susanna Watson sold 104 acres to Lewis  
Poythress in Mecklenburg. (Mecklenburg County DB, p. 47)

**9 Apr 1802**

Marriage bond: Lewis Poythress m. Rebecca B. Taylor; surety: Thomas  
Watson, minister: James Meachem

**10 Nov 1802**

Marriage bond: William Poythress m. Ann Bently; surety: Thomas Rogers

**13 Aug 1803**

b. James Edward Poythress in Meck, d. 17 Jan 1863 Sumterville, AL, m. Catherine Speed Preston 6 Feb 1828 in Bruns. MB Bruns 29 Jan 1828. Catherine Speed Preston b. 20 Jan 1800 Bruns., d. 18 Oct 1884 Sumter Co.,

**9 Jun 1808**

Virginia Chancery Records # 1808-008

Joshua Smith etc. vs. Hutchins Ferrell

At issue is ownership of slaves Smith vs. Ferrell, the dispute arising in the fall of 1792. In this case, on 9 June 1808, deposition of Meredith Poythress is taken in Screven County, Georgia on behalf of Smith. The court ultimately finds for Ferrell.

Genealogical significance: establishes Meredith Poythress in Mecklenburg County in 1792 and in Screven County, Georgia in 1808, respective residences already proven. In this instance the individual has to be Meredith Poythress, Sr.; Meredith Poythress, Jr. would not have been over 9 years old in 1792.

**00 Jul 1809**

Between Peter Poythress of Screven County, 1<sup>st</sup> part and Thomas Cleaton of Mecklenburg County, Va, paid to his father Meredith Poythress by said Cleaton sells to Thomas Cleaton 50 acres of land in Mecklenburg County, Virginia. Screven Co., GA, Bk. 2-A, P 182.

Wit: Hardy Parker  
Issac Ponder

[Peter Poythress selling 50 acs. in Mecklenburg to his grandfather in Mecklenburg Co., VA]

**1810 VA State Census & Supplement for those missed using tax records**

<u>County</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Page#</u>	<u>Persons</u>	<u>Slaves</u>
Prg.	Poythress, William	534	6	2
Prg.	Poythress, Betey	542	9	0
Sth.	Poythress, Mary	844	?	?
<b>Meck(sup)</b>	<b>Poythress, Lewis</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

**3 Nov 1812**

The Commonwealth of Virginia to Lewis Parham, James Harwell and John Poynor(?) Gent. Justices of Mecklenburg County Greeting: whereas Dennis Bass by his Indenture of bargain and sales bearing date the 3rd day of

November 1812 hath sold and conveyed unto **Lewis Poythress** Thirty three acres of land situated lying and being in the County of Mecklenburg on Brelllys (?) branch and whereas Mary Bass the wife of the said Dennis Bass cannot conveniently travel the said County Court of Mecklenburg to relinquish her right of dower in and to the said land conveyed and the deed hereto annexed, \_\_\_ are therefore to commissions and require you or any two of you that you privily and apart from the said Dennis her husband to examine the said Mary touching her free relinquishment of dower in and to the said lands and that thereof you plainly and distinctly certify and inclose to the Justices of our County Court of Mecklenburg aforesaid, under your hands and seals, together with this commifson and deed Witnefs William Baskervill Clerk of our said Court the 5th day of November 1813 in the 38<sup>th</sup> year of the Commonwealth. W Baskerville.

In compliance with the written commifsion to us directed we have examined the within named Mary Bass as herein required and do hereby certify that she hath freely and voluntarily relinquished her right of dower in and to the land conveyed in the annexed Indenture and consent that the same shall be recorded in the Court of this County. Given under our hands and seals this 6th day of November 1813. Lewis Parham, James Harwell  
(Mecklenburg County Court Records)

### **3 Nov 1813**

This Indenture made this third day of November in the year of our Lord Christ, one thousand eight hundred and thirteen, between Dennis Bass of Northhampton County and State of North Carolina of the one part and **Lewis Poythress** of Mecklenburg County and State of Virginia of the one part.

Witnesseth that for and in consideration of thirty three pounds in hand paid by the said **Lewis Poythress** the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged by the said Dennis Bass have bargained and sold and by these presents do and doth bargain and sell unto the said **Lewis Poythress** his heirs and assigns one certain tract or parcel of land situated lying and being in the County of Mecklenburg and bounded as follows to beginning on a corner maple on Prelllys(?)Branch in Grief Harwells line thence along the said Harwells line to a corner post oak in **Lewis Poythress** line. There down said branch as it meanders to the long branch, thence up the said branch as meanders to a corner white oak in James L. Nance's line thence along the said Nance's line to a corner pine thence along said Nance's line to the beginning. Containing by a late survey Thirty three acres all houses and houses orchards and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining and

reversion and reversions remainder and remainders to have and to hold the said tract or parcel of land and all and singular The said premises above mentioned and every part thereof with their appurtenances unto the said **Lewis Poythress** his heirs and assigns forever to the only proper use and behoof of him the **Lewis Poythress** his heirs and assigns and the said Dennis Bass and his heirs and assigns the said tract or parcel of land and premises and every part thereof against him and his heirs and against all and every other person or persons whatsoever to the said **Lewis Poythress** his heirs and assigns shall and will forever warrant and defend by these presents.

In Witness whereof the said Dennis Bass have hereunto set his hand and affixed his seal the day and year first above written. Dennis Bass (his mark and seal)  
Signed sealed and delivered in presence of Jno Nance, Edward Giles, Nancey L. Nance, Lewis Parham, James Harwell  
(Mecklenburg County Court Records)

**28 Jun 1816**

Received of **Lewis Poythress** the sum of five dollars and forty two cents for the land damage and all charges on 33 acres of land returned for the nonpayment of taxes in the name of Dennis Bass for the year 1809 in the County of Mecklenburg which was sold to Richard Apperson at August Court 1815. Truly Recorded: Edward S. Tabb CC  
(Mecklenburg County Court Records)

**10 Mar 1818**

Death of William Giles, see Will of.

**1820**

Virginia Chancery Records # 1820-012

Lewis Poythress vs. Edward Giles, Admr. Etc.

Lewis Poythress is likely the widower of Elizabeth Giles whom he m. 1792 and is who is now dced, she having been a daughter of Edward Giles; Lewis m. also 2. Rebecca B. Taylor Apr. 1802.

In this action, Lewis Poythress claims to be the heir of John (Jack) Poythress who was one of the two grandchildren named as heirs by Edward Giles (will recorded 16 Mar 1818) and bequeathed \$100 thereby. It is Lewis' claim that by

will of John on 17 Aug 1818, John/Jack devised to his own father (Lewis) that which he had been devised by his grandfather.

Both wills are quoted in full.

Lewis Poythress pleads that “frequent applications have been made to the Exor aforesaid by both the said John Poythress during his lifetime and by your orator since his death for the payment of the Legacy aforesaid which he (Giles) has always refused.

Lewis further pleads that other legatees of the said Edward Giles are Milly Nance, Edw Poythress, Martha Giles an infant, Jean B. Bassey wife of Jesse Bassey, John Giles, Edward Giles and William Giles be levied upon. Lewis’ pleading is that the above be made “defts hereto” and that Edward Giles be compelled to render an account of his actings and dealings as Exer. The summary pleading is that “your worships will decree that he (William Giles) shall pay to your orator the said Legacy of one hundred dollars and its interest. To which end it may please your worships to award a writ of subpoena &c.”

Notations on outside of folio page: • Poythress vs. Giles &c.  
Bill and exhibits  
1820 Augt Bill filed  
No farther step taken  
• Sept Cout (sic) at rules (sic)  
• Octr plesd [?]

It would appear that no action was issued from this pleading.

### **17 Dec 1827**

David Poythress m. Mary Speed Dortch; surety: Isaac Taylor, consent: Ann Dortch, mother. Wit: Isaac Taylor and Elizabeth C. Dortch. (Mecklenburg County Marriage Bonds & Consent Papers 1825-1828, p. 698-700)

### **10 Dec 1828**

Edward Poythress m. Mahaley Nance (m. b. 2 Nov 1828); surety: William Drumwright, minister: James Smith

### **21 Jan 1832**

Consent by Lewis & Rebecca Poythress for daughter Rebecca to marry Benjamin Standley. Wit: David Poythress. (Mecklenburg County Marriage Bonds & Consent Papers, 1831-1835, p. 265-269)

**22 Jan 1832**

Benjamin Standley m. Rebecca L. Poythress; surety: **David Poythress**; consent: Lewis Poythress; minister: James McAden

**13 Jan 1837**

William Dortch m. Sarah G. Poythress  
(Dortch b. 28 Dec 1816, d. 23 Jun 1859)  
(Sarah G. b. 6 Jan 1814, d. 12 Dec 1854)  
Source: Dortch family Bible

**14 Sep 1837**

This indenture made and entered into this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of September 1837 between John M. Perkinson and Lucy Carolina his wife of the first part and **David Poythress** of the other part all of the County of Mecklenburg and state of Virginia. Witnesseth that the said John M. Perkinson and Lucy Carolina his wife for and in consideration of the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars to them in hand paid by the said **David Poythress** at or before the \_\_\_\_\_ and delivery of these presents and the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged have bargained and sold and by these presents doth bargain and sell to the said **David Poythress** his heirs \_\_\_\_\_ a certain tract or parcel of land on which he now resides, containing one hundred acres and bounded as follow on the south and west by the land of Williamson Rainey, Sr. and on the north by the land of **Lewis Poythress** and on the east by the land of Leonard Thomas, to have and to hold the said tract or parcel of land with all and every part or parcel intended to be sold free from the claim or claims of all and every person or persons, unto him the said **David Poythress** his heirs or assigns forever. In testimony whereof the said John M. Perkinson and Lucy Carolina his wife have here unto set their hands and affixed their seals this day and year written above.

John M. Perkinson

Lucy C. Perkinson

Mecklenburg County Court

We Drury Penington and Thomas Wardman Justices of the Peace in the county aforesaid do hereby certify that John M. Perkinson and Lucy C. his wife parties to the covenant and bearing the date 14<sup>th</sup> September 1837 and acknowledged the same to be their act and \_\_\_\_\_ us to certify in order that the said deed my be recorded. Given under our hands and seals this the 14<sup>th</sup> September 1837.

Mecklenburg County Court

We Drury Pennington and Thomas Wardman Justices of the peace in the county aforesaid do hereby certify that Lucy C. the wife of John M. Perkinson parties to the annexed and bearing the date 14<sup>th</sup> September 1837 personally appeared before us in our county aforesaid and being examined by us privily and apart from her husband and having the and aforesaid fully explained when she the said Lucy C. acknowledges this the same to be her act and deed \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ she has willingly signed sealed and \_\_\_\_\_ the same and that she wishes not to retract it.

Given under our hands and seals this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September 1837.

Drury Pennington JP

Thomas Wardman JP

(DB 27, p. 331)

**31 Feb 1842**

David E. Poytress and wife to William H. Moon for land with (?) of acknowledgement and relinquishment of Dower thereon endorsed was received in Clerk's Office 31<sup>st</sup> Feby, admitted to record. (Mecklenburg OB, March Court 1842, p. 203)

**13 Feb 1843**

Deed of Trust James E. Poytress to Isaac Taylor, personal estate, was ackno. in office 13 Feby (1843). (Mecklenburg OB, p. 326)

**15 Aug 1844**

Lewis Poythress sells to David Poythress 143 ½ acres for \$ 215.25.

Signed: Lewis Poythress and Rebecca Poythress.

(DB 31, p.253)

**19 Aug 1844**

A Deed of Bargain and Sale from Lewis Poytress and wife to David Poytress together with the certificates of acknowledgement and relinquishment of dower thereon endorsed was received in the Clerk's Office the 19<sup>th</sup> of August, 1844 and admitted to record. (Mecklenburg OB, Quarterly sessions # 4 (1844-1848), p. 60)

**14 Sep 1845**

d. Lewis Poythress. See will of.

**18 Oct 1845**

Lewis Poythress deeds his homestead of 140 acres to sons Lewis Y. Poythress and Thomas M. Poythress. (DB 31, p. 605)

**September 14, 1845**

**Know all men by these presents that I Lewis Poythress, Sr. for and consideration of my natural estimation and love for my two youngest sons Lewis and Thomas Poythress and in the further consideration of the sum of one dollar to me in hand paid by them the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged do give unto my sons above named one tract of land containing by estimation one hundred and forty acres bounded as follows (virg) by the land of Charles D. Cleaton, and John Giles and David Poythress, Williamson Rainey Sr. together with one yoke of oxen, one cow and calf, oxcart, one box of furniture, forever free from the claim or claims of all and any person whatsoever upon the condition however that my said sons Lewis and Thomas do bond themselves to keep me the said Lewis Poythress and my wife Rebecca Poythress free from want the remainder of our lives from the adversity of the above named land and other property. In testimony whereof I have here unto set my hand and seal this 14th day of September 1845.**

**Lewis Poythress**

**Lewis Y. Poythress  
Thomas M. Poythress**

**Mecklenburg County**

**Mr. James M. Harwell and Benj H. Rogers Justices of the peace in the county aforesaid in the state of Virginia do hereby certify that Lewis Poythress, Lewis Y. Poythress and Thomas M. Poythress parties to a certain deed bearing date on the 14th day of September 1844 and hereto \_\_\_\_\_ personally appears before \_\_\_\_\_ our county aforesaid and acknowledges the same to be their act and deed and \_\_\_\_\_ to certify the sum acknowledge to the Clerk of the Court of Mecklenburg in order that the new deed may be recorded. Witness our hand and seals this 14th day of Sept. 1845.**

**James M.  
Benj H.**

**Harwell JP  
Rogers JP**

**Mecklenburg County Clerks Office 18th October 1845**

The foregoing bill of sale together with the certificate of acknowledgment thereon endorsed was this day received in the clerks office aforesaid and admitted to record. R B Baptist

**20 Oct 1845**

(above) A deed of gift from Lewis Poythress to Lewis Y. Poythress and Thomas M. Poythress for land with certificate of acknowledgement was received in Office 20 Oct 1845 & admitted. (Mecklenburg OB, Quarterly Session # 4, 1844-1848, p. 181)

**00 Jul 1846**

Lewis Poythress m. Martha E. Walker; minister: James McAden

**20 July 1846**

Lewis Y. Poythress m. Mary C. Ferguson; surety: William A. Dortch

**6 Jan 1848**

A Deed of Bargain and Sale from Lewis Y. Poythress and wife to Charles D. Cleaton together with the Certificate of relinquishment of dower thereon was received in the Clerk's Office the 6<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1848 and admitted to record. (Mecklenburg OB, Court Quarterly Session # 4, 1844-48, p. 405)

**15 Mar 1848**

Marriage bond of David Poythress and Sally Dortch. Bonded: David Poythress and Benjamin Standley; Wit: J. J. Daly. (Warren County, NC Marriage Bonds in NC state Archives).

**16 Oct 1848**

Marriage consent by David Poythress for his daughter Martha Jane Poythress to John Tucker. (Mecklenburg County Marriage Bonds & Consent papers of Minister's Returns, 1848-1850, p. 55-60)

**18 Oct 1848**

John M. Tucker m. Martha Jane Poythress, (m. b. 16 Oct 1848); surety: J. S. Moss; consent: David Poythress, father of Martha Jane; minister Thomas Adams ( of Lunenburg County)

**1852**

Virginia Chancery Records 1852-013

Petition of Sarah W. Crowder

Crowder & c by etc. (sic)

*(this case as yet neither transcribed nor filmed)*

**18 Oct 1852**

A deed of bargain and sale from Thomas M. Poythress & wife & Rebecca B. Poythress to Charles Cleaton for land together with the certificates of acknowledgement and relinquishment of dower thereon endorsed was received in the clerk's office the 18<sup>th</sup> of October 1852 and admitted to record. (Mecklenburg Court minutes, p. 381).

**4 Nov 1852**

(Arnold & wife to **David Poythress**)

This deed made and entered into this the 4<sup>th</sup> day of November one thousand eight hundred and fifty two between Hartwell Arnold and Mary M. his wife of the first part and **David Poythress** of the second part all the of the county of Mecklenburg and State of Virginia – witnesseth that the said Hartwell Arnold for and in consideration of of the sum of eleven hundred and sixteen dollars to them in hand and secured to be paid by the said **David Poythress** the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged them the said Hartwell Arnold and Mary M. have this day bargained and sold and by these presents doth give grant bargain and sell unto the said **David Poythress** and heirs forever one certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the county aforesaid and adjoining the lands of Charles King, Sam Goode, Wright King and Mansfield Seymore containing by actual survey three hundred twenty one and half acres more or less to have and hold to the only proper use and behoof of him the said **David Poythress** and his heirs forever the said tract of land containing as aforesaid three hundred and twenty one and half acres with all and singular the appurtenances thereunto belonging on in any wise appertaining to the said Hartwell Arnold and Mary M. his wife and free from the claims of all and every other person or persons whatsoever—witnesseth the following signatures and seals.

Hartwell Arnold

Mary M. Arnold

State of Virginia, Mecklenburg County Court

We Charles E. Edmonson and William Y. Pennington Justices of the Peace for the county aforesaid in the state of Virginia do certify that Hartwell Arnold and Mary M. his wife whose names are signed to the foregoing writing bearing date the 4<sup>th</sup> of November 1852 have acknowledged the same before us in our county aforesaid – Given under our hands this 4<sup>th</sup> day of November 1852.

C. R. Edmonson JP

W. Y. Pennington JP

(DB 34, p. 87)

### 1853

d. Sarah G. Dortch, pneumonia, age 38, b. not given, d. Meck; no parents given; spouse William A. Dortch; source husband. (VBVS, reel 19, deaths, Meck, unnumbered p. 7, l. 10)

### 1853

d. Benj. J. Poythress, diarrhea, age 10 months; b. Meck, d. Meck; parents T. M. and L. J. Poythress, source: father. (VBVS, reel 19, deaths, Meck, unnumbered p. 7, l. 14)

### 1855

d. slave owned by "B. Russell's estate." Reported by D. Poythress, "hirer." (VBVS, reel 19, deaths, Meck, p. 5 (first page of 1855), l. 20 (112<sup>th</sup> line on page) [note activity of David Poythress in Meck in 1855]

### 1858

Virginia Chancery Records #1858-015 CC

Jones, etc.

vs.

Admr. Of Harwell, etc.

Plaintiffs William Jones and John P. Smith ask for execution of an 1849 court order against Reuben A. Puryear, sheriff and administrator of the estate of James M. Harwell for \$75.10 owing to William A. Jones and Rebecca his wife and a like amount owing to William M. Tanner and his wife Mary plus court costs of \$ 39.02. The above decrees were on record against the administrator of the said Harwell in the distributions of the estate of H. F. Tanner and also against the plaintiffs as Securities in the administration bond. Presumably Harwell died without assets. The plaintiffs, having given surety, paid Harwell's debts rather than having their land levied upon.

In this court now the plaintiffs claim to have discovered that Harwell had an interest in remainder in the land and slaves held by Nancy Thomas, widow of Bennett Thomas. Also beneficiaries of Bennett Thomas were the children of Nancy Thomas (among them Lucy Thomas m. **Thomas M. Poythress**). Others of the "remainder heirs", Taylor Thomas and Charles O. Thomas specifically, have sold off their interests in land and slaves on which the plaintiffs now ask the court to levy against both the two that have sold legacies and the remaining heirs who have not sold, all of whom are legatees in a trust fund held by Nancy Thomas. The court finds for the plaintiffs and the remainder of the documents largely deal with mechanics of this process.

The **Thomas Poythress** cited above is the son of **Lewis Poythress** and **Rebecca B. Taylor** of Mecklenburg County.

A much earlier (1836) Mecklenburg deed (DB 16, p. 230), grantor Grief Harwell and grantee Lewis Poythress would appear unrelated to this chancery action.

Poythress involvement in this suit appears to be only tangential via the marriage of Thomas M. Poythress to Lucy Thomas.

**1865**

Virginia Chancery Records # 1865-011

Edward Thomas, etc. vs. Richard S. Thomas & C by etc.

*(This case as yet neither transcribed nor filmed)*

**1867**

Virginia Chancery Records 1867-027 CC

Everett King Mansfield vs. R. Seymour etc.

*(this case as yet neither transcribed nor filmed)* Possible connection with # 1858-027 CC above?

**1874**

d. Bennett Poythress, consumption, age 8 months; b. Meck, d. Meck; parents T. M. and Lucy Poythress; source Thomas M. Poythress, father. (VBVS, reel 19, deaths, Meck, South Hill Township l. 15).

**1874**

d. Isaac Taylor, 12 October 1874, heart disease; age 81 years, 6 months, b. Meck, d. Meck, widower, source D. T. Rideout, son-in-law. (VBVS, reel 19, deaths, Meck, South Hill Township l. 19)

**1880**

Virginia Chancery Records # 1880-030 CC

William L. Poythress vs. Exr. Of Nancy Thomas

*(this transcription is incomplete)*



Among the new information this provides are the following:

-confirmation of Rebecca Poythress Stanley as daughter of Lewis and Rebecca Poythress;

-first record of presence of Sarah Poythress Dortch in Mecklenburg County, Va., home of her supposed father, Lewis Poythress;

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