

Northumberland County Records

Oct 1644

Northern Neck Burgesses (Jamestown VA Assemblies)

Assembly of October, 1644:

Northumberland County... **Capt. Fr. Poythers (Poythress)**, Jo. Trussell.

(Source: Haynie, Miriam, "The Stronghold, A Story of Historic Northern Neck of Virginia and its People, p. 217)

31 Jul 1648

Francis Poythres binds himself to Tho Boys "to buy and procure one man servant from the age of 18 to 30 yeares to serve by Indenture "fower or five yeares" to be delivered by 1st Feb next for 40 lb. Beaver. Signed: **Fran: Poythres**. Wit: John Hiller, Tho. Baker.

Rec. 9 Nov 1657. (N. Co. Records 1653-1657)

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 9th act of Assembly a'o 1647¹ 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of the inhabitants of *Chickcoun* and other parts of the Neck of land between Rappahanock River and Potomack River be repealed, and that the said tract of land be hereafter called an knowne by the name of the county of *Northumberland*², And that henceforth they have power of electing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 (Poythress)** 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 at this sessions of Assembly.

Hemings footnotes:

¹ 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.

² The name of Northumberland first occurred in the IXth 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 of Virginia, Vol. 1, p. 352)

10 Oct 1649

Grand Assembly, Holden at James Cittie The 10th Day of October 1649. (Mss in Library of Congress, also Hening's Statues, Vol. 1, pp. 358-359) Hening: Charles I was beheaded 30th of January, 1649. From that point, the Commonwealth in England commenced and continued with modifications until the restoration (Charles II) in 1660. Burgesses noted in

the minutes of this assembly: Northumberland : **Capt. Francis Poythers (Poythress)**, Mr. Jo. Trussell; Charles City: Capt. Edward Hill, Charles Sparrow.

“Act of 1649”: All south of the Potomac shall be accounted within the county of Northumberland, and, after 1st of September, 1649, ‘from that day, and not before, it shall be lawful for any of the inhabitants to remove themselves to the north side of Charles (York) river and Rapp River.’ (This, because of the massacre by the Indians in 1644 when the whites had fled. The Northumberland patents began 1648, with **Capt. Francis Poythress** to collect the assessments).

24 May 1650

These are to Certifie that accordinge to sufficient prooffe made before us there is due to Francis Gray 300 acres of land by Assignment from **Cap^t Francis Poythers (Poythress)** for the transportacon of these severall persons into this Colony, Viz^t John Tomlinson, Richard Miller, James Walrod, Daniell Moore, John Symson, Mary King. (Northumberland Deeds, Orders 1650-52, p. 41, transcription by Sparicio, R. & S.)

(Note: a second transcription of the above document rendered by W. Preston Haynie, Heritage Books shows transportees 2 and 3 as “Richard Willis, James Balerod”, other entries being identical)

24 May 1650

These are to Certifie that accordinge to sufficient prooffe made before us that there is due unto John Hillier by Assignment from **Cap^t Francis Poythers (Poythress)** two hundred acres of land for the transportacon of these severall persons into this colony. Viz^t Edward Coward, Elizabeth Bridges, Mary Boyes, Morris Ager, as also for his own adventure two persons, Edward Trowell, Robert Danes. (Northumberland County Deeds, Orders 1650-52, p. 41, transcription by Sparicio, R. & S.)

(Note: a second transcription of the above document rendered by W. Preston Haynie, Heritage Books, shows transportees 1,3,4,5 & 6 as “Edward Tovend [Corend?], Mary Hayes, Morris Oger, Edward Crowell, Robert Jones”)

20 Sep 1651

Mr. Hallowes his Acco of Mr. Sedgraves estate. “The Account of Mr. John Hallowes Administrator of all and singular the Goods and Chattles of Mr. Robert Sedgraves late whilst he lived in the County of Northumberland in the Colony of Virginia, deceased taken the 20th of September 1651.” Items included: Impr: paid and laid out to Jo. Briscoe, Item: paid to Mr. Pope, Itm paid Mr. Chaddocke, Itm paid to Capt. Baldrige, Itm paid to Capt. Hill for him, Itm paid to Mr. Hiller, Itm paid **Capt. Poythers (Poythress)**, Itm paid to Wm. Hardich, Itm. paid Mr. Speke. Total of account 3844 lbs. tobo”. (p. 9, N. Co., Record Book # 14).